Hello Everyone,

I can't express how thrilled I am that families seek us out and want to come to our school. Families travel from far and wide for their school of choice - Whittlesea Primary School.

Whittlesea Primary is a great school steadfast in making a positive difference to all children- academically and socially. Our parent satisfaction survey indicated that this commitment was evident in all that we provide for children at our school.

At our whole school assembly I asked the children to reflect on their school by recalling three things that make Whittlesea Primary School a ‘great’ school. Their responses were most encouraging to say the least. These included – nice, neat, and clean grounds, great playgrounds, terrific teachers, excellent excursions, the soccer pitch, the football oval, and interesting inquiries. This feedback made my day.

THANK YOU SRC!
As our school calendar is so populated with events it was difficult for the SRC to find a date for our annual school disco. The timeline is a little short but the student leaders anticipate that the disco will still be a success. A huge thank you for organising the disco for your peers.

We have been fortunate that we have had a wonderful parent to organise our canteen operation for nearly four years, Vanessa Luscombe. Vanessa recruits a group of loyal parents to assist with the administration of the orders on a Tuesday and with making up the orders on Fridays. It has become increasingly difficult, however, to organise the parent helpers and so we will trial ‘online’ ordering in 2016. Many schools already avail themselves of such a service.

Metropolitan Canteens has been contracted for this provision, and the food will be delivered to our school. Online orders can be taken up to 8.30 am on the lunch order day. We would still appreciate the help of a few parents to assist with sorting out the lunches on their arrival. More

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**2015 CALENDAR**

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information will follow in the next month or so. Hopefully this system will ensure that families will continue to have the convenience of a canteen once a week.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO 😊

Kellie Redmond is leading the organisation of our end of year community carnival. You might recall that Kellie organised our successful community disco last year at the Whittlesea Show Grounds. We try to keep everyone excited and engaged with all that we do so we have organised the carnival. This will be held on Friday 4th of December after school hours. It is going to be a sensational celebration with all of our families. Please keep this date free. There will be all sorts of entertainment and things to do for every age group including jumping castles, rides, side show alley, and food.

Take care,

Bente Stock 😊

Hello Everyone,

This week I would like to provide an update on the progress of our year 5 students currently participating in the Mercedes Benz Pedal Car Challenge. Whittlesea Primary School entered this competition last term following correspondence from Silver Star Motors in Doncaster. The competition involves a team of our students using their creativity and skill to modify / enhance a 300SL Mercedes Benz pedal car (see pics below).
Our initial meeting was an opportunity to prize the large pedal car from its box and brainstorm possible themes around which modifications would be designed. The boys were all very excited and their enthusiasm was infectious. At the design team’s second meeting the big picture ideas were refined further in an effort to select a theme for which the entire team could focus their energies. Some of the great suggestions for the car’s theme included a drag car, muscle car, Earth / environment theme and drift car. Another suggestion which was highly innovative and original was to create a ‘dragon’ themed car. This evolved into a ‘Chinese Dragon’ theme and the ideas that followed were amazing. The next phase for the group is to finalise designs and begin modifications.

This program is a great opportunity to develop teamwork and creativity through a hands on, engaging task. I look forward to seeing the final result!

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

TERM 4 – COMPULSARY SCHOOL HATS

BOOKCLUB DUE BACK FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

EARLY YEARS SWIMMING PROGRAM
The swimming program for children in the Early Years will take place at the Whittlesea Swim Centre during the last two weeks’ of school. The dates will be December 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th. There are no lessons on December 8th because it is a statewide and school transition day.

A permission note and timetable will be sent home closer to the date.

Cheryl Abbott
School and Home Together (part 1)

The National Parent Teacher’s Association have published a list of things teachers wish that parents would do. The relationship between home and school is vital in your child’s motivation. Consider the following.

1. Be involved. Parent involvement helps students learn, improves schools, and helps teachers work with you to help your children succeed.

2. Provide resources at home for learning. Utilize your local library, and have books and magazines available in your home. Read with your children each day.

3. Set a good example. Show your children by your own actions that you believe reading is both enjoyable and useful. Monitor television viewing and the use of videos and game systems.

4. Encourage students to do their best in school. Show your children that you believe education is important and that you want them to do their best.


This helpful list will continue next week.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain
SATURDAY COMMUNITY MARKET
AT WHITTLESEA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Saturday Community Market Whittlesea is this Saturday 17th October at the Secondary College.

Come and taste the action and meet regular friends.

The funds raised from this monthly market support the chaplaincy program at both the primary school and the secondary college.


Become a Teacher's Aide

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools. Graduates work as education assistants/teacher aides and support workers (working with children with disabilities).

Entry Requirements: Moderate Computer and Internet and Email Skills; English LLN skills at an industry entry standard; and Returning to Learning Program

Location: Merrilands Community Centre, 35 Sturdee St Reservoir

Starts Friday, 30th October

Days & Times: Friday: 9.15am to 3.15pm

Tuesday: 9.15am to 3.15pm (2 sessions only)

Duration: 23 sessions, 2 workshops (TBA) + 100 hour practical placement. (Excludes: 11/3/16 & School Holidays.)

Costs: Concession: $160, Full: $800, Fee For Service: $2,540 (Concession- Limited Places) + Service & Amenities Fee

Enrolment: Please ring early to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.

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