FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy term break with your children. It has been an excellent term of teaching and learning and we are all looking forward to another successful last term for all of our children.

Early next term I will leave for a year five/six student study tour to China. I was asked by the Victorian Principals Association to represent them on this inaugural student tour. Four Victorian schools and forty two children, and their ten teachers will partake in this educational experience, living and learning in a school for ten of the fifteen days. This is a unique opportunity for all involved and I hope - all going well - that some of our Whittlesea Primary School children and staff may have the same opportunity in 2015. In my absence, Ty will lead our school.

Another huge thank you to everyone for their fundraising efforts. We raised just over five thousand dollars which financed the painting of the map of Australia, (top of the school near the basketball courts) the 100 number square (early years area), partly to surface the children's new car racing track and to purchase more computers.

As usual we will work during some of the holidays to complete more improvements to our school. These include - the maintenance of our artificial grass, new gates and fence leading up to the heritage building, repairs to our rubber stairs and the rubber surface for our racing track. The usual grounds upkeep will also happen as it always does.

Take great care and we will see each other again in a couple of weeks.

Kindest regards,

Bente Stock 😊
Principal
Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to all of our school community on another great term at Whittlesea Primary School.

Tiqbiz
We currently have 57 downloads of our new mobile app! This is a great initial response, but we encourage everyone to add this free app to their smartphones. It is an excellent way to stay up to date with the latest news and calendar events. The app even sends notifications to your phone and you can communicate directly with the school. We’ve already had some parents submitting online notifications of student absences. At Whittlesea Primary School we embrace 21st century learning and the addition of this app is just part of living this value of innovation.

In the future, notifications through the app will become the primary means of reminding our community of upcoming events / deadlines. Don’t miss out on important information – download the app today!

Classroom Economy
There are a number of teachers who are currently implementing classroom economies with their students. Your child may be coming home telling you their current balance, or perhaps a financial goal they are saving for. This is all part of authentic learning opportunities designed to replicate the skills and experience our children require both now and into the future. Depending on the year level, classroom economies can vary in complexity. In a middle primary classroom for instance students will be developing basic number skills, in particular understanding and working with decimal numbers. The concepts of budgeting, saving and needs / wants is also covered through this style of program. In year 6 on the other hand our students are completing a subject purely based on economics where the concepts are more challenging. Students are calculating percentages, being charged taxes and needing to earn classroom money by applying for and satisfactorily completing employment.

It is all part of authentic learning which is helping our children become the best they can be.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming the students back for an exciting fourth term on October 6th.

Until next term,

Ty Hoggins
Assistant Principal

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Proposed Uniform Policy – amendment**

**Proposed existing dot point change** – Hair colours should be natural shades only. Hair accessories must be blue, gold, white, or black only. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Students are also encouraged to wear a wristwatch.

**Proposed new dot point** – Piercings are to be limited to gold / silver sleeper earrings or studs to be worn in the ear lobe(s) only.

**Feedback to the office due by: 10th of October.**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

DIVISION ATHLETICS
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to the 51 students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Altogether they read 2,233 books and many students read well over the 30 (Foundation to Year 2) and 15 (Year 3 to 6) books needed to complete the challenge. Well done!

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Golf:
On Tuesday the 16th of September both Ryan Addicott and I went to the Whittlesea Golf Club to play in the qualifying event for the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship. The Championship was over 9 holes.

There were about 40 players in the field with the top 5 boys progressing to the Regional final at the Eastwood Golf Club.

Ryan finished 3rd with a score of 52 and I finished 1st with a score of 45.

We both now head off to Eastwood in November.

Zachary Baker
Congratulations to both boys who performed to a high standard and also received some great prizes for their achievements. We wish them well for the next stage of this event.

Cheryl Abbott

Friday 19th September – NO CANTEEN
Friday 10th October – NO CANTEEN

School Banking 2014 - every Tuesday

SCHOOL BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Do you have a spare hour on Tuesday afternoons to help out with the students’ school banking? If so, can you please ring the office, thank you.

WORLD4KIDS

If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to call me on 0426768971 or email me on whittlesea@world4kids.net.

Thank you
Jamey Gould, Manager of Whittlesea World 4 Kids

WHITTLESEA COURTHOUSE 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
(150 YEARS OF HISTORY IN WHITTLESEA)
Celebrations are from: September 27 to October 19

The Whittlesea Courthouse Association Inc. is celebrating the history of the Whittlesea Courthouse building built in 1864 and also of Whittlesea’s general history over the past 150+ years - and everyone is invited.
Celebrations will include historical re-enactments: on Sept 28, by the Victoria Police Historical Society - capturing of Bushrangers & on Oct 18, by the Secondary School Drama Group - historic, local court cases. Also a museum, stage coach rides, performances by primary school choir, Whittlesea Township Choir & Secondary School Band.

There is something for everyone to enjoy and to partake in, see details on local flyer.

For further enquiries call 9716-1864