

Issue 13–14th May, 2020

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Great news – there is a plan for our students to return to school! After five weeks of remote learning, the Premier's announcement that children will return to school was exciting news. The students are at the centre of everything we do and their return to school will bring the energy and positive culture that makes Whittlesea Primary a great place.



Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a staged return to on-site schooling.

In the first stage, students in **Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2** will return to school from **Tuesday 26 May**.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25 May will be a student-free day**.

In the second stage of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June**.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

15th May
Bellah 06G

17th May
Kenzie 02F

18th May
Evie 00V

20th May
Sophie 06G
Lincoln 06S
Kiera 06S

21st May
Nevaeh 01D
Callum 040



If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including possibly staggered school start and finish times
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We can't wait to welcome our students back to the classroom.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Our building works commenced this week, we now have a new ramp outside the canteen to allow for wheelchair access and construction of a new ramp leading from the basketball court to the oval has also commenced. This is a much bigger job and will take several weeks to complete but it should be close to being finished when students return later in the term.



It's great to hear that some of our students will return to full time schooling on Tuesday 26th May. We are looking forward to welcoming back our Foundation, Year 1 and year 2 students; it will give back to our classrooms and playgrounds some much needed atmosphere; schools are such unusually quiet places without kids. We look forward to welcoming back our Year 3-6 students on the 9th June.

One key area of our school program that has continued with great gusto has been independent reading. It has been great to see so many students getting involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge and using the reading resource GetEpic. Students at school are using GetEpic every day and some classes have been holding challenges to see how many books the class can read each day and across the week. If you haven't explored GetEpic yet, here is the 'how to' video for the students for www.getepic.com - [www.getepic.com](https://youtu.be/5xKjF6pDyDc) Youtube

How to: <https://youtu.be/5xKjF6pDyDc>

If you don't have your class code for GetEpic, message your child's teacher in the team chat at the 9:00am meeting or send an email through Compass.

This year there is a new online app for the Premiers Reading Challenge to record the books we read. To log in to the app follow these instructions:

<i>Logging in to the Premier's Reading Challenge with an eduPass account</i>
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1. Go to the [Challenge application](#).
2. Select the School/Student button.
3. Select the eduPass login option. This will redirect you to the eduPass authentication page.
4. Enter your username and password. This will redirect you back to the Challenge application.

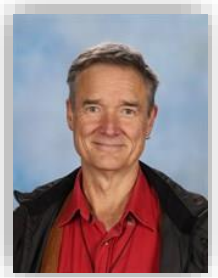
Student usernames and passwords for the app will be the same credentials used to log into Microsoft Teams and our school's remote learning.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of our Education Support staff for the amazing work they do in supporting our students and staff every day, be it at school or through remote learning this term. This Saturday 16th May is Education Support Staff day, so on behalf of all of our school community, we wish all our ES staff a fabulous day and look forward to celebrating with them on our return to school.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 1935-1940

These events are from the remainder of the eleven and a half years **William B. Campbell** was head teacher of Whittlesea State School. In 1936, he tried to have the school credited for teaching to the Intermediate Certificate standard but no action was taken by the Department. Campbell had the good fortune of being part of Whittlesea's Centenary. In 1937, the whole town remembered the arrival of George Sherwin, first settler in the area. This included a "back to school" event, a sports day, fancy dress procession, a dance, a basket picnic, and Queen of Whittlesea competition.



"Back to School" and "Sack Races" supplied by The Weekly Times (November 1937)

"The Whittlesea School today was crowded with old scholars who attended "Back to School" as part of the centenary celebrations. The president of the centenary committee (Councillor A. J. McDonald) welcomed old scholars, and Mr. D. Brough, joint secretary, welcomed Mr. John Ross and Mr. T. W. Jobling, two former teachers, who came to take part. Mr. W. B. Campbell, present head master, handed over to Mr. T. Jobling, who took charge of the proceedings. The oldest scholars present included Mr. William Batten, aged 78 years, who went to the school in 1864. He still lives in Whittlesea." (The Argus Tuesday 9 November 1937)



Weekly Times Left to Right: Mr J C Gibbs Secretary of the Centenary Committee, Mr T W Jobling (former headmaster 1908-1924), Mr W B Campbell (present headmaster 1928-1940), Mr John Ross (former Headmaster 1899-1907), A J McDonald (President of the Centenary Committee) and Mr D Brough (Joint Secretary).

The other big Whittlesea event in November of that year was the arrival of electricity. Before this, homes were lit at night with kerosene lanterns and candles. Street corners had kerosene lamps and these were lit at sundown by a local lamp lighter. On the evening of November 1, the town was in darkness, the hall lit by kerosene lamps; a ribbon was cut and immediately electric lights blazed over the township. Mr Campbell's residence received electric power but the school rooms were not to have it installed until 1950 (thirteen years later!).

In 1938, parents purchased a set of Children's Encyclopaedia to boost the school library. In 1939, there was a Young Farmers club at the school and the Endowment Plantation, on the way to Humevale, was well established with six years growth. Mr Campbell departed some time during 1940 and **Henry T. O'Toole** took the helm as temporary head teacher for the rest of the year.

To be continued.



WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL TOURS & INFORMATION

**Please contact the school
on 9716 2140**

2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

NOW OPEN

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL – DO YOUR BEST – HELP OTHERS SUCCEED

Whittlesea Primary School

Pre-Foundation Program



Whittlesea Primary School offers a Pre-Foundation program to all children enrolled to begin Foundation in 2021. This program will focus on our children becoming familiar with our school routines and facilities, as well as having a focus on early English and mathematical skills. Parents can choose for their child to attend on either Mondays or Wednesdays.

The program cost is \$120, of which \$50 will be deducted from your 2021 school fees. Please note that the \$120 is non-refundable. All students will receive a Whittlesea Primary School schoolbag, which is required for school. All students enrolled in the program will receive a special Pre-Foundation T-shirt.

Please contact Matthew Dunstone (Learning Specialist) for more information on 9716 2140.

Times: Monday 2:00pm to 3:00pm or Wednesday 2:00 to 3:00pm

Location: Early Learning Centre

Term 3

13th or 15th July
20th or 22nd July
27th or 29th July
3rd or 5th August
10th or 12th August
17th or 19th August
24th or 26th August
31st Aug or 2nd Sept
7th or 9th September
14th or 16th September

Term 4

5th or 7th October
12th or 14th October
19th or 21st October
26th or 28th October
No class on Melbourne Cup Weekend 2nd Nov
4th November
9th or 11th November
16th or 18th November

Formal Transition Dates with 2021 class teachers:

Tuesday 24th November 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 1st December 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday 8th December 9.30am – 12.00pm

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Hunter Withington For: having a great go at stretching his words and writing the sounds that he hears! Keep it up Hunter :)
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: Lily Rode For consistently doing her best to draw detailed pictures that match her learning.
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: Cadence Arthur For: making and presenting an outstanding book about the letter W. Well done!
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: Aria Hicking For: being enthusiastic about remote learning, doing her best and contributing to class meetings.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: Zachary Lackovic For: being super productive and always being one of the first to complete his lessons for the day!
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: April Bodagh For: completing all of her remote learning tasks daily and ensuring she is always doing her best
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: Mitchell Cain For: demonstrating confidence and pride when sharing his learning during the classroom meetings. Fabulous efforts Mitchell!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: Callum Parker For: consistently doing his personal best and having a 'can do' attitude towards all learning tasks!
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: Billie-Rose Alway For: always trying her best and having a positive attitude towards remote learning. Keep it up!
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: Ruby Larmer For: Consistently completing her online learning activities independently to a high standard.
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: Grace Greaves For: her outstanding Minecraft replica of the Glenrowan Inn. The attention to detail was phenomenal!
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: Grant Munro For: fantastic confidence and participation during remote learning
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: Audrey Millar For: taking responsibility towards her learning and putting all her effort into completing learning tasks.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: Ben Von Blanckensee For: being self-driven to complete all Online learning tasks to a very high standard. Brilliant Work Ben!
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: Jarrah Lorimer For: doing his best and having a 'can do' attitude towards online learning. Keep up the great effort!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Sienna Murnane For: using her efficient strategies to complete her remote learning.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: Mia Moore For: tackling all of her learning tasks with a positive attitude

Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Eleana Banks-Wild For: approaching learning with a positive attitude and seeking opportunities to challenge yourself.
Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: Max Webster For: completing all learning, writing a platypus report, winning a Mathletics and Logic Quiz award.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: Lachlan Panpucci For: great participation in the Zoo webinar and writing an informative action plan for his chosen animal.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: Troy Schmidt For: writing a convincing persuasive text about rubbish at the dog park.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Nature Play in my backyard

Monday 4 May - Friday 22 May

Join Eco Explorers
for daily nature
play activity
ideas



Share your nature play photos to win great prizes.

#natureplayinmybackyard



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Whittlesea