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## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This week marks the last week all students will be engaged in remote learning for Term 2. As of next week, the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students will return to normal onsite learning.



**Reminder, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is a student free day.  
F-2 return Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

In addition to this newsletter, today you will be receiving vital information regarding important operational changes for the remainder of Term 2. We are eagerly looking forward to the return of our students to onsite learning, but to safely do so a series of changes are required to our normal processes and procedures. Please read all information distributed carefully and plan ahead for next week. The key changes below are required to meet the expectations set out by the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Education and Training. This is just a brief overview and parents should consult the detailed document being distributed today.

### Staggered Start and Finish Times

Dependent on a child's year level they may now start school at either 8:50am or 9:00am. School will also finish at either 3:05pm, 3:10pm or 3:15pm depending on a student's year level. Arrangements will be in place to support families with multiple children across different year levels, including a new 'Sibling Meet Point'. Crossing supervisors will be active from 3:05pm.

### MEET ZONE

To avoid congestion and to allow our parents of Foundation and Year 1 students to drop off and collect their children, a new 'Meet Zone' has been created. The double gates at the rear of the ELC will be open and a clearly marked area will designate a space parents can distance themselves and drop off or meet their child.

### Yard Areas

Students will be playing in designated spaces with access to particular equipment. This reduces the level of interaction between students of different year levels

## CALENDAR

### MAY

May 22	Casual clothes day ( <b>on-site students</b> )
May 25	Student Free Day
May 26 ( <b>Tuesday</b> )	Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 Students Return
May 29	2021 Year 7 Transition Forms Due
June 8	<b>Public Holiday</b> Queen's Birthday
June 9 ( <b>Tuesday</b> )	Grade 3-6 students return

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Hamish 040

**24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Armani 05L  
Jaspa 05L  
Gabrielle 06S

**25<sup>th</sup> May**  
Xavier 03C  
Eleana 05R  
Shane 05R  
Eden 06G



## Hygiene

Our school will continue a rigorous process for hand washing/hand sanitising for all students. Classrooms will have additional cleaning through our contractor all day at school and many other actions are planned including the creation of personal stationary.

Can all parents please consider the following:

- All students must bring a pencil case to school for the remainder of the term. Stationary will be supplied.
- Drinking taps will be turned off. All students require a drink bottle. New WPS bottles are available for purchase at the school office

## Adult Access

No parents are allowed to access the school grounds, other than front reception (where social distancing measures are in place). We ask for your cooperation in respecting this rule as set by the Department of Education. The exception is the new Meet Zone at the back of the ELC building along the vehicle access ramp.

Many more changes to our normal operation are planned to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students. We appreciate that there is a lot of information to consider and our goal is to keep communication as concise and simple as possible.

Please note also that during the next three weeks a number of teams will be scheduled for Professional Practice Days. When scheduled, teams will be providing an independent day of learning and teachers will not be available online. Students will be notified through TEAMS in advance before these days take place and there will be tasks for children to undertake while at home.

During the progressive return of students to school, we will continue to cater for year 3 to 6 students who have no alternative but to access our onsite program. It remains essential that all attendances are booked in prior using the online form. If you need support with this process please call 9716 2140.

Thank you all for your hard work and support of our school. We realise that the raft of changes upcoming can cause anxiety and stress and we're endeavouring to make the transition from remote learning back to school as smooth as possible while taking the measures necessary in the current situation.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Well, I have to say...I'm excited! How good will it be to get back to school next week. Our teachers are working hard behind the scenes to get ready for the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students to return to full time school next Tuesday. Following this, we look forward to welcoming back Years 3-6 students back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June as we observe the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. When students return next week, school will be the same but different, with increased attention to ensure social distancing in classrooms and breaks outside, hand washing and sanitising and cleaning of hi-touch surfaces. For the next two weeks, Years 3-6 students will continue to learn remotely, with morning meetings on Microsoft Teams commencing at 9:15am to accommodate the transition of students into school. Years 3-6 classroom teachers will continue their remote program, with daily check-ins and conferencing until students return on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.



If you have borrowed a loan device from school during the remote learning period and your child is returning to school next Tuesday, we ask that you return this device promptly so that it can be cleaned and returned to classroom circulation. The office will be accepting devices from tomorrow afternoon and the office will be open on Monday to accept devices.

Last week, I encouraged all students to join the GetEpic! phenomenon sweeping through our remote and onsite classrooms. GetEpic! has been hugely popular with our students so if you haven't explored GetEpic! yet, follow this link [GetEpic!](#) and use the class code below to access your class page and get reading!



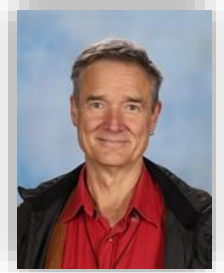
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1P	rih8596	5RM	Ktt8891
1D	wnc4730	5P	pmh9462
1FD	asp2323	5L	wja1473
2S	utj5338	6S	swx3235
2M	lvb8702	6G	wla7679
2F	kzb2083	6M	tcw7501
3W	krw3474		
3M	bvv9170		
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Lastly, thank you all again for the support you have provided to your children and our staff during this remote learning period. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 1940-1944

In the last article I should have written that **W. B. Campbell** departed *early* in 1940 and **Henry T. O'Toole** took the helm as temporary head teacher *for just a few months* because **Alfred Peake** (1940-1944) took up the Head Teacher position in September that year. The *Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser*, (Friday 13 September 1940 page 1) reported: "Mr and Mrs A. Peake with their family, have taken up residence at the Whittlesea School where Mr Peake has been appointed head teacher. They have many friends in the district, being former residents of Hume Vale."

Alfred Peake keenly supported local sport and the local community. A month later, The *Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser* (Friday 11 October page 5) reported: "Whittlesea District School Sports. In perfect weather last Friday a combined athletic sports was conducted on Whittlesea Reserve, all the State schools in the district competing. The smooth running of the programme was a tribute to the organisation of the President (**Mr. A. Peake**) and the secretary (Mr. Osborne). Mr W. H. Everard M.L.A., presented a cup donated by himself to Yan Yean for the school with the highest aggregate; while the **W. B. Campbell Cup** for the Champion School was presented to South Morang." Whittlesea State School was ninth out of a list of twelve participating schools that day.

The *Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser* (19 December 1940 page 2) reported: "Whittlesea £20 from school concert. A children's concert in aid of the Schools' Patriotic Fund was held in the Mechanics Hall, Whittlesea on Wednesday evening, December 11. It proved to be a most successful evening, both socially and financially. Sale of tickets and door money amounted to £22/0/3. A net profit of £20/7/8 resulted."



*1941 Years 5 to 8 photo with (most likely) Alfred Peake standing with these senior students*

Whittlesea was turning into an aged population so the numbers of local children were down. There were three schools in close proximity to the Whittlesea School. They were Eden Park, Glenvale and Humevale Schools. In 1942, Whittlesea's enrolments had declined to 54 and 51 the following year. A concerted effort was made to consolidate these local schools into one but a suitable location was not found. Whittlesea's numbers increased again when the one teacher Eden Park School closed its doors at the end of 1943, the pupils finding their way to Whittlesea. By 1944, Whittlesea State School was a class III school again.

To be continued...

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Georgia Holland</b> For: challenging herself by writing two sentences and stretching out all her words. Well done Georgia 😊
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: <b>Lexi Duncan</b> For: her amazing effort when practising her reading at home!
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: <b>Lola Mathews</b> For: completing all her online maths learning to an outstanding standard and doing her personal best.
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Ciara Tawil</b> For: applying herself and completing learning tasks during week five with fantastic effort.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Nevaeh Redpath</b> For: keeping up to date with all of her lessons throughout remote learning!
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: <b>Eva Parker</b> For: improving her fluency when reading and completing all of her remote learning tasks. Well done!
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Giovita Goci</b> For: consistently doing her best in all learning tasks and being respectful and supportive in class meetings. Fabulous efforts Giovita!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Emma Lord</b> For: challenging herself and consistently producing high quality, personal best learning!
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Willow McCormick</b> For: consistently doing her best and completing her learning tasks daily. Amazing work Willow!
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: <b>Noah Bodagh</b> For: working hard to complete his online learning and for his Inquiry presentation.
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: <b>Zalia Sandow</b> For: consistently completing all set learning tasks to an exceptional standard! Well done Zalia!
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Zac Bruno</b> For: his consistent application and positivity during remote learning.
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: <b>Angel B Ferguson</b> For: persisting when completing learning tasks and challenging herself to extend her thinking.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: <b>Cooper Ward</b> For: displaying impressive skills during his reading and writing remote learning tasks. Amazing Cooper!
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: <b>Ruby Susanof</b> For: using alliteration to create an engaging Elephant poem. Great effort Ruby!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Zoe Batten</b> For: consistently sharing her creative thinking strategies with the class.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: <b>Reece Oakley</b> For: being a self-directed and driven learner
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Axyle Simpson</b> For: consistently completing all of your set learning tasks and seeking assistance when you need it



Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Noah Flenley</b> For: completing all learning, a dolphin Inquiry project, attaining Mathletics, Logic and Rebus awards.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Mason O'Keefe</b> For: great dedication to all of his remote learning and aiming to be first in every class meeting.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: <b>Jordan Smith</b> For: presenting a very interesting educational Minecraft game on how to farm rice.

## 2021 YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Attention Grade 6 Families,

Application forms for year 7 placement 2021 are due back to Whittlesea Primary School no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

Please ensure that your application form is submitted as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Libby Eaves  
**Business Manager**

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May the Australian Library and Information Association will be holding National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the event is being held online.

The aims of National Simultaneous Storytime are to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy
- promote the value and fun of books
- promote an Australian writer and publisher
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion

Students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in this online event at school in their classrooms. Students in years 3-6 can register to participate if they choose as part of their remote learning through the following website: <https://alia.org.au/nss>

Matthew Dunstone  
**Learning Specialist**



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Whittlesea

## Have you applied for 4 year old kindergarten in 2021?

Apply by Tuesday 30 June 2020 to be considered in the first round of placement offers for attendance in 2021. Applications submitted after this date will be accepted and processed at a later date.

If your child currently attends a 3 year old kindergarten program, they do not automatically receive a place for 4 year old kindergarten.

Apply for kindergarten online at:  
[whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder)

Application forms are also available from:

- Kindergartens
- By mail (phone 9217 2170)



### Two new kindergartens opening in 2021:

- Edgars Creek Kindergarten, 55 Macedon Parade, Wollert
- Thomastown Primary School Kindergarten, 16 Spring Street, Thomastown

#### For more information:

Contact the Kindergarten Team at City of Whittlesea

Phone 9217 2170

Email [keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

Free telephone interpreter service



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