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PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This week has seen a partial return to normality at Whittlesea Primary School. Throughout the first half of the term we have had a small group of 40 or so student's onsite every day. This Tuesday saw our yard filled with just over 200 of our students. The buzz was back! The sound of kids playing in the yard is infectious and our staff all remarked about how wonderful it was to see things beginning to return to normal.



The children have settled in remarkably well. Walking through the early years classrooms things have picked up where they left off in Term 1. We know there will be challenges ahead and the transition over time is going to be harder for some than others, but our teachers have put in a huge effort to create welcoming, organised and positive environments ready for the student's return.

On Monday our teachers used the additional student free day to organise personalised materials, plan onsite learning programs and prepare classrooms. In small groups our teachers came together to collaborate on the priorities moving forward. For all teams the key three goals moving forward are:

- Re-establishing and further strengthening relationships
- Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports processes and systems
- Emphasis on academic achievement

We're excited to have our F-2 students back and can't wait for our entire school to return on June 9.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent's community for respecting the plans put in place regarding pick up and drop off and the restrictions on parent access to the yard. We appreciate it contradicts everything that a community school values to say parents can't go to a child's classroom, but that is our new reality for the time being. Every day there are new organisational challenges arising – questions regarding swimming programs, graduation and more. We're doing our best to anticipate future restrictions and ensure we have plans to consider all eventualities.

CALENDAR

MAY/JUNE

May 29	2021 Year 7 Transition Forms Due
June 8	Public Holiday Queen's Birthday
June 9 (Tuesday)	Grade 3-6 students return

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

29th May
Noah 06G

30th May
Jagger 02S

31st May
Jackson 00C

2nd June
Darcy 04O
Mia 06S

4th June
Nathaniel 01D
Archie 05R



To our year three to six students, we haven't forgotten that you're still learning remotely and our teachers are determined to see through your remote learning experience. Many new skills and approaches have been developed and we know our senior teachers are keen to continue with digital rich classrooms using the Office 365 environment.

Thank you also to the messages and gifts of support to recognise our amazing staff. We appreciate the effort and these symbols of gratitude help to maintain a positive and supportive community.

Thank you.

If you haven't seen our staff video check it out on our Facebook page. Well done to Ms Walsh and Mr McAlley for bringing this together virtually overnight.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

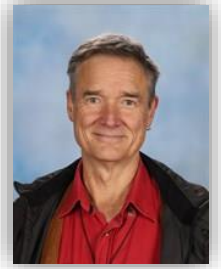
Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1945-1947

In 1945, Whittlesea State School had a new headmaster, **W. J. Vernon Hogg** (1945-1949). There is little information about the man. He oversaw the end of WWII and the peace celebrations that followed. He saw an increase in enrolment from the time he arrived because nearby Glenvale School closed its doors. A Bus Service began to provide transport for pupils from Eden Park and Glenvale in that year. This increase in enrolment put pupils in excess of classroom area. More about that in the next issue. This is even accounting for a drop in older pupil numbers, grade 6 becoming the final year now that technical schools and high schools were becoming more accessible.



Photos: *Weekly Times* Wednesday 2 April 1947 p 22 (above and below)



Left: — School Mothers' Club:
Mesdames E. Oakes, J. Wright, J. Smith (Sec.), R. Burton (Tr.), M. Parker (Pr.).

It will be good to introduce the **Mothers' Club** at this stage. The *Weekly Times* has made the first mention of his group (above). The Mothers' Club provided many important services in their support of their school. They raised funds for school equipment. They were a vibrant link between parents, pupils and staff. They were always behind moments of celebration and welcoming. They helped organise school events and provided gifts for all occasions, not even forgetting the crossing police. They usually had the pleasure of the head teacher's presence at their monthly meetings which were used as a sounding board for new ideas. They were in effect the pastoral blanket that kept the school in a happier state, given that classroom space had become very tight and there was still no electricity.

To be continued.

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Heidi Villani For: consistently doing her best with all her learning, especially in maths and Mathematics. Well done :)
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: Jack Carle For: his amazing effort in completing his remote learning. Well done for consistently doing your best Jack!
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: Ryder Minett For: showing his personal best by practising and memorising all of his doubles facts. Well Done Ryder!
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: Harry Weekes For: monitoring his reading and re-reading when reading on-line with Miss Perry.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: Dakota Love For: keeping on track with her remote learning every week!
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: Keira Augustus For: being enthusiastic about remote learning, doing her best and contributing to class meetings
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: Riley Allshorn For: showing confidence when speaking in his video advertising Whittlesea Primary School. Great work Riley!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: Melinda Gittos For: consistently producing personal best learning while exceeding expectations during remote learning. Well done Melinda!
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: Isobel Cilia For: participating during class meetings and being enthusiastic towards online learning. Great effort!
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: Tahlia Dixon For: her excellent effort in completing her learning tasks.
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: Kaven Mckechnie For: challenging himself to complete his learning to a high standard. Keep it up Kaven!
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: Zane Caddy For: for his excellent effort in reading. Go Zane!
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: Hunter Rhead For: making powerful word choices and using a variety of language devices when writing his poetry.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: William Wise For: working very hard on his learning and helping other students succeed in the classroom
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: Makayla Martino For: doing her best when creating her inquiry action researching about the explorer Emily Creaghe.
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Kiarn Taurima For: the exemplary completion of his assigned weekly tasks.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: Bailey Luscombe For: Being an independent learner and surpassing his learning goals
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Chelsea Devlin For: managing your learning and writing a great persuasive piece 'Why we should do School at Home'

Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: Nathan Gallenti For: completing all learning, an inquiry on the Aldabra Tortoise, Athletics and Quiz awards.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: Chelsea Milner For: a conscious effort to produce outstanding remote learning and participation in meetings.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: Gioele Goci For: putting a lot of effort into managing his own progress on Reading Eggs and being an independent and self-driven learner- well done!

BOOK CLUB

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

ISSUE 4 BOOK CLUB FOR EVERY STUDENT!

Book Club brochures are back! For the students still at home, use the link below so no one misses out on having access to great books!

www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/

Book Club orders close **Friday 5th June.**



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

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

Free telephone interpreter service



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