

Issue 18-18th June, 2020

PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Last weekend our Indigenous Garden was given a major overhaul thanks to the work of our school council environmental sub-committee. In particular, Rena Lord, Annette Carle and Scott and Sarah Powell put in a huge effort to transform the garden over just 2 days. Using previously awarded grant money, the team actioned a design that incorporates a mock fire pit, log seating, new paths, a bush tucker garden and new indigenous plants both within the garden and on the embankment. The area looks amazing! For the remainder of the term the space will remain off limits to enable the plants to establish and for final touches to be added.



OFFICE HOURS

Office opening hours
8.30am – 4.00pm until
further notice

CALENDAR

JUNE

June 26	Last day of Term 2 CASUAL CLOTHES DAY 2.30pm Finish
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following
children a very
Happy Birthday!

21st June

Judd 03C
Logan 03W

22nd June

Christopher 03C
Amelie 03M
Alannah 04P

23rd June

Aria 01P

24th June

Ryder 00C

25th June

Memphis 040



Later in the year we will look to host a traditional ceremony to celebrate the renewal of the garden. Well done to our dedicated team and thank you on behalf of the school for your dedication and hard work.

In more good news, students from 2M recently wrote to us requesting a larger cubby house for our lower yard area. Their written submissions were noticed by Ms. Davies, the Principal of Whittlesea Secondary College through our social media posts. Ms. Davies made contact and has kindly offered to donate 2 new cubbies which have been constructed by students as part of their studies. Thank you to Whittlesea Secondary College for this generous donation. Our students have submitted great ideas for the theme and decoration for these new cubbies and we look forward to actioning this asap.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

S.R.C. Casual Clothes Day

Friday 26th June, 2020
(last day of term)

Dress in casual clothes (out of uniform) and please bring a gold coin donation.

Donations will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities which help provide emergency accommodation for families with very sick children.

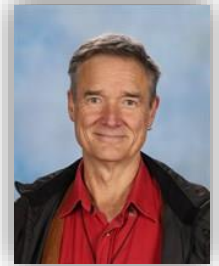


Made by Ace, Chelsea and Rory

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1955-1956 – Olympics

In 1955, the pine trees at the school were cut down and stumps gradually removed [Payne, History, page. 30]. The new head teacher was **George H. Downing** (1955-1956). There is little about his time at the school.



Earlier this week, I found a reference to **P.G Kennedy** (head teacher in 1950) which helped a little to fill out what kind of person he was. *The Express, Melton, Saturday 17 December 1949* p 5, honoured him at the Melton School break-up for the year: “During the afternoon the chairman of the School Committee (Mr. A. G. Macdonald) on behalf of the Committee, Mothers' Club parents and children, made a presentation of a utility set to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Kennedy. He spoke of the splendid spirit of co-operation that had existed during Mr. Kennedy's sojourn as Head Teacher, and they were sorry that he was going away to **Whittlesea**. Mr. Kennedy had not come out much in public but had been a silent worker at the school for the benefit of the children. Returning thanks for the gift, Mr. Kennedy said he was sorry to leave Melton, but the time had come when his family had to be thought of, making the move a necessity.” After one year at Whittlesea State School he must have decided that making a further move was another necessity.



As noted last week, **P. G. Kennedy** was replaced by **Roy G. Charlton** (1951-1954) the head teacher who was the first to purchase and use wireless equipment at the school. In 1955, he was replaced by **George H. Downing** who may have seriously considered purchasing a TV receiver! He might have had to consider that “TV receiving licenses would cost £5 a year, on the same basis as the present £2 fee for wireless receivers covering one or more receivers in the one household.” [*The Argus Friday 20 April 1956* p 5]. These licence fees may have differed with schools in the same way that the Education Department has negotiated the licence cost for a raft of Microsoft products for our school use today.

The reason for this huge change in technological and societal expectations was the staging of the Melbourne Olympic Games in November and December of that year and TV broadcast of the events. According to *The Argus Friday 26 October 1956* p 3, there was a “run on television sets” during the months before the event: “Supplies of television sets were running out, and they would be hard to get by the time the Olympic Games began, leading city retailers said yesterday. Mr. Colin Bednall, General Television Corp. Pty. Ltd. general manager, said a television audience of 200,000 was expected in Victoria during the Games.”



Reginald B. Broben (1957-1966) was to be the new head teacher the following year and there will be much to say concerning changes to the school during his tenure.

To be continued...

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Tai Vuillermin For: an excellent week of learning! Well done superstar!
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: Verity Cain For: doing her best to use pictures to read unknown words
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: Hunter Saw For: doing his personal best by stretching out his sounds when reading words and spelling words.
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: Mackenzie Wright For: excellent retelling and comprehending stories she has read
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: Ryker Sanders For: helping others succeed when measuring length.
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: Noah McAllister For: an amazing effort when learning about division in the classroom.
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: Mercedes Marcu For: demonstrating excellence when writing her thank you letter to the community helpers. Fabulous efforts Mercedes!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: Annie Watson For: writing an incredible persuasive letter about why WPS need a bigger cubby
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: Stephanie Mamalos For: trying her best when solving vertical addition problems. Well done!
Year 3CPCook/Pearce	Awarded to: Ruby Lamer For: always giving 100% effort with her work.
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: Elayah Carter For: trying her best when completing all set learning tasks.
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: Edmund Conley For: bringing honesty and positivity to the classroom
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: Indie Multani For: taking responsibility for her learning by extending herself remotely and in the classroom.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: Annabella Parore For: demonstrating determination and accuracy when completing multiplication equations. Well done Annabella!
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: Mia Caminto For: having a positive attitude towards learning and doing her best. Well done Mia!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Sylvia Hallam For: her outstanding reading skills.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: Cruz Donahoo For: always contributing to class discussions
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Tadhg Smith For: positive contributions to class discussions.

Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: Sophie Pearce For: always completing her learning and helping her peers to succeed.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: Jamieson McDonald For: making an impressive return to school and contributing to class discussions.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: Olivia Lenowry For: doing very well when finding the easiest common denominator when adding two fractions.



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	Term 4
13 th <u>or</u> 15 th July	5 th <u>or</u> 7 th October
20 th <u>or</u> 22 nd July	12 th <u>or</u> 14 th October
27 th <u>or</u> 29 th July	19 th <u>or</u> 21 st October
3 rd <u>or</u> 5 th August	26 th <u>or</u> 28 th October
10 th <u>or</u> 12 th August	No class on Melbourne Cup Weekend 2nd Nov
17 th <u>or</u> 19 th August	4 th November
24 th <u>or</u> 26 th August	9 th <u>or</u> 11 th November
31 st Aug <u>or</u> 2 nd Sept	16 th <u>or</u> 18 th November
7 th <u>or</u> 9 th September	
14 th <u>or</u> 16 th September	

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

Food Recycling is coming to Whittlesea!



Council is excited to announce that from the 1st of July, residents will be able to include food scraps in their fortnightly garden waste bin. Some common items include eggshells, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, bread, cooked bones and more. Throughout June, residents with an existing garden waste bin will be receiving a FREE kitchen caddy and pack of 150 compostable liners to help them transition to food recycling easily.

In the City of Whittlesea, the general waste bin usually contains about 40% of food waste. Food waste ends up in landfill where it is unable to break down naturally, producing methane - a powerful greenhouse gas.

Become an environmental champion and recycle your food waste instead of putting it in the rubbish bin. When you recycle your food waste, Council collects it and sends it to our local composting facility where it is made into fresh, healthy compost. This is then used to improve soil in productive areas of your community, such as schools, farms, parks and community gardens.

Support your community and recycle your food waste. To book your food and garden waste bin (and receive your FREE kitchen caddy and liners) visit [Council's website](#).

Recycle Right in Whittlesea

Recycling can be tricky, with some Council's being able to accept items that other Councils can't. In Whittlesea, the following items are accepted in your kerbside recycling bin:

- **Plastic bottles and containers:** labelled with codes 1 to 5 - no plastic bottle lids
- **Cans, tins and foil:** scrunch foil into a ball
- **Glass bottles and jars:** including metal lids
- **Cardboard:** all non-waxed boxes
- **Paper:** including newspapers, envelopes and junk mail

Find out what other items can recycled through specialist recycling at [A-Z Guide to Waste and Recycling](#)

For more information on what can and can't be recycled in the City of Whittlesea, visit [Council's website](#).

