

Issue 29–17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

## PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

Tomorrow marks the end of one of the most challenging school terms in recent memory. While we have had long periods of remote learning in Term 2, unfortunately the entirety of Term 3 has been conducted remotely. Despite the challenges, we have so much to be proud of as a school and broader community. Our engagement levels in learning remain high and we're extremely proud of the effort students and parents have made in maintaining an emphasis on learning. The end for remote learning is in sight though! We expect our F-2 students back onsite from week 2 next term, and then the remainder of our students in the following weeks.

**Reminder - Tomorrow we invite our onsite students to come out of uniform.**

To conclude the term, we are happy to share the remaining 2 house logos – Dugat and Dhulin. These designs will be displayed proudly in our gym and become the faces for our houses for years to come. Here is the complete set of our 4 house logos...



## OFFICE HOURS

Office opening hours  
8.30am – 4.00pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

### 18th September

Ethan 01P

Harry 02M

Hayley 06G

### 19th September

Antonio 03M

Michael 03W

### 20th September

Tayze 01D

Chloe 03M

### 21st September

Georgia 00V

### 22nd September

Mercedes 02F

### 23rd September

Ikshu 05L

Reece 05L

### 24th September

Zane 00C

Sophie 02M

### 26th September

Jaide 06S

### 28th September

Ellie-Mae 02M

Hayden 04M



This week we farewell Matt Dunstone who departs Whittlesea Primary School to commence an Assistant Principal role at Edgars Creek Primary School. Matt commenced at our school at the beginning of 2012. In that year he led the Year 5/6 team in what is now the art room. Over the coming years Matt taught in a variety of senior and junior year levels. While leading teams, he has achieved great success with whole school roles that include assessment and reporting, ICT (technology) and literacy. In recent times Matt was appointed to the role of Learning Specialist and he has played a key role in coaching his colleagues on effective instructional practice.

On behalf of our staff we congratulate Matt on his elevation to Principal class. It is a great challenge and one we know he is well prepared for. We wish him all the best in his exciting new role. Matt's current classroom responsibilities will be covered by Jessica Fontana who will lead 1FD full time for the remainder of 2021. Matt's learning Specialist role is currently advertised, commencing next year.



We wish to take this opportunity to ensure our community that significant planning is currently being undertaken regarding school events and activities that will require modification due to COVID restrictions. Most significant of these are Year 6 graduation and 2021 camps. We remain committed to ensuring our Year 6 cohort have the best celebration possible at the end of next term. Many contingencies are being considered and planning is underway. We look forward to sharing more early next term. In relation to camps, we are looking to proceed with a camping experience for our students next year, particularly the Year 3-6 groups who normally attend 3 day residential camps. Again, more information will be provided in time, but for now be rest assured that these experiences remain a priority as does a Christmas celebration at the end of the year. While we may not be able to host audiences to a carol's assembly or a large scale carnival, we are looking for alternatives to celebrate the festive season.

A reminder that our BYOD portal is currently open for parents of 2020 Year 3 to 5 students. If you require any assistance or have any questions, please contact the school and we will happily provide any support you require.

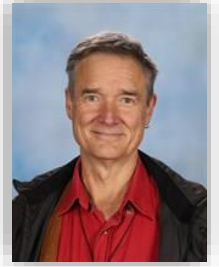
The upcoming school holidays will unfortunately not involve trips away or leisure activities we'd normally enjoy, but there will be a well-earned break from prescribed learning. I hope our families can enjoy the break and make the most of the time.

Kind regards,

Ty Hoggins and Rae Gittos

Principal Team

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 1978 Centenary Day

I have pieced together a centenary celebration description of the lead up to the day and the day itself from various newspaper cuttings I found with school memorabilia. The pictures I found with them were photocopied cuttings and so they are not that clear unfortunately. I can't acknowledge any particular source as every cutting was without a 'newspaper' reference or date. Together they give a good account of what happened Saturday August 19, 1978.

The Victoria Police Band led the parade. Twenty-four floats included Whittlesea pony club, tennis club, Lions Club, fire brigade, CWA and local businesses, even the Whittlesea airport. There were old trucks, horse-drawn vehicles, and possibly several mounted troopers. "Ken Murphy showed his beautifully kept 1922 International Bus" said one report. Local guides and scouts had a float showing off their activities and kindergarten youngsters had another depicting scene from nursery rhyme land. Another 30 children rode brightly decorated bikes. People wore period costume, while 60 members of Glenfield Calisthenics College marched in their distinctive green uniforms.



The parade started at Whittlesea Showground and proceed via Church Street to finish in Wallan Road beside the school. TV newscaster, Brian Naylor, gave a commentary about each float as it passed. An enthusiastic crowd of 500 spectators turned out. At the school, there was a registration table with the sale of centenary glasses, balloons and the Whittlesea Primary School centenary book written by Mr J. W. Payne. Afternoon tea was served. A former Whittlesea pupil who was at the time MLA for Albert, Queensland, Mr Ivan Gibbs was present. The Regional Director of Education, Mr J. Roscholler, unveiled a centenary plaque. Prizes were presented to the oldest former pupil's present, and the Member for Evelyn, Mr S. J. Plowman gave a short speech. A roll call included other schools that used to operate in the district such as Humevale (1898-1968), Glenvale (1865-1946), and Eden Park (1904-1942). A Centenary cake made and donated by Mrs Thelma Cardwell was cut by Mary Logan a pupil at the turn of the Century. A centenary ball was held that night in the Whittlesea Church of England hall next door.

More from 1978 next issue...



# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Hunter Withington</b> For: his enthusiasm in completing his inquiry experiments! Amazing effort Hunter 😊
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: <b>Charlotte Deans-Jenkins</b> For: her outstanding confidence when sharing with her class in our meeting. Amazing effort Charlotte!
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: <b>Jackson Ring</b> For: completing all his learning to a brilliant standard and using his letter sounds to write tricky words.
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Eva Smith</b> For: creating a fantastic procedure with the correct format, about her obstacle course.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Nevaeh Redpath</b> For: following the correct structure of a procedure! Subheadings, dot points and numbers all included!
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: <b>Keira Augustus</b> For: consistently demonstrating our expectations and being a kind and caring friend in our classroom.
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Charlie Day</b> For: writing a very entertaining and thorough procedural text about 'How to Catch a Bull'. Excellent work Charlie!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Bradley Salo</b> For: producing high quality, personal best learning when learning about the 'fszl' gang. Well done Bradley! I am so proud of you 😊
Year 2M Merriitt	Awarded to: <b>Angus Argote</b> For: his excellent effort in maths when adding prices together and calculating the change. Well done Angus!
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: <b>Judd Cunningham-White</b> For: doing an awesome job completing his Remote learning. Well done, Judd!
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: <b>Mason Murnane</b> For: for showing persistence when completing challenging learning tasks.
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Taylor Love</b> For: consistently doing her best in learning tasks. Well done, Taylor!
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: <b>Tamsin Edwards</b> For: demonstrating confidence when learning new concepts and when speaking to others online.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: <b>Katherine Lilley</b> For: trying her best to complete set learning tasks during remote learning. Amazing work Katherine!
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: <b>Nate Jennings</b> For: consistently doing his best in online learning tasks and reflecting on himself as a learner. Well done Nate!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Sophie Winter</b> For: consistently going beyond the learning expectations.

Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: <b>Mikaylah Edwards</b> For: being a driven and motivated learner
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Connor Driver</b> For: outstanding effort in your maths 'Road Trip' task and active participation in mini lessons
Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Isaac Dundas</b> For: confidently leading our Wonderful Wednesday Kahoot Quiz and completing his assignments.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Blake Webb</b> For: completing a well written and designed Yearbook page and working hard all week.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: <b>Gabby Griffiths</b> For: completing her yearbook page and showing appreciation to others
PE Mr Hough	Awarded to: <b>Harry Winter</b> For: helping others succeed by always contributing to the weekly PE meetings
The Arts Ms Walsh	Awarded to: <b>Will Sorensen</b> For: putting in a consistent effort with his art learning.
Chinese Ms Liu	Awarded to: <b>Jett Dyer</b> For: always participating in the weekly Chinese meeting and his great effort in weekly Chinese learning

## BYOD INFORMATION

# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM UPDATE



It is great to see families using the EduNet portal to purchase devices. Now is a great time to access the portal to ensure the device is ready for day 1 of 2021.

We have had a number of families contact the school to ask questions about the program and we would encourage anyone who would like to discuss the program to call the school.

### EduNet Portal:

<https://whittleseaps.technologyportal.com.au/>

Access Code: WPS2021





Whittlesea Primary School are excited to share our community recycling initiative. Please support us to reduce bread tags in landfill, which will also help those in need.

1. Bread tags are collected Australia wide
2. Transmutation (a small recycling business) donates to the charity in return for bread tags.
3. Donated funds used to purchase wheelchairs for people in South Africa.

### CLASS COMPETITION!!!

Which class can collect the MOST bread tags in weight?  
Be sure to get your friends & family involved.

Please keep your collection at home.

Details for when to bring your collection to school will be advised later Term 4.  
(Consider using bread bags or clean recycled containers to store your collection.)

### Community Involvement

It will take more than our school alone to reach our target of 150kg to fund a wheelchair. We welcome and encourage all community members, businesses and local organisations to join our community project. Please contact the school for further information.

A collection point is located at IGA Whittlesea (Church St entry) for community members.

Thank you to a number of local organisations wishing to support this community initiative and preparing to collect at their organisation/premise, when restrictions allow.

This will be an on-going initiative as we strive for our target of 150kg as a community!

For more information, please visit: <https://m.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags/>



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**We can't wait for skate parks to reopen!**

**While we wait, we're busy planning for an upgrade to the Whittlesea Skate Park and BMX track.**

**If you'd like to be a part of our online design workshop, to help us plan the park, register via the link below.**

**The workshop will run over the school holidays.**

1. Wednesday 23 September 3.30 – 4.30
2. Tuesday 29 September 4.00 – 5.00

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B9TrA1VZBEmXohzoXcoKISV33-i\\_ZEZEktO9AiYJRzdUN09MM1hOQ05ZT0pJQIU5TkxJVIJPSFISVy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B9TrA1VZBEmXohzoXcoKISV33-i_ZEZEktO9AiYJRzdUN09MM1hOQ05ZT0pJQIU5TkxJVIJPSFISVy4u)



# Whittlesea Community House

92A Church St, Whittlesea ph 97163361



## Fix it Friday Phone in

Get out of trouble, speak  
to an expert and sleep  
better at night

### TALK TO THE EXPERTS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

Whittlesea Community Connections Social Worker,

Whittlesea Community Legal Service

Lift program for Mental Health, Centrelink,

Financial Counselling, Merri Health Victims Assistance

NDIS with Brotherhood of St Laurence, My AgedCare &

Danielle Green MP Yan Yean

10am—1.00pm

**\*\*Interpreters Available\*\***

**Fridays**

**September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 11th**

**Call 9716 3361 to get connected!**

