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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Last week we hosted our first community assembly for 2020. Our school leaders were presented with their badges to recognise their appointment to key positions in our school. Our school captains also did a great job in hosting the assembly, demonstrating confidence while speaking in front of a large audience. Later in the term our captains will have the opportunity to attend the GRIP leadership conference held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Developing the leadership capacity of our students is a key outcome in our school's future work. Strong student leadership falls within the larger domain of student voice and agency which is a core priority in Victorian Government Schools. Just this week our students are contributing to the planning of a redesign of our indigenous garden. They have already put forward great ideas which can hopefully be actioned.

2020 School Captains

In addition to student leadership and agency, our school has a clear strategic focus for the year ahead. Our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for 2020 is due for presentation to school council next week. This document outlines the goals, targets, key improvement strategies and actions which will drive our work this year. Some key highlights of the plan include a formalised and expanded teaching coaching program across the school, a strong focus on literacy instruction through the implementation of a new reading model and the development of writing instruction. We are also introducing the 'Professional Learning Community' approach to our teams and will be undertaking formal training through the Department of Education and Training.

It is an exciting year ahead with our core focus around improving student outcomes through quality teaching and opportunities.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 14	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 1
February 18	Meet and Greet Swimming Squad Training
February 19	Foundation Assessment
February 20	District Swimming Carnival
February 21	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 2
February 25	Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic
February 26	Foundation Assessment
March 3	SSS Dance Rehearsal
March 4	Breakfast Club Begins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

14th February
Cody 04O

15th February
Ruby 04M
Xavier 04P

16th February
Flynn 03W

18th February
Baylin 04P
Emily 06M

19th February
Harper 00C
Necati 01P

2020 House Captains

2020 Student Representative Council

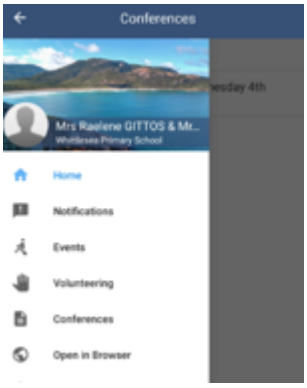
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

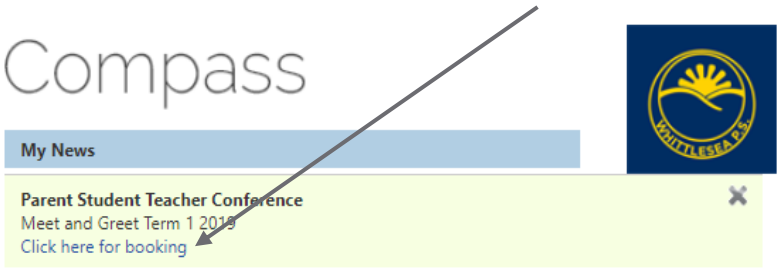
I begin this week with a reminder to all families to ensure you have made a time for the 'Meet & Greet' sessions next week. The 'Meet and Greet' sessions on Tuesday 18th February between 3:30pm – 6:30pm and Wednesday 19th February between 3:30pm – 5:30pm provide an opportunity for rich discussion between you and your child's teacher about the individual learning goals for your child for Term 1. Please attend these 'Meet & Greet' sessions with your child. You only need to make a time on Tuesday **OR** Wednesday.

To book an appointment time, access your child's profile via Compass using the App or browser on your PC, tablet or phone. If you do not have access to Compass, please call the office to access your Compass login or book an appointment time.

In the App, tap on the three horizontal lines in the top LHS of your screen
You will see a menu with a **Conferences** option; chose this option and follow the prompts.



Alternatively, through the browser you will see a prompt on your parent dashboard under '**My News**'



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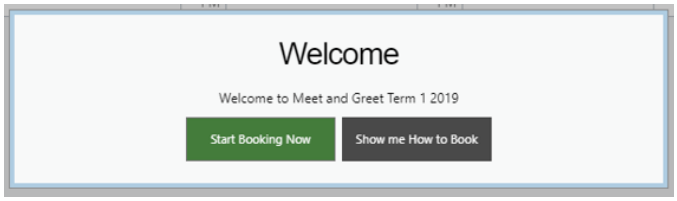
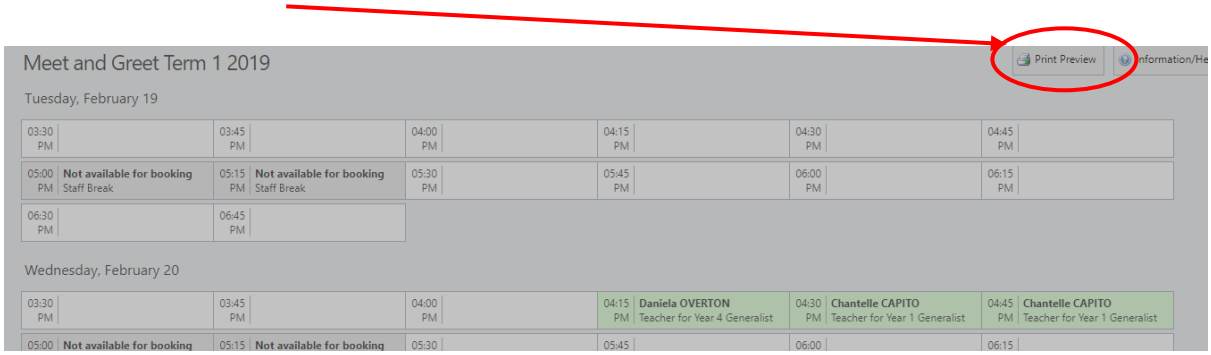


Follow the prompts. Once you have selected your preferred booking time, it will turn green. There is also an option to print your booking time on the top right hand side of the screen.



If you find you are unable to make any of the available times, please email your classroom teacher via Compass to make an alternate time or call the main office.

Please note that bookings for 'Meet and Greet' sessions will **close** tomorrow, **Friday 14th February at 10am.**

Do you need additional uniform items but find it hard to get to Northern Regional Uniforms during the week or Saturday mornings? Jayne and the team at Northern Regional Uniforms will be delivering to our school every Thursday morning. This offer applies to all phone orders made and paid for over the phone by 11am Wednesday morning. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact NRU on 9436 4005 to find out more or to place an order.

Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled. Hats bearing the school logo must be worn outside during breaks in Term 1 and 4 and are often misplaced. If clearly labelled, community leaders can return these to students during the day. We have also experienced a few cooler mornings this week, so please also check your child's name is easily seen and read on the inside of school jumpers.

On Thursday 20th February, our swimming squad will be representing our school at the annual district carnival at Northcote Pool. We wish them all the best of luck. There is one final training session next Tuesday morning at the Whittlesea Pool at 7:45am for those students involved.

Our year 5 and 6 interschool sport starts tomorrow. More information regarding fixtures and venues can be found here;
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hOQ1VKMlo97RQEiSB9XzENMThjArrRSF

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend each week to support our school. All spectators are reminded to adhere to the School Sports Victoria Code of Conduct at all times.
Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1917 – Entrepreneurial Students

Back row (from left): H. Beney, F. Jobling, O. Emmerson. *Second row:* ----, E. McCrae, M. McCrae, L. McLennan, M. Olney, H Jolley, H. Gibbs. *Third row:* G. Jobling.
Others: J. Crawford, A. Johnston, E. Howell, D. Sutherland. *Teacher:* Mr Hedley Jobling.

J.W. Payne's book on our school's history to 1978 has helpfully included a 3/4 class photo with Head Teacher Thomas Jobling's son **William *Headley* Jobling** who was training to be a teacher under his father. Two of his other sons, **Stanley** and **Frank** also became student teachers under him. Headley later became head teacher at Glenvale State School (1920-1921) and Stanley a teacher at Mernda.

I have found three 1917 newspaper articles relating to our school, all from the Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser. The first (16 November) told of complaints that the school children were creating a scandal by organising a raffle and going about soliciting articles to be raffled. Even though the funds were all going toward the war effort, many people in the community did not want the children to encourage gambling. This publicly debated concern seems to be valid enough because the next article reported on what the pupils raised. The Patriotic Flower Carnival at the school occurred Friday 30 November when it was announced that the children had raised a staggering sum of over £100. In today's world, this is equivalent to our students raising over $20,000 through their entrepreneurial efforts. The carnival itself was well attended and raised a further £30.

The third article reported on the annual school break up. There was a program of songs, recitation and addresses by the committee chairman and head teacher Mr Jobling. Cheers were given for Mr Jobling and assistant teacher Miss Salmon. Academic prizes were awarded to Dale Randals and May McCrae. Senior pupils were A. Randals and R. Linton. The songs were "Up, ye busy people" and "Till the boys come home". The recitation was given by Lindsay Travis who had recently lost his father at the war. The Department of Education Merit certificates were not yet at hand to be announced and National Anthem closed proceedings.

To be continued.

COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Whittlesea

Kindergarten open night

Kindergartens across the City of Whittlesea will open their doors to the public on Thursday 27 February.

Take this opportunity to speak to teachers and discuss quality programs on offer at kindergartens throughout the municipality.

When: Thursday 27 February 2020, 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Where: Visit council's website whittlesea.vic.gov.au for details of participating kindergartens.

Bookings: Bookings are not required.

2022 kindergarten applications

Four year old kindergarten applications for 2022 open on 1 March 2020. Children born between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2018 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2022. Visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder to apply online.

Kindergarten program

A quality kindergarten experience provides young children with the opportunities to build skills that are important for life, including being ready for school.

For more information:

Contact the Kindergarten Team at City of Whittlesea
Phone 9217 2170
Email keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Free telephone interpreter service
131 450

A place for all

whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Whittlesea and District Netball Association

SUNCORP net set go

Netball for 5–10 year olds
Wednesdays
4:45pm – 5.30pm

REGISTER NOW:

netsetgo.asn.au

There will be NO program fee for season 1.

The only fee is the registration fee of $66/year which provides Netball Victoria insurance and a NetSetGo pack.

All training and games are indoors at Whittlesea Secondary College Stadium

NETBALL VICTORIA

Contact: wadna.membership@gmail.com