

Issue 5 – 27th February, 2020

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

On Tuesday night our school council gathered for the first time this year. This meeting was actually the last meeting for the 2019 council before we farewell those members whose 2-year tenure is complete and newly elected members commence. On Friday this week I will be communicating broadly the process for filling school council vacancies for this year and next. The process basically involves calling for nominations for both DET employee vacancies and parent category vacancies. If we receive more nominations than there are positions, a ballot will be conducted to finalise the appointments. I encourage everyone in our community to consider volunteering to our school council. We have a strong history of having an active and supportive school council who performs significant roles relating to the governance of our school. Key aspects of this governance are financial management, policy approval and fundraising activities.



At our most recent meeting we discussed the utilisation of funds within our school building fund. Over the recent years we have been able to accumulate funds designated to building improvement through the generous support of families who contribute to the optional school building fund. Our council has identified a key improvement priority planned for completion in the summer of 2020/2021. Our school gymnasium floor is maintained annually with a light sand and resealing as a routine process. Over the last few years our advice has been that the floor requires a more substantial full sand and seal which will also require new line marking. The gym floor will come out looking brand new and it's appearance will be rejuvenated for years to come. School Council have approved the allocation of the building fund to this project.

Thank you to those families who have completed payment of their essential items booklist fee for 2020. These funds are a vital part of our school's effective operation and allow us to provide a wide range of opportunities to our students. I encourage each family to consider making the additional tax deductible building fund contribution this year. We're always looking at improving the environment we provide to our students. The recent library upgrade and the planned restoration of our gym floor are just two examples of the work in this space.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 28	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 3
March 2	Foundation students commence full time
March 3	Rescheduled Teddy Bears Picnic Division Swimming Carnival
March 4	Breakfast Club Begins
March 6	March Community Assembly 5/6 Interschool Sport Round 4
March 10	SSS Dance Rehearsal
March 16	Whole School Photos

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

28th February

Riley 02F
Millie 02M

2nd March

Matthew 04P

3rd March

Xavier 04M

4th March

Jade 01F

5th March

Noah 02F
Brodie 06M
Bailey 06S



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Can you believe we have hit the half way point for this term? Next week will be the first full week for our Foundation students, with our Foundation staff completing all of their online assessments for the start of the year. We look forward to seeing all of our Foundation students at school every day next week.



Every minute in school counts. Our teachers are ready and waiting at 8:50am every morning for students to commence their morning routine. The statistics around lost learning are fascinating. Did you know that if your child only attends 80% of school across a year, they are effectively missing one day per week or 40 days of schooling per year! That is nearly a terms worth of learning every year. You can support our school and your child's education by ensuring great attendance patterns from an early age.



At Whittlesea Primary School we value parents and carers supporting us in the classroom as well as attending excursions. It is important for students to see that there is a partnership between families and school. All parent helpers for 2020 must have attended a Parent Helpers training session and hold a current Working with Children card.

We will be running two parent sessions in the coming weeks. The first session is next Tuesday 3rd March between 2:15-3:15pm and the second session will be Thursday 12th March between 2:15-3:15pm. You only need to attend one of these sessions. If you would like to RSVP or you would like more information, please contact the office.

Our second community assembly for this term is scheduled for next Friday 6th March from 2:30pm on the basketball court (weather permitting). There will be a lot to see, hear and celebrate so we hope you can join us on that afternoon.

A general reminder that Monday 9th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday and as such, there will be NO SCHOOL on this day. We also have our annual School Photos scheduled for Monday 16th March. In planning for this day, please ensure that all hair accessories are either yellow, navy, black or white and your child's socks are either navy, black or white, NO LOGOS. School shoes and runners should be black as per our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

Wishing our Swim squad the best of luck, competing in the Whittlesea Division Swimming Carnival at Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre next Tuesday 3rd March. Remember to; Do Your Best and Help Others Succeed where ever and whenever you can on the day!

Next Tuesday afternoon we also have our rescheduled Foundation 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' on the soccer pitch between 5:00-6:00pm. Fingers crossed the rain stays away; hope to see you there.

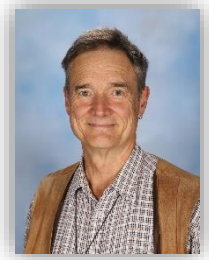
Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1918 – Break Up Day



I have a further 1918 news article, the break up day 20 December that is worth writing about since it was reported in great detail. The *Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser* printed this story on 10 January the following year. Again the Mechanics Hall in Forest Street was used because the school building itself had become too cramped to hold the children and their families.

The Rev Douglas Bruce, Chairman of the School Committee, spoke on 'How to make the most of life'. He reflected on the 'hard work' success of E.W. Cole who created the Cole's Book Arcade in Melbourne. The illustration above (can you decipher the story?) has been taken from Cole's Funny Picture Book, first published 1879, which became a well-known children's favourite. Rev W. James then spoke about being thorough and putting their best into their work and he used the story of the life of J. A. Garfield one of the USA Presidents. Mr Linton, a parent, then spoke highly of Head-teacher Thomas Jobling who had had 'several schools offered to him recently but had declined them all'. Thomas Jobling responded saying that 'he always strove to be a friend to each child and through the child to the parents'.

Awards were given out. 'Four [scholars] obtained their Merit Certificates and ten their Qualifying certificates, making a total of fourteen.' This was touted as an excellent result for that year. The chairman stated that 'Mr Jobling's two oldest boys, Hedley and Stanley were away doing their duty for King and Country'. They must have enlisted that year before the war had ended. As done in past years, the program concluded with the National Anthem and 'God Bless Our Splendid Men'.

To be continued.

BOOKCLUB

The second Book Club catalogue was distributed today, please have your order in by **Thursday 5th March**. Orders can be made online or the order form and money can be returned to school in an envelope with the child's name on the front.



SPORTS REPORT

Bridge Inn North District Swimming Results

On Tuesday our swimming squad competed in the Bridge Inn North District swimming carnival at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Our students were up against swimmers from eight other schools and we achieved some great results with our school coming 1st in all age groups and 1st overall making us the Bridge Inn North District Champions for the second year in a row! Congratulations to all of the students who came first or second overall in their event or relay who will now be competing at the Whittlesea Division finals on March 3rd. All of our students made our school proud, doing their best and displaying our community expectations at all times. Well done!



Bridge Inn North Representatives:

Avril	Caddy
Edmund	Conley
Jordyn	Dow
Angel B	Ferguson
Madelyn	Gittos
Darcy	Graham
Kip	Grogan
Isla	Heinrich
Bailey	Luscombe
Archie	Mathews
Flynn	Mathews
Jade	Mavric
Lily	Mcdonald
Cooper	Mclay
Chelsea	Milner
Rory	Mirrielees
Indira	Multani
Mason	O'Keefe
Sophie	Pearce
LeTia	Redpath
Will	Sorensen

Bridge Inn North Summer (Term 1) Sports Ladders 2020

Boys/Mixed Cricket									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
Mernda PS	1	1	0	0	1	6	126	88	143.18182
St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	1	6	83	73	113.69863
Whittlesea PS	1	1	0	0	0	4	110	97	113.40206
Hazelglen	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
St. Joseph's	1	0	1	0	1	2	97	110	88.181818
Mernda Park	1	0	1	0	1	2	73	83	87.951807
Mernda Central	1	0	1	0	1	2	88	126	69.84127

Boys/Mixed Tee Ball									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	1	6	30	16	187.5
Mernda PS	1	1	0	0	1	6	15	9	166.66667
St. Joseph's	1	1	0	0	1	6	9	7	128.57143
Hazelglen	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
Whittlesea PS	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	9	77.777778
Mernda Central	1	0	1	0	1	2	9	15	60
Mernda Park	1	0	1	0	1	2	16	30	53.333333

Boys/Mixed Hot Shots Tennis									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	1	6	12	0	#DIV/0!
Mernda Central	1	1	0	0	0	4	8	4	200
Whittlesea PS	1	1	0	0	0	4	6	6	100
St. Joseph's	1	0	1	0	1	2	6	6	100
Mernda PS	1	0	1	0	1	2	4	8	50
Mernda Park	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	11	9.0909091

Boys/Mixed Volleyball									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	Sets W	Sets Played	%
Mernda Park	1	1	0	0	1	6	3	3	100
Mernda Central	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	100
Whittlesea PS	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
Mernda PS	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0
St. Mary's	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	0

Girls Cricket									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
Whittlesea PS	1	1	0	0	0	4	175	51	343.137
St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	1	6	82	28	292.857
Mernda PS	1	1	0	0	1	6	78	48	162.5
Hazelglen	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
Mernda Central	1	0	1	0	1	2	48	78	61.5385
Mernda Park	1	0	1	0	1	2	28	82	34.1463
St. Joseph's	1	0	1	0	1	2	51	175	29.1429

Girls Tee Ball									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
Mernda PS	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	#DIV/0!
Whittlesea PS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
St. Mary's	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
Hazelglen	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
St. Joseph's	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!
Mernda Central	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	#DIV/0!

Girls Hot Shots Tennis									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	For	Against	%
Mernda Park	1	1	0	0	1	6	10	2	500
Mernda Central	1	1	0	0	0	4	9	3	300
Whittlesea PS	1	1	0	0	0	4	6	6	100
St. Joseph's	1	0	1	0	1	2	6	6	100
Mernda PS	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	9	33.3333
St. Mary's	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	10	20











Girls Volleyball									
School	P	W	L	D	W/O	Points	Sets W	Sets Played	%
Mernda Central	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	2	100
St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	1	6	2	3	66.6667
St. Joseph's	1	1	0	0	1	6	2	3	66.6667
Whittlesea PS	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	33.3333
Mernda Park	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	33.3333
Mernda PS	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0

SSV Bridge Inn North Sports Dates – 2020

Date	Event	Venue	Age/Gender
Term 1			
February 14 (Week 3)- March 27 (Week 9)	Summer Sport (Volleyball, Cricket, Hot Shots Tennis and Tee Ball)	Venues TBC by Home team (refer to fixture)	Boys/Mixed and Girls
Thursday February 20 (Week 4)	District Swimming Carnival	Northcote Aquatic Centre	9-12 Years Boys/Mixed and Girls
Tuesday March 3 (Week 6)	Whittlesea Division Swimming Carnival	Northcote Aquatic Centre	1 st & 2 nd from each event at District
Wednesday March 4 (Week 6)	District Lawn Bowls Gala Day	Whittlesea Bowls Club	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed and Girls
Tuesday March 10 (Week 7)	District Softball Gala Day	Mill Park Softball Diamonds	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed and Girls
Term 2			
April 27 th (Week 3) – June 26 th (Week 11)	Winter Sport (Football, Netball, Soccer 9's and European Handball)	Weekly Competition	Boys/Mixed & Girls
Tuesday 28 th April (Week 3)	District Cross Country (to be run with BIS)	Bundoora Park	9-12 Years Boys/Mixed and Girls
Thursday May 14 (Week 5)	District Hockey 7's Gala Day	Greensborough Hockey Club	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed & Girls
Wednesday May 27 (Week 7)	Whittlesea Division Cross Country	Bundoora Park	Top 10 from each gender/age group at District
Wednesday 17 th June (Week 10)	NMR Cross Country	Bundoora Park	9-12 Years Boys/Mixed and Girls
Monday June 15 (Week 10)	District Girls Football Gala Day	Waterview Reserve, Mernda	Year 5/6 Girls
Term 3			
TBC	Year 3/4 Basketball Gala Day	TBC	Year 3/4 Boys/Mixed & Girls
TBC	Year 5/6 Basketball Gala Day	TBC	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed & Girls
Thursday August 20 th (Week 6)	District Athletics Carnival	Meadowglen Athletics Stadium	9-12 Years Boys/Mixed and Girls
Tuesday September 8	Whittlesea Division Athletics	Meadowglen Athletics Stadium	1 st & 2 nd from each event at District
Term 4			
Wednesday October 7 (Week 1)	NMR Athletics	Meadowglen Athletics Stadium	9-12 Years Boys/Mixed & Girls
TBC	Rugby League Gala Day (Tackle & Tag)	TBC	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed & Girls
TBC	Year 3/4 T20 Blast Cricket Gala Day	Waterview Reserve, Mernda	Year 3/4 Boys/Mixed & Girls
TBC	District Battleball Gala Day	TBC	Year 5/6 Boys/Mixed & Girls

WHITTLESEA CLUBS- TERM 1

At Whittlesea Primary our staff value the relationships they develop with students. The clubs program helps build relationships beyond the classroom and provides an alternative to going out to breaks. Clubs are run throughout the year and vary each term. Please discuss the clubs program with your child and remind them which clubs are on each day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Calm Club Mrs Reid 5RM Classroom 	Board Games Mr Gordon Senior Library 	Drawing Club Peter Senior Library 		 Whittlesea World
					Chinese Club Senior Library 
Snack time	Thinker's Club Ms Betty Senior Library 	Podcasting Club Mr Hoggins Senior Library 	Karaoke Club Ms Walsh Art Room 	Sewing Club Ms Jarman/Miss Deluca ELC 	Downball Club Mr Dunstone Basketball Courts 
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SWPBS at Whittlesea Primary School

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Whittlesea Primary School (WPS) is an inclusive learning community that inspires and empowers all to strive for their personal best. The purpose of SWPBS at Whittlesea Primary School is to improve student outcomes through a safe and inclusive learning environment.

A number of components fit together to ensure that SWPBS guides our practice each day.

- School Expectations
- Acknowledgment System
- School Wide Behaviour Expectation Matrix
- School Wide Learning Expectation Matrix
- Major and Minor Behaviours
- Behaviour Flowchart

Over the next few months I will unpack the different SWPBS components to ensure that our families are familiar with all the different elements. We will also be hosting family information sessions later in the year to further unpack the SWPBS program. Look out for these dates in future newsletters. This week, we begin with revisiting our school expectations.

School Expectations



The school expectations underpin the SWPBS framework across the school. The expectations guide the language used for both positive re-enforcement and when dealing with behaviour issues.

At WPS we have three school expectations.

- Respect Your School
- Do Your Best
- Help others Succeed

Our expectations underpin all our conversations around what we expect from our students. We use the expectations to frame positive acknowledgments, explicitly teach expected behaviours and to question students whether their actions represent our expectations.

For example, we may say, "Thank you for picking up that piece of rubbish. That shows me that you are respecting our school." Another example that focuses on reflecting back on action might be: "What could you have done differently to help our class succeed during this activity?" Conversations are always framed positively and focus on changing future actions.

Next week, I will unpack the Behaviour Matrix.

Have a great week.

Betty Tzelepis – Student Wellbeing Leader.

Rescheduled Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic

Who: Foundation families and school staff

When: Tuesday 3rd March,
5:00- 6:00pm



What to Bring: Your family, picnic rug, nibbles, drinks and a teddy!

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Foundation Teachers
Chantelle Capito, Jo Vitale, Carli Scoberg



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Kilmore Miniature Railway

Run entirely by volunteers of the Community for the Community
President: John Thexton

Hon. Secy. Dianne Le Quiniat

Teddy Bears Picnic **Saturday 29th February 2020** **10am until 1pm**

in White Street just north of the Leisure Centre



Bring your Teddy for a ride on the train
to get him in the mood before the JUDGING BEGINS AT 12.30PM
Face painting - BBQ sausages

PRIZES FOR THE BEST BEARS IN EACH CATEGORY

Categories are:- Oldest, Happiest, Saddest, Largest, Smallest, Most loved,
Best Dressed, Best Handmade, Most Personality, Most Like its owner

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