

Issue 7–12th March, 2020

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

The coronavirus is the topic of conversation across our community at present. It is a little hard to comprehend the prospect of school closures and other significant actions as mentioned recently in the mainstream media. The fact is that some schools in Australia have taken this action and our state leaders are discussing closures becoming a reality for more schools. In relation to any possible closure of Whittlesea Primary School into the future, this decision will be made on the recommendation of Victoria's Chief Health Officer. Once and if this occurs, DHHS will inform the Department of Education and Training, and they will then work with the school to implement the closure. If this were to eventuate, understandably many of our families would be left with questions regarding their child's schooling. Our priority will be to maintain communication with our families and do whatever is possible to continue the learning journey for our students.



Further to the existing travel bans, the Commonwealth Government has updated travel restrictions this week.

The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from Republic of Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements.

Some of our students and families may be affected by the travel advice, and I'd encourage you to support each other.

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Here are some tips that we all can follow:

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
3. Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating.

Please refer to the Department's [coronavirus web page](#) for the latest advice and information.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

MARCH

March 13	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 5 Year 2 Local Library Excursion
March 16	Whole School Photos
March 17	Foundation 2021 Evening
March 18	Year 6 Local Excursion
March 19	Year 1 Local Excursion
March 20	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 6 Harmony Day
March 26	School Cross Country
March 27	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 7 Final Day of Term 1 (2.30pm Finish)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

14th March
Margaret 02S
Melinda 02S

15th March
Dahlia 040
Joesph 040

16th March
Gabby 02M
Kaven 03M

17th March
Cooper 040

18th March
Matthew 040
Madelyn 05R

19th March
Ciara 01P



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

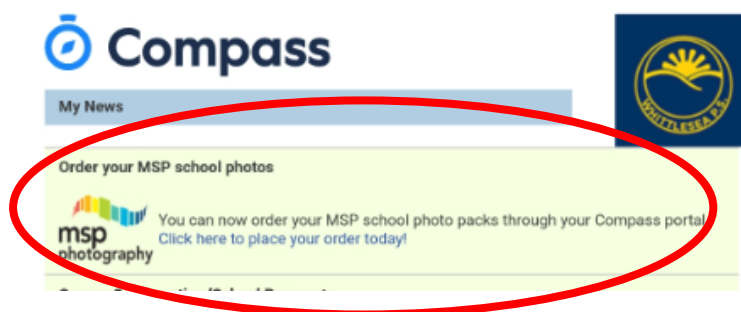
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. The matinee and evening performances will again be held at Melbourne Arena on Saturday 12th September 2020 and filmed for a television broadcast in December. On Tuesday, our dance group, supported by Miss Walsh, attended the first of four rehearsals. This year's theme is a culmination of the history of the spectacular.



On Wednesday, our House Captains enjoyed a day on the green down at the Whittlesea Bowls Club. Despite the renovations happening all around them they managed a fun day out and some friendly competition between local schools.



Next Monday is School Photo day. Our school photography provider, MSP photography have now aligned with Compass and as such, all online ordering of school photos can be completed through your Compass dashboard. You will have received an email from MSP photography outlining the change and a Newsfeed should appear in your Compass dashboard as shown below.



In planning for Monday, 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.

<https://whittleseaps.vic.edu.au/parents/#uniform>

There are few important points to note when ordering your school photos. Firstly, if you are a family with three or more children, you only pay for **TWO** children when ordering the **Premium or Classic packs**. You will notice this when ordering from the drop down menu to add to your cart. Follow the prompts thereafter and proceed with payment.

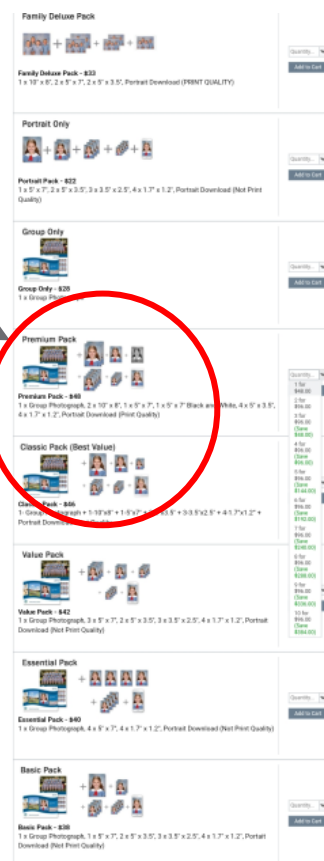
Secondly, if you would like to order a **SIBLING PHOTO**, this must be ordered online by **MIDNIGHT this Sunday**.

Finally, please keep in mind that while it is not necessary that you order and pay for your photos before Monday, there will only be a short window after Monday to order at the online advertised prices. After the proofing stage is complete, MSP will send a reminder email about the cut-off date for ordering at the advertised prices. After this time, you will still be able to order your child's photos however this will incur an additional \$20 fee per order.

In closing for this week, just a general reminder to check your child's clothing is clearly labelled. There are a lot of unnamed and unclaimed bomber jackets and polar fleece school jumpers in the office that we will be selling off over the last two weeks of term for \$2 per item. Keep an eye out on FB for the day and location. Our community leaders clear the lost property box every day and return **named** items to classrooms. Your support with this will help us to return your child's clothing to them promptly.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1925-1927 – Renovations

In 1925, Stanley J. Stainsby became the next head teacher of Whittlesea State School. The school had contracted in numbers and Stainsby had a junior teacher (with good qualifications) as his staff. “Young folks are scarce in the district” said *The Advertiser*, 24 December 1925. The same article reported that the local area had a “fruit crops a failure”. In 1926, swimming classes just for boys had begun. The front fence was removed. In March 1927, Whittlesea State School beat Humevale State School by an innings and four runs at cricket. Stainsby's wife Nellie, taught the pupils sewing. But the big story of the time was the remodelling.



From the beginning of 1927, the teaching and learning was conducted in the recently completed Memorial hall in Church Street (close to where IGA is now). Pupils from the senior classes were responsible for their junior buddies' education, at least for routine “work”. This innovation must have cemented the senior pupils' learning because all 11 candidates passed the end of year Merit exam.

The Advertiser, 24 June 1927, wrote: “On Friday afternoon (17 June) the recently remodelled school premises were officially opened by Mr W. H. Everard, M.L.A., in the presence of a large gathering of parents and past pupils and visitors. The remodelling, which provides up-to-date lighting facilities (not electrical) and other improvements, was only recently completed after being promised since 1918. The scholars, trained by Mrs Morris, a voluntary helper, gave an entertaining programme. ... Mr Everard congratulated the parents, teachers and children on the improvements, which had been a long time coming. Addressing the children, he implored them to ‘play the game’ at home, in sport and in school.” At the end of 1927, Stainsby left to take up the head teacher role at Briar Hill State School (near Greensborough).

To be continued.

SWPBS at Whittlesea Primary School

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Positive Reinforcements

Positive acknowledgement of behaviour is a fundamental component to SWPBS. Research indicates that you can improve behaviour by 80% by pointing out what someone is doing correctly. At WPS we acknowledge positive behaviours in several ways.

6 to 1

All staff at WPS are expected to use 6 positives to 1 corrective interaction. Recognizing students for following rules, directives, directions, participating, etc., is one of the most effective tools for managing, promoting, and correcting undesired behaviours.



Golden Tickets

Golden Tickets are an important aspect of our whole school Positive Behaviour Support. Staff hand out Golden Tickets when students have demonstrated our school expectations. The Golden Tickets are a form of acknowledgement, a simple and instant way to acknowledge the positive behaviour displayed by a student. The primary purpose is to acknowledge and reinforce the behaviour that the student has demonstrated. The Golden Ticket is not the focus. Golden Tickets can be redeemed at Whittlesea World on Fridays at first break. At Whittlesea World students can redeem their tickets for a variety of items, including: the ever popular, "Principal for a Day", stationary, erasable pens, musical instruments, juggling balls, sporting equipment marbles and even 'Double Dares'.



Name:	_____
Date:	_____ Class: _____
Teacher:	_____
Respect Your School <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do Your Best <input type="checkbox"/>	
Help Others Succeed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other school wide acknowledgment systems include:

- Principal's Awards – awarded at whole school assemblies
- Star of the Week – awarded weekly at year level Friday catch up's
- Monthly Learning Legend – awarded at whole school assemblies



Positive acknowledgments occur continuously in classrooms and around the school. Classes collectively design and implement a positive acknowledgment system in their classroom, which is appropriate for the context of the class they teach. Rewards may include:

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| * Verbal Praise | * Spot Awards | * Thumbs Up |
| * Personal Check In | * Sticker/Stamps | * Raffle Tickets |
| * Whole Class Reward | | |

Staff may also use other strategies such as writing a special letter, a Boostergram, writing a positive chronicle on COMPASS or making a phone call to parents/carers.

This week perhaps you might like to try and use the 6:1 positive interactions at home.

Have a great week.

Betty Tzelepis – Student Wellbeing Leader.

Legend of the Month



Foundation	Jackson Ring	For always stretching his words when writing a sentence.
Year 1	Ethan Carter	For being enthusiastic about learning and improving his reading and sight words.
Year 2	Indiana Ward	For demonstrating excellence when preparing her holiday PowerPoint.
Year 3	Ruby Barker	For writing a convincing persuasive text about why the canteen should not be open every day. Fantastic effort Ruby!
Year 4	Penny Tsahourdidis	For making outstanding growth in addition and subtraction!
Year 5	Jaspa Lister	For showing outstanding creativity in writing and working hard on his personal learning goals.
Year 6	Harry Burgess	For being an independent and self-driven learner when completing his reading goal of identifying the setting and culture in narratives.
Specialist – Physical Education	Seth Beeston	Continually doing his best in Physical Education.



STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

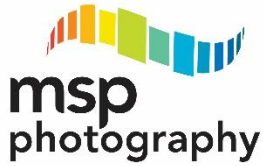
VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal – Round 1

On Tuesday 10th March, our dedicated mass dance students arrived at school nice and early and boarded the bus to head to their first rehearsal at St Albans Meadows Primary School. Everyone was excited, some nervous, but all of them were definitely eager to get there and get started! As soon as we arrived, it was time to learn! The girls learnt a total of 5 dances in only 3 ½ hours!! The choreographer (Deon) said he was extremely impressed with how well they all picked it up and he said that even professional dancers would find this much choreography tricky to learn. So I would like to congratulate the girls on a SPECTACULAR effort! This is only the beginning and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us at the next rehearsal!!

Amy Walsh
VSSS Coordinator



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Hi There,

We're excited to capture new memories for Whittlesea Primary School at your upcoming photo day on **Monday 16th March!**

2020 school photos are ready to order **now** through the Compass Portal. **Ordering is quick and easy!**

To place your order, make sure you have your login details handy! **If you're unsure of your login details, please contact the school for assistance.** Once you've logged in, you'll need to follow a few easy steps! [Click here for our simple, online ordering guide.](#)

If you're too busy right now, that's not a problem. Online ordering will be available until photo day.

While you're logged on, Sibling Photos are also available to order through Compass. Sibling orders must be ordered online by midnight **before** school photo day.

Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their photo at the allocated time slot.

It's our job to ensure that Life Is Easier with MSP, and we're here to help.

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact our friendly team on 9466 7331 or by email admin.nem@msp.com.au

Get your smiles ready!

Kind regards,

The Team at MSP North East Melbourne.

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WITH MSP**



HARMONY DAY



HARMONY WEEK

CELEBRATES HOW ALL
OF OUR DIFFERENCES
MAKE AUSTRALIA A
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

HARMONY.GOV.AU



On Friday the **20th of March** the S.R.C. are inviting all students to celebrate Harmony week.

We would like you to dress in casual clothes or clothes that represent your heritage.
W.P.S. students will also participate in classroom activities celebrating cultural diversity.

Thank you for supporting our event!

Made by Chelsea, Abigail, Reece and Indi W.



everyone BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au



Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1

Wet your hands.

Put soap on
your hands.

2



3

Rub the soap over all
parts of your hands for
at least 20 seconds.



Rinse your
hands under
running water.

4



5

Dry your hands thoroughly
with disposable paper towel
or hand dryer.



Stay germ free and healthy

COMMUNITY NEWS



Whittlesea Community House

92A Church Street, Whittlesea

School holiday program

\$5.00 per session OR \$10.00 per family



MONDAY MARCH 30TH

Kids in the Kitchen 10.00am—1.00pm

Are you sick of Mum's lunchbox offerings? Take charge and learn to make unreal stuff for your own lunchbox!

TUESDAY MARCH 31ST

Pizza Box Pavers 10.00am—1.00pm

Make an amazing concrete paver using a pizza box mold and decorate it to take home. Materials provided but you can bring your favourite rocks and shells!



WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

Sew What 10.00am—1.00pm

Make bunting and bags to brighten things up—have a go using a sewing machine!

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

Homes for Forest Folk 10.00am—1.00pm

Make an amazing home for a forest dweller (fairy, goblin or gnome) using polymer clay and recycled jars!



We are a child safe place of play and learning

Bookings on 9716 3361 or wchi@whittleseach.com.au



2020 Market Dates

Saturday 21 March 10am - 2pm

Saturday 16 May 10am - 2pm

Saturday 18 July 10am - 2pm

Saturday 19 September 10am - 2pm

Saturday 21 November 10am - 2pm

Saturday 12 December 10am - 2pm

**Church of England
grounds and hall**
Corner Plenty & Wallan Roads
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