

Issue 8–19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This week you will have received two special updates regarding our school's actions in relation to the coronavirus outbreak. We're endeavouring to keep the information as concise as possible, addressing the most important 'need to knows' at the present moment. We will continue to provide updates as new information comes to hand. From this point on I promise this principal message will be 'coronavirus free'.



During the week I sent a notification to our school community regarding our school council election process. This year we welcome Kerrie Driver, Mark Caminito and Hannah McKechnie as parent representatives. We will also co-opt two new community category members at our first meeting, Lyle Winter and Annette Carle. The one DET (staff) position has been filled by our year 1 leader, Amy Perry. Thank you to those named for joining our council for the next two years.

Our Environment and Sustainability sub-committee of school council are currently working hard to plan the redevelopment of our Indigenous Garden. Through two successful grant applications we have secured funds to revitalise the space. Our students have put forward some great ideas which have been embraced as part of a concept plan. Work will hopefully proceed in the coming weeks.

This week I led our first 'Podcasting' club. Interested students have been grouped into small teams with each group preparing and recording a podcast every two weeks. Our first recording should be ready next week and we are looking for an easy solution to host the podcast so it can be accessed by our community.



## CALENDAR

### MARCH/APRIL

March 20	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 6- <b>CANCELLED</b>  Harmony Day (CASUAL CLOTHES)
March 25	<b>Breakfast Club CANCELLED</b>
March 26	School Cross Country <b>CANCELLED</b>
March 27	5/6 Interschool Sport Round 7- <b>CANCELLED</b>  <b>Final Day of Term 1 (2.30pm Finish)</b>
April 13	Public Holiday
April 14	Term 2 Commences (Tuesday)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

Alexis 05L

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Soraya 02F  
Tyrone 02S  
Zach 03M

### 25<sup>th</sup> March

Jackson 05L

### 26<sup>th</sup> March

Keira 01F

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

Aria 00V

### 29<sup>th</sup> March

Roubi 04M

### 30<sup>th</sup> March

Kevin 06G

### 31<sup>st</sup> March

Jett 06S



Last night our teachers explored Office 365 as our school's new approach in virtual learning spaces. The possibilities for collaborating online, accessing exciting resources and enhancing the way we use ICT was extremely exciting. Soon you will receive a compass event explaining the Office 365 suite and an overview of how we will be using it at Whittlesea Primary School.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

With one week to go, it has certainly been an interesting end to the school term, as our community comes to terms with the information and updates surrounding COVID-19. Further to these updates, you may have also heard in the media that all Bunning Sausage Sizzles have been postponed indefinitely. At this stage our sausage sizzle is scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Bunnings will also be cancelling all other planned in store activities until further notice, including its Easter and Mother's Day Family Nights, school holiday workshops and trade breakfasts.



Enclosed in today's newsletter, I would like to draw your attention to the DET 'personal property' policy. We understand that students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school. Please note that the Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Whittlesea Primary School does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property.

If your child would like to bring something to school to show as part of their 'share time' or they would like to use the item as a 'prop' for a project or presentation, please make your child's classroom teacher aware through Compass or by checking in at lining up time at the start of the day. This way, items of value can be stored securely until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent.

Students who ride or scoot to school are expected to leave their bike/scooter in the designated areas behind the gym and outside the senior library. All helmets should be named and students should leave these in their classrooms until the end of the day.



Finally, students who bring mobile phones to school have the option of handing their phone to the office staff to be securely stored until the end of the day or alternatively, students can hand their mobile phones directly to their classroom teacher to be securely stored.

After next week's school council I will provide an update of current school policies. These will be made available on our school website.

Tomorrow our school will celebrate Harmony Week, acknowledging Australia's cultural diversity, embracing inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. All students are welcome to come dressed in casual clothes or clothes that represent their heritage, no gold coin donation is required. Throughout the day, students will participate in classroom activities that celebrate cultural diversity.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL BANKING

### Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.





# Personal Property Policy

## PURPOSE

To explain Whittlesea Primary School's policy in relation to personal property and to ensure that special or valuable items of personal property are not brought to school.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all school activities, including camps and excursions.

## POLICY

Whittlesea Primary School understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school.

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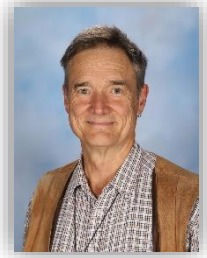
Whittlesea Primary School encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they may be confiscated at the Principal's discretion and stored securely at in the school office until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent.

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 27/01/2020 and is scheduled for review in January/2023.

## **School History 1928-1930 – Looking Outward**



In 1928, William B. Campbell, Head Teacher from 1928 to 1940, began his tenure at the School. He gave special attention to the school gardens and lawns, so much so that the school won the ANA prize for 'Best Kept School Garden' in 1930. From the start, Campbell promoted social care activities through the Junior Red Cross and encouraged his pupils to raise funds for this, wheeling a produce cart through Whittlesea to sell school community donations. His wife taught singing, painting and pastel work. The following are five newspaper articles published during this period of Campbell's early stint at the school.

### **Advertiser Friday 23 March 1928 p 4 Article**

"The Whittlesea State School held its annual picnic-at Royal Park Zoo. A special train was chartered and the arrangements were all that could be desired. In previous years road transport had been patronised, but as a result of representation made by the Railway Department, a decision was made to use the railway service. Unfortunately the weather was showery and, to a certain extent, marred the day's enjoyment."

### **Advertiser Friday 11 May 1928 p 4 Article**

"Mr W. B. Campbell, head teacher Whittlesea school, gave an interesting lecture in the Methodist Church on May 3, the subject being his travels round the world. A good audience was present and the funds of the Methodist Church benefited as a result. The evening was concluded with a coffee supper. The Rev. W. Allsop presided."

### **Advertiser Friday 18 May 1928 p 3 Article**

"WHITTLESEA. Thirty school teachers from the districts surrounding Whittlesea attended a group meeting at the Whittlesea School on Friday. The meeting was arranged by Mr. A. W. Russell, B.A., district inspector, and Mr. Chambers, art instructor of Melbourne, was present and gave an interesting demonstration of pastel drawing which has been recently introduced into Victorian schools."

### **Advertiser Friday 15 November 1929 p 4 Article**

"The status of the Whittlesea School has been raised to third class standard. Mr. W. B. Campbell, the head teacher, has received promotion accordingly, and therefore is remaining in charge."

### **Advertiser Friday 17 October 1930 p 7 Article**

"WHITTLESEA. The district State schools collected about 226 dozen eggs for the Melbourne Hospital Appeal. Master Claude Batten, of the Whittlesea School, was responsible for 41 dozen."

To be continued.



# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Adeline Johnson</b> For: Consistently showing all of the school expectations every day.
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: <b>Isabelle King</b> For: Consistently doing her best on all learning tasks.
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: <b>Chaz Mackenzie</b> For: Helping others succeed with their learning and being kind.
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Tanah Davis</b> For: Increasing her Oxford Words and recognising them in texts.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Charlie Krueger</b> For: Helping others succeed with their learning and transitioning between classes.
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: <b>Sehaj Grewal</b> For: His outstanding learning in Mathematics this week.
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Will Bassett</b> For: Demonstrating persistence and perseverance when completing all of his learning tasks this week. Excellent work Will!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Harrison King</b> For: Consistently applying himself when completing learning tasks! You are a SUPERSTAR Harrison!
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Stevie Mckechnie</b> For: Continually trying her best during all learning tasks. Keep up the good work!
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: <b>Indi Barker</b> For: Always living the school values.
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: <b>Mason Murnane</b> For: Always challenging himself to complete his learning to the best of his ability.
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Jessica Chalmers</b> For: Consistently putting in a great effort – and getting results in writing and maths.
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: <b>Brody Delaroy</b> For: Accepting the challenge of learning and striving to achieve his personal learning goals.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: <b>Aryanne Lawson</b> For: Successfully demonstrating reading strategies during reading tasks
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: <b>Sarah Mavric</b> For: Consistently displaying our school expectations. Well done Sarah!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Sophie Winter</b> For: Crafting cohesive and coherent ideas in her writing.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: <b>Jackson Burgiel</b> For: Making amazing strides in Maths, Reading and Writing.
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Max Ackroyd</b> For: Always willing to share her ideas with the class. She is focused on achieving her best in every aspect of her learning and encourages her classmates to do the same. Congratulations!

Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>LeTia Redpath</b> For: Continuing her learning while on holidays, by completing a diary, graphs and travel computations.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>David Bernardi</b> For: Thoroughly researching the performance of companies in his portfolio to be a successful investor.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: <b>Darcy Laird</b> For: doing a thorough job researching companies for his sharemarket portfolio.





# SCHOOL TOUR & INFORMATION SESSIONS

**9am Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**2pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2020**

**Limited positions available**

**Please call the school on**  
**9716 2140 to secure your place or to**  
**enquire for Term 2 dates**

**2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

**NOW OPEN**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**

**SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

**RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL – DO YOUR BEST – HELP OTHERS SUCCEED**





## 2020 Market Dates

### POSTPONED TO

Saturday 18 April 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  
Whittlesea***

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