

Issue 9–26th March, 2020

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Term 1 holidays are upon us in the most unusual and worrying of circumstances. Never before have we concluded a term early on such short notice. We appreciate the stress this has caused with families having to quickly plan for their child's care while they work, be it onsite or from home.



Our school has been tasked with the challenge of developing a plan for transitioning to remote learning in the event that we cannot return to school for the commencement of term 2. Despite the short timeframe, our teachers and staff have been amazing in coming together and achieving great things. We have been developing screencast for the students to view and creating YouTube channels with banks of instructional videos. These include teachers reading stories, teaching concepts and more. The work is innovative and prepares us as well as we can for the prospect of remote learning.

Over the past two weeks you've received numerous updates and I can appreciate there is an information overload. By the end of the week you will have received an email through Compass from your child's classroom teacher with their key passwords for learning resources. The most important is their username and password to Microsoft Office 365. The Teams application will be the hub for our future learning.

In other news, you may have noted late last week we had the support of Shannon Batten who is the youth resource officer with Mill Park Police. Shannon was at school late in the day to remind students of the expectations for safe bike and scooter use when travelling to and from school. Helmets are a non-negotiable – they must be worn. It is also important for our students to respect the safety of other pedestrians when travelling along paths. This applies not only to the areas immediately surrounding our school, but in the middle of the town also. Please encourage your child to be considerate of others when using bikes and scooters.

CALENDAR

APRIL

April 14	Student Free Day
April 15	Term 2 Commences (Wednesday)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

2nd April

Spencer 02S
Brianna 05L

3rd April

Summer 00S

4th April

Amiity 01D
Nicole 02F

6th April

Hamish 00S
Harlenn 03M

7th April

Madison 02M
Lara 05R
Kaiden 06M

8th April

Dante 01F

9th April

Willem 06G
Xavier 06M

10th April

Nevah 01F
Piper 01P
Ryder 06G

11th April

Hunter 06M

13th April

Hanah 02M
Nate 04M
Pearl 06M



School council recently endorsed a range of policies that are mandatory and require school council approval across a 12 month to 2 year period. These policies are essential to our schools operations and are a requirement of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). These policies will be updated on our school website in the coming weeks.

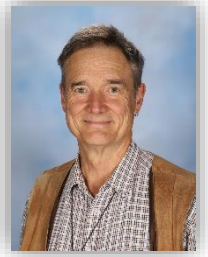
- Cash Handling Policy
- CCTV Policy
- Electronic Funds Management Policy
- Fundraising Policy
- Hardship Policy
- Parent Payment Policy
- Petty Cash Policy
- School Purchasing Card Policy
- School Uniform Policy
- Sun Smart Policy

To conclude – a sincere thank you to our wonderful school community for your support and messages of gratitude over the past term. Your acknowledgement of the hard work and effort under the current circumstances has been well received. It has been our view to maintain normality as much as possible, remain committed to the learning and care for our students and their families' wellbeing. I hope you've found our correspondence timely and appropriate given the circumstances. We wish you all the best for the holiday period. Be safe, observe the advice being shared from our leaders and we look forward to returning to a productive term 2 in whatever form it takes.

Kind regards,

Ty Hoggins & Rae Gittos
Principal Team

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 1931-1932 – Comings and Goings

We must remember that Whittlesea and Australia in general (and most of the World) was slowly recovering from the Great Depression. It took Australia ten years to properly recover from it. Money and jobs were scarce. Having a position in a school was a wonderful privilege and teachers moved about the state in order to advance their professional position. I found a lot of *Advertiser* newspaper articles reporting on these 'transfers' including fundraising initiatives in a cash-strapped society. I'll include some of these below and others in the next issue of term 2.

"The Whittlesea State School Children's Hospital "Cot Fund" received £3/11/11 to make up the total necessary for a presentation cot." [Friday 21 August 1931 p 3]

"A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Whittlesea School on Friday, the occasion being a farewell concert to Miss McKernan, who has resigned after four years at Whittlesea School. Miss McKernan, who is to be married shortly, was presented with an auto tray from the parents and scholars. A large number of parents attended and a splendid programme was given by the children. The proceeds from admission are being applied to the special appeal being made this month by the school for the Children's Hospital." [Friday 8 July 1932 p 5 Article] (J.W. Payne lists Lucy McKernan 1928-1932 as a Junior Teacher)

"Whittlesea School met a combined team from Yan Yean and Mernda schools on Friday on the Yan Yean ground. The result was a drawn game, the final scores being: Whittlesea. 7-12; Yah Yean-Mernda, 8-6." [Friday 29 July 1932 p 4]

"The scholars of the Whittlesea State School raised £11/10/- for the Children's Hospital. The bulk of the amount was raised through the efforts of four boys, Bruce Smith, Claude Batten, Archie Funston and Allan McKernan. Starting off with a few things in their baskets they called on everybody, selling and receiving gifts." [Friday 12 August 1932 p 2]

"The prize money (£1) won by the scholars of the Whittlesea State School at the recent Whittlesea show for exhibits of flowers from the school garden, has been donated to the Lord Mayor's Save Our Hospitals Appeal." [Friday 18 November 1932 p 2]

To be continued.

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Danny Bux For: Always helping others succeed with a big smile on his face.
Foundation S Scoberg	Awarded to: Summer Mortimer For: Always showing our school expectation of respect your school in the classroom.
Foundation C Capito	Awarded to: Polly Krueger For: Consistently doing her best in all that she does.
Year 1P Perry	Awarded to: Noah Henning For: Applying himself and achieving personal best learning in mathematics.
Year 1D De Luca	Awarded to: River Toulson For: Learning all of the Oxford words he's been practising this term.
Year 1FD Fontana/Dunstone	Awarded to: William Watt For: Doing fantastic learning and identifying the 'final e' sound.
Year 2F Fawcett	Awarded to: Indiana Ward For: Demonstrating excellence and doing her best when completing learning tasks!
Year 2S McCormick	Awarded to: Margaret Gittos For: Writing an incredible recount about the Brickworks incursion. Well done Margaret!
Year 2M Merritt	Awarded to: Angus Argote For: Producing amazing writing by adding details, adjectives and editing his learning
Year 3CP Cook/Pearce	Awarded to: Heidi Gallenti For: Always helping me succeed 😊
Year 3M Mason	Awarded to: Archie McDonald For: Helping others succeed during reading sessions this week and teaching us how to do new things on ICT.
Year 3W Wright	Awarded to: Chase Harrison For: Consistently putting in a great effort in all learning tasks.
Year 4P Powell	Awarded to: Harper Pitts For: Making outstanding growth in reading this term.
Year 4O Overton	Awarded to: Franky Burgess For: Writing a sensational persuasive text.
Year 4M Mondon	Awarded to: Nate Jennings For: Trying his best when learning to identify and compare different types of angles. Well done Nate!
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Emma Rodgers For: Consistently refining her ideas in writing.
Year 5L Leslie	Awarded to: Armani Lister For: Demonstrating amazing knowledge of Factors and Multiples.
Year 5RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Lulu Sobh For: Her focus on achieving her learning goals and for consistently supporting those around her to succeed.
Year 6G Gorski	Awarded to: Jade Mavric For: Always striving to excel and extend her learning in all curriculum areas.
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: Fiona Polifroni For: Completing all her schoolwork to a high level and fitting in well to her new school.
Year 6S Smith	Awarded to: Gemma Lever For: Demonstrating confidence and enthusiasm when performing our bookwork learning song



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