

Issue 3– 18th February 2021

PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

What an unusual week. When our last newsletter was published our week ahead looked like business as usual with a clear path ahead. Unfortunately, that wasn't to be. We became aware of the pending 'circuit breaker lockdown' through the Premier's press conference in the early afternoon on Friday. Our team swung into action and we were able to prepare for remote and flexible learning once again. In particular, congratulations to our staff who assembled learning packs for every foundation child so there was a direction for learning. Thank you also to our amazing teachers who supported onsite provision for a small group of children early in the week. Thankfully, our school has returned to normal today and we have a sea of 400 happy faces eager to learn.

To our families – well done again on continuing your child's learning from home. A shorter lockdown meant that there was a direction for learning with less formalised tasks and meetings. We hope the materials provided by the teachers were helpful. No matter what the situation with lockdowns and other restrictions, the core of learning is around strong literacy and numeracy skills. Engaging students in rich conversations around things they are experiencing or interested in develops strong oral language. A regular and uninterrupted period of independent reading is also vital, as is engaging students in comprehension conversations. Ask your child about the main idea of the text, what details were shared and the standard W prompts – who, what, when, where and why! In developing numeracy skills – mathematics is all around us. It is counting how many objects are in the jar, creating a calendar to count down to key events or estimating and calculating change from a transaction at a shop. We're all teachers and there are opportunities to embrace a love of learning each and every day.

At the beginning of each year several places on our school council become available. Each elected position has a tenure of 2 years. At the conclusion of this period the role becomes advertised broadly. This year we have 5 parent and 2 DET employee positions to fill. Thank you to Josh Parks, Bianca Wright, Scott Powell, Sharon Caddy and Susan Leeson whose positions are currently concluding. These parents have contributed to the great work of our council, collaborating on policy development, financial management, fundraising and general school governance. These parents are welcome to nominate for a further 2-year position and we also welcome new nominations from our parent community.

If you are interested in nominating to serve on our school council please come to the office and collect a nomination form. If there are more nominations than there are vacancies, we will proceed to an election over the coming weeks.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



CALENDAR

February 19 th	Round 2- 5/6 Interschool sport
February 25 th	District Swimming Carnival
March 1 st	Whole School Photos

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

15th February
Harvey OOP
Ruby 5/6L
Xavier 5/6RM

16th February
Flynn 3/40

18th February
Baylin 5/6P

19th February
Necati 02S

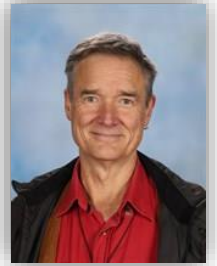
20th February
Ellie 00V

23rd February
Jasmine 02C
Lily 5/6G

24th February
Finn 00V

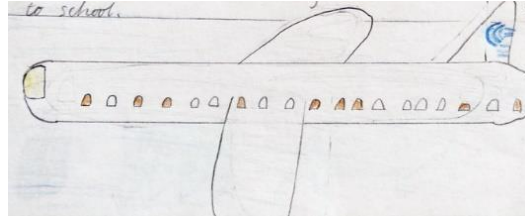
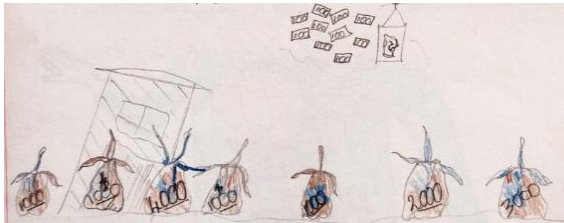


Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 1991 – At School 2

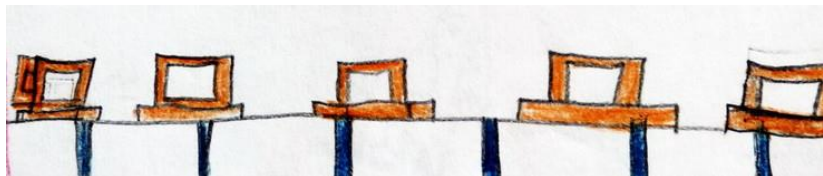
This is part two of descriptions of school life in “At School 1991”, a handmade booklet by the grade 3’s and 4’s, found in the time capsule that was opened in 2016. This article shares the pages covering fundraising, excursions, camps and specialist subjects.



“Can Collection (Jesse Van Weenen): Every year we have an aluminium can collection. We see which school gets the most cans. One year our school got 50,000 cans and we won a prize of \$1000 and a trophy of a crushed can.”

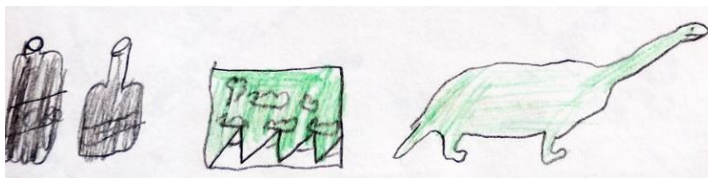
“Excursions: Each year we go on school excursions. We went to Tullamarine airport on our last excursion. We got to go on an aeroplane but it didn’t go anywhere. Everyone got some little tags that you put on your baggage. The lady at Ansett Airlines also gave Mr Miller some cards, booklets and stickers to give to us when we got back to school.” (Phillip Miller a teacher 1983-2003)

“Camp (Christopher Blewitt): Last year I went on the 3/4 camp to Phillip Island. We called into Coal Creek on the way. We stayed at Koala Park. We visited the Penguins, Seal Rocks, Nobbies, San Remo, Shelly Beach and Churchill Island. It was good fun. I wish I can go again.”



“Computers: Mr Rees is our computer teacher. He lets us play Granny’s Garden, scavenger Hunt and other games. There’s usually two people on each computer. We have a lot of disks and 16 computers there, Commodore 64s.” (Jim Rees a teacher 1991-1995)

“In the computer room: On every Tuesday, we have computers in the computer room. I like playing games and learning to use computers. I especially like a game called Granny’s Garden.”



“At Art (Jim): At art our teacher Mrs Tayler gives us lot of things to do. My favourite thing is to make things out of plastic bottles. We sometimes make paper mache. We paint, draw, sticking, folding and I am art monitor for Mrs Taylor.” (Lois Taylor a teacher 1976-1991)

“PE: Every Friday grade 3 and 4 have Phys Ed or PE for short. At PE we practise throwing and catching, jumping, and hitting balls with cricket bats and rounders bats. We also do athletics, gymnastics, dance and ball games.”

To be continued...

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Mia Mellford For: doing her best with all of her learning. You superstar, Mia! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Koby Charles For: always trying his best when learning.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Ellie White For: always helping her classmates succeed. Great work Ellie!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Aran Wild For: doing his best and being enthusiastic when learning about rhyming.
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: Hunter Withington For: demonstrating great comprehension skills when reading a text with his teacher about a sleepover party.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Jake Beeston For: doing his best on his 'A monster sent me a letter' classroom work.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Harry Winter For: Approaching his learning with enthusiasm and being a co-operative class member.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Ace Forden For: being super focused during learning time and not letting himself get distracted!
Year 2S Smith	Awarded to: Sehaj Grewal For: excellent skip counting while playing last man standing.
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Lexie Richmond For: making an effort to say kind and encouraging things to others
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Emma Lord For: sharing her opinions and ideas with confidence during class meetings. Well done Emma! 😊
Year 3/4O Overton	Awarded to: Branson Aponso For: taking pride in his learning and book work. Well Done Branson!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Max Blundell For: doing his best at all times. Great work!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Isobel Cillia For: Isobel is receiving STAR of the week for having a fantastic week of learning for being persistent and completing her learning with a positive mindset. Great work Isobel!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Sylvia Hallam For: setting herself personal learning goals and asking questions to clarify her skills and understandings.
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Clancy Bowlen For: always demonstrating our school value of 'Do Your Best' when completing all learning tasks. Well Done Clancy.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Memphis Tofte Su'a For: focusing on her learning tasks and confidently sharing her ideas.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Amber Hall For: her outstanding persistence in completing her assigned tasks
Year 5/6L Leslie	Awarded to: Jordan Heyman For: using creativity and description in his writing
PE Mr Hough	Awarded to: Jett Dyer For: his teamwork and cooperation skills in PE. Great start to the year Jett!
The Arts Ms Walsh	Awarded to: Oscar King For: consistently demonstrating our school expectation of 'Do your Best' during his Arts learning time. Keep it up Oscar!

Ordering Now Open!



Whittlesea PS Photo Day Monday 1st March 2021

Class Group Style

Ordering can be made through
your Compass Portal,
via your email link
Alternatively log into your
Compass Portal and follow the link
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Place your order soon to ensure our best pricing!

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Available for students with siblings at school
Family photo orders can only be made through
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by 11.59pm the day Before Photo Day.



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SPORTS REPORT

Hot Shot Tennis

On Friday the 12th of February, the Boys and Girls Panthers Hot Shot Tennis teams played St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Both our teams were not victorious, but our players displayed amazing 'Sportsmanship' qualities throughout the competition.

The laughter, enthusiasm and camaraderie were event all morning, as our tennis players umpired, competed, and supported each other. We are looking forward to developing our forehands, backhands and serving skills at training.

The Whittlesea Primary School community should be exceptionally proud of our tennis players, overcoming any issues with a positive mindset and our 'Sportsmanship' shined throughout the morning. Both Panthers teams enjoyed themselves immensely and doesn't our Gym look amazing!

Last Friday, our Cougar Tennis Teams versed Ashley Park Primary School on their school grounds. Our tennis players demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and did their personal and teams' best. We had three winners in single-player matches and two winners in doubles competitions. Well Done, WPS Cougars!



Cricket

Last week we had our first round of interschool sport for the week, and our panthers cricket teams played at home against St. Joseph's at Walker Reserve. The girls match was played in a wonderful spirit, with both teams demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and a desire to learn. In the end, our girls won the match 139 – 76.

The boys also played well, and the report from St. Joseph's teacher was that our boys demonstrated our school expectations to a high level throughout the game. At the end of the match, our boys won 110 – 70. Congratulations to all of our panthers cricket players for a wonderful first round!

Teeball

The Cougars teeball team had their very first interschool sport match last Friday against Ashley Park Primary School. We were off to a great start with the home school offering us the choice of batting or fielding first. Of course we chose to bat first and get some home runs straight away.

A highlight to our first innings was a kangaroo hopping along the road to the oval and cheering us on. The kangaroo's support certainly worked because we ended up winning the game 30 to 25. Ashley Park were great opponents and showed great sportsmanship.

It was great to see how our team came together and cheered each other on as we ran the bases and patted each other on the back when we needed it. The Cougars teeball team practised our school expectations while playing away and it certainly showed by us winning the game.

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GET ACTIVE IN 2021



Kick-off or continue your healthy habits this year by leaving the car at home and getting active. Walking, riding and scooting to school are great ways to help kids get the exercise they need for the day, ensuring they arrive to school alert and ready to learn.

Part-way is OK!
Live too far away?
Why not park your car a few blocks
from the school and walk the
rest of the way?



Walking, riding or scooting to
school has so many benefits:

- Build life-long healthy habits
- Spend quality family time together
- Socialise with other school families on the way
- Ease traffic on our roads



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