

Issue 4– 25th February 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

At Whittlesea Primary School our staff have a strong commitment to ongoing professional learning. Literacy has been a key focus of late with our teachers and support staff learning new assessment tools and using the created data to target learning programs. All our teachers are using the Fountas and Pinnell assessment tool and curriculum continuum to direct their literacy programs. Our tutors and ES staff are also learning the 'YARK' assessment for learning more about a student's needs. Your child may come home and mention that they had a reading record performed by the teacher, as this is happening across the school. Through the collation of rich data, our teaching and learning becomes individualised and specific to a child's needs. Our leadership team are also focussing student work around fluency and the importance this has for developing comprehension. When your child is engaged in nightly reading, listen to them read out loud and note their pace, tone, expression etc. All these elements are important skills and children can lose meaning by reading too slow – or fast.

A reminder that school council nomination's close tomorrow. We currently have 5 vacancies for WPS parents and I highly encourage you to consider nominating yourself or someone else. School council met just this week and numerous policies were discussed and passed through active consultation. Council perform a pivotal role in the governance of our school and their contribution is valued. Thank you to Josh Parks (current President), Sharon Caddy, Susan Leeson, Bianca Wright and Scott Powell for your contributions to council over the past 2 years.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal



CALENDAR

March 1 st	Whole School Photos
March 4 th	Chinese New Year Celebration Casual Clothes Day
March 8 th	Public Holiday Labour Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

27th February
Bailey 3/4M

28th February
Riley 3/4C
Amelia 3/4F

2nd March
Matthew 5/6RM

4th March
Jade 02S



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Today was a little bit different for me but in such a good way. I had the pleasure of cheering on our school's district swimming team at Watermarc in Greensborough. I was so proud as I watched our students compete and do their best but more importantly, how they were respectful of each other, the other competing schools and how they helped each other succeed throughout the day. Something that really stood out across all of our students was their high degree of sportsmanship and willingness to get behind each other to bring out each other's best. Thank you to Jake Hough for coordinating before school training and in particular, his overall organisation of this Bridge Inn District Swimming event for all schools involved. Well done to all of our students and congratulations to those progressing to the division swimming event in the coming weeks.



Last Friday we gratefully received a much needed donation of seedlings and soil from Mernda Bunnings and our year 3/4 classes, in making a connection to their inquiry essential question "How do we affect each other?" planted out our vegetable gardens and ELC vegepods with the support and guidance of a few parent volunteers with 'green thumbs'. The students will continue to maintain these garden beds with the support of staff and a small parent group and we look forward to putting the produce to good use later this term. Other year levels will get an opportunity to plant out the gardens throughout the year and in particular, where it aligns to their inquiry.



Thank you to Amber Forbes, Annette Carle, Abbie King, Rena Lord and Mel Parker for supporting our students and maintaining these gardens so that they may thrive.



SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday 20th March our school will host a community sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Mernda. While there are strict conditions in place to meet COVID-19 regulations, we are calling for volunteers across the day, with 4-5 people covering 2 shifts between 10.00am-4.00pm. If you are available to help between these times please contact the school office to register your interest.

Next Wednesday 4th March our school will celebrate Chinese New Year, the year of the ox. All students are encouraged to wear **RED** or **GOLD** on the day. This could be a t-shirt, hair

accessory, socks or any other item of red or gold that you have at home.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Finally a reminder that next Monday is our whole school photo day. Class photos will commence promptly at 9.00am and for those that have purchased sibling photos, these will take place later in the day. Please check your Compass dashboard for more information about packages and payments and remind your children to listen for the announcement if you have paid for a sibling photo.

All year 6 students must wear their year 6 polo and year 6 jacket for their group photo. Further to this, please ensure that your child/ren are in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** as per our school uniform policy.

More specifically, please observe the requirements for the following items of school uniform;

- School shoes/runners **ALL BLACK** (no white soles)
- White/black/navy blue socks (no logos)
- White/navy blue/gold/black hair accessories

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

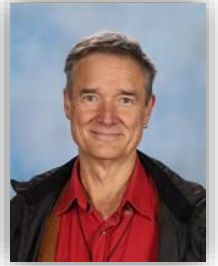
Kind regards

Rae Gittos

Assistant Principal

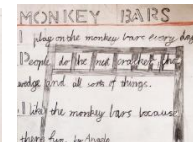
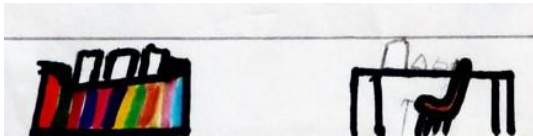
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 1991 – At School 3

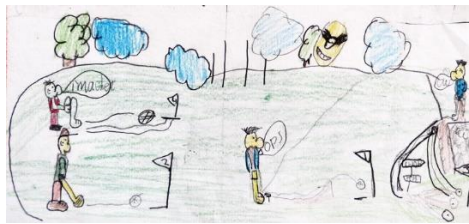
This is part three of descriptions of school life in “At School 1991”, a handmade book by the grade 3’s and 4’s, found in the time capsule that was pulled out of the ground in 2016. This time the pages of the book cover lunch orders, recess play, fetes and planned fun events. Many pages were signed by an individual student and those names are included.



“Lunch Order Day (Rebecca Lipman): Today is lunch order day. I have a lunch order every Monday and Friday. I always have chips, a raspberry sonny boy and party pies. The most popular things from our canteen are the sonny boys.”

“Play Time (Kathryn Reale): At play time I sometimes play in the dirt. At other times I play with Samantha Prescott and Leah Phelan and some other friends. Some days at playtime I go in the library and read a book. Play times are fun but not long enough.”

“Monkey Bars (Angela): I play on the monkey bars every day. People do the nut cracker choc wedge and all sorts of things. I like the monkey bars because they’re fun.”



“School Fetes (Leigh Thomas): At school we have a fete to raise money. My friends like Pat a Pet. We put our goat in it. My Favourite thing is the computer games that cost a dollar. The golf course is fun, but it takes a long time. I like the school fete.”

“Hair Day: The hair day at our school. On Monday some people had their hair dyed, or put up in strange ways dyed red. My friend Renee Daly had golden flakes, and a lot of people had scrunch in their hair.”



“Pet Parade (Paul Thompson): Every year our school has a pet parade. At the pet parade there are cats, dogs, birds, fish, lizards, caterpillars, frogs, and rabbits. Last year I took by cat Agro but she kept on scratching my arm. When the pet parade finished my dad had to take Agro home.”

“The Easter Bonnet Parade (Andrew Goodrem): We went to the Easter Bonnet Parade. We were given Easter eggs. We walked around the circle with our hats on. We did the ‘Chicken Dance’. They played music. I wore a skirt and a hat.”

To be continued...



Chinese New Year Dress Up Day The Lion Dance Incursion



Thursday 4th March

2021 

Year of the Ox

To help celebrate the Chinese New Year,
students and staff are encouraged to dress
up in RED or YELLOW (GOLD) or
Chinese costume.

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
under the 'Community' Section.



Place your order soon to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photographs

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



If you require assistance please contact us;
admin.nem@msp.com.au

SPORTS REPORT

Round 3 Fixture- 26th February

Home Team	Away Team	Tennis/Tee Ball Venue	Cricket Venue
Whittlesea P.S Panthers	Hazel Glen College	Whittlesea P.S	Walker Reserve
St. Paul's	Whittlesea P.S Cougars	St. Paul's	Waterview Reserve North

Round 2 Results

Hot Shot Tennis

On the 19th February the Whittlesea Cougars hosted Mernda for Round 2 of inter-school sport.

The hot shot tennis team enjoyed the shaded courts as we alternated boy's singles then girl's singles. Each school took on the scoring roles for our players at the time. Every player was very supportive of the opposition and their scorers. Mernda stepped up to the plate to fill in for one of our players that were absent.

We saw some great sportsmanship over the courts and the teams should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to Mernda who walked away with the win by 3 points.



Cricket

Last week the panthers cricket team played against St. Mary's at Walker reserve. St. Mary's is always a strong opponent and our games against them are always played in a great spirit, and last week was no different. The girls ended up with a draw on 81 runs each, and the boys lost 136 - 94. Although we didn't win either of our matches, our students made our community proud by demonstrating brilliant sportsmanship and teamwork throughout both matches. Well done!



Before & After School Care Weekly News

Theme calendar:

Past themes...

Feb 1-5: All about me

Feb 8-12: Health & Hygiene

Feb 15-19: Chinese New Year

Upcoming themes...

Feb 22-26: Sustainable Oceans

March 1-5: World wildlife week

March 8-12: Science week

March 15-19: Saint Patricks

Day Week

March 22-26: It's a Party week

March 29-April 2: Easter week

Week 2&3 –

During the 2nd & 3rd week of OSHC. The themes we did were health & hygiene and sustainable oceans. During Chinese New Year the students coloured in the animal the OX. We also created Chinese paper lanterns. During health and hygiene week we looked at the importance of eating healthy foods, we created our own healthy eating pyramid and created our own toothbrushes as well.

We also enjoyed some yummy food such as Nachos, Antipasto Platter, Flavoured rice cakes and Fruit Skewers.



Educators: Hayley and Lauren





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Whittlesea Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	6:45am – 9:00am	\$23.00	\$3.45 - \$23.00	\$3.91
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:30pm	\$25.00	\$3.75 - \$25.00	\$4.25
Holiday Program	7:00am – 6:30pm	\$65.00	\$9.75 - \$65.00	\$11.05
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:30pm	\$65.00	\$9.75 - \$65.00	\$11.05
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0447 542 696 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located

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OPEN INFORMATION AFTERNOON

12-2pm, SUNDAY

14th MARCH 2021

Whittlesea Agricultural
Society Administration
Building, Gate 1 McPhees
Road, Whittlesea

(03) 9716 2835

info@whittleseashow.org.au

Did you know the Whittlesea Agricultural Society
is a non profit volunteer organisation?



Come along to our open afternoon and speak with us about the Whittlesea Agricultural Society Council. Hear about our upcoming events & social outings and chat with Whittlesea Show Superintendents.

Free sausage sizzle & heritage display
We look forward to welcoming you!

Heritage • Art • Photography • Animal Nursery • Attractions • Homecrafts
Cattle • Poultry • Sheep • Young Person's Competition • Horses • Education
Farm & Garden • Beef Herd • Trade Space • Works • Woodchop • Food Expo
Fun & Games • Rural Ambassador • Horticulture



Reconnect with your community

COMMUNITY CATCH-UP CUPPA

FREE
MORNING
TEA



WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY GARDEN
LAUREL ST WHITTLESEA
10.30 - 11.30AM
THURSDAY
4th March & 1st April
ALL WELCOME



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



For more information and tips on how
to stay active in the City of Whittlesea
visit the Active Whittlesea Facebook page.
[Facebook.com/ActiveWhittlesea](https://www.facebook.com/ActiveWhittlesea)



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