

Issue 10– 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Our term started on Monday with a new approach to parent teacher interviews. Learning conferences at the beginning of Term 2 allowed our teachers to draw on a full term of learning when sharing student progress, achievement of learning goals and future learning direction. Students need to have ownership or 'agency' in their learning, and for this reason they were active participants in the learning conferences. Later in Term 3 the next round of conferences will be more student led, with a focus on sharing evidence of achievement. We welcomed parent feedback through the shared form and note that many parents would like to have student learning evidence more prominent in these Semester 1 learning conferences. This feedback was appreciated and next year we will incorporate into the planning a greater focus on student's presenting their learning from Term 1.

If you were unable to attend your scheduled appointment or would like the opportunity to speak further with your child's teacher, please call the office and arrange a mutually convenient time.

We are excited for next Friday and a return to whole school events with our House Athletics Carnival. It will be the third time we have taken our entire student group to Meadowglen Athletics Stadium in Epping. Having missed last year, this year should be a great opportunity to showcase our school's physical education program and promote healthy competition with students representing their house in various track and field events. Go Dhulin!



## CALENDAR

April 30	School Athletics Carnival
	5/6 Interschool Sport- <b>BYE</b>
May 7	Round 2- 5/6 Interschool Sport

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**17<sup>th</sup> April**  
Paige 02S

**18<sup>th</sup> April**  
Dylan 00M  
Tygue 3/4F

**20<sup>th</sup> April**  
Taylor 3/4W

**21<sup>st</sup> April**  
Noah 3/4C  
Riley 3/4O

**24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Lujayn 01C  
Salah 01JA  
Dunja 01M  
Addie 3/4W

**26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Lucas 00P

**27<sup>th</sup> April**  
Elayah 3/4C

**29<sup>th</sup> April**  
Elliot 01C





# HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

**Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium**



Spectators welcome

Students come dressed in house colours with a packed lunch and drink bottle





This week we welcomed Andrea Evans to our teaching staff. Andrea is an experienced teacher having taught physical education, primary and secondary programs. Andrea will lead our junior PE program and share a senior primary class with Jake Leslie who transitions into a combined classroom/senior PE role. Welcome Andrea to the Whittlesea Primary team.

Welcome back for an exciting term of learning ahead.

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. It was wonderful to see so many students and their parents/carers at our Learning Conferences on Monday. These conferences provided students, parents/carers and teachers with an opportunity to reflect on the learning from term one and set learning goals for this term. Thank you to those families that have already completed our feedback form. If you would like to provide feedback on our learning conferences you can do so [here](#).



On Monday, many of you will have collected a set of login/password details for your child. When accessing [Essential Assessments](#) you will be prompted for a **School Code**. Our school code is: **WPS3757**. If you did not receive your child's login details please email your child's teacher via Compass and they can either send the details home or email them through.

A number of school policies have been updated in line with the DET policy guidelines. These policies are available on our school website. I would like to draw your attention, in particular, to our school *Mobile Phones-Student Use policy*. This policy is mandatory in all DET primary and secondary schools and was ratified at the March school council meeting after lengthy consultation. In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy](#) issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Whittlesea Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

At Whittlesea Primary School, for the purposes of this policy, *“mobile phone” refers to mobile phones and any other device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches. Smart watches with the capacity to make calls, text or take photos or videos should be treated as a mobile phone.*

We acknowledge that many students have mobile phones and wear smart watches to school to communicate with parents for before and after school travel, however, students who choose to bring mobile phones (including smart watches) to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, either in their locker or in a secure lock box in their classroom. Teachers return these items to students before they leave at the end of the day.

On Sunday we will all commemorate Anzac Day. Attendance at this year's Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance and the traditional ANZAC march is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions however you can still watch the live stream from home <https://www.shrine.org.au/anzac-day-2021> or the broadcast on the ABC. While traditional ANZAC Day services and events might be limited, there are still plenty of ways you can get involved and remember.



**ANZAC DAY**

Here are some ideas:

- [Driveways at Dawn](#): We can remember, as we did in 2020, by standing in our driveways at dawn for the service commencing at 5:30am (you might like to listen on a radio or smart phone to the readings and the playing of the Last Post).
- [Make your own poppy](#): The poppy as a symbol of Remembrance Day began with the observations of brigade surgeon Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae as to how these graceful flowers grew wild upon the ground broken by battle.
- [Make Anzac Day Biscuits](#): Get the kids in the kitchen and cook up a batch of delicious biscuits
- Support your local footy club; Whittlesea Eagles juniors are playing on Sunday at Whittlesea Football oval.
- Watch the Collingwood vs Essendon AFL game at home with your family. GO PIES!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no ANZAC march or public gathering to commemorate ANZAC day in Whittlesea this year. Our school captains will lay a wreath at a simple service at the Arch Memorial at 1100 hours on behalf of our school community.

Don't forget our whole school athletics carnival is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at Meadowglen International Athletics stadium in Epping. Make sure you come dressed in house colours. House beanies are also available at the office to purchase.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family. Lest We Forget.

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

## BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club is out now! Catalogues will be handed out to students tomorrow.

Orders are due back by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

# SPOTLIGHT

 **Book Club**  
ISSUE 3 2021

May is a huge  
celebration of  
reading together!

National Family Reading Month  
[Scholastic.com.au/NFRM](http://Scholastic.com.au/NFRM)

National Simultaneous Storytime  
[Scholastic.com.au/NSST2021](http://Scholastic.com.au/NSST2021)



Take the  
**READING**  
Challenge  
this May!

### 5 fun ways to read more this May!

1. Take the *31 Day Reading Challenge* with your family. Get the Reading Rocket Log in Book Club!
2. Look through your Book Club catalogue with your family and talk about the books you would like to read together.
3. Set up a cosy reading nook at home where you can snuggle up and read.
4. Read aloud to your family—this could be your brother, sister, cousin, parent, dog, goldfish . . .
5. Create your own story and read it to your family.



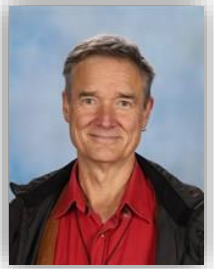
## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

### School History 1995 – Masterplan 4

The Masterplan could not proceed unless there was adequate funding and this was provided by multiple sources supporting the three project areas. State Government funding of \$730,120 was provided for the new Gymnasium, Canteen, Music Room, Library / Computer Information Centre, staffroom complex. In addition, \$230,000 was provided for the refurbishment of existing classrooms which included a Commonwealth contribution of \$110,000. Heritage Victoria funded the \$179,000 historic building restoration project to repair and convert the old building into the main administration centre. In total, \$1,139,120 was to be spent on the upgrade of the school. Only the re-locatable classrooms and historic rural school building were not going to be refurbished.

The 1878 school building was in a very poor state. Restoration work commenced on it in 1995. The building project faced serious challenges. Principal **Yvonne Scott** thought it was like history repeating itself. After construction had begun on the original School building in 1876, there were long delays because the bricks were condemned. In addition, there were arguments over the dismantling of a fence which allowed cows into the Vicar's vegetable garden.



Left: Yvonne Scott with school captains Emily Kelly and David Witte.



Right: House Captains.



Left: the historic rural school building in the foreground (1916 Glenvale School building relocated to the school in 1948)



Right: school 'Incursion' using Christ Church Hall next door.

The last significant upgrade for the school was back in 1974 when what we now call 'Block A' was completed. The need for a fresh upgrade was great. **Yvonne Scott** could clearly remember the collapsed corridor ceiling, the loose barge boards, the old red brick kitchen without foundations and a floor area where a parent fell through. Unfortunately, the 1995 work on the old building was not completed satisfactorily and a long legal process followed. For a time, this held up work on the new Gym, Staff Centre, Library, Canteen, and Music Room complex.

To be continued...



## Whittlesea Community House

92A Church Street, Whittlesea



### Great retro Fun on a Friday night

Join us each fortnight on Friday nights during term

**7.30pm—9.30pm**

**Cards, board games and FUN**

**Gold Coin Donation**

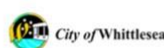
**Sessions are adult supervised**

COVID planning requires that you book your place  
Please call 9716 3361 to book—FAMILIES WELCOME

**April 23rd, May 7th & 21st, June 4th & 18th**

Whittlesea Community House Inc.

ABN: 82 167 376 746







Whittlesea  
**Landcare**



# Community Planting Day

**Whittlesea Landcare is partnering with Whittlesea Secondary College to rehabilitate the frog pond at the school grounds. Come along for a couple of hours of satisfying outdoor volunteering.**

Join Whittlesea Landcare members for a bit of planting, fun activities and a BBQ lunch.

**Date: Saturday 8 May**

**Time: 12pm - 3pm**

**Place: Behind the Whittlesea Community Garden**

(LAUREL Street, Whittlesea, between Whittlesea Secondary and the library)

**Family friendly activity!**

**Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.**

**For more information email:**  
[whittlesealandcare@gmail.com](mailto:whittlesealandcare@gmail.com)  
or phone: 0417 127 841

# Bush Explorers

**FREE  
EVENT**

Come along and join our fully facilitated event 'Bush Explorers' where children will have the opportunity to explore, create, imagine and discover nature.

**Who:** Children (aged between 2-5 years) and their parents

**Where:** Gumnut Park and playground

1025 Donnybrook Rd, Donnybrook

**When:** Tuesday 20 April, 9.30am - 11.30am



**City of  
Whittlesea**

For more information please contact Council's Parks  
Environmental Project Officer on 9217 5542.

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

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