

Issue 12- 6th May 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Last week our annual House Athletics Carnival was a great success, held in almost perfect conditions. Following the disruptions of last year, it was a welcome return to whole school offsite events and our children competed with great determination and effort. Thank you to Jake Leslie who did an outstanding job leading his first sports carnival and well done to our staff and parent helpers who helped conduct such a professional event. It is a great opportunity for our students to experience athletics at a world class venue while developing connection and pride in our school and their house. Congratulations to all involved.



Next week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

We wish these children the best of luck as they demonstrate their understandings through this nationwide assessment program. Below are some practical ideas for the parents of our year 3 and 5 students.

How to best support your child-

- Ensure your child has a good night sleep
- Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don't overload them
- Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water;

CALENDAR

7 May	Round 2- 5/6 Interschool Sport
11-13 May	NAPLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following
children a very
Happy Birthday!

7th May

Indi 3/40

Ruby 3/40

Elizabeth 5/6P

9th May

Eva 01M

Dylan 02CR

10th May

Lily 01F

12th May

Connor 3/40

14th May

Judd 3/4C



- Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside
- Kids pick up cues from us – so keep it low key. The test will cover normal classroom/curriculum work learnt over a period of time, so no extra tutoring or last minute studying is necessary;
- Encourage your child, but don't put any pressure on them - emphasise that this is just one of many tests they will have during their schooling, and is to help them learn better;
- Most of all – reassure them that you are proud of them for meeting our expectation of 'Do Your Best'.

Schedule of Testing

Year Level	Tuesday May 11	Wednesday May 12	Thursday May 13
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 min BREAK Writing 40 min	Reading 45 min	Numeracy 45 min
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 min BREAK Writing 40 min	Reading 50 min	Numeracy 50 min

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

Last Friday we hosted our first whole school event since our Christmas Carnival in 2019. Congratulations to Jake Leslie and Andrea Evans for organising such a successful Athletics Carnival. Jake was instrumental in picking up the organisation in the first few weeks of this term and our staff rallied to ensure the event went off without a hitch! Thank you to our staff, student teachers and parent helpers for their hard work on the day and thank you to all of the parents and carers for travelling to Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium in Epping to cheer us on. Go Dugat, champions 2021!



This week I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of our parent Gardening Club. On Friday 23rd April, Amber Forbes, Annette Carle, Mel Parker, Abbie King and Felicity Bowen progressed the works in the ELC area. They planted out two of the garden beds between the seating and the ELC classrooms and the main central garden bed. The garden bed along the base of the admin building near the ramp was planted out with Nandinas. Additional to the fabulous work in the indigenous garden, the group have also planted some natives in the area between the two portables in front of the rain water tanks (near the staff carpark) and adjacent to the 3/4 portables, closest to Plover Way.



WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT GARDENING GROUP

APRIL/MAY PROJECTS 2021



We would like to thank Steven and Debbie from S & D Fowles for supplying the plants to complete the landscaping of the remaining 2 ELC garden beds and the exterior fence of the soccer pitch (southern end) along Plenty Road. These will be planted out tomorrow morning. S & D Fowles are a local, family owned nursery located on Yea Rd Whittlesea. All sales and enquiries are by appointment on 0409 954 952 or you can look them up on Facebook. Thank you to our dedicated group of parents for making significant improvements to our school environment. Last week we celebrated our Smoking Ceremony with indigenous elder Kellie Hunter and this week we have featured in The North Central Review. You can read more about this event [HERE](#).

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family. However you spend your Sunday, I hope it's relaxing and delicious 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



Thank You

Thursday 6th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a reminder box of Cadbury Freddo & Friends will be sent home **TOMORROW**, Friday 7th May with the eldest child.

From every box of Cadbury Freddo & Friends sold our school receives \$21 (\$25 for Natural Confectionary Company). If you would like to sell additional boxes, please contact the office.

Tips for selling your treats.

- Chocolate box items sold as 2 for \$1.00 (120 items in total)
- Lolly Box bags sold for \$3.00 per bag (20 bags in total)
- Sell to family members, colleagues, friends or neighbours
- We don't recommend that the students sell the products- if they are involved, please ensure an adult is with them at all times.

Please return your money (clearly labelled) in the envelope provided no later than
FRIDAY 28th MAY.

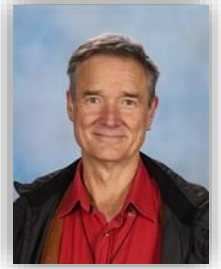
If you are finding it hard to sell your box of treats, let us know – other people may be able to help. Remember to contact the office if you would prefer a Natural Confectionary Lolly box in place of a Freddo and Friends chocolate box.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Rae Gittos
On behalf of the School Council Fundraising Sub Committee

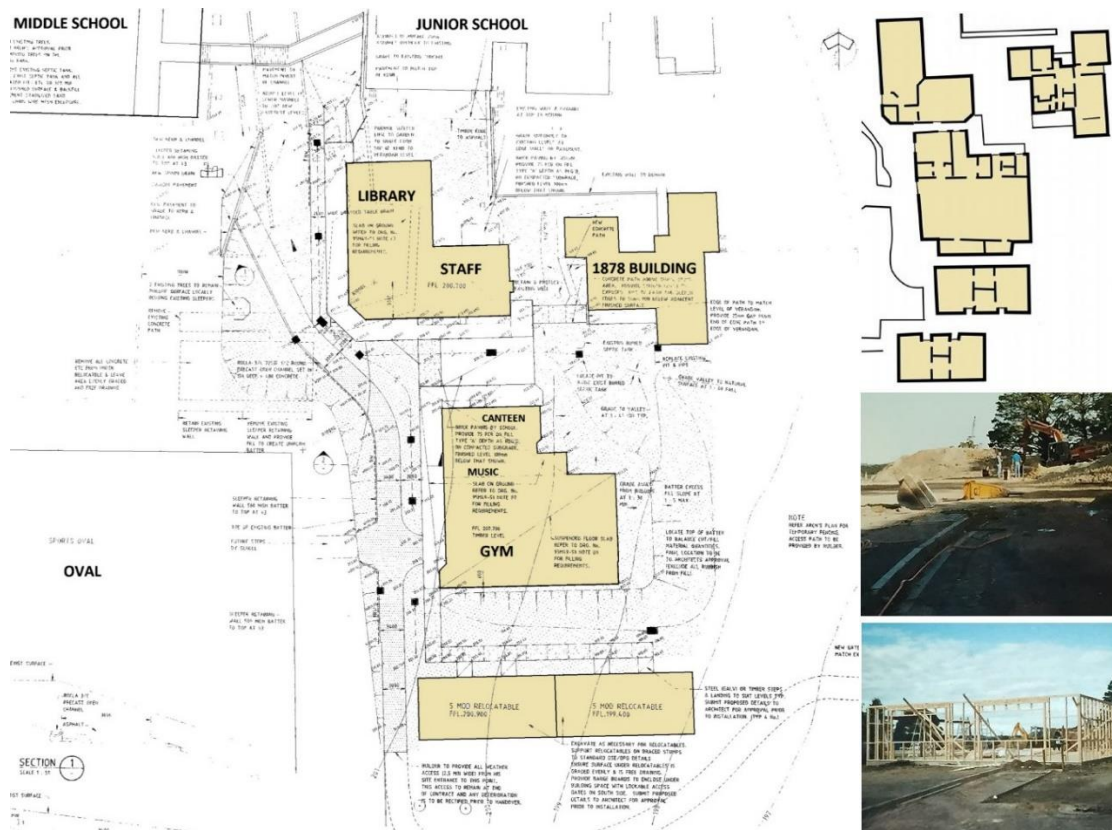
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 1996 – Last Minute Change

By 1996, construction work on the new Gym, Staff Centre, Library, Canteen, and Music Room complex was underway. I found architectural plans dated that year in the school's archive storeroom and noticed that there was a major change after the drawings were made. They show that the complex was originally planned as two standalone buildings (below left). To the south of these were two relocatable buildings planned as four classrooms in line. The land's gradient may be the reason for the change. One of the relocatable buildings was to be moved to face the other which caused the position of the new Canteen, Gym and Music Room to butt right up alongside the Staff Centre and Library with just an enclosed corridor to separate them (below right).



Architect's drawing showing what might have been.

Picture of the Library framing.



One relocatable has remained unchanged throughout the years, with the school changing around it, due to its unique position. Removing it has so far proved more expensive than the cost of its renovation and repair. It currently holds 5/6P and 5/6L. To the very right of the second picture is the school's incinerator with its security fencing and beside it is the path to the basketball court.

To be continued...

ONLINE SAFETY FOR YOUR CHILD

The internet is essential to our children's education, future careers and lives. But even the most experienced internet user doesn't understand how children use the internet and how to help them have a safer and more enjoyable online experience.

Whittlesea Primary School has a Digital Technologies policy (available on the school website) and all our students sign an acceptable user agreement at the start of every school year which states, while at school, they will use the internet appropriately. Students also agree they will respect the rights of others.

At school, our internet is restricted and students cannot access inappropriate sites, particularly sites such as Facebook and twitter.

While the school cannot control how students use the internet at home, we ask that you are vigilant and monitor your child's access to the internet while using their school devices and that they are not downloading inappropriate content. Sometimes, innocent looking websites can contain links that direct the user to sites that are not suitable for children.

Websites, including 'chat' websites are adult based sites, many of which are created and hosted overseas. These chat sites are predominantly used by adults and it might be unclear to younger children that these sites are not appropriate for them.

You can monitor your child's online browsing by viewing their internet history. If you would like additional information about how to support your child to have safe and positive online experiences, you can do so through the **eSafety** website. The Office of the **eSafety** Commissioner promotes online safety education for Australian young people, educators and parents. It also provides a complaints mechanism for young people who experience serious cyberbullying, and for Australians to report illegal or offensive online content.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/counselling-support-services>



★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Andre Tanoai-McMaster For: showing confidence when participating in class discussions. Keep it up, Andre! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Beau Cornish For: improving his letter and sound knowledge
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Briah Barrett For: completing all learning tasks to a high standard. Fantastic effort!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Cadence Arthur For: adding lots of detail to her information report. Well done!
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: Lujayn El Jassem For: breaking up all the sounds when reading her high frequency words
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Kaleb Clark For: An awesome effort cheering on his team at the Athletics Carnival.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Nevaeh Redpath For: always challenging herself with her learning!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Nathaniel Richmond For: always having a smile and doing your best in every task. Great work Nate!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Jesse Osborne For: helping others succeed!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Riley Burke For: writing a compelling persuasive text. Well done Riley! 😊
Year 3/4O Overton	Awarded to: Asha Abeling For: demonstration leadership when leading a team in an inquiry action project.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Nicole Baxter For: outstanding effort creating her inquiry presentation. Well done!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Tahlia Dixon For: having a fabulous week of learning by demonstrating persistence and an infectious excitement for learning. Outstanding work Tahlia!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Jaspa Lister For: demonstrating our schools expectations during our Athletics Carnival.
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Alannah Purcell For: choosing strong arguments and persuasive devices to write convincing text on 'Why technology should not be banned for children'.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Lily McDonald For: confidently attempting worded problems in maths and always practicing her number fluency.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Zack Corbyn For: using textual clues to understand his text better
PE Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: Penny Tsahouridis For: showing maximum effort and participation in PE
The Arts Ms Walsh	Awarded to: Dash Heal For: consistently doing his best during art

Theircare newsletter

Before & After School Care

Week 1 & 2

The students and staff at before & after school care have had a wonderful 2 weeks. During the first week our theme was based around Anzac Day. The students created Poppy pictures using various types of art materials, we also watched a video on what Anzac Day is all about. The students got to design their own war medals and see real ones from the war.

During week 2 the students enjoyed different activities and games based around Movies. The students created their own story board for their own movie and even designed their own characters.

We also got to see a tour of Hollywood Studios

Themes for upcoming weeks:

3-7 May: Special persons week

10-14 May: 4 Seasons

17-21 May: Out of Space

24-28 May: Kindness week

31-4 June: Circus week

7-11 June: Sport Week

14-18 June: Hawaiian Week

21-25 June: Superhero Week

Past Themes:

19-24 April: Anzac Week

26-30 April: Movie Week





TheirCare Picnic

When:
Wednesday 26th
of May

Time: 3:15pm -
4:30pm



**COME JOIN US FOR A
THEIRCARE PICNIC! ENJOY
SOME YUMMY TREATS**

**PLEASE BOOK ONLINE
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ACCOUNT CREATE ONE VIA:
WWW.THEIRCARE.COM.AU**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
CONTACT: 0447 542 696**



SPORTS REPORT

Round 2

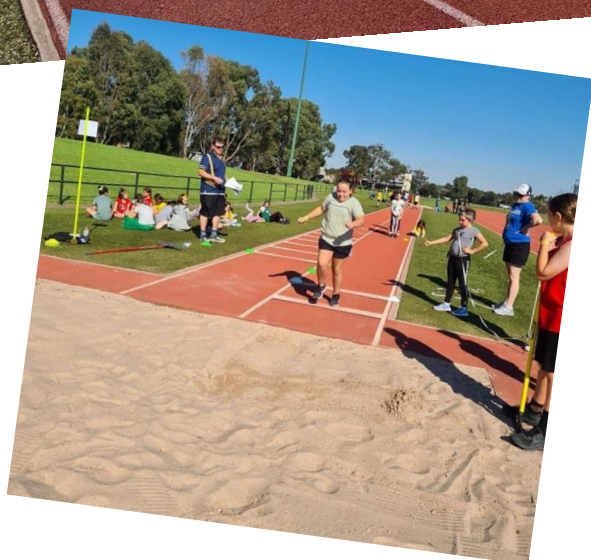
Home Team	Away Team	Football Venue	Soccer Venue	Netball Venue
Mernda Park PS	Whittlesea PS	Waterview Reserve North	Mernda Park PS	Mernda Park PS

Whole School Athletics Carnival

Last Friday we held our House Athletics Carnival for 2021 at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium. Each and every one of our students made our school community proud, demonstrating our community expectations throughout the day in what was a fun day for everyone involved.

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers, without you the event would not have been possible! Congratulations to the winning house on the day, Dugat!

Overall			
Dugat	Korangorangeet	Dhulin	Bunjil
1533	1509	1297	1166



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JACINTA WALSH

BALLET ARTS AUSTRALIA



JACINTA WALSH M.A.

Jacinta's expertise to lead a world class dance specialist programme has been acquired over many years of international experience. She embarked on a professional ballet career in Europe and during this time, Jacinta worked with world renowned directors, and choreographers in dance companies such as Basel Ballet, Berlin Ballet, Innsbruck Tiroler Landestheater and guested with other European companies. Subsequently, Jacinta assisted and personally represented internationally acclaimed artistic directors in dance, opera, film and theatre.

Jacinta has learnt directly from some of the world best master ballet teachers while studying the traditional ballet techniques of the Vaganova, Royal Danish and Paris Opera ballet schools. She has extensive experience in running programs in vocational arts schools in Melbourne, Singapore and Europe. Jacinta also completed her Master of Business Management (Arts & Cultural Management) at UniSA.

Leading a world-class academy has been Jacinta's long term aim. In preparation, she has travelled world-wide, to research leading vocational ballet schools and ballet/dance companies to identify and bring back the best practice.

The Ballet Arts Academy is auditioning young dancers with a passion and strong work ethic to master the art of classical ballet and related dance genres.

Girls and Boys from 8 years to 18/19 years



Contact Jacinta Walsh for further information on:

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Whittlesea & Melbourne





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
or phone: 0417 127 841