

Issue 13- 13th May 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Exciting news! Earlier in the year we applied for round 6 of the Inclusive Schools Fund. This grant is made available through the Victorian Government and is administered by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA). **It is my pleasure to share with you that we were successful in this round of funding and have been allocated \$193,000!** This money will be used to establish a brand new inclusive playground adjoining the existing equipment along the side of the oval. This playground will be available to all students and will be located close to the newly developed oval access ramp. Our school is now more accessible than ever before and all children, including those with limited mobility will be able to make use of ramps and lifts to play and learn. Congratulations to Betty Tzelepis who led the application process and thank you to those who provided support letters and materials. I believe we are one of the only schools in the local area to be successful in this round and the new playground will be a great addition to our school.



We regularly apply for funding opportunities as they arise, in the hope of enhancing school facilities and programs. Recently we received financial support from various Landcare grants and Whittlesea Council's Sustainability Outreach program. We have also tried to improve our toilets through an infrastructure upgrade fund, but unfortunately missed out on that opportunity. This particular grant attracted many applications with the vast majority of Victorian schools applying. The renovation of toilet facilities for students remains a priority and we are budgeting local funds towards this important upgrade in the second half of 2021.

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their final NAPLAN assessment today. The students did their very best and showed resilience and grit in attacking each test across the three days. The results which will be provided in the coming months give an indication of student progress and should be viewed in combination with school based assessment and reporting.

As part of a new initiative through school council, we are calling for expressions of interest from parents who would like to join a 'Community Engagement' sub-committee. This formally recognised sub-committee of council will be tasked with planning and delivering on initiatives to improve our connection between parents, carers and the broader community with the school. For example, with our Art Show in the early planning stage, we'd love to bring together enthusiastic parents to support in the planning and preparation for this major event. We are also hopeful to hear new ideas and suggestions for how to make the event as inclusive and open to the community as possible. If this sub-committee is of interest please contact me through Compass or via phone – 9716 2140.

Related to the topic above – Whittlesea Primary School is seeking a coordinator for our successful Breakfast Club. We need someone to coordinate a volunteer team to operate our breakfast Club every Wednesday morning for the rest of the year. If you are interested in this role, please contact leadership once again through Compass or phone.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins

CALENDAR

13 May	5/6 Interschool Sport- Round 3
18 May	2022 Prep Open Night- 6pm
20 May	Year 2- Latitude Excursion
21 May	Year 1- Latitude Excursion
28 May	Cadbury Fundraising Money Due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

17th May
Kenzi 3/4W

18th May
Evie 01JA
Izabella 5/6S

21st May
Nevaeh 02D



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

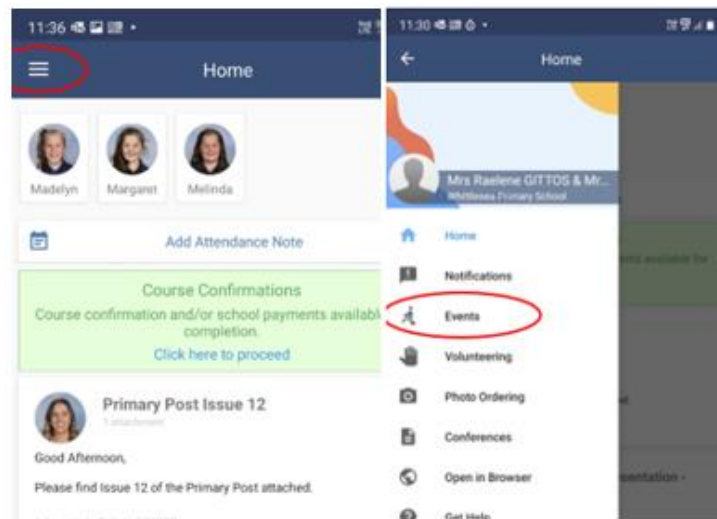
Hello everyone,

Important information regarding year 3/4 & 5/6 camps

If your child is Years 3/4 or 5/6 you will have received a notification and email today regarding camp payments for 2021. Payment options are now available on Compass. To view the payment options in the app, use the hamburger menu and scroll to events. Within these events is the option to pay to the camp balance in full or initiate a payment plan. Please read the information carefully; there are also several questions to answer prior to payment. If you have any questions about camp payments/payment plans, please contact the office.



Last Friday, a Cadbury Freddo & Friends chocolate box went home with the eldest child in every family. If you did not receive a box please let the office know. There are still a few boxes left in the office if you would like to sell additional chocolates. A reminder that money/unsold chocolates need to be returned to the office **on or by Friday 28th May**. Please make sure all money is returned in a clearly labelled envelope. The money raised from this initiative will be used to fund whole school improvement and we will continue to keep you informed.



In closing, now that the cooler weather has set in, please ensure your child's school jumper is clearly labelled. These can be returned quickly after breaks if they are collected from the yard and are less likely to get lost.

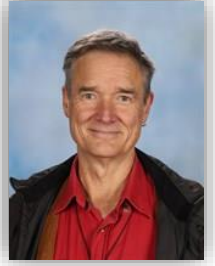
Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1997 – School Transition

The whole school and staff photo (below) speaks volumes. The photographer took an elevated photo of the whole school on Wood's Paddock somewhere near the location of the old weatherboard house belonging to Mrs Woods. In the background the original school building has had extensive renovation by this stage and the old kitchen annex demolished (only a pile of bricks). Principal **Yvonne Scott** often chose a position away from the centre in staff photos and again she can be found at the very left end of the line of staff.



The enrolment of 335 children was increasing gradually, with more than one-third of students travelling from outlying rural areas by chartered buses to attend each day. The school curriculum was traditional in nature, with emphasis on literacy and numeracy. An Indonesian language program had been extended into all the grades.



Classroom teachers provided music experiences which include percussion, rhyme and singing. Pupils in grades 4-6 had the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments such as flute, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, guitar and piano. All students were involved in an annual performance for parents. The 1959-66 building complex had a well-equipped art room with a pottery kiln fully utilised to develop children's creative talents.

With regard to technology, a satellite dish to receive inter-active TV was to be installed for professional development of staff and curriculum extension for students. There was limited funding for computers but staff did their best to include this new learning into the curriculum. This was a time when Microsoft Windows '95 was spreading through universities, colleges and schools bringing with it new and advanced levels of PC processing ability, combining with dial-up internet.

The major school building upgrade was already underway and this will be covered further next issue.

To be continued...

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Keagan Brown For: having a positive attitude and always being happy to help! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Destiny Glover-Gittus For: increasing the number of words she can read.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Abigail Blake For: stretching out her sounds to read unfamiliar words. Great effort!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Aria For: helping others succeed and being a good friend!
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: Hunter-Rose Scott For: writing an amazing fact sheet about planet Earth.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Peyton Clifford For: helping others succeed and being a helpful classmate.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Eva Smith For: always being a good friend and helping others succeed!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Jack Stewart For: settling in so well to Whittlesea Primary
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Chase Harrison For: excellent use of mental maths strategies. Well done, Chase!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Olivia Tomarchio For: demonstrating excellence towards all learning tasks. Well done Olivia!
Year 3/4O Overton	Awarded to: Harry Bowen For: having a go at a challenging task. Fantastic Work Harry!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Madison Van Weenan For: doing her absolute best in narrative writing this week. Well done!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Kye Templeton For: demonstrating persistence and pride in his learning throughout the week.
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Izabella Pratt For: working co-operatively with others to extend and deepen her thinking.
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Matthew Smith For: showing persistence in his learning and asking for assistance when needed. Congratulations on your first InterSchool Sport football game! Well Done Matt 😊
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Fox Forden For: using rhetorical questions in his persuasive text to capture his audiences attention.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Kristyana Kokkinos For: for using sensory and descriptive language in her writing
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: Hayden Gallenti For: showing persistence in persuasive writing.
PE Mr Leslie/Ms Evans	Awarded to: James Smith For: improving his catching and throwing.
The Arts Ms Walsh	Awarded to: Levi Oakley For: having an extremely successful art lesson and doing his best! Keep it up Levi!
Chinese Ms Liu	Awarded to: Melinda Gittos For: doing her best during Chinese lessons. Well done!

SPORTS REPORT

District Cross Country

On Tuesday the 4th of May, 45 of our students represented Whittlesea Primary School at the Bridge Inn North district Cross Country event.

It was a cold day, but the rain held off so all races went ahead as planned. It was amazing to see all of our students representing our school and demonstrating our expectations in the community throughout the whole day. Everyone did their best and cheered each other on.

We had some excellent results on the day, with 7 students finishing in the top 8 and therefore qualifying for the Whittlesea & Woodlands Division Cross Country Championships on the 25th of May. We wish them all the best for their upcoming races.

A massive thankyou to Louise Reid, Daniela Overton and Payam Panahinejad for helping ensure the day's success.



Hockey 7s Gala Day

On Monday the 10th of May, 19 of our Year 6 students represented our school at the Bridge Inn North Hockey 7's Gala Day at the Greensborough Hockey Club.

It was another cold day that threatened rain, and once again we were lucky enough that the rain held off so all matches went ahead as planned.

It was fantastic to see all of the students tackling a somewhat new and unfamiliar sport with a positive attitude, learning as the day went. There was some amazing improvement throughout the day with many students finding that they were very skilful Hockey players!



Congratulations to the boys team, who came runners up on the day, winning 4 out of their 5 games!

A massive thankyou to Mel Parker and Lyle Winter for coaching the girls team and ensuring all students had a fantastic day.

Round 3

Home Team	Away Team	Football Venue	Soccer Venue	Netball Venue
Whittlesea PS	Ashley Park	Walker Reserve (Ashley Park team TBA)	Whittlesea P.S	Whittlesea P.S

Netball- Round 2

Last Friday the Girls and Mixed Netball Teams played Mernda Park Primary School. Our team was ready and resplendent in our Whittlesea Primary sports uniform. Eager to play our game and for some of us, the first ever netball game.

We played an away game in an indoor gym and the scores were as follows:

Girls won 9-6 goals
Mixed drew 1 goal all


All students tried their hardest and parents from the opposing team made comments about our positive mindset and sportsmanship. As the coach, I was impressed that all players understood that netball is a team sport. No 'i' in the word 'team'.





WHITTLESEA CLUBS

At Whittlesea Primary School our staff offer a range of clubs throughout the term.

This term we have a range of options available for students. Please remind your child that they can choose to join in on these clubs throughout the week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	DJ Club Miss Walsh & Toby Arts Room 	Art Club Miss Walsh Art Room 	Footy Club Mr Hoggins Senior Oval (F-2) 	PRC Miss Redmond Senior Library 		 Whittlesea World
Snack time	Wood Craft Peter & Miss DeLuca Block A Room 11 		Drawing Club Senior Library Peter 			Table Tennis Ms Liu 3/4W 


The sensory space is open every second break for students requiring a quiet break


STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING GROUP

Thank you to those that have nominated to come along and support our Student Engagement team. We have a few volunteers from the junior classes and would love some representation from the upper school.

Our first meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday the 18th May, 5:15pm.

We'll be meeting in the senior library. Please enter through the staff car park.

Thank you!
Betty Tzelepis



2021 Pre-Foundation Starts Term 3

Whittlesea Primary School is once again offering our highly successful Pre-Foundation program commencing in Term 3, 2021 for children who turn 4 by April 2021. This program enables your child to spend quality time in our school with other children who will be in Foundation in 2022. The program supports children to develop familiarity and feel more confident within our school environment ensuring a smooth transition to school.

The **Pre-Foundation program costs \$100**. Children enrolled will receive a Whittlesea Primary School schoolbag, which they will use throughout their 7 years of schooling with us and a House coloured beanie. **Please note payments cannot be refunded.** The first 80 children enrolled will also receive a free Whittlesea Primary School Pre-Foundation t-shirt.

Please visit or contact our office on 9716 2140 to obtain an enrolment pack and nominate your preferred session.

Term 3

Monday 12th July or Wednesday 14th July
Monday 19th July or Wednesday 21st July
Monday 26th July or Wednesday 28th July
Monday 2nd August or Wednesday 4th August
Monday 9th August or Wednesday 11th August
Monday 16th August or Wednesday 18th August
Monday 23rd August or Wednesday 25th August
Monday 30th August or Wednesday 1st September
Monday 6th September or Wednesday 8th September
Monday 13th September or Wednesday 15th September

Term 4

Monday 4th October or Wednesday 6th October
Monday 11th October or Wednesday 13th October
Monday 18th October or Wednesday 20th October
Monday 25th October or Wednesday 27th October
(No class on Monday 1st November)
Wednesday 3rd November
Monday 8th November or Wednesday 10th November
Monday 15th November or Wednesday 17th November



2022 Foundation Transition to School

From Monday 22nd November the 2022 formal Foundation Transition program commences. For these sessions children will be grouped into their 2022 classes and the sessions will run on a Tuesday.

Tuesday 23rd November 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 30th November 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 7th December 9.30am – 12.00pm

Theircare newsletter

Before & After School Care

Week 3 – Special Person's Week

Week 3 was all about our special person for Mother's Day. The students created some lovely gifts which included a card using milk bottle tops, a tea pot, they wrote 5 things they love about their special person and a pop-up card.

We enjoyed some time outside on the playground and on the soccer pitch playing soccer as well.

Meet our educators 😊



Hayley



Lauren

Snapshot of our week

What is happening this week

10-14 May: 4 Seasons

Themes for coming weeks

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

3-7 May: Special persons week



For any questions, new enrolments, or bookings:

Email: whittlesea@theircare.com.au

Phone: 0447 542 696

Website: theircare.com.au





TheirCare Picnic

When:
Wednesday
26th of May

Time: 3:15pm-
4:30pm

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

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ACCOUNT CREATE ONE VIA:
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**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
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**JUST DANCE!
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PARTY GAMES**



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END OF YEAR BOOK SALE

We are looking for **DONATIONS** of **QUALITY** pre-loved **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**.

Books can be donated to the school office preferably on **THURSDAYS**. If you have a large donation of books to make, please contact the school for alternative arrangements.

A great **SUSTAINABLE** Christmas gift idea and the opportunity for all children to purchase a book at a small cost.

Donated books will not be returned. If unsold they will be put back into the community or held for future book sales.

Thanks in advance for your support and donations 😊



Whittlesea Primary School

Green Thumb Garden Club

The Garden club consists of parents that are keen to volunteer and take pride in their school's grounds and gardens. Meeting fortnightly Fridays 9am-11am, following the directive of the coordinator to assist with the gardens in the school grounds.

A variety of tasks allows everyone to feel comfortable, no skill is required and a great opportunity to support your school.

Come along, have some fun and become a GREEN THUMB! All volunteers to have a working with children's check.

Please email: whittlesea.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au – for further information.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DATES

MAY

- World Bee Day – 20th May
- World Turtle Day – 23rd May



JUNE

- World Environment Day – 5th June
- World Oceans Day – 8th June

JULY

- **PLASTIC free July**
Take on the challenge and reduce your plastic footprint.

Interesting Sustainable Product Info

There are alternatives to **PLASTIC** cling wrap. Bees Wax wraps have been around now for some time and are **AMAZING!** Did you also know there is a product called **GREAT WRAP?** The only Australian made compostable cling wrap www.greatwrap.co



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Whittlesea Council

Scout Groups



Scouting is adventure, new skills, great friends and heaps of fun for ages 5-25. It's an adventure program that encourages life skills such as leadership, resilience, confidence, and working well with others.

As you move from Joey Scouts to Cub Scouts and beyond, you take over your own program. Young people lead, and adults support.

Scouting is for everyone, boys and girls, young men and women - and parents. Scouting is an activity the whole family can enjoy together.

All are welcome.

Joey Scouts 5-7 years

Cub Scouts 8-10 years

Scouts 11-14 years

Venturers 15-17 years

Rovers 18-25 years

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Lalor - gl.lalor@scoutsvictoria.com.au





Whittlesea Community House

Careers Night For Grown Ups

What do you want to be now you're a grown up!



Wednesday June 9th - 7.00pm –9.00pm

Go Tafe Wallan—Skills and Jobs Centre, Pines Learning, Partners in Training, City of Whittlesea Business Team, Reconnect Program, Apprenticeship Employment Network PLUS heaps more!

Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Free and includes Supper

Bookings at [https://yp1.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?](https://yp1.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?SETLVL=&RNI=196858)

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