



Issue 16- 3rd June 2021

PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

Once again, we find ourselves in an uncertain period with yesterday's announcement that the originally planned 1 week circuit breaker will extend into next week. After such a great semester of learning our students were moving into the final stages of Term 2 with great momentum. That said, our remote learning approach has worked well in the past and we are confident that we can still succeed in these difficult circumstances.



The current scenario is a balancing act for all educators in each and every school. Our core work is to drive for academic achievement in the primary learning areas – literacy and numeracy. Reality is that remote learning is a lot different from onsite school and we must be considerate of the multiple priorities to be balanced. This year our strategic direction has been driven around three core goals – learning gain, happy and active students and connected communities. While remote or onsite, our actions are based around these three areas and we're doing all we can to achieve. Tutors are actively planning future programs and reporting to teachers on student growth, Education Support staff are conducting wellbeing checks with particular students and our teachers of course, are meeting with classes regularly and setting learning that continues the academic emphasis needed while being considerate of the challenging circumstances.

If you require support from our school during remote learning feel free to call the school on 9716 2140 to talk to any member of our leadership team.

Fingers crossed that we have our students back at school before the long weekend. Thank you to all our amazing parents and carers for rising to the challenge and supporting our students while they learn from home.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins & Rae Gittos

CALENDAR

June 4	5/6 Camp Deposit due
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

4th June
Nathaniel 02S
Archie 5/6LE

5th June
Heidi 01C
Diamond 02D

6th June
Kayla 02D

7th June
Madeleine 5/6G

9th June
Isabelle 3/4W

10th June
Cash 5/6G
Bailey 5/7LE



CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Due to the current circumstances the Cadbury fundraising money and left-over chocolates will be due back when we return to school

Thank You 😊

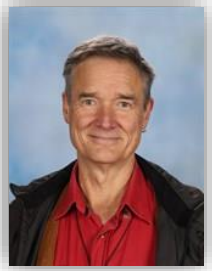


SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 1998 – Heritage Place

In gaining grants for the Masterplan projects (Heritage and school upgrade) Yvonne Scott had the full support of Marie Tehan. Without her input, the school community may not have obtained such a significant upgrade. A total of \$1,139,120 was granted to the school through Marie Tehan's diligent effort.



On June 25, 1998, the original 1878 school building and 1901 addition were added to the Victorian Heritage Register as a 'heritage place', a culturally significant place. (Heritage Register number 1717). Two Heritage statements follow:


"Whittlesea Primary School No. 2090 is of social and historical importance as an example of a school built in response to the 1872 Education Act which gave access to a free, compulsory and secular education. It has important associations with the Yan Yean water scheme which brought workers and their families to the area during its construction and consequently children to the school."

"Whittlesea Primary School No. 2090 is of architectural importance as an example of the Developed Designs Caulfield type school. It is unique as the only example of this type with an attached residence. It is important as it has had little alteration in its form since its construction and retains its original floor plan. It has strong associations with architect Henry Bastow who left a huge legacy to the State in the form of hundreds of schools of every type and size. Bastow was attached to the Education Department from 1873 until 1883."

Heritage Victoria provided \$179,000 towards this historic building restoration project. The building was in a very poor state of repair and these funds were used to convert the old building into the main administration centre for the school.

Principal **Yvonne Scott** noted that: "The original bluestone steps have been worn away by the tread of many youngsters over the last 120 years."

To be continued...

VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER		Heritage VICTORIA	
Inclusion of a place or object in the Heritage Register pursuant to Section 32 (c) of the Heritage Act 1995			
NUMBER: 1717	CATEGORY: Heritage Place	<small>Heritage Place, National Trust, or Commonwealth place administered by the National Trust, National Trust, National Trust, National Trust</small>	
NAME: Whittlesea Primary School No. 2090			
LOCATION: Plenty Road Whittlesea			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Whittlesea City Council		FILE NO: 603340	
DATE RECOMMENDED: 30 March 1998	DATE REGISTERED: 25 June 1998 <small>(date of listing in Government Gazette)</small>		
			

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



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Online Conference via Zoom with special guest **Bruce Pascoe**
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their skills and make connections**



Community members supporting
climate action and resilience

- Traditional Owner Fire Strategy
- Building community support and action
- Emergency Services and how to support them
- Schools and Environmental education
- Building strong and thriving communities

To register for this event, please [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code

