



Issue 11- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

An important reminder that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 6:00pm. This public meeting is held once a year and is open to all members of our community. At the meeting the Annual Report for 2020 will be tabled as well as a summary of council activities across the last 12 months. For those wishing to attend please call 9716 2140. Once registered you will be provided with a link to join the meeting online.



Thank you to all those parents / carers who recently completed our swimming / camps feedback survey. We have had over 100 responses to date. From those received we have already been able to gain valuable insights into our communities views on this important school programs. Coming out of a disrupted period, we are still attempting to return scheduling of school programs back to normal. For instance, in the past we have generally arranged swimming so that groups were spread out across the beginning and end of the school year. This spreads out demand on the venue and costs to our families. The survey shows a strong desire for our swimming program to cover a wide breath of our student community, so that will drive our planning moving forward. In relation to camps, it was great to see many families placing a high priority on camping programs. Curriculum linked experiences were popular and there were many who completed the survey who saw great value in trips to Canberra or something similar in the upper primary years. The link to complete the survey will remain active over the weekend, so please click [HERE](#) and complete the survey if you have not already.

Thankfully restrictions have been further eased in Victoria and new information has been received from DET. The school community is now able to access school grounds for drop off and pick up. This is great news and allows our teachers to make contact face to face with parents / carers. Please be aware though, access is limited to outdoor areas only. DET require QR code registrations for all visitors entering buildings, so please stay to the external areas.

Enjoy a great last week of term.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## CALENDAR

June 25	End of Term 2 <b>2:30pm Finish</b>
July 12	Start of Term 3

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**21<sup>st</sup> June**  
Logan 3/4W

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Christopher 3/4F  
Amelie 3/4M  
Alannah 5/6RM

**23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Aria 02CR  
Ivy 3/4O

**24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Ryder 01M



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

Having reached the penultimate week of Term 2, it has been great to have all of our students back onsite to finish off the term. Once again, we thank all of our parents and carers for supporting your children throughout the remote learning period. Now that we have transitioned back to onsite learning there are a few operational procedures that we ask all parents and carers to follow moving forward into next week and after the term break.



Firstly, parents and carers will be allowed back onto the school grounds for drop off and pick up as of next week. While mask wearing is no longer mandatory outdoors, we ask that you socially distance where possible.

Secondly, the use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is **mandatory** for all workplaces to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases. **This now includes schools.** While you do not need to QR code check-in at the gates of the school, we request that parents and carers **do not** enter into classrooms or the ELC (Foundation & Year 1) building. If you require access to the school office, please QR code check-in upon entry and please wear a mask.

If you are accessing OSHC Theircare, you will need to QR code check-in on drop off and pick up when entering the service. Theircare Whittlesea have a separate QR code for check-in. We appreciate your understanding to ensure the ongoing safety of our community.

The easing of restrictions means that all scheduled excursions and incursions are now permitted in Victoria. Our staff have already booked and confirmed events for Term 3. If you have not yet paid your excursion levy, please contact the office. If you are eligible for CSEF, you can use this funding towards your excursion levy.

As this term quickly draws to a close, we ask that you return all money raised from your Cadbury chocolate box. Thank you to all of the families that have already returned their money to the office. **Please return all money and any unsold chocolates by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**



Finally, in light of the recent remote learning period, DET have extended the report writing timeline for schools to ensure teachers have sufficient time to assess and accurately report on student progress for this semester. Our teachers will continue to complete any outstanding assessment next week and finalise reports leading into the term break and as such, reports will be published to parents via Compass in the first week of Term 3.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 2000-2004 – New Beginnings

The year 2000 ushered in a new principal, the successful applicant was **David Dyer** [2000-2009]. **Tony Keys** who had also applied for the job, gave David excellent support as AP throughout the year. **David Dyer's** previous position was Principal of Billson Street Primary School, Wonthaggi (1995-1999). He had begun his teaching career in the little primary school on French Island, 12 students, in 1975. He then had experience in schools close to or in the towns of Portland, Drouin, Traralgon and Cowes before his leadership years in Wonthaggi.

**David Dyer** writes: "Taking on a leadership role in a school with a long history and strong traditions was both challenging and invigorating. I remember meeting school students, staff and parents at Whittlesea during the first few months of my appointment wondering what they would be like, and of course they were wondering the same thing about the new principal!"

At the end of 2000, **Tony Keys** departed and moved to Facilities in Regional Office and supported principals in the region for many years. **Colleen Nichlasen** replaced Tony as AP until 2004. She had started with the school in 1993 as a teacher under **Yvonne Scott** and from 2001 she supported David with leadership and school culture continuity.

### 2001 Staff

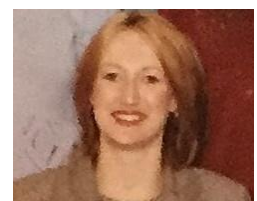


**Back row:** Lilian Urban (2000-2003), Norma Turnbull-Smith (2001-2008), Cheryl Abbott (2001-2016), Anne Hillman (1993-2008), Dawn Kidgell (1995-2005), Kate O'Halloran (1998-2013), Helen Tootell (2001), Aimee Hsieh (1999-2002), Michelle Vilinskis (2000-2002).

**Middle row:** Pam Randall (2001-2011), Wendy Nicholls (2001), Jackie Butler (2000-2007), Marg Galvin (1993-2004), Chris DeMan (Office 1993-2001), Samantha Mowforth (1998-2004), Judy Cooper (2001-2008), Julian Bradford (2001-2006), Pam Studwick (1995-present), Peter Allis (1999-2001).

**Front row:** Fiona Dearn (1999-2001), Jim Rees (1991-2001), Colleen Niclasen (1993-2004), David Dyer (2000-2009 Principal), Phillip Miller (1983-2003), Lesley Whitnall (1989-2007), Anne Davies (1989-2011).  
Absent: Anne Reeves (1983-2004).

There was a loss to the school community at the close of David's first five years as Principal. **Samantha Mowforth** a gifted and popular Prep teacher passed away from cancer. The ceremony to remember her passing was held next door at Christ Church and the Church was packed. So many came to pay their last respects. She was buried at Arthur's Creek Cemetery.



To be continued...

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



# Star of the Week



Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Beka Briggs</b> For: doing her very best with her remote learning activities. Amazing job, Beka! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>James Smith</b> For: being an active class participant during remote learning.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Hudson Matthews</b> For: creating an outstanding supermarket for his home learning. Well done, Hudson!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Lachlan Attana</b> For: writing a well-structured and detailed recipe about Chocolate Rum Balls
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: <b>Lily Jordan</b> For: recording an informative video on how to make hot chocolate and writing a detailed procedure about it.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Levi Oakley</b> For: being an active member in class meetings and doing his best with all remote learning tasks.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>River Toulson</b> For: coming up with some excellent synonyms!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>Chaise Donahoo</b> For: being a positive and active participant during remote learning. Well done, Chaise!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Jett Dyer</b> For: putting in a great effort during remote learning. Well done, Jett!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Zane Caddy</b> For: demonstrating confidence and excellence when presenting your information report on cacti during remote learning. Well done, Zane! 😊
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Marley Clifton</b> For: writing an excellent information report on eagle rays during remote learning. Well done, Marley!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Ethan Horton</b> For: Ethan has received STAR of the week for completing and presenting an outstanding information report on Japanese Spider Crabs. Fabulous efforts Ethan!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Hunter Rhead</b> For: attending meetings and completing learning during our circuit breaker remote learning period  Awarded to: <b>Imogen Dawson</b> For: using the chat to ask clarifying questions in order to extend herself and complete her learning to the depth expected in the classroom.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Axyle Simpson</b> For: assisting his peers during remote learning and completing his learning confidently. Well done!



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

### Term 4

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



## 2022 Foundation Transition to School

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.00pm – 3.00pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm – 3.00pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – 12.00pm



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