

Issue 19- 24th June 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Wishing all our families a fantastic mid-year break as we come to the end of Term 2. It has been an extremely busy and successful term. Our school review has been completed, a new strategic plan is in the final stages of drafting and we navigated our way through another period of remote learning. These actions coincided with scheduled events such as NAPLAN, Education Week and more. Schools are dynamic places – a great environment to work and learn.



Further to my article last week, school council met during the week and unpacked the valuable data collated from our community regarding swimming and camping programs. Our consultation will extend now to our students as it is vital we embrace student voice whenever possible. From our initial feedback it is clear there is strong support for more frequent camps. If this is consistent with the view of our students, we will look to plan annual camps into the future. For 2021, camps are obviously already planned and ready to go in Semester 2. More information will be released shortly regarding camping experiences for 2022. Feedback for swimming supported the continuation of our relationship with the Whittlesea Pool, with nearly 80% of all respondents preferring to remain at that venue. We acknowledge the complications that come with an outdoor venue and we do our best to schedule swimming at times when the outdoor facility is most comfortable for our kids. Swimming will continue to be offered across F to 6, with funds from DET subsidizing the participation of all students. Here is a snapshot of the survey results.

2. Considering the scope of the swimming program, which option below would be your first preference. Which year levels should be involved in swimming lessons each year?

[More Details](#)

- Year 6 students only - fully fun... 5
- Year 5 and 6 students only - m... 6
- Years 3-6 only - Approx 50% s... 24
- F-6 Program with majority par... 67



16. Would you prefer your child attended an off-site camp each year from years 3 to 6?

[More Details](#)

- Yes 80
- No 23



CALENDAR

June 25	End of Term 2 2:30pm Finish
July 12	Start of Term 3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

25th June
Memphis 5/6G

26th June
Maison 3/4W
Jarrah 5/6RM

27th June
Max 3/4C

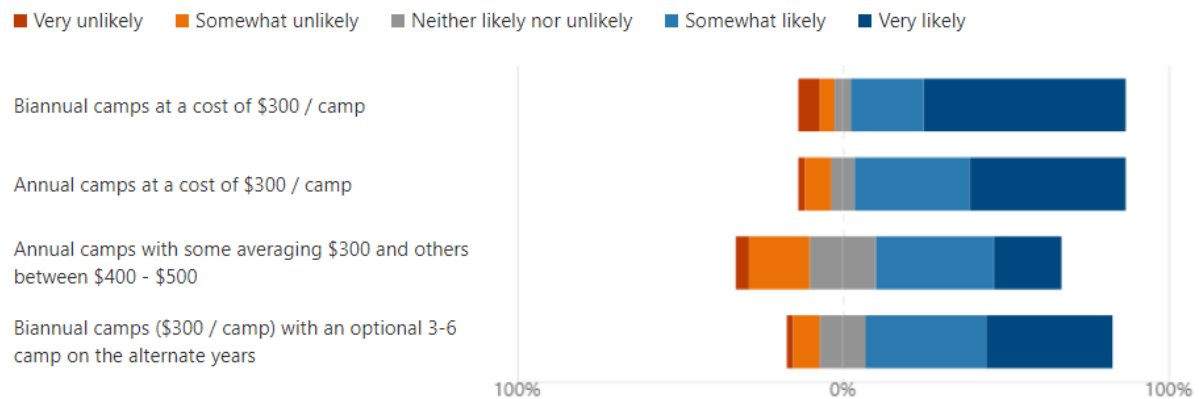
29th June
Norah 00P
Noah 5/6RM

30th June
Jonah 5/6P
Amber 5/6P



17. How likely would your participation be in the following scenarios?

[More Details](#)



Help Needed! – We are seeking volunteers to support the relaunch of our school breakfast club. In addition to a team of volunteers, we require a coordinator who can support our Chaplain, Peter Ackland. The role involves timetabling a volunteer group to support Wednesday morning Breakfast Club each week at our school. If you're interested in getting involved at our school and providing a much-needed service for our children, please contact the office on 9716 2140.

Enjoy a great break.

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Well done to everyone for making it through another successful term of learning. By working together, we have continued to provide our students with engaging learning experiences, further supporting all the other wonderful things that have happened throughout this term. Term 3 promises to be just as eventful, as we look forward to Book Week, the Whittlesea Primary Art Show, our schools long standing involvement in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular and Footy Day.



Just a reminder that if you require access to the school office, please QR code check-in upon entry and wear a mask. Parents and carers **are still not permitted** to enter classrooms or the ELC (Foundation & year 1) building however we will keep you updated re changes to restrictions as they are made available by DET.

Just an update about our Cadbury Fundraiser. At this stage there still a large amount of outstanding of money and stock. Please return any money raised and left-over chocolates to the office as soon as possible. If you would like to purchase or sell an additional box, please contact the office.

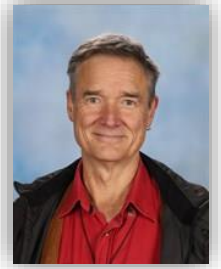


Finally, a reminder from last week that Semester 2 reports will be published to parents via Compass in the first week of Term 3.

Best wishes for a wonderful term break with your family. Stay safe, stay active and look after each other 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2005-2007 – Middle Years

From 2005 to 2007, Principal **David Dyer** [2000-2009] had **John Coburn** as his supporting AP. John's total years at Whittlesea Primary School are second longest recorded. He served fifteen years in an earlier stint from 1975 to 1989 and returned in 2002 and served six more years to 2007, the last three of them as Assistant Principal. This totals twenty-one years all up. Actually, the longest on record so far is **Pam Studwick** on her twenty-sixth year of continuous service [1995-present].

David Dyer used his musical gifts to teach songs at school assembly. David's words: *"I have fond memories of weekly school assemblies where we sang both verses of Advance Australia Fair with guitar accompaniment as well as singing a new song with gusto each week, often from the old ABC Sing and Singalong books."* and, *"the excitement of Athletics and Swimming Carnivals where I wore my red, green, yellow and blue custom-made T-shirt so as to avoid bias!"* and, *"Walking with some of the grade 5/6 students to the local Bowls club and seeing them enjoy tuition from the older members was delightful, as was teaching Archery to some of the children as a sports option."*

By November of 2007, the work on an extensive playground area for the older students was complete. This involved a climbing wall, various other climbing challenges, and a curved track to hang from and glide along.



David Dyer was very practical and an example of this was problem solving for a very small Prep student who had a growth deficiency. Older students loved picking him up! David made a small wooden step and anchored it to the concrete path in front of the drinking taps for the boy to drink there and it remains today, a testament to the durability of construction. Through appropriate hormone intervention, the boy had his growth disorder completely addressed by year six.

David received a grant to purchase sixty fruit trees. Thirty were planted about the school in 2006 and another thirty planted in 2007. David worked with children planting these trees in all areas of the school. After the trees grew a little, David remembers "standing by the nectarine tree at morning recess picking the fruit, cutting them into quarters and handing them to the children to enjoy".

To be continued...

Enjoy a well-earned term break.

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Henry Menz For: creating interesting writing during free choice writing. Keep it up, Henry! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Emmanuel Watson For: writing his name independently 😊
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Emily Lister For: being brave and settling back in the classroom. Well done, Emily! 😊
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Maya Smith For: writing a well-structured and detailed procedure about her noisy chicken cup.
Year 1F Fasone	Awarded to: Elliot Powell For: Delivering a fantastic oral presentation and informative poster on the Spotted tail quoll.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Charlie Stewart For: showing confidence with his independent writing and his numeracy assessments. Well done, Charlie!
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Baylee Walker For: Doing her best to present her learning to the class. Well done!
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Sarah Hallam For: putting on an excellent presentation about Guinea Pigs and making lots of eye contact!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Necati Altundas For: making good choices that are helping him to succeed. Well done, Necati!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Maison Kringle For: excellent effort and progress in mathematics. Well done, Maison.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Melinda Gittos For: displaying excellence when creating a non-fiction book about lions. Well done, Melinda! 😊
Year 3/4O Overton	Awarded to: Riley Beattie For: displaying an admirable work ethic towards his learning. Incredible work Riley!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Indiana Ward For: writing an incredibly detailed information report. Well done, Indiana!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Christopher Schmidt For: for demonstrating doing your best when writing your persuasive letter to make changes to the classroom. Great work Chris!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Armani Lister For: recognising her next points of learning and striving to achieve her learning goals.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Taylor Fuller For: attempting numeracy problems confidently and explaining the strategies she used effectively.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Emma Rogers For: doing her personal best in maths
The Arts Ms Walsh	Awarded to: Riley Allshorn For: doing his best and staying focused on his learning during Arts this week. Well done Riley!



SPORTS REPORT

Hello 5/6 parents and guardians,

We have been fortunate enough to get the green light for the final round of Winter Inter-School Sports this week. All games will be played on Campus at Hazel Glen College, unfortunately no spectators are permitted onto their school grounds.

As there is rain forecast for tomorrow morning, the soccer and netball games will be played on indoor courts as a precaution. Football will still take place on the oval, so all footballers should bring a towel, plastic bag and change of clothes along with their sport uniforms.

Students who are in the girls' soccer, girl's netball and boys/mixed football sides will be playing in round robin playoff tournaments early in term 3 to determine the winner of the division, as those sides finished in the top 4 of the shortened season. This will be a separate compass event that will need to be consented, but no payment will be required.

Jake Leslie

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

Book Sale!



Whittlesea Primary School will be holding a MASSIVE children's preloved BOOK SALE at the end of the year!

Right now we are looking for preloved children's books.....

If you have any books that are ready for a new home please drop them into the school office.

Thank You!

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Engaging children in decision making

Presented by: City of Whittlesea Early Years team

Consultation provides children and young people an opportunity to influence decisions that affect their lives. It is a form of participation where their views are gathered for a specific purpose. The fundamental understanding of the purpose of consultation is that as adults we have a responsibility to hear the views and voices of young people and children because what they have to say is worth listening to. By listening we are acknowledging that children and young people are important and valued members of the community.

Recommended for: early years educators



When: Tuesday 27 July 2021, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Where: Online webinar

Cost: Free

Bookings: Booking is essential and must be done by 23 July 2021 via trybooking.com/BMWFB

For more information: Contact Council's Family Services Education Officer on 9404 8865 or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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