

Issue 20- 16th July 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Whittlesea Primary School. After a great transition back to school following the holiday break, we find ourselves in another period of remote learning. Fingers crossed that all students are back onsite from Wednesday next week. Today, teachers have been busy collaborating and bringing together learning that can be delivered and completed in the home. Unfortunately, transitions to and from remote learning have become all too familiar and our desire is to have all children back at school, connected to their teachers and friends.



Foundation 2022 - Despite being in lockdown, we are still actively promoting Foundation enrolments for 2022. School tours must pause at this time, but these will recommence as soon as possible. Please share this information broadly across the community.

Children already enrolled for next year enjoyed their first Pre-Foundation session this week. I was impressed by how the children integrated immediately into a classroom environment and all were independent and happy throughout this new experience. Well done to Kellie Redmond, Betty Tzelepis and the Foundation team for their expertise in launching the program to such a successful

start. Here is a little snapshot of feedback we received that made our day!

To everyone who made the pre-foundation session happen, thank you! I was so worried about it because our child didn't know a single soul. Despite that, he ran in to the school grounds and didn't look back. Even after a full day of Kinder, he came out of the program bouncing with excitement. I've never seen or heard of such an extensive transition process and I'm so grateful for it. Others should take a leaf out of your book, because you are doing wonderful things for these kids (and parents). This is yet another reason that I'm so excited that our family is coming into the Whittlesea Primary School community.

Congratulations Kellie Redmond - I have both good and bad news to share. After returning to Whittlesea Primary School in 2021 as our Learning Specialist, Kellie Redmond has been appointed to a new and exciting role for 2022. Kellie has been appointed Deputy Head of Buckley House – Ivanhoe Grammar School. This is a significant promotion and a great step in Kellie's career. Unfortunately,

CALENDAR

July 28	Marnie's Run Fundraiser
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

3rd July
Nate 3/4M

4th July
Edmund 3/40

5th July
Seth 5/6P

6th July
Amber 01M

7th July
Alexx 3/4M
Hunter 5/6G

10th July
Jack 01C

12th July
Sophia- Grace 3/4F
Willem 5/6L
Brock 5/6G

13th July
Kory 01JA
Jordan 5/6L



this opportunity means we will farewell her at the end of the year. Thankfully, Kellie still has a semester to complete at Whittlesea Primary School and she will continue to have a great impact on the literacy program over that time. On behalf of all our staff we congratulate Kellie on her appointment.

Welcome Deanne Tuppin & Karen Burgess – We welcome Deanne who has replaced Daniela Overton in Year 3/4. Deanne comes to us via Euroa Primary School and has already made a great impression with her new class. In a couple of weeks, we will farewell Chantelle Fasone who commences family leave. To replace her we were lucky enough to appoint Karen Burgess from Mount Ridley College. Both new teachers are experienced across many primary year levels and are welcome additions to our team.

Marnie's Run - Following the current 5-day lockdown, we are hopeful that the planned SRC fundraiser named 'Marnie's Run' will proceed as planned. A continuous relay will take place on July 28th, raising money for Cancer Council Victoria. The fundraiser is inspired by one of our past students – Marnie Wills who survived her battle with cancer and is an inspiration to our community.



Infrastructure Works – As much as we love the character and history of our heritage building, it does require significant maintenance. During the holidays we had the timber floor restored to great effect. We have also had to address plastering issues in the entrance corridor which will require a full repaint. The cartooning provided many years back by Brett Cardwell has been a feature of our school, but with the plaster repairs will come a fresh new look for our internals of our heritage building. Stay tuned for updates on this project's progress.

Wishing you and your family a great weekend. Stay safe and let's hope we are all back together onsite as soon as possible.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

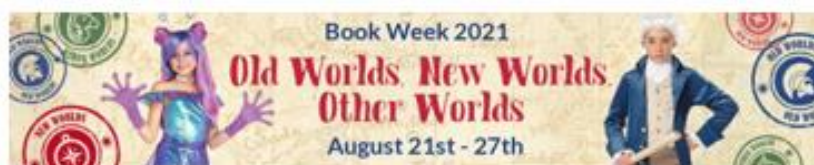
Hello everyone,

Welcome back to another exciting term, guaranteed to be action packed and full of fabulous learning. While we enter back into what will be a short period of remote learning, unfortunately the Victorian State Schools Spectacular choir rehearsal at the Melbourne Town Hall next Wednesday has been cancelled. We hope this event will be rescheduled in the coming weeks. We are still awaiting confirmation about the dance rehearsal and will inform students and parents/carers early next week.



At this point we are unsure as to whether the scheduled year 56 ACMI excursions will proceed as planned next Wednesday and Thursday. We will confirm next Tuesday once more details are available.

Two big school events are scheduled for Term 3. This year we hope to proceed with the **Book Week parade on Wednesday 22nd August**, so save the date. At this stage we cannot say with any certainty that parents will be able to attend onsite, but we will follow the DET advice regarding COVID restrictions and keep our community well informed closer to the day. This year's theme is *Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds*. You can really let your imagination run wild with this theme, the wordle lists some possible costume ideas. You may find you already have something at home that you can use.



To round off the term, our biannual Art show will take place on Thursday 2nd September. We have a team of teachers and parents working through a plan with Miss Walsh to make this event bigger and better than ever before. If you would like to be involved and support this event, please contact the office.

Despite a few sunny mornings this week, the colder weather has well and truly set in and as it is typically the coldest time of the year, we ask that you consider the following.

1. Labelling all school uniform, in particular school jumpers. These items can be returned quickly if they are misplaced during the day and ultimately keep students warm. Please check your child's name is clear and visible. Remember you can also purchase house beanies for \$15 at the office and not too far away...something new is coming, also \$15.



2. Staff are on duty from 8.35am. While there are some staff onsite from 8.00am, they are preparing for the school day and students are not under their direct supervision. If you need to send your child to school earlier than 8:30am, they should be booked into the before school care program, led by Theircare.

The cooler weather often means we are spending a lot more time inside when we are at home. This can also mean children spend a lot more time on devices. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support your child to be safe online as well as managing screen time and healthy screen use the following website may be of use to you and is supported by The Australian Government Department of Human Services,

The Royal Children's Hospital and Murdoch Children's Research Institute.
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology>

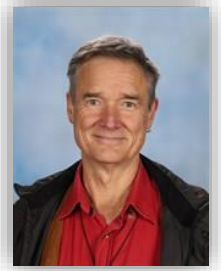
We look forward to seeing all students online on Monday morning via Teams at 9.00am. Let's keep everything crossed that we can all get back to onsite learning as quickly as possible.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

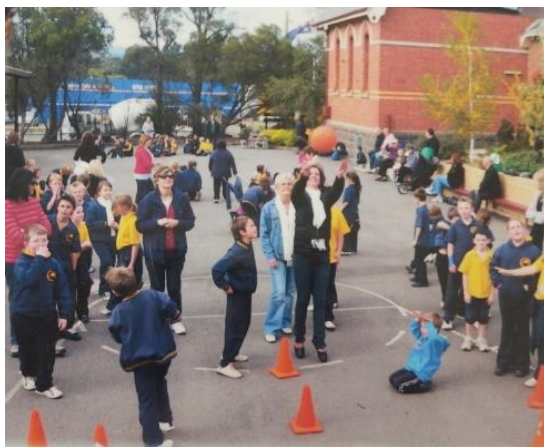
Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2008 – Birthday Celebration

In 2008, Principal **David Dyer** [2000-2009] officiated over the school's 130th Anniversary celebrations. The wider school community joined in for the big occasion. There was face painting, organised games and a huge birthday cake combination displaying the numbers '1', '3' and '0', large enough for everyone to get a piece. Students helped blow out the many candles.

This year also saw a change of AP. **Karen Mazurek** [2008-2011] joined the staff to become the school's new Assistant Principal. During these years, teachers **Cheryl Abbott** and **Deb Armstrong** with the support of all the school, created an Australian 'history enactment event' and led it once a year with all the children dressing up in traditional and period costumes and manning historic shops and trades as they acted out scenes from the past. Families were encouraged to come along for this as the audience. This became a yearly tradition for a time.



Anniversary games on the old forecourt



130th Birthday Cake



showing past school history movie



Cheryl Abbott



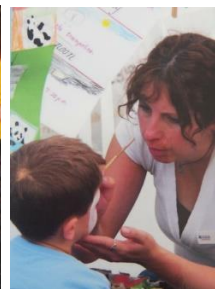
Karen Mazurek & David Dyer



Lynne Tolmay and school choir



School Chaplain Tracy Jones



Teacher Kate Brunskill

To be continued...

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ARTS SHOW 2021

**NEW
WORLDS**



**OLD
WORLDS**



**Other
Worlds**



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The SRC and WPS Presents, the Super Fun Fundraising Day...

Marnie's Run!

☺ Wednesday the 28th of July! ☺

Let's help Marnie raise money for the Cancer Council!



We will be having a Continuous Relay Run for the whole day! Starting Time: 9am Finishing Time: 3pm

On the Day: Someone has to be jogging around the soccer pitch at all times of the day!!!! ☺

Students and staff will have turns to come out with their class and have a run or jog around the soccer pitch to keep our continuous run going!

It is a Casual Clothes day! Wear active sports clothes!

Please bring along a donation!!!

Something that folds or jingles \$\$\$ ☺

All funds raised going to will be going towards Marnie's total amount for her run in the Cancer Council's Manningham Relay for Life in September.

Thank you for supporting our SRC event ☺



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Careers Night For Grown Ups

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



Wednesday July 21st - 6.00pm –8.00pm

Go Tafe Wallan—Skills and Jobs Centre, Yarra Plenty Regional Library
Online Learning, Pines Learning, Partners in Training, City of Whittlesea
Business Team, Reconnect Program, Parents Next (CVGT), Apprenticeship
Employment Network, Cove Training, Melbourne Polytechnic, Belgravia
Leisure, PRACE , Holmsglen Neis Scheme, Australian College of Higher
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Whittlesea **CARTOONING** PROJECT



**Free CARTOON workshops
for Adults and Children**

Hosted by cartoonist Brett Cardwell
(Cardy from Cardytoons)

ZOOM WORKSHOPS:
Wednesday 16th June & 7th July

Workshop #1 5:30-6:30pm Workshop #2 7:30-8:30pm

WHITTLESEA WORKSHOPS:
Wednesday 28th July

Workshop #1 5:30-6:30pm Workshop #2 7:30-8:30pm
@ Whittlesea Community Centre
57 Laurel St, Whittlesea

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