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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

What a year! The dramatic and sudden changes in school life from one week to the next is new to all of us. Lockdown 6 was announced after school finished last Thursday. We apologise for the late notice, but this was well and truly out of our control. Despite our disappointment regarding another interruption to

normal school, the past week has been highlighted by great opportunities for children to learn from home. In transitioning to this period of remote learning, we introduced subtle changes to our existing model. You may have noticed that each day commences at 9am with a short connection activity. It may be a quiz, challenge or just a conversation regarding a particular topic. Whatever the experience, teachers are prioritising the first part of the day to ensuring children maintain relationships with themselves and their peers. Maintaining wellbeing is so important now and our school is focused on promoting happy and active kids.

The literacy focus has also been changed to use several approaches from day to day. Language experience, mentor texts, visual prompts and multimodal texts have all been approaches through which engaging literacy learning has been delivered through Teams. We've seen teachers leading science experiments, cooking from their kitchens and more. In mathematics we've also encouraged teachers to keep things as interactive and hands on as possible with Year 1 students learning about capacity through the measuring of different sized containers.

You will have also noticed that teachers are endeavouring to record the two meetings each day so students can revisit explanations whenever they need. As a further addition to our engagement efforts, Houses will have their own team spaces soon, with students connected across F-6 based on their house team.

Today Year 2-5 families will receive information regarding our 'Bring Your Own Device' program. We encourage all families to consider this information carefully and make a purchase as soon as possible to avoid delays in delivery. We see firsthand each and every day just how vital digital devices are to modern learning. An information session will be held on Monday next week where our staff will thoroughly explain how ICT is integrated into both onsite and remote learning models.

We appreciate there are great challenges for all our families at present. Thank you for your efforts and support in continuing the learning journey from home. We wait with great anticipation for news of a return to normal school - hopefully as soon as possible. A reminder that our Arts Show has been postponed to the end of the year, but we remain hopeful our Book Week celebrations will proceed as per normal.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins and Rae Gittos
Principal Team.



CALENDAR

August 25	Book Week Dress Up Parade
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

6th August
Noah 02CR

9th August
Jessica 3/4T

11th August
Sophie 5/6LE

12th August
Lexi 01M
Danny 01M

13th August
Kallam 5/6S

14th August
Isabelle 00P

15th August
Anakin 3/4M
Chase 3/4W

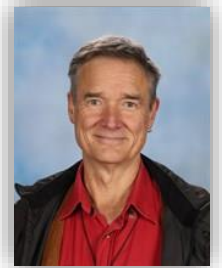
16th August
Bradly 3/4T
Daniel 5/6P

17th August
Kodi 00P
Kylan 5/6P



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2011 Term 1

Principal **Bente Stock** [2010-2016] set the tone for her second year by taking her staff to an education conference in Mulgrave, supporting teacher learning. They all heard from keynote speaker Professor David Eddy of the University of Auckland Centre for Educational Leadership.

My first proper day at Whittlesea Primary School was Wednesday February 16 this year and I seemed to arrive at a time when so many exciting things were hatching. When I reflect back, it seemed like a mini renaissance was happening in response to Bente Stock's positive vision, augmented by the **Building Education Revolution** school upgrade to be ready by April and becoming the "Early Years Learning Centre". This was a good year to join the school, starting with the Family Fun Night on my first Friday, **World for Kids** supplying the jumping castle, rides and slides.



The school grounds were excellently cared for by Bente's husband Gary who had retired and had become the 'official' unpaid handyman. He was ably supported by Steve the 'paid' handyman. They were a great team. This year's School Council parent members were Shannon Mirrelees (chair), Joanne Young, Ross Paxton, Graham Evans, Rebecca Spriggs, Bonwen Gairley and Josh Parks.

The School Choir sang at the **Whittlesea Country Music Festival**, Saturday February 11. **Student of the Week** awards commenced at the end of March. Strongly visual public signage went up along the fence line and an upgraded school website was launched by April.



Students pictured above were Life Savers for the **Beach**, the 'enlarged' sandpit under the oak tree. These students volunteered to patrol the Beach and provide water to compact the sand. One little voice went a long way, as reported in the **Whittlesea Leader** (March 8, 2011 p.23): *William, a year 2 student wrote to Bente Stock in 2010 asking for a bigger sandpit. "He thought that there wasn't enough sand for the kids to play in," Ms Stock said. Over the next three months William's proposal went before various schools and environment councils and was approved. "William was very excited to see the result of his letter on the first day of school," Ms Stock said.*



On the final Wednesday of Term 1, Year 5 & 6 students presented the last (as it has turned out) Australians All history play presenting memorable events of our early Australian story. Families were invited to come and watch this colourful spectacle on Woods Paddock, covering the First Fleet all the way through to the Eureka Stockade.

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Finn Larmer For: showing confidence when going through the days of the week with the class. Keep it up, Finn! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Norah Burke For: challenging herself to consistently improve her writing and independently self-checking.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Ashton Freeth For: doing his best when learning about 3D shapes in maths. Fantastic effort, Ashton!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Brodie Gibson For: putting in a lot of effort when completing inspiration writing. Fantastic Brodie!
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Ryan Parsonage For: putting in a lot of effort to his schoolwork. Great work Ryan!
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Bentleigh Matthews For: making a great effort with all of his work and displaying an eagerness to complete his work.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Noah Leeson For: Displaying confidence and enthusiasm when completing writing tasks.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Charlotte Susanof For: thinking of some very creative alliterations!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Nevah Folder For: completing your tasks and asking questions with confidence both in the classroom and online.
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Isabelle Carey-Szwaj For: Working hard and making great progress in maths. Well done, Izzy!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Cameron Carle For: demonstrating excellence when completing learning about fractions and decimals. Well done, Cameron 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Ruby Barker For: applying herself in her numeracy work and helping others around her.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Judd Cornish For: excellent contribution to class discussions and always doing his best. Great work, Judd
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Sophia-Grace Beattie For: applying herself with enthusiasm to all learning tasks!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Tahlia Redpath For: using a range of literacy skills to research her inquiry questions & find facts from multiple sources
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Brodie Davis For: working hard to complete his learning to a high standard and contributing to class meetings. 😊
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Jackson Burgiel For: completing his learning confidently with a positive mindset.
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: Nancy Greaves For: extending her thinking in inquiry.



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