

Issue 26- 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

The blossoms are coming into flower, days are getting progressively warmer and there is a hint of spring in the air at Whittlesea Primary School. Our school grounds come to life in late August and this year, thanks to less use, our oval is looking lush and green.



At Whittlesea Primary School the student is at the centre of everything we do and this overarching vision continues to drive our approach to remote and flexible learning. In Year 3/4 Ms Betty is doing great things with her special maths group and across all area's students continue to connect with the teacher and peers through fun Kahoot quizzes and house initiatives. Last week we held house meetings online in our new Team spaces for Dhulin, Dugat, Korangorangeet and Bunjil. This week our teams have come together for a special 'House Storytime' to celebrate Book Week.

Book Week has been a focus at Whittlesea Primary School, with classes sharing the shortlisted books through an innovative digital portal. Our tutors in partnership with our Literacy Leader Kellie Redmond, have created read alouds of each text, where the teachers have presented the book as a mini lesson, unpacking the features of the story. A virtual library has been assembled using Microsoft Sway and the end product looks amazing. Well done to Kate Alexander, Louise Reid, Rachael Eaton, Lauren Blake and Kellie Redmond for creating such a great resource to promote a love of literacy across our school.

Regretfully, our Book Week dress up has been postponed. We still intend on hosting a dress up day in Term 4, as we all know how much students love to come dressed as their favourite book character! We opted to not hold a remote dress up event over Teams as we are considerate of the pressures on families at the moment and the limited ability to access the amazing costumes you and your child would love to wear. When lockdown ends and we can have all children at school we hope to host our best dress up event ever!

Considering playgrounds are closed and our community is working through a prolonged lock down, it has never been more important for our physical and mental wellbeing to plan a daily walk, run or ride around the local area. Our Whittlesea to Sydney House Challenge has been a great success with students and teachers all logging their time exercising into Microsoft Teams.

## CALENDAR

October 22	Swimming Program Payment Due
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**27th August**  
Eden 00M  
Sienna 5/6S

**28th August**  
Lily 01C  
Ivy 02C

**29th August**  
Ariah 01JA  
Peyton 01M

**30th August**  
Nancy 5/6LE

**31st August**  
Ajay 3/4C  
Katherine 5/6S

**1st September**  
Destiny 00P



Our leaders are Korangorangeet and they have just arrived (virtually) at Holbrook, NSW. Holbrook is the home of HMAS Otway, a full sized submarine! Teams will progress along the Hume in a race to Sydney.

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting your child to learn from home. Progressing the learning journey remains our priority, in combination with supporting the well-being of our community. Please click [HERE](#) to view a great video provided by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Headspace have worked in partnership with DET to provide resources to support parents through this time and this video contains great practical ideas for success in the home.

Enjoy the first week of finals footy – Go Bombers

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins & Rae Gittos  
Principal Team

### BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6

Book Club is open and home delivery is available!

In response to the current lockdowns, Scholastic have added the temporary option for all parents to have their orders sent directly to their homes. This option will enable you to place and receive orders while your children are undertaking schooling at home.



- When parents place their Issue 6 Book Club orders, they'll have the option to select **home delivery** or **school delivery** if you have Book Club opened—if not, the default will be home delivery.
- The home delivery option will automatically be added to schools in the lockdown area.
- The home delivery option can be selected by parents at the time of ordering for \$7.50
- Any school deliveries will still be sent to the school once you submit your school order.

You can access Issue 6 [here](#)

### OSHC Staff Vacancy - Kinglake Primary School

Kinglake Primary School are seeking staff for their OSHC program. They have availability on Monday – Thursday afternoons 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

At times, they also need to fill ins when required for mornings 7.00am – 8.45am

The person must have:

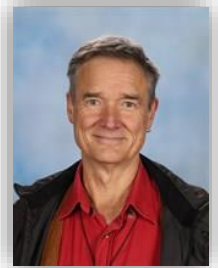
- Working with Children's Check
- Level 4 first Aid – HLTAID004
- Must hold, or be actively working towards a certificate III level qualification approved for educators working with children over preschool age for Victoria or commence that qualification within 6 months of commencing to educate and care for children.

If interested please contact Kinglake Primary School 5786 1284.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

### School History 2011 Term 3

On Thursday July 21, the **Early Years Learning Centre** was officially opened by **Rob Mitchell** Federal MP. Teacher **Lyn Tolmay** composed a special song for the choir to sing for the occasion. **Danielle Green** the State MP also attended. The school assembled in the gym to hear the speeches and the choir song. The skipping troupe and 'hula hoopers' were a late additions to the agenda and were a success. All students received a yellow or blue balloon plus a chocolate frog (or cupcake) as a treat.



On Friday July 29, **Ann Keri (Davies)** retired. **Whittlesea Review** [Tuesday August 2] reported: *A fond farewell. Students and staff at Whittlesea Primary School gathered on Friday to farewell one of their most cherished and longest serving teachers. Ms Ann Keri, pictured with school captains Kate Young and James Kirkwood, taught at the school for more than 20 years. During her good-bye speech, Ms Keri warmly reminisced on her time at the school. "It's been an absolute privilege teaching in such a great institute," Ms Keri said. "As a teacher, you have a huge impact on children's lives, and it's up to you to guide them in the right direction. I think that is one of the things I'm going to miss most." Ms Keri is also a former student of Whittlesea Primary School, having begun her childhood education there at the age of four. "The progress the school has made since I was a child is monumental," Ms Keri said. "It's been an incredible experience to see things change over the years, both as a former student and an educator." School Principal Bente Stock wished Ms Keri the best of luck in her future endeavours. "It's been a pleasure having Ann at the school," Ms Stock said. "She will be dearly missed by not only the staff here, but by all the students as well."* Ann was on the staff over a span of 23 years [1989-2011].



On August 11, **Bente Stock** commenced 6 weeks long service leave and AP **Karen Mazurek** became Acting Principal with **Deb Showers** (a Northern Metropolitan Literacy Coach) filling in as Acting AP. Bente visited schools in Finland on her trip overseas and was very impressed with student resilience and their approach to education. Karen and Deb were the Principal Team for the rest of term three. At the end of the month, the **Parents and Friends Association** put in another big effort organising a successful Father's Day stall in the gym, again preparing gifts enough for the numbers of students.



On Wednesday September 14, year 5 and 6 gave presented the school with a dress rehearsal of the **Wizard of Oz** in the gym before performing it in the Secondary College theatre that evening (7pm) and Thursday (12pm and 7pm). They had an eight week timeline and pulled it off!

Before the end of term, **Karen Mazurek** announced she had accepted an Acting Principal position at Richmond West for term 4. **Deb Showers** would therefore continue on as Acting AP when Bente Stock returned for term 4.

To be continued...

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Keagan Brown</b> For: completing fantastic learning and for being so enthusiastic during our meetings. Amazing Keagan 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Kayla Kringle</b> For: producing excellent maths videos using positional language. Well done :)
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Abigail Blake</b> For: her fantastic effort in writing tasks during remote learning. Keep it up!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Maya Smith</b> For: always doing her best on learning tasks and staying motivated. Great job Maya!
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Hunter Withington</b> For: His amazing efforts during remote learning and always being positive.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Peyton Clifford</b> For: helping others succeed during remote learning and always being prepared for meetings.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: <b>Lewis Bordignon</b> For: Demonstrating his best during remote learning, by asking and answering questions during our meetings.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Ace Forden</b> For: always putting his hand up in meetings and contributing to class discussions!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>William Horton</b> For: doing his best and succeeding in his math tasks this week. Great job Will!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Brody Critsilis</b> For: being a friendly and communicative member of the class, and a great team player.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Kruz Edwards</b> For: displaying personal best learning when creating an incredible symmetrical creature! Well done, Kruz 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Harry Bowen</b> For: Showing resilience and persistence in his literacy learning to complete set tasks. Well done Harry!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Riley Allshorn</b> For: writing a fantastic story about a ferret named Fred. Great job working from home!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Mitchell Cain</b> For: being a fabulous contributor to all classroom meetings throughout the week! Spectacular efforts Mitchell!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Kalan Ellis</b> For: Completing his remote learning tasks to the same standard that is expected in the classroom. Well done Kalan!
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Darcy Graham</b> For: being an active contributor to class meetings and submitting remote learning tasks. Great week Darcy :-)
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Madeleine Gellel</b> For: consistently going 'above and beyond' in her learning. Excellent effort!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Ethan Barclay</b> For: Consistently submitting his assignments in a timely manner
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: <b>Ruby Susanof</b> For: extending herself during remote learning



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Dear families,

As part of both our Year 3/4 and 5/6 sport programs in Term 4 we will be continuing our house sports tournament. As part of these programs, students come together in house teams and play modified versions of a variety of sports against members of other houses each week. With the winning teams being crowned at the end of the term.

As we know, playing sport promotes lifelong healthy behaviours of moving our body through physical activity as well as building resilience, teamwork and studies have even shown benefits in academic results!

Our wonderful students came up with the idea that these tournaments need their own special uniforms, as is their house pride. Students in Years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to design what these house sport uniforms would look like. Congratulations to the students who designed the winning choices and leave behind a long-lasting impact that current and future Year 3-6 students will continue to enjoy for years to come.

With these designs comes a wonderful opportunity for small businesses from our local community to 'sponsor' a house uniform. If you would like to have your business logo printed on one or multiple of our house's uniforms, please contact Mr. Leslie via the general office.

**Mikaylah Edwards – Korangorangeet**



**Willem Henning (from Dugat) – Bunjil**



**Clancy Bowlen – Dugat**



**Sophie Winter – Dhulin**



Kind Regards,

Jake Leslie  
Year 5/6 Classroom / Physical Education Teacher



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## Whittlesea Community House

### Careers Night For Grown Ups

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



**Wednesday September 15th - 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, Plenty Valley FM, Melbourne Polytechnic, Belgravia  
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College of Higher Education, Centrelink and Learn Local.

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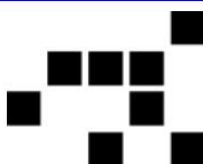
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