

Issue 28- 9th September 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

We eagerly await announcements from the government, outlining a plan for the return of students to the classroom. We can be heartened by the fact junior students have returned in regional schools, and it now appears likely that a staggered return similar to what occurred last year will be the plan moving forward.



Our school term is due to end with a bang with great activities planned including our Sunflower Project and Footy Day.

Footy Day is scheduled for the last day of term - Friday the 17th. Our specialist team are putting together an outline for the day, which will include a matrix of both literacy and numeracy activities and footy themed house meetings. Students will also be encouraged to dress up for the day and send in their photos in footy poses such as marking the ball, lining up for a goal, ball up, they could even recreate a famous move. We have already received some amazing entries.



CALENDAR

September 16	3/ 4 Camp Final Payment Due
September 24	5/6 Camp Final Payment Due
October 22	Swimming Program Payment Due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

10th September

Harrison 02D
Lincoln 5/6S

12th September

Aliyah 00V
Ruby 3/4F

13th September

Damon 3/4F

15th September

Zach 02D

16th September

Niran 01JA
Aran 01JA



NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who received their NAPLAN results during the week. Despite an interrupted period of learning, our students achieved higher results than previous cohorts across literacy and numeracy. As a school we were pleased to see more students achieving benchmark growth or above and some of the mean scores were the highest seen in 5 years. With periods of remote learning leading up to the testing in May, we can all share in the credit for these results, particularly parents who supported students to learn from home during lockdowns.

Vaccination and mental health webinar

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for young people to provide information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to support their mental health. You can join the free webinar on Tuesday 14 September, 6-7pm. Registration is via this [link](#).

Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- How to support your mental health
- Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information visit [Attend a live event in Teams](#).

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

In preparing for next term and (with everything crossed) a return to onsite learning, just a reminder that if you need new school uniform, Northern Regional Uniforms are still accepting phone orders/payments and will continue to deliver to our school on a Wednesday. Also, an important reminder that in Term 4, all students are required to wear a WPS logo hat. These hats are available through NRU however we also have a small supply available to purchase in the office from next week. Our classrooms will have sunscreen available for students to use however if your child requires a particular sunscreen, please ensure it is clearly labelled and handed to your child's classroom teacher when we return to school.



Did you know the Premiers Reading Challenge concludes next Friday 17th September? It's not too late to add any books that you have read, and don't forget, reading on GetEpic! counts too! To add your PRC book, follow this link <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home> and use the login details provided by your child's teacher earlier this year. If you're not sure of the login, please call the office or email your child's teacher via Compass.



Term 4 is always so exciting; it is one of my most favourite times of the year and we have a very 'colourful kaboom' planned for November. Yes, that's right...the COLOUR RUN is coming, so save the date, Friday 19th November. Just in time for the warmer weather too. We have an amazing day planned for all of our students and we are so looking forward to hosting another colour run, especially after last year's event was cancelled. We know this will be something special for our school community to look forward to so stay tuned for more information **about fundraising early next term.**



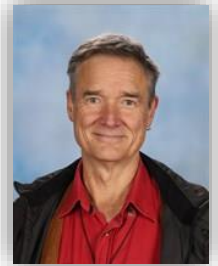
In the meantime, follow this link to **register** https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_up and select "Whittlesea Primary School" as your school. You can browse the school fun run prizes in the PDF attached in the Compass post. *Every student that registers will receive one house token for their house and for the first class to have every student registered, each student in that class will receive a bonus house token!*

Be sure to keep recording your time spent running, walking, cycling or scooting to the tally in your house team and support your house on their journey from Sydney to Brisbane.

Best Wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2012 Term 1

The school choir sang at Whittlesea Country Music Festival Saturday 11 February, singing "I Am Australian" and received positive feedback. Teacher **Lynne Tolmay** enrolled the school choir for the first time in the **State School Spectacular**, entering the students in the massed choir section.

House Swimming was held Friday 24 February and students performing well then swam in Bridge Inn District competition. Some of these students progressed to the Northern Region Finals Wednesday 14 March at the Northcote Pool. At this swim meet, students gaining 1st, 2nd or 3rd places were: Zack Ferguson, Connor Caldw, Cooper Webster, Jack Hayton, Josh Seager, Dylan Hoysted, Riley Owen, Reece Colosimo, Drew Mirrielees, Lexis Riddle, Jessica Evans, Hayley Baldasso, Haley Hoysted, Paris Stewart, Marnie Wills, Verity Colosimo, and Mia Coulthard.

Parents & Friends, led by **Kim Johnson** with members Rebecca Byrne, Vanessa Luscombe, Janelle Watson, Andrea Lever, Christine Andrews, and Wendy, organised a 'special' (first go) canteen day on Friday 9 March. They followed this up with a food stall at the **Twilight Sports** Thursday 22 March, raising \$660.30. They also ran an **Easter Raffle** for the many Easter Hampers, of items donated and raised a further \$642.85.

The **National Ride to School** was led by Bicycle Network Australia on Friday 23 March, commencing with a special assembly at Walker's Reserve at 9 am where Senior Constable Tim Foster spoke to the students. In total there were 262 students walking riding, skating or scooting to school. In response to both the Twilight Sports and the Ride to School event, **Shannon Mirrielees** wrote to Principal **Bente Stock**:

"Hi Bente. Could you please pass on my thanks to the staff for their efforts last night and this morning. I am so incredibly proud to be the School Council President at Whittlesea Primary. This is the BEST School. Our kids now have opportunities that we could only have dreamed of 3 or 4 years ago. I can't put into words the way I felt last night and again this morning riding to school with our kids and teachers. The sports and the bike ride would not have been possible without the staff support. And to the staff "thank you". I know it's part of the job but it was a big ask having the ride after the sports night (for all concerned). But, you all went the extra mile to attend and this morning in almost full force again. Believe me, this doesn't go unnoticed by the parents or the students. We have a wonderful enthusiastic friendly team and there is real buzz around the school at the moment."



The school **SRC** helped organise the Ride to School and led a **Crazy Hair Day** on the last day of term. Students brought a gold coin to donate for people suffering with Cystic Fibrosis, and be in the Crazy Hair Parade for a prize. This event raised \$325.



A special Coffee & Chat was arranged for parents to meet the new Assistant Principal **Ty Hoggins**, transferring from Mill Park Heights Primary School. Ty was chosen for his experience as an innovative leader, working with a number of schools at the forefront of 21st Century teaching and learning. He had just completed a placement with the Education Department's Innovation and Next Practice Division developing teaching and learning apps. Ty Hoggins would officially start on the first day of term 2.

To be continued...



WPS Sunflower Project

Did you know that sunflowers are a symbol of hope and happiness in the Chinese Culture? We think we need some sunflower happiness in our life at the moment. Join us in supporting our sunflower project.

Next week all our students will be involved in activities centred around wellbeing, kindness, and gratitude. They will also be talking about the R U OK? initiative and how they can check in on their friends.

We will also be launching two components that we need your assistance with from home.

Grow a Sunflower – Take on the challenge and grow a sunflower plant. Spring is the perfect time to plant seeds and watch your sunflower turn into a super shining sunflower giant. Seeds can be collected from the Church carpark next to the school, while you are out and about on your regular lockdown exercise routine. Times will be sent through COMPASS. If you can't get your hands on some sunflower seeds, you can still get involved with any other flower or even veggie seeds.



Plant your seeds in a small paper cup or pot and when they're big enough, plant them in the garden. Then the fun starts and you can watch them grow throughout term 4. Sunflowers are fairly easy to grow, with just a little care, regular watering and the sunshine. As the sunflowers grow, we'd like to see lots of photos and hear all about the sunflower anecdotes in class discussions. We'll be planting some sunflowers at school too. By Christmas time, we'll all have beautiful, giant sunflowers in our gardens.

Create a papercraft Sunflower – We're creating a whole school sunflower display in our office foyer. Miss Walsh has prepared an instructional video with all the directions you need to create a papercraft sunflower for the display. You can also be super creative and make up your very own design. Coloured paper packs will be available from school when you pick up your seeds. Keep an eye on COMPASS for pick up times next week. When you have created your sunflower, bring it back to school when we are onsite or drop it off at the office.

Students currently attending on site, will receive a family pack of sunflower seeds and some coloured paper to create a sunflower from Friday 10th September.

Looking forward to seeing lots of sunflowers.
Betty Tzelepis – Wellbeing Leader



★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Emerson Fairchild For: her fantastic effort in writing tasks and enthusiasm in class meetings. Amazing, Emerson! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Isabelle Towt For: being an amazing scientist in her inquiry action and using descriptive language 😊
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Jett Barnett For: showing confidence when learning about the days of the week. Well done, Jett!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Aria Gillan For: always participating in remote learning meetings and trying her best. Fabulous work Aria!
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Lily Jordan For: showing growing confidence when presenting her inquiry video about pets.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Bentleigh Matthews For: being enthusiastic in every remote learning meeting, and displaying a great effort with his work.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Lillian Ford & Tayze Lindsay For: doing their best to plan, draft and publish a narrative.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Monica D'Amico For: challenging herself and having a go at creating a tessellating pattern!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Levi Linton For: being an active member in our meetings and submitting your work every day. Great job, Levi!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Heidi Gallenti For: consistently working hard during remote learning. Well done, Heidi!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Emma Lord For: displaying excellence and perseverance when presenting your personal inquiry learning. Well done, Emma 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Riley Beattie For: Working hard on his inquiry and constantly checking in with the teacher to see how he could improve it. Well done!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Will Bassett For: working hard in remote learning and making a fantastic presentation on AFL rules. Great job!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Tahlia Dixon For: being a super star learner by persisting with every learning task and showing determination when learning new ICT skills. Fabulous efforts Tahlia!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: Kallam Morris For: attending our class meetings and engaging with the online learning tasks. Well done Kallam
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Lara Parker For: completing all learning tasks and taking initiative to set personal goals and work hard to achieve them.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Michael Rode For: attending all meetings, completing his learning and always willing to assist his peers.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Ethan Barclay For: his improved thorough responses to literacy assignments.



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