



Issue 30- 7th October 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term 4. The road map communicated through the holiday period gives us a clear indication of when our students will return onsite – and we can't wait. In the meantime, remote learning continues. While it is disappointing that we have had to cancel our middle and upper primary camps, our teachers have planned amazing experiences for our students. Our Year 3/4 team have put in an outstanding effort to ensure the students have been able to create memories through camp like experiences. Mrs Cummins' Disco on Monday night was a hit and other experiences such as virtual excursions, tent making and trivia nights have been well received. This again highlights just how amazing our educators are and how they go above and beyond for our students. Thank you to the team.



This first week back has been heavily focused on planning the term ahead in light of the latest announcements. Information will be shared regularly, and we encourage all parents to remain current with all Compass notifications. We have a strong desire to finish the year with as many positive experiences as possible. There will be a book week parade, our intention is to proceed with swimming as planned, graduation plans (including back up contingencies) are in place and our Colour Run will be a special day at our school.

There is so much to look forward to with a return to onsite school, but it will be dynamic and fast paced.

You will have heard in the media about the requirement for vaccinations for those that work in schools. We are currently working with DET and our staff to ensure we meet these requirements. Please be aware that there are no current requirements on parents who attend the school for pick up or drop off. Any volunteers or contractors who eventually come onsite will however need to provide evidence of vaccination.

More information about how we will manage the staged return to onsite school will be shared next week. In the meantime, please stay engaged with the remote learning programs provided and we look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

October 22	Swimming Program Payment Due
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

3rd October
Lexie 3/4W
Aryanne 5/6LE

6th October
Harper 5/6RM
Max 5/6RM

8th October
Oakley 00M

11th October
Eva 02C

12th October
Kristyana 5/6P

13th October
Tiernan 01C
Keira 5/6G

14th October
Mackenley 01JA



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

We're nearly there! I hope you all managed to find some time to 'chill out' over the break and give your eyes a rest from devices, I know I tried too. Term 4 is such an exciting time and we have already started planning for the students long awaited return to onsite learning. We cannot thank our community enough for your hard work and perseverance throughout Term 3 and with some much-needed warmer weather on the way and daylight savings giving us all a spring in our step, brighter days are not far away.



This week, our Year 3/4 students went camping...well remotely that is. It was fantastic to see so many students beaming with excitement as they participated in a range of activities. Monday's tent making was an adventure in itself, with students finding so many creative ways to make a shelter. The disco on Monday night was a sight to behold...so many families went the extra mile to dress up, put on a light show and dance the night away.

Making damper was a real hit, and those chocolate bananas were delicious...especially with marshmallows on the side. Tuesday night was 'family Kahoot' and what a hoot it was with over 50 families joining in. On Wednesday, students camped out in their sleeping bags and read books, some even created artificial fires and marshmallows for atmosphere. 'Movie night' was followed by a well-earned rest.

On Thursday morning, we were off to the Zoo and the mid-morning was spent designing an obstacle course for a good old egg and spoon race. I really enjoyed watching the student 'camp week' presentations this morning. A special thanks to the Year 3/4 team for putting together a great virtual experience for our students.

The Colour Run is coming, have you registered? We are keeping everything crossed that we can host the Colour Run on Friday 19th November. We have an amazing day planned for our students and just in time for the warmer weather too!

To **register** and **start fundraising**, follow this link 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. Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward. We encourage you to utilise the online fundraising platform by sharing the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social Media. All money raised from this year's colour run will be put towards an upgrade of the soccer pitch toilet block.



For additional information about fundraising for the Colour Run, please see the attachment in the Compass post. Click on the link to view the Big Show and Colour Video <https://youtu.be/bLdbFh7n9xU>

Remember, 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!

Term 4 = Sun Smart. In line with our Sun Smart Policy, a reminder that students must wear a hat outside when completing learning, playing sport/PE or during scheduled breaks. Please make sure your child has their WPS logo hat in their bag. Northern Regional Uniforms are delivering to our school on Wednesdays for all phone orders however, we have a small supply for sale in the office for \$16 (the same price as NRU). For students currently attending onsite and when all students begin their staggered transition back to school, please make sure their WPS logo hat is packed.

How are your sunflowers going? It has been great to see so many students sharing the growth of their seedlings with us. I've got green shoots sprouting up everywhere at home, I hope yours are thriving too. Always remember, from little things, big things grow



Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family.

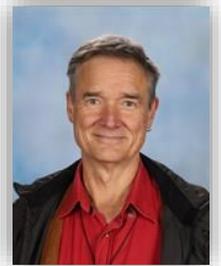
Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain

School History 2012 Term 3

At the start of second semester, **Bente Stock** gave “building social capital” a high priority, and each family received a “Code of Conduct” booklet so that the whole school community could be included in a commitment to build on best student behaviour, both at home and at school.



This year’s school disco in the gym was held on July 27 and enjoyed by all who attended. The large mural on the retaining wall facing the Early Years Learning Centre was painted at this time by Brett Cardwell. The 5/6 toilets were repainted and Brett added his cartooning skills to this wall as well as other parts of the school.

The literacy learning in year 3 and 4 involved ballad poems and I must include one by Cody Talbot (right). Other than this, a lot of learning during this time was based on the 2012 Olympic Games (London, 27 July – 12 August).

In August, an independent reviewer Dr Liz Irwin led a school review. The panel included School Council President Shannon Mirrelees, parent rep Rebecca Spriggs, Regional Network Leader Rob Brookes, teachers Kate O’Halloran, Kellie Redmond, Sarah Keys, and Pam Studwick (for Admin), plus all the SRC students. This review looked at how the school was travelling and provided future directions for the next five years. This month also held three-way conferences (teacher, student and parent), Father’s Day stall (bring \$6), and a family maths night in the Early Years Learning Centre.

In the art room, each student made a lantern to be used at a community event “Into the Light” at the Whittlesea Show Grounds (Saturday September 1). Six hundred lanterns were made in all the surrounding schools for this event held in the Chandler Pavilion.

Bente Stock and **Ty Hoggins** continued their “Curiosity Show” each Monday assembly. Ty admitted finding a lot of these great ideas from Ruben Meerman (the Surfing Scientist – abc.net.au/science).



School La La Band

The choir (24 students) put in a huge effort for **State School Spectacular**. The theme was “It’s All About Love” in two performances on Saturday 8 September at Hisense Arena. A total of 3,000 students from Prep to year 12 performed, and 1,200 of these were the combined choir. Bente Stock especially thanked teacher Lynne Tolmay, and parent volunteers Vicki Johnson and Simone Giuliani.

To be continued....

Footy

We went to play footy
It was really cold
So we played the game
And I saw someone old

We beat Mill Park
And we sang the song
We were muddy and dirty
It felt so wrong

I went to McDonalds
And got something to eat
When I took off my boots
I couldn’t feel my feet

Cody Talbot

★ Star of the Week ★

Term 3- Week 10

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Angus Watt For: improving the number of Oxford words he recognises and applying them when reading. 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Beau Cornish For: reading all of this Oxford words confidently in his reading group. Well done!
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Briah Barrett For: trying her best when reading books on Sunshine Online. Great effort!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Lachlan Attana For: planning and writing an exciting narrative that included a sizzling start and surprising ending.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Isabelle King For: fantastic story writing and illustrations. Well done on doing your best. Awarded to: Elliot Powell For: excellent story writing and reading about the brown bear.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Tai Vuillermin For: writing an engaging story about making friends with a ghost in a haunted house
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Jesse Osborne For: for consistently producing high quality learning in his assignments. Well done, Jesse, great effort!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Grant Munro For: having an incredible work ethic and always setting high expectations for yourself. Well done, Grant! 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Shelby Farrelly For: Starting at WPS with confidence in our class meetings and completing all set tasks. Well done, Shelby!
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Mason Burgess For: always helping others succeed and being a kind friend. Well done, Mason!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Thomas Watt For: demonstrating excellence by creating challenging AFL questions for the 3/4 footy quiz. Great work Thomas! Awarded to: Kye Templeton For: demonstrating excellence by creating challenging NRL questions for the 3/4 footy quiz. Awesome work Kye!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Axyle Simpson For: attempting all learning and achieving an excellent standard in his literacy tasks.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Zoe Batten For: her outstanding academic performance during remote learning in Term 3



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