

Issue 31- 15th October 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

After a long period of remote learning we are excited to commence our staged return to school next week. Foundation students will be welcomed back Monday to Wednesday and our Year 1 and 2 students will attend Thursday to Friday. A reminder that students attend school on the following days across the next 3 weeks. Monday November 1st is a pre-approved student free day for F-6.



CALENDAR

October 18	Staged Return Begins
October 22	Swimming Program Payment Due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

15th October
Cruz 5/6G

17th October
Jack 00M
Fionah 3/4W

18th October
Charlotte 02D
Charlie 3/4M

19th October
Jett 3/4W
James 5/6RM

20th October
Fletcher 00V
Olive 3/4T

21st October
Beau 01M



STAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

TERM 4 - COMMENCING WEEK 3



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 3 Monday 18 th October	F	F	F	1 & 2	1 & 2
WEEK 4 Monday 25 th October	F	F 3 & 4	F 3 & 4	1 & 2 5 & 6	1 & 2 5 & 6
WEEK 5 Monday 1 st November	CUP EVE	CUP DAY	F 3 & 4	1 & 2 5 & 6	F - 6
WEEK 6 Monday 8 th November	F - 6	F - 6	F - 6	F - 6	F - 6

*Remote learning continues on the days your child is not at school

Respect Your School

Do Your Best

Help Others Succeed

While not onsite, our regular remote learning program will continue with teachers leading their daily meetings on Microsoft Teams. It is a challenging time as students will have days of onsite learning leading back to periods of remote learning. This inconsistency is not ideal, and we'd much prefer all students back. That said, the staged return will gradually increase our onsite numbers as the state progressively increases the rate of vaccinations.

In line with Department instructions, all staff onsite from Monday will have shown to be fully vaccinated. This will extend to any volunteers or contractors who come onsite to work near or with students. TheirCare have communicated their compliance with these new regulations and our office will establish processes for viewing and collecting evidence of vaccination for all those required to provide it. Please note parents dropping off or picking up students or those attending the office for general business are not required to provide evidence of vaccination.

Commencing Monday, all students from Years 3-6 will be required to wear a face mask when indoors. This again is a direction from DET. If you wish to submit a request for an exemption, please email the school at Whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Grounds for exemption are summarized at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks-when-wear-face-mask#exceptions-for-not-wearing-a-face-mask>.

A reminder to all of our families with students in Years 2-5 that the BYOD portal is open for purchases. With worldwide technology supply issues and shipping delays I highly encourage all families to not delay in choosing a device for their child. These laptops are essential items for students in Years 3-6 for 2022.

We are looking forward to Week 3 and particularly welcoming our junior students back to normal onsite school. Well done again to all our families – the finish line is in sight!

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

It's starting to get a little bit exciting, isn't it? The next few weeks are going to be filled with a mix of emotions as our students begin their transition back to onsite learning. Our teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for the staggered return and we are looking forward to next Monday when we welcome the Foundation students back and later in the week, Year 1 & 2 students on Thursday.



As we begin our staggered return, it is time to normalise the school routine for all students attending onsite. From Monday 18th October, ALL STUDENTS attending onsite should be in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. This includes students that are attending as children of essential workers. Students will also need their school logo wide brim hat for outside play and outdoor learning, in line with our school policies. Please take time over the coming days and weeks to prepare your child for their return to school by getting their school bag ready, checking their hat is in their bag, trying on uniform and on the days they attend school, remembering to pack their remote learning books and pencil case.

Northern Regional Uniforms are still taking orders, payments over the phone and delivering to our school on Wednesdays. We also have a small supply of school hats for sale in the office, they are \$16.

COLOUR RUN UPDATE - you have already raised OVER \$4600!

It's great to see we have 177 students registered for the Colour Run. Thank you to those families that have jumped in early with donations. The top 5 *class registrations* are as follows, with 34M leading the charge for DOUBLE HOUSE POINTS while 1B are leading with the highest donations so far.

34M	18 registrations
1B	15 registrations (highest donations)
FV	13 registrations
1M & 2D	12 registrations



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

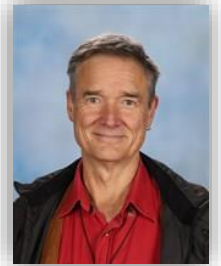
I'm looking forward to welcoming our F-2 students back to a few days of onsite learning next week and the 3/4's and 5/6's in the weeks there after. See you all soon.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2012 Term 4

The last term of 2012 provided a weekly story time for preschool children ages 3 & 4 years. This initiative served to build community and promote the school for future enrolments. These were held each Thursday in the Library for the last hour of the school day so that parents who already had children at school would have best opportunity of joining in. Principal **Bente Stock** in tandem with other teachers enjoyed reading to the children who came to these sessions.

Woods Paddock was going to change forever. The Building and Grounds committee received tender submissions for the installation of synthetic grass involving a running track and foursquare courts. By November they had awarded the tender to Australian Sporting Surfaces.



Bente Stock had a conversation with the Christ Church Anglican Priest and secured a commitment to provide a Christmas at Church experience in the last week of term for the Religious Education students of the school. This was to be the last time organised groups of WPS students entered the church next door. Prep to 2 had their turn at 9:30 am and years 3-6 entered at 10:15 am. In that way, each group received an age appropriate presentation. Teacher Kate O'Hallaron and Chaplain Peter Ackland were the supervising staff. Steve the priest included each of the RE teacher volunteers of the school to contribute to these uniquely designed Christmas pageants. Bente wrote: *"The format of the service includes a play and a few songs and a story. Steve the minister of the church has put a lot of planning into the service to make it interesting and suitable for the children."* Although RE continued for a few more years, this event seemed to mark the end of an era.

The school provided **Career Electives** again this year and one of these was a building elective provided by Peter Ackland. Each student learned building terms and building practice and took home at the end of the year a scale model house.



As in previous years, the year sixes used term 4 to learn a dance routine for their graduation. The Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre was the graduation venue and this location kept being used right up until 2020 when COVID -19 stopped the tradition.

To be continued...

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Beka Briggs For: telling a fantastic story with the Hungry Giant and the Gingerbread Man as characters. Well done! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Kayla Kringle For: excellent reading in her reading group. Well done 😊
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Hudson Matthews For: his excellent effort in all math tasks this week. Superstar!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Lincoln Cilia For: an amazing effort during remote learning and always submitting his learning tasks.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Lily Rode For: always participating in learning, submitting her learning tasks and asking questions.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Eva Reilly For: succeeding in all of her remote learning tasks and assisting peers where possible.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Jamison Dean For: writing a strong opinion piece with lots of reasons about why he believed the Big Bad Wolf over The Three Little Pigs!
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Ryker Sanders For: generating lots of different questions of interest he could use to collect data!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Ellie-Mae Willoughby For: outstanding engagement during our 'Camping from Home' week. Well done, Ellie-Mae!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: 3/4M For: embracing our home camp week of learning and completing personal best learning! Well done 3/4M!
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Billy Cartledge For: positively joining into online learning this term and completing tasks that were set.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: 3/4C For: showing amazing resilience and embracing Camp Home 2021. Amazing job to all!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Xavier Dundas For: being an outstanding participant in this week's home camp activities. Thank you for sharing fabulous photos of your experiences Xavier! Awarded to: Isobel Cilia For: being an outstanding participant in this week's home camp activities. Thank you for sharing fabulous photos of your experiences Isobel!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Amber Hall For: her consistent participation during remote learning



Bring Your Own Device 2022 Parent Portal

As 2022 edges closer, we encourage families to purchase their child's device early to allow for current global delays. Students have experienced great success in using their devices to support their learning this year, let's keep up our outstanding results as we welcome year 2 students to the BYOD program.



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\$693.00



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Device Price
\$832.76



Lenovo
ThinkPad L13
Yoga Gen 2

Device Price
\$1,175.79

The models above are provided by EduNet and come prepared ready for students to use. This range meets the requirements set out for all students in years 3 to 6 for 2022.

Website: <https://whittleseaps.technologyportal.com.au>
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TheirCare News

Meet the Team!



Hayley



Lauren



Isabella



Lou

Welcome back everybody! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday break, us at TheirCare are super excited to start term 4. We have some amazing themes coming up this term that we can't wait for.

During the first week of Term 4 the students did activities based on different games. During games week the students got into groups and designed their very own game/game boards. We also held an UNO competition, both educators and students played. The students dominated of course. We also spent some time outside on the playgrounds playing among us, soccer, and football.

The students also enjoy spending time inside playing with the Lego in the construction corner, we also created our own Woolworths's shop using the Woolies Bricks we have been donated from different families!

This week the students are diving into Art Week. All the students have suggested some art activities we could do together morning and afternoon. So far, the students have done some Aboriginal Art using different Aboriginal symbols, we have also decorated our names to represent ourselves.

For any questions, new enrolments, or bookings:

Email: whittlesea@theircare.com.au

Phone: 0447 542 696

Website: theircare.com.au

What is happening this week:

11th-15th Oct: Art Week

What happened last week:

4th-8th Oct: Game Week

Term 4 Calendar

WEEK 1: GAME WEEK

Suggested by: Connor Driver, Asha Abeling and Isabelle Carey-Szwaj

Students will do activities based on different games they like to play e.g., Uno tournament, minute to win it games, silent ball and more!

WEEK 2: ART WEEK

Based on the likes of the students

Students will get creative this week, diving into all things art. There will be competitions throughout the week and each day will highlight someone's artwork with artist of the day.

WEEK 3: HALLOWEEN WEEK

Based on the celebrated holiday Halloween

Children will be basing their activities on the celebrated holiday students will be creating decorations for our service to hang up, they will also get to do a lolly hunt and create their own baskets to collect their lollies in.

WEEK 4: CHILDREN'S WEEK

Based on children's week

The students will have full control over the program this week, every morning and afternoon the students will get to decide what we do with activities ranging from sport and craft.

WEEK 5: MELBOURNE CUP WEEK

Based on the Melbourne Cup

Students will be jumping into the Melbourne Cup. The students will have their own oaks day where they will create their own hats/fascinators and will hold their own horse race

WEEK 6: COOKING WEEK

Suggested by Asha Abeling

The students will get into the kitchen to create some healthy delicious snacks to eat or take home. They will also get creative playing a taste test game as well as create your own recipe.

WEEK 7: WATER AND ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Based on road safety week

The students will learn how to be safe on the road and its surroundings. We will learn what to do when at a traffic light, what to do in an emergency and hopefully hear from our local heroes.

WEEK 8: SPORT WEEK

Based on the likes of the children

The students suggested a sports week as well as going off their likes. We decided to play lots of different sports and team building challenges as well as sports craft activities

WEEK 9: SUMMER WEEK

Based on the season summer

Because we are in the season summer the students will create craft that represents summer as well as getting to create their own yoghurt popsicle.

WEEK 10: ANIMAL WEEK

Suggested by Isabelle Carey-Szwaj

Animal week is going to focus on the different types of animals such as safari, insect, household pets etc. they will create chocolate spiders, and different craft activities.

WEEK 11: CHRISTMAS WEEK

Based on the annual holiday

The students are going to be celebrating Christmas for the last week of school. During this week they will get to write their wishlist to santa clause and they will also get to celebrate the end of the year with a Christmas party.

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