

Issue 32- 22nd October 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Things are returning to normal at Whittlesea Primary School. The buzz has started to return to our yard, the sun is shining, and our students are reconnecting with their friends back onsite. We are still awaiting the return of all our Year 3/4 students, but all other year levels have been onsite this week and we can't wait for November 5th when all students are back full time.



There are exciting events to look forward to and some important information for all parents to be aware of. Please note the following key topics: -

Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot in 2022

We are very excited to announce that our school will be involved in the Mental Health in Primary Schools Pilot in 2022. The MHiPS Pilot is a Victorian Government initiative, designed to promote a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing. The Pilot is being delivered in partnership with Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Melbourne Graduate School of Education.

The Pilot provides our school with funding during 2022 to employ a teacher-qualified professional as a Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator who will assist to lead a whole-school approach to mental health prevention and early intervention approaches that are embedded in the classroom. This will enable us to further deepen our current practices to support our students' wellbeing.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator will complement the school's existing wellbeing team and strengthen our connections with broader Department Education staff, local community services and other health professionals to engage and build relationships with appropriate mental health and wellbeing supports.

Book Week

As mentioned previously, our school will proceed with a dress up day to celebrate Book Week and a love of literature. Students are invited to attend school in costume on November 15th. Please start making plans now and we look forward to our students enjoying a great day.

CALENDAR

October 25	Swimming Program Payment Due
November 1	Student Free Day
November 2	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Melbourne Cup
November 15	Book Week Dress Up Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

23rd October
Briah 00M
Emmanuel 00P

24th October
Audrey 01C
Mason 3/4C

26th October
Sarah 02D

27th October
Zane 3/4M

29th October
Eva 02D
Shelby 3/4T
Tahlia 3/4F
Brodie 5/6RM



Class Requests

As we do every year, this week I invite our families to forward any class placement requests via our school email or compass portal. Requests can be for your child to be with or not with a particular student or students in 2022. While we endeavor to review previous years requests where possible, these are not always applicable into the future and can't always be accommodated. Please resubmit any previous requests if they are still current. Please note that we do not accept requests for any other factors such as classrooms, teachers etc.

Our class creation policy details a comprehensive process that considers students requests in combination with academic, social and gender profile. We look to create the best classes to facilitate learning for all students.

2022 Parent Payments

Next week each family will receive a comprehensive document outlining the school's new Parent Payment Policy. This policy is in line with Department policy and represents a significant shift. Most noticeably, please be aware that the school will no longer purchase bulk supplies for all students and collect an excursion levy. For 2022 onwards, families can purchase a box of supplies through a preferred supplier. These materials are specifically selected for each year level and will be available for collection in late January before school commences. Each child will have their own personal materials from now on – meeting a key COVID safe practice expected of all schools. In regards to excursions, these will be charged throughout the year as teams plan experiences.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

With only a few weeks until we have all of our students back onsite, it was great to welcome our Foundation, Year 1 & 2 and Year 5 & 6 students back this week for learning, albeit staggered. Next week we also look forward to welcoming our Year 3 & 4 students back onsite, returning on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was also great to have all of our staff back onsite today; our school is starting to feel and look 'normal' again.



STAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL					
TERM 4 - COMMENCING WEEK 3					
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 3 Monday 18th October	F ✓	✓	✓	1 & 2 ✓	1 & 2 ✓ 3 & 6
WEEK 4 Monday 25th October	F	F 3 & 4	F 3 & 4	1 & 2 5 & 6	1 & 2 5 & 6
WEEK 5 Monday 1st November	CUP EVE	CUP DAY	F 3 & 4	1 & 2 5 & 6	F - 6
WEEK 6 Monday 8th 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

Please remember all students should be in full school uniform on the days they return to school, including those students attending as children of essential workers. Also remember to pack the following items on the days your child attends school:

- remote learning books and pencil case
- WPS logo wide brim hat
- labelled drink bottle

COLOUR RUN UPDATE - you have already raised OVER \$6000!

It's great to see we have 189 students registered for the Colour Run. Thank you to those families that have already donated. The top 5 *class registrations* are as follows, with 34M still leading the charge for DOUBLE HOUSE POINTS while 1B continue to lead with the highest-class donations.

34M	18 registrations
1B	15 registrations (highest donations)
FV & 1JA	14 registrations
2D & 56RM	13 registrations

In the coming weeks, additional information about, the day including t-shirt orders will be published to families, so, watch this space.

Whatever you get up to this weekend, I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your family.

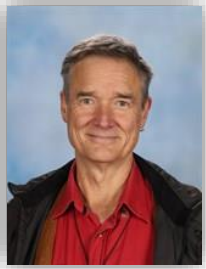
Kind regards
Rae Gittos

P.S. did I hear someone say 'dress up'?



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2013 Term 1

At the start of 2013, Principal **Bente Stock** wrote: "For children to be the best they can be teachers have a moral responsibility to keep abreast of latest research and best instructional practice. Our staff all value lifelong learning and are highly motivated to acquire new knowledge and skills and to continuously improve." The *Student Code of Conduct* was distributed to new families for parents to read with their children and to sign. A blue communications bag was introduced, one given to each student for managing messages and forms between the school and parents/guardians. Parent/Teachers interviews were conducted Monday and Tuesday, March 4 & 5. The Education Tax Refund was replaced by a simpler system for eligible families (max. \$410 for each student) removing the need to collect receipts for tax return.



Work was underway converting **Woods Paddock** into an attractive sporting field with a large viewing area slope. The contractor was **Australian Sporting Surfaces**.

The **SRC** Student Representative Council first fundraising for the year was for Green Aid Relief which supports needy children locally, nationally and internationally, through selling packs of band aids to raise the funds.

In sport, WPS won the District Swimming this year (February 18) at the Northcote Pool. All competing students progressed in at least one even to the Whittlesea Division Final a few weeks later. On Tuesday February 26, Bryce Gibbs and Jarrod Waite from the Carlton Football Club shared with year 5 & 6 students what it was like to be an elite athlete and then gave them a football training session. School House Swimming was Friday March 15 at the Whittlesea Pool (picture below). Twilight House Athletics followed this Thursday March 21. It was a busy term for sport.



For fitness, the Ride2School Day was organised for Friday March 22 (picture above). Students started at Walkers Reserve with Police escort and teacher supervision. This year, the ride, scooter, skateboard, or walk involved 150 students. Senior Constable Tim Forster spoke at the special school assembly following this in the gym and students each received a Stokes Orchard apple. For an additional fitness initiative, families were encouraged to become involved in the Premier's Active Families Challenge, to register to do 30 minutes of physical activity per day for 30 days starting from Monday March 4 and going right into the holidays.

Real turf was planned for these holidays for bare patches on the Oval, supplied by **Green Acres Instant Lawn**. Synthetic grass was planned for the cricket pitch.



Is your child moving into Year 3 in 2022?

All students in Years 3 to 6 are required to have a 'Bring Your Own Device' Windows Laptop to support their learning in the classroom.

We advise families to purchase a device now to ensure your child receives their device by 14/12/2021.

Visit the EduNet Parent Portal:

<https://whittleseaps.technologyportal.com.au>

Use the Access Code: WPS2022

If you require more information about the 'Bring Your Own Device' Program contact the school on 9716 2140.

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Henry Menz For: presenting an excellent science experiment for inquiry. Amazing, Henry! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: James Smith For: Enthusiasm when playing Bingo during our class meetings.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Oakley Saw For: trying his personal best during remote learning. Well done!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Aran Wild For: actively participating in class discussions during maths lessons and using the language of chance to explain the likelihood of events occurring. Awarded to: Kory Morrell For: doing her best and completing all learning tasks to an excellent standard during remote learning.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Polly Krueger For: successfully showing her personal best during remote learning. Awarded to: Adeline Johnson For: continuing to complete all set tasks confidently.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Ryder Minett For: continually contributing to all class meetings and always encouraging other classmates.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: Harry Winter For: Hosting a class game of Kahoot. Well done!
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: River Toulson For: submitting high quality year 2 learning and setting a great standard for his peers!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Alexis Harvey For: being a positive and active member of our meetings during remote learning.
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Taylor Love For: consistently completing remote learning tasks to a high standard, and for being encouraging to others.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Harrison King For: consistently completing all set learning tasks to an incredibly high standard! Well done, Harrison! 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Jessica Chalmers For: doing her best and completing all set tasks to a high standard during remote learning.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Grace Greaves For: challenging herself to make a presentation to the class. So proud of you, Grace!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Sophia-Grace Beattie For: demonstrating the community expectations throughout all meetings and being a positive contributor during whole class activities. Great work Sophia!
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Noah Kringle For: working consistently to complete learning tasks remotely. Well Done!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Cash Alway For: actively contributing to class meetings. Great work Cash!

TheirCare News

Meet the Team!



Hayley



Lauren



Isabella



Lou

During week 2 the students dived into Art Week. We started the week off by drawing a portrait of our families. We also did some aboriginal artwork. The students investigated different symbols and the meanings behind them, then put them into their art. The students also designed their names to represent themselves. The students then got creative using the Coles bags and recycled them into fashion/designer clothes. The students worked in groups to design and create them. The next day the students did some painting and created a sunflower picture. The students also gave origami a go and created some characters from angry birds. The students then got to have an artist competition. The students were read out descriptions of a specific cartoon character which they had to draw. The student who got the closest to the drawing won a prize.

Overall, the students had a wonderful week. This week the students are celebrating Halloween with games, dressups and activities based on the celebrated holiday. We cannot wait to see all the children in their fancy-dress costumes.

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:
18th-22nd Oct: Halloween Week

What happened last week:

4th-8th Oct: Game Week

11th-15th Oct: Art 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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