

Issue 33- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Today marks another significant milestone. Remote learning as a result of 'Lock Down 6' will conclude today. Please note that **Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is a school council approved student free day**. School will return to normal full time onsite delivery from **Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



### World Teacher's Day

Today our school celebrates World Teachers' Day and we recognise the incredible contributions our teachers make to our community. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for our community to say 'thank you'. We recognise the passion our teachers have, and how teaching has extended beyond the classroom to maintain connections through remote learning. Feel free to let our teachers know you appreciate their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. You and your children can get involved by sending a message of thanks to a teacher who is making, or has made, an impact on your life using #thanksvicteachers on social media. Don't forget to tag the school so we can see all your messages. You may also wish to send a personalised message to a teacher at our school using Compass.



**World Teachers' Day**  
**29 October, 2021**  
Thank you Victorian teachers



### Operation Changes from November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please note the following important operational changes as we implement COVIDSafe strategies at Whittlesea Primary School: -

- All students commence school at 8:50am. Foundation and Year 1 students access school through the ELC vehicle ramp along our northern border. All other year levels access through the front and car park gates.
- Parents / carers WILL be permitted to enter the yard for pick up and drop of. Visitors are not to enter buildings, other than the main office. Please observe social distancing norms and face mask requirements and exit the school as soon as possible.

## CALENDAR

November 1	<b>Student Free Day</b>
November 2	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>Melbourne Cup</b>
November 3	All Students Return  Pre-Foundation Onsite
November 8	Swimming Program Begins
November 15	Book Week Dress Up Day

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Isobel 3/4F

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Koby 00P  
Toby 3/4C

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Emma 3/4M  
Holly 3/4F

**4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Giovita 3/4C  
Kaili 5/6G



- Pick up will be staggered under the following arrangement –
  - Years 1 and 2 will finish school at 3:05pm. Year 1 will exit the ELC gate while Year 2 will depart from the normal school gates.
  - All other year levels will finish at the normal time of 3:15pm. Year 3-6 students will exit via the normal gates, with Foundation to use the ELC gate.
  - Siblings being dismissed at different times can meet on the soccer pitch from 3:05pm. It is important that all families have an established plan.
- Pre-Foundation will return to an onsite program from November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Canteen will resume Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
- The mask requirement for Year 3-6 students remains.
- Visitors to classrooms including volunteers and contractors will be restricted to those who provide full vaccination evidence to the office. All visitors will require prior approval to work in classrooms.
- Swimming programs will proceed commencing November 8<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your understanding in observing the information above. Next week is a step towards normal operation at Whittlesea Primary School and we can't wait for all students to be back onsite together.

Congratulations on navigating another lengthy period of remote learning and enjoy the long weekend break. We are aware that many of our families will take the opportunity to travel into regional Victoria following the easing of restrictions. Have a great time and enjoy camping, the beach or whatever your family has planned.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

I am pleased to announce that our school has received a 2021 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant in the amount of \$4594. Earlier in the year, our school council environmental sub-committee submitted an application for a grant through the Victorian Government, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) - Victorian Landcare Program. This grant provides support for a range of activities to help protect, improve and expand habitats for Victoria's native plants and animals and to enable and encourage the next generation of young people in valuing and actively caring for Victoria's natural environment.



Our submission, entitled "Healesville Sanctuary Excursion" project, aligns to our inquiry curriculum where students inquire into the needs of living things including people, plants and animals. They build on their understandings of the physical world and learn about how to care for the natural environment. Through these inquiry's, students develop a deeper understanding of their role as citizens in maintaining a healthy environment. Healesville Sanctuary and its education programs provide the ideal educational setting with opportunities for learning that align closely to our school curriculum and build on the rich experiences our students have already relished.

### 2021 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants



Environment,  
Land, Water  
and Planning

Congratulations to our sub-committee members for bringing the application together. We look forward to sending our students to Healesville Sanctuary in 2022.

### *Return to Onsite Learning*

With the return to onsite learning for all students on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, please remember the following:

- Full school uniform
- WPS logo wide brim hat
- Bring ALL remote learning books and a labelled pencil case
- For students in years 3-6, a fully charged device everyday (including headphones/earbuds)
- Labelled drink bottle

### *Year 5/6 ACMI Excursion*

A reminder to all our parents/carers of our Year 5/6 students that the rescheduled ACMI excursion events have been reposted on Compass. Please ensure you consent to your child attending this event, even if you did so earlier in the year. Please note that due to our first internal transition day, all Year 6 students will attend on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and all Year 5 students will attend on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### COLOUR RUN UPDATE - you have already raised \$6891.00

We now have 195 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 & 56RM	15 registrations (highest-class donations)
FV & 1JA	14 registrations
2D	13 registrations

To **register** and **start fundraising**, follow this link [https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign\\_up](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.

Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November a t-shirt order form will be sent home with every child. The cost of a black t-shirt is \$5. Due to current onsite restrictions, we will not be holding a sausage sizzle lunch however all students will receive a Quelch icy pole at the end of the day after the Colour Run. There will be more information to follow regarding onsite arrangements in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend with your family 😊

Kind regards  
Rae Gittos



P.S. Book week dress-up is not far away (15<sup>th</sup> November)

### CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen will re-open next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November!

The canteen operates every Thursday and Friday during break time. Orders can be placed online through QuickCliq or money can be placed in a paper bag (labelled with your child's name, class and lunch order) and handed to the child's teacher in the morning.

### BIRTHDAY/CELEBRATION FOOD



A reminder for anyone that is wanting to bring food to share with their class for a birthday celebration that it needs to be pre-packaged!

### REMINDERS

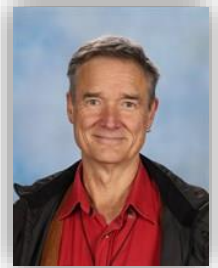
- Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Uniforms need to be returned to Mr Leslie
- Any outstanding Cadbury fundraising money or chocolates need to be returned to the office as soon as possible



Peter Ackland - school chaplain

### School History 2013 Term 2

Wood's Paddock redevelopment was complete and it was an instant hit with students. Principal **Bente Stock** joined in with students on the running track. She was complemented by one of the children who said, "Mrs Stock, you did quite well racing in your high heels!" The Oval had also been transformed. Green Acres Instant Lawn had installed turf on the goal post area. The school had received \$4,500 from the **Victorian Garden Award** for an amusing video that was entered the previous year made by student leaders playing football in the muddy goal square, falling over and being splatted with mud.



*New turf for the goal square*



*ANZAC Day 2013 with teacher Cheryl Abbott*

A Pre-Prep Program commenced this term every Tuesdays 2:15 – 3:15pm replacing Story Time of the previous three years. This program raised the bar to engage with the whole child, in social, emotional, gross and fine motor and early literacy and numeracy skill development. It commenced with 32 children and was led by **Bente Stock** and leading teacher **Kate O'Halloran**. A Parenting Program of three sessions (2 hours each) also commenced on Thursday evenings, April 18 & 25 and May 2, led by Ester Realto and Neil Welsh.

On a specially approved student free day (Monday, April 22), all staff attended professional learning at the Melbourne Convention Centre with Dr Bill Rogers, an expert on student behaviour management. Staff learned new techniques and strategies to support positive and cooperative behaviour in class. On that same day, synthetic grass was installed on the Oval's cricket pitch.



The SRC Green Aid (band aids) fundraiser of term 1 raised \$11,255.65 of which \$7,503 went to the Green Aid charity to help disadvantaged children while the remaining \$3,752 went directly to WPS. The SRC decided to use a part of this amount to purchase goals to add to the Wood's Paddock redevelopment. The pictures above show Bente's husband **Gary Stock** and groundsman **Steve George** assembling the goal frames. This addition has proved to be a super decision by the Student Representative Council. The playing area grew further in popularity and has now become known as the 'Soccer Field'. The name 'Wood's Paddock' would fade into history.

To be continued.

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Phoebe Sidebottom</b> For: showing confidence in the classroom and helping others succeed. Amazing, Phoebe! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Emmanuel Watson Booth</b> For: improving his letter and sound knowledge
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Dylan Studwick</b> For: learning all of his letters and sounds. Fantastic!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Salah El Jassem</b> For: putting in a fantastic effort when learning his high frequency words. Well done Salah! Awarded to: <b>Ariah Crocker</b> For: being a caring member of our class and helping others succeed.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Tiernan Donis- Llewellyn</b> For: writing an excellent story and completing all of his work. Awarded to: <b>Ava Argote</b> For: continually trying her best, and focusing on improving her spelling and writing.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Chaz MacKenzie</b> For: making his best efforts in all of his work and being a popular member of 1M.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: <b>Dakota Love</b> For: displaying resilience when working both on-site and at home during remote learning and always doing her best work.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Noah Henning</b> For: producing amazing writing on his return to school!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>Oscar King</b> For: returning to school with a positive mindset and a big smile.
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: <b>Indiana Halley</b> For: demonstrating solid number skills in our mathematics task this week. Great job, Indiana!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Charlie Graham</b> For: displaying excellence towards her inquiry learning! Well done, Charlie 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Lola Volkanovski</b> For: settling into WPS amazingly and completing all set task to a high standard.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Toby Clark</b> For: displaying excellence by using scientific thinking to write a report about his experiment. Great job, Toby!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Holly Leeson</b> For: consistently demonstrating the whole school community expectations during classroom meetings throughout the week. Fabulous work Holly!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Tahlia Redpath</b> – 8/10 For: doing her best to create engaging sizzling starts when writing Awarded to: <b>Sienna Murnane</b> - 15/10 For: practising resilience during remote learning and striving to do her best with her learning. Awarded to: <b>Cooper Ward</b> – 22/10 For: fully embracing our virtual camp to Phillip Island experience
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Madelyn Gittos</b> For: showing persistence and dedication in completing all learning tasks to a high standard
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Lily McDonald</b> For: always displaying a positive mindset towards her learning assignments. Well done!



# TheirCare News

## Meet the Team!



Hayley



Lauren



Isabella



Lou

### Halloween Week!!

During week 3 the students got to experience Halloween. We did lots of crafting, we dressed up and had lots of fun doing it. During Halloween week the students created their own floating ghosts using paper cups and scrap paper. We also created 3-d witches using origami. We played pin the smile on the skeleton, which both Noah Leeson and Angus Argote won! We then created our very own witches' hats using paper plates which the children decorated.

On Tuesday the children had a jam-packed afternoon. We had our very own Halloween party. The students each got changed into their own costumes from home. Even the educators dressed up. Hayley was Alice, from Alice in Wonderland and Lou was a Viking. We played party games such as limbo, corners, musical statues, and musical chairs. But the best part was the treasure hunt. The students got to search the room for the hidden lollies.

This week we are celebrating the children as it's children's week. The students get a blank schedule that they get to create for the entire week. It is up to them this week what activities we get to do. We cannot wait to see what they suggest.

For any questions, new enrolments, or bookings:

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### What is happening this week:

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Children's Week

### What happened last week:

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Game Week

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Art Week

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Halloween 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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