



Issue 34- 5th November 2021

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This morning I had the pleasure of leading a school tour – something that hasn't been able to happen for many months! It was great showing prospective families around our beautiful school. They were all very impressed with how well our students have transitioned back into full time onsite school. Learning environments are calm, productive and there is a sea of happy faces back at Whittlesea Primary School. It has been great reconnecting with parents in the yard also. Schools are central to the local community, and we are no exception.



Again, today's newsletter includes lots of important information, so please read through everything closely. Firstly though, I have the pleasure to share exciting student news: -

Whittlesea Secondary College Scholarships

Congratulations to Sophie Winter and Madelyn Gittos who were both awarded scholarships to Whittlesea Secondary College for 2022. Both girls are current school leaders and outstanding members of our school community. We are thrilled to hear of their achievement. Both will receive \$1000 to put towards their future tuition.

Book Week Celebration

It is Book Week in November at Whittlesea Primary School! A reminder that we will proceed with plans to host a Book Well Dress Up event on **Monday, November 15**. If you haven't already, start planning your costume. Details for the day will be distributed soon, but in line with COVID restrictions it is likely that parades will be split into smaller sub school groups and the number of adult visitors may need to be limited. As we always do – we endeavour to include as many parents as possible within the rules.

Swimming

Information was distributed today regarding swimming programs. Due to ratios and complex organisational demands, late enrolments cannot be accepted and the groups for swimming have been set. Years 3-6 will commence swimming this Monday, November 8th and attend four lessons a week for the next two weeks. The junior areas will commence on November 22nd. Fully vaccinated parent helpers are required, and we welcome all expressions of interest via compass communication.

CALENDAR

November 8	3-6 Swimming Program Begins
November 15	Book Week Dress Up Day
November 19	Colour Run
November 22	F-2 Swimming Program Begins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

5th November
Danika 5/6S

7th November
Lincoln 01JA
Lachlan 01JA
Stevie 3/4F

9th November
Kye 3/4F
Cadil 3/4W

10th November
Ellie 00M
Alice 3/4M

11th November
Kaleb 02CR



2022 Planning

While we are very much focussed on planning for a great end to 2021, we are also finalising the planning for next year. Our school has conducted recruitment processes and I am pleased to announce that Erin Barker from Mill Park Primary School and Mikayla Di Mauro from Plenty Parklands Primary School have been provisionally appointed to the role of classroom teachers for next year. We will also welcome back staff returning from periods of family leave including Carli Scoberg, Sarah Pearce and Jacquie Mondon. As part of our planning, we have considered options for class structures considering student enrolment numbers and school funding limitations. In 2022, we will operate 18 classes including 3 Foundation classes, and 5 composite classes in each of the following combinations - Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. Data suggests that difference in academic outcome between straight classes and composite classes is minimal and there are advantages relating to flexible class groupings and cross age social development. This arrangement also helps us maintain smaller class sizes on average across all year levels. For those who will have siblings across a composite grouping, please contact the school with any preferences you have regarding siblings being together or apart in a class.

It is a very busy time so please stay up to date with Compass news items and please call 9716 2140 with any queries you may have.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

It was great to hear the students return on Wednesday filled with stories of camping adventures, visiting family that they hadn't seen for so long, trips to the movies and catching up for a swim at the Whittlesea pool. I hope you had a chance to do some of the things you enjoy over the cup weekend. Despite the short week, it has been an incredibly busy few days as we launch into the last 6 weeks of Term 4. This afternoon I briefed the Year 5 students about the student leadership process for 2022. Over the coming week, any year 5 student interested in being a school leader next year can apply for the role of school captain, house captain or SRC captain. Students interested in a house captain position will need to prepare a speech and present their speeches to their peers in week 8. All the Year 5 students will be involved in the nomination process and Mr Leslie, along with myself and Mr Hoggins will complete the process once the school captains have been appointed. Students interested in applying for a school captain or SRC captain position will need to prepare a written application and present for an interview, also in week 8. Further details about this will follow for those interested students. All Year 5's will bring home an information pack today. The student leadership positions will be announced at our Christmas assembly on Wednesday 8th December.



As teachers begin the task of writing Semester 2 reports, as was the case last year, we would like to recognise the partnership between school and home by inviting parents and carers to submit an optional parent comment (1000 characters max.) to be included in the Semester 2 report.

Throughout Term 3, as parents and carers, you supported your children to learn remotely and during this time, you had the opportunity to observe the learning process and work closely with your children and their teacher/s to achieve shared goals.

Please keep in mind that the purpose of the student report is to celebrate the positive development and achievement that occurred during this time.

When writing this comment, you may wish to comment on the following:

- skills your child developed/displayed during remote learning
- the effort your child displayed during remote learning
- organisational skills your child developed/demonstrated during remote learning
- specific learning tasks that your child enjoyed/did well during remote learning

If you would like to submit a comment, please follow this [LINK](#) to complete the Microsoft form.

THE COLOUR RUN IS COMING!

Today all students were given a t-shirt order form for the Colour Run. This year we will be wearing BLACK t-shirts. All t-shirts are \$5. You can pay for your child's t-shirt by cash or card. Phone payments will also be accepted. Please return the form with your child's size to the office by Tuesday 16th November to assist with organisation prior to the event.

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON...14 DAYS TO GO!

To register and start fundraising follow this link https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_up and select "Whittlesea Primary School" as your school.



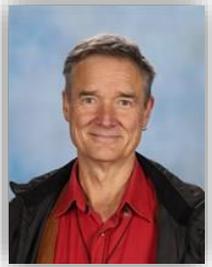
A reminder that our intensive swimming program commences on Monday 8th November. For the next 2 weeks, Years 3-6 students will attend the swimming program over 4 days each week. Our F-2 students will commence their intensive program on Monday 22nd November. Please check Compass for additional information regarding groups and times.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



School History 2013 Term 3

For 6 weeks, incurring a small cost for participating students, **Passion Projects** sessions were available after school on Thursdays. Bookings were essential before the holidays. They were Drama – Ms Kaur, Cooking – Ms Keys, Yoga – Ms Gordon, Cartooning – Brett Cardwell (Maths – Mr Mills and Journalism – Mr Wright were cancelled through lack of numbers). An additional Passion Project was added at the start of term – Scouts – and this was immediately filled.

Breakfast Club commenced at the start of this term, Led by Kylie Hunter of SU Victoria who gathered together a team of volunteers to help school chaplain Peter provide this each Wednesday before school. The Rotary Club of Whittlesea kindly donated \$1000 for the clubs expenses.



The **NED** team paid a visit to inspire good student character and promote positive attitudes. NED is an acronym for 'Never give up', 'Encourage others' and 'Do your best'. Students could purchase yo-yo's after the presentation and they became a craze for a time in the school yard.

State Schools Spectacular performed twice on Saturday July 27 at Hisence Arena. The participating students were supported by parents Vicki Johnson, Rose Morgan, Karen Wills, Lisa Paterson, Janelle Watson, Stephen Rider, Simone Giuliani, Jo Junor, Kylie Sorensen, Bronwyn Gourley, and Elieen Cunningham. Supervising teachers were Lynne Tolmay, Serena Gordon and Fiona McLeod.

This year's **Book Fair** ran for three days in early August with book sales in the library before and after school. The highlight was the **Book Parade** with students dressed as book characters. The wider school community was invited to this. Principal **Bente Stock** dressed as a 'good' witch and AP **Ty Hoggins** dressed as Willy Wonka.



This was the first time the **SRC** ran the **School Disco** (Friday September 6) in the gym. The entry price of \$6 covered for a packet of chips, a drink and a glow rope.

Whittlesea Secondary Collage awarded scholarships to three students for 2014: Marcus Johnson (music), Shanae Watson (Music) and Carter Allan (Academic).

Footy Colours Day was a fitting way to conclude the term. Since this has not happened onsite for these last two years (2020 & 2021) it is especially missed. The traditional student-staff football game was played on the oval at first break with most of the school watching.

To be continued...

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: Aliyah McCawley For: showing confidence when writing a new ending for the Three Little Pigs. Fantastic, Aliyah! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Bodie Van Weenen For: showing confidence when reading his words and texts
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Zophiee Loats For: trying her personal best when learning about 3D shapes. Great effort!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Niran Wild For: being a kind and caring class member. Well done Niran!
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: Jack Carle For: consistently trying his best and improving in his handwriting. Awarded to: Lola Mathews For: showing confidence when reading and achieving her personal best.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: Danny Bux For: writing an excellent persuasive letter as 'Alfy the dog' looking for a new family.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: Imogen Hoppe-Salter For: always being so enthusiastic with her learning and always contributing to class discussions!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: Piper Briggs For: showing confidence during reading and continuing to do your best.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: Nate Charles For: displaying teamwork when building a marble run. Well done, Nate! 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: Olive Charity For: completing all set tasks in remote learning and in the classroom. Well done, Olive
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Charlie Watt For: writing an outstanding scientific report on her paper plane experiment. Well done, Charlie!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: Damon Gibson For: being kind and caring towards others when they have needed help. Fabulous leadership Damon!
Year 5/6R Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Jarrah Lorimer For: showing persistence when completing Numeracy tasks. Great work 😊
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Brody Delaroy For: always attending our learning meetings and confidently sharing his ideas and thoughts.
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: Ryder Scott For: creating tension within his writing.
PE Mr Leslie/Ms Evans	Awarded to: Chaz Mackenzie For: Excellent sportsmanship and kicking skills.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

National Recycling Week 8th – 14th November



City of Whittlesea

Visit the City of Whittlesea Facebook Page for more information about these events.

A cartoon character of a green recycling bin with a face, arms, and legs. It has a yellow lid and is waving with its right hand. The City of Whittlesea logo is on its chest.

Got a question?
Join us live:
Monday 8 November
10am-11am.

National Recycling Week
8-14 November

Repurpose it YOUR way

A banner with a green background. On the left, the text 'Waste and recycling events' is written in white. On the right, there is an illustration of a person in a yellow jacket walking towards a green recycling bin, and another person kneeling next to a wooden pallet. The City of Whittlesea logo is in the top right corner.

Waste and recycling events

City of Whittlesea

A one hour online workshop covering topics such as simple sewing fixes, different textiles, upcycling what you have, turning jeans into bags and gifts, plus answering any questions you may have around the topic!

Presented by Felicity, who runs the Boomerang Bags group in the Whittlesea Township and has over 15 years experience in sewing and op shopping and more recently, a love for collecting fabric scraps, upcycling and encouraging others to do the same!

Friday 12 November 2021 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (UTC+11)

LOCATION

Online event access details will be provided by the event organiser

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Vaccination Pop-up sites and Vaccination Hub

1. Pop-up site operating on 4th November

[The Edge, Westfield Plenty Valley – Temporary Vaccination Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at The Edge on Thursday, 4th November for the local community to get vaccinated.

Where: The Edge, Westfield Plenty Valley, is located at 415 MCDONALDS ROAD, MILL PARK

When: Thursday, 4th November (1:00pm-4:00pm)

Both AstraZeneca and Pfizer will be available – first and second doses.
It's a walk-up clinic and no bookings are required.

2. Pop-up site operating on 4th November

[Bubup Wilam – Temporary Vaccination Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Bubup Wilam on Thursday 4 November where local community can get their vaccine

Where: Bubup Wilam, 76 Main Street, Thomastown

When: Thursday 4th November (2pm – 6pm)

This is a walk-in clinic only and will distribute the Pfizer vaccine to anyone aged 12 and older
Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 protects you, your loved ones, our Elders, and our whole Community.

3. Pop-up site operating on 5th – 6th November

[Galada Community Centre – Temporary Vaccination Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Galada Community Centre, on Friday, 5th November and Saturday, 6th November.

Where: Galada Community Centre is located at 10A FORUM WAY, EPPING.

When: Friday, 5th November and Saturday, 6th November (10:30am – 5:30pm)

The pop up will be open to people of all abilities, including the school community (aged 12 and over) and both Pfizer and AstraZeneca is available.

This is a walk-up clinic and no bookings are required.

4. School Pop-ups operating on 6th November

[Wallan Secondary College – Temporary Vaccination Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Wallan Secondary College, on Saturday, 6th November.

Where: Wallan Secondary College, 100 DUKE STREET, WALLAN.

When: Saturday, 6th November (10am – 6pm)

The pop up will be open to people of all abilities, including the school community (aged 12 and over) and both Pfizer and AstraZeneca is available.

This is a walk-up clinic, or bookings can be made at: www.bit.ly/WallanSCVaccBooking

[Peter Lalor Secondary College – Temporary Vaccination Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Peter Lalor Secondary College on 6th November, Saturday.

Where: Peter Lalor Secondary College is located at 35 DUNCAN RD, LALOR (please do not use the High Street entrance)

When: Saturday, 6th November (10am – 6pm)

The pop up will be open to all community members, including the school community (aged 12 and over) and both Pfizer and AstraZeneca is available.

You can get your second-dose Pfizer vaccine at this clinic, if it's been three weeks since your first dose.

You can walk in to get vaccinated, or you can making a booking.

To book, call the Coronavirus Hotline on **1800 675 398** (tell the hotline operator you want to book this clinic) or visit: portal.cvms.vic.gov.au

[Mill Park Secondary College \(Middle Years Campus\) – Temporary Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Mill Park Secondary College (Middle Years Campus) on 6th November, Saturday.

Where: Mill Park Secondary College is located at 9-25 MOORHEAD DRIVE, MILL PARK.

When: Saturday, 6th November (10:30am – 6:00pm)

The pop up will be open to people of all abilities, including the school community (aged 12 and over) and both Pfizer and AstraZeneca is available.

This is a walk-up site and no bookings are required.

[Mernda Central P12 College - Temporary Pop-up Clinic](#)

A vaccination pop-up will be operating at Mernda Central P-12 College, on 6th November, Saturday.

Where: Mernda Central P-12 College is located at 70 BREADALBANE AVENUE , MERNDA.

When: Saturday, 6th November (10:00am – 5:00pm)

The pop up will be open to people of all abilities, including the school community (aged 12 and over) and both Pfizer and AstraZeneca is available.

This is a walk-up site but online bookings can be made at bit.ly/MerndaCentralVaccBooking

[5. Thomastown Community Vaccination Hub \(Aspen Medical\)](#)

Thomastown Community Vaccination Hub is now offering the Pfizer vaccine on appointment to anyone aged 12 and over.

Where: 258 Settlement Road, Thomastown

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

To book an appointment visit <https://healthengine.com.au/book-covid-19-vaccination/85312>

To make a group booking or to book for someone who has additional needs, send an email to vicnorthvax@aspenmedical.com