

Issue 37- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

**Important Notice – Commencing next week our drop off and pick up arrangements revert to normal operation. All students will be able to arrive via the front and car park gates. At 3:15pm, all students will be dismissed at the same time.**



Today I had the pleasure of leading a selection panel to select our future school leaders for 2022. It is a key responsibility and privilege for our current leaders - Reece, Maddy, Sophie and Brock to contribute to the panel that appoint the young leaders who will take over their captaincy roles next year.

Pam Studwick is an irreplaceable member of our team and is currently our longest serving member of staff. She is also a member of this panel and knows our students as well as anyone. Our school has a thorough process for selecting school captains. It involves a written application, interview and references. From a field of over fifteen candidates, the eventual two captains and two vice captains will be appointed and announced at our Christmas Assembly on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

School transition is underway with students being trialled in possible groupings for 2022. We revise class groupings over a series of three transition sessions and it is normal that many changes are made during this process. The goal is to establish well balanced classes that are conducive to learning. We consider all parent requests and endeavour to meet student requests so that all children move to new classes with at least one selected peer. The ability to create new classes each year allows students to make new friendships, develop greater independence and benefit learning from a range of different peers.

Thank you to those parents who have prepared for the 2022 school year by purchasing their child's booklist packs. Your support is greatly appreciated. We appreciate that the end of 2021 has been a time of significant change. New policies from the Department of Education and Training have resulted in new approaches to these parent payments in particular. If you have any questions relating to stationary or levy payments, please call the office and speak to Libby or Belinda. A reminder to our Year 2 parents / carers that the BYOD portal remains open for orders and that due to global freight delays, acting sooner rather than later is advised.

Reflecting back on last week – I want to conclude by congratulating our entire community on an amazing Colour Run. Well done to Rae Gittos who led our planning for this event. The children have great memories of the day and the fundraising effort was outstanding. The funds raised will go toward a much-needed overhaul of our toilet facilities. If our recently submitted toilet redevelopment grant is approved, then these funds will be allocated to another priority infrastructure project such as new drinking fountains, landscaping upgrades or classroom renovations. Every little bit counts and we are committed to providing the best environment for your child to learn and play in.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal

## CALENDAR

December 2	Year 6 Graduation
December 7	State Wide Transition Day
December 8	Christmas Assembly
December 17	Last Day of Term 4 <b>1.30pm finish</b>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Isabelle 01C

**28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Zack 5/6P

**2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Annabella 5/6L

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Grant 3/4M  
Zoe 5/6S



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello Everyone,

We've had a great start to our F-2 intensive swimming program with the rain having held off all week. A big thank you to Mr Leslie for his organisation and the Year F-2 staff and our parent helpers for supporting the students and walking them to and from the venue each day. Next week our F-2 swimming program will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please clearly label all items of school and swimming clothing to assist your child in managing their personal belongings.



This week I attended the ACMI excursion with the Year 6 students. It was wonderful to get out and about on an excursion again after what seems like such a long time. The students were so engaged in the sessions and it was great to see them all working together, helping each other succeed. One of the best parts of the day was just seeing them have fun and enjoy being together in their last few weeks of primary school. The feedback from the Year 5 excursion was equally as positive. If you get a chance to visit the CBD this Christmas holidays, I highly recommend you visit 'The Story of Moving Image' exhibition <https://www.acmi.net.au/>, it was brilliant.

Last Friday was, without a doubt, awesome and full of colour! We started the day with a visit from KABOOM! Sports. Dan, Tara, and Alan from KABOOM! Sports got the party started with a whole school dance off, followed by class groups participating in 16 different tabloid sports. After a cool down in the classrooms and a picnic lunch outside, we ended the day covered in colour followed by an icy pole to cool down before heading home for the weekend. Thank you to the generous support of our school community we raised \$17,264.94. A big thank you to the Whittlesea CFA who sprayed us all with water (we couldn't do this without you!), School Fun Run for supplying the inflatables and our staff who go above and beyond to support this event to make it such a great day for our kids.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

## WHITTLESEA SECONDARY COLLEGE DEVICE IMAGING

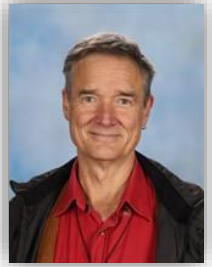
### WSC DEVICE IMAGING YEAR 7 2022

Year 6 families, please note we are aware that Whittlesea Secondary College has requested devices for reimaging for students transitioning to year 7 in 2022.

Please note that our year 6 students will continue to use their devices at WPS in the coming weeks and as such, we ask that you leave any reimaging for 2022 until the last week of term, commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 2014 Term 2

Principal **Bente Stock** proudly announced that the school had raised over \$1200 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. The fundraising disco organised by the SRC at the end of term one (mentioned last article) was the major contributor. Bente wrote: "The effort that our teachers put into ensuring our students have their learning needs met and challenged is admirable. It is a 'goose bump' moment for me every Monday morning at our school assembly, when I observe all our students respecting their school captains, actively listening to their peers and/or perform."



*Anzac Day was well supported by a large number of students and their 'accompanying' families.*



**Kids Matter**, as a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools, was introduced this term. It was a three year cyclical process of plans and actions proven to make a positive difference with its methods and tools supporting the whole school community. School staff had two professional learning sessions on this and parents/caregivers were encouraged to join them.



**Fancy Dress Day** (Friday May 16) was well promoted and supported helping the Year 3 & 4 Community Inquiry Action group raise money for Diabetes Australia through gold coin donations. In the same month (Wednesday May 28), the **CFA** presented fire safety awareness to the upper year levels.

**Bente Stock** and **Ty Hoggins** attended an **Engage with Asia Conference** with 500 other school leaders from around Australia. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) had mandated that all schools teach another language from 2015 onward and that this language was to be an Asian language. "Our language of choice will be Indonesian" wrote Bente Stock. There was going to be a change to this plan.

To be continued...

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Henry Charity</b> For: showing confidence and doing his best when adding numbers. Amazing, Henry! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Ryder Burton</b> For: great participation at Kaboom sports and the colour run. Well done!
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Evie Spyropoulos</b> For: being a very helpful class member and always being there for others.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Duke Wright</b> For: showing persistence when reading.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Amber White</b> For: working productively on her writing pieces and completing a wonderful final narrative.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: <b>Amiity Meldrum-Loats</b> For: Doing her best to complete a reading activity on dolphins.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Charlie Krueger</b> For: productively writing a collaborative piece with a peer!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>Nathaniel Richmond</b> For: his creativity in his free writing book. Keep it up!
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Riley Burke</b> For: consistently being a team player and allowing others to join in. Riley, you are a super star! ☆
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Tyrone Folder</b> For: showing resilience through different assessments and trying his hardest. Well done, Tyrone.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Elayah Carter</b> For: doing her best and making amazing progress at swimming. Fantastic work, Elayah!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Stevie McKechnie</b> For: demonstrating excellence through her narrative writing this week. Great work Stevie!  Awarded to: <b>Zach Croucamp</b> For: demonstrating excellence through his narrative writing this week. Great work Zach!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Fox Forden</b> For: always striving to improve his learning by reviewing his tasks and asking for advice.
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: <b>Harrison Wallis-Andrews</b> For: Demonstrating perseverance and concentration when completing learning tasks
PE Mr Leslie/Ms Evans	Awarded to: <b>Isobel Cilia</b> For: Demonstrating her understanding of the strategies used in striking and fielding games



### Educational items for students to own in 2022

Whittlesea Primary School are switching to an online only ordering system for Book Packs in 2022 with our stationery supplier Paperchase Office National.

Pre-purchased book packs will be available for collection from Whittlesea Primary School ELC between **10am and 2pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.**

Complete Packs only can be ordered through the Paperchase Booklist website, see below for details.

Please ensure that your order is placed via the online portal no later than **17th December 2021** to guarantee free delivery to the school.

Orders placed after this date may incur a \$5 processing fee, and are not guaranteed to be delivered prior to the start of Term 1 2022.

Parents are welcome to contact the school office for assistance to place the book pack order if they do not have any access to the internet at home.

### Online Ordering Procedure

1. Go to <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>
2. ENTER THIS SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: **BTSWSPS**  
School code must be entered. Searching for school will not work
3. Click 'Create Order', Enter students first and last name, choose year level from the drop-down list and follow the prompts to place your order.

Please check your E-mail for order receipt.

PLEASE NOTE: All packs will be delivered to the school for distribution to students and therefore must be pre-paid. Payment must be made during the online ordering process, by Visa or Mastercard (credit card or debit card accepted). ZIP Pay also available\*

\* ZIP Interest free, nothing to pay upfront, flexible repayments. You will need an active Zip account. Conditions apply: <https://zip.co/create-an-account>

If you elect not to purchase the booklist through Paperchase Office National, please ensure children come to school on the first day with the required materials.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Thank you,  
WPS



**Summer  
Holiday Program**

# **The Greatest Show!**



**Clowning Around**



**At the Movies**



**Active Adventures**



**Summer Fun**

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# 30-day recycling challenge

Day 1



Keep your recycling loose, not bagged

Day 2



Raid the fridge for withered/sad looking veg and make a scrumptious stir fry

Day 3



Collect bits of foil into the size of a tennis ball then recycle in your bin

Day 4



Dispose of food waste in the FOGO bin or home/community compost system

## Textile challenge

Day 5



Search the house for unwanted bedding, towels and clothes

Day 6



Donate good quality clothes to charity and take bedding and towels to the local animal shelter

Day 7



Start an art project with discarded materials, post on Instagram and tag @cleanawayAU

Day 8



Put your council's waste services phone number on the fridge to easily report service issues

Day 9



When shopping choose items made out of 100% recycled material

Day 10



Switch disposables for reusables

Day 11



Say no to soft plastic bags when shopping, take reusable shopping bags instead

Day 12



Make bin liners with old newspapers for your recycling bin. Do not use biodegradable bags as these are not recyclable

Day 13



Start a sewing kit for clothing repairs

Day 14



Take soft plastics to your local supermarket and drop off at a REDcycle bin

Day 15



Collect old electronics at home and drop off at Officeworks

Day 16



Organise a Plug-a-thon to pick up litter in your neighborhood and recycle the materials collected

## Garage and garden challenge

Day 17



Clean up the garden and collect green waste, chemicals, paint, tyres and old appliances

Day 18



Take a trip to your local transfer station to drop off the materials for recycling

Day 19



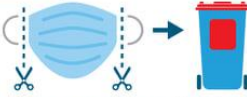
Keep your glass jars for food storage containers

Day 20



Shop at your local op shop, buy secondhand

Day 21



Wear a reusable mask and put disposable masks only in general waste. Cut the straps.

Day 22



Read recycling labels to make sure you know where each part of the packaging goes

Day 23



Use coffee grounds for a natural exfoliant, and have a good scrub when you're in the shower

Day 24



Collect eligible plastic bottles and drop off at your nearest container collection point (if available)

Day 25



Research brands that make recyclable products for your future purchases

Day 26



Declutter your collection of books and magazines, and drop them off at your local street library

Day 27



Find a local repair café for broken household items

Day 28

**greenius**

Get the whole family together and visit [greenius.com.au](https://greenius.com.au) for recycling learning, games and quizzes

## Plastic free challenge

Day 29



Bring reusable containers and buy food from a bulk food store or your supermarket's bulk food section

Day 30



Make your own beeswax wraps, a great weekend activity to do with the kids

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



COVID COMPLIANT EVENT



Whittlesea Agricultural Society

presents

## THE WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY *Christmas Tree Extravaganza*



December 10th - 23rd. Open daily from 12pm - 9pm. Gold Coin Entry  
Administration Building, Gate 1 McPhees Rd, Whittlesea



# Whittlesea Swim Centre

Whittlesea Swim Centre has opened for the season: <https://www.whittleseaswimcentre.com.au/>  
2021/2022 SEASON: Mon 1 Nov 2021 - Thu 31 Mar 2022

Whittlesea Swim Centre is an outdoor pool complex that caters for people of all ages and abilities. If you are looking for some summer fun, Whittlesea Swim Centre is the place to be!

Facilities and Programs include: 25m Main Pool with 6 lap lanes & public area (Hoist access available), Learners Pool, Toddlers Pool & Splash Pad, Children's Waterslide, Aqua Aerobics  
Family Change rooms, Outdoor Family Area, Shaded SunSmart Area.

## Aqua Aerobics

Running 2 classes per week:

Monday 5.15pm and Tuesdays 10am, classes run for 45 minutes and can be booked via the Active World app or we can take walk ups on a casual basis too.

## Swimming lessons

Our weekly swimming lesson program has now commenced with places still available for 6 months to adults who would like to swim with us this summer. Classes run weekday mornings, weekday afternoons and weekends (depending on level). A swimming lesson membership is only \$9.15 per week and includes a weekly lesson and access to the centre outside of lesson time.

## GOswim Holiday Program

We are now taking expressions of interest for our GOswim Holiday program, further details are available here <https://www.whittleseaswimcentre.com.au/learn-to-swim/school-holiday-program>

## Job opportunities

We are also recruiting, we are offering to cover the costs for qualifications for suitable candidates, full details about our Simply the Best Summer Jobs are available here <https://belgravialeisure.com.au/simply-the-best-summer-jobs/>



Return yourself to the library today! All Yarra Plenty Regional Library (YPRL) branches are now open, and they can't wait to see you again. However, due to the current government restrictions, only people under 16, and anyone who can provide proof of double vaccination, are allowed in branch.

For those who are able to come along and visit the library, you can now browse the collection, access the computers, and use the self-service printing and scanning, and WiFi services.

YPRL are still offering online storytimes three days a week, along with digital programs including Code Club, Maker Space online events, and craft activities.

For more information, please visit the YPRL website: [www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au), or contact the Whittlesea Library on 9716 3028

Whittlesea Library is located at 57 Laurel St, Whittlesea



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