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## PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

Apologies for the late Primary Post edition for Week 9. Last Thursday's Year 6 Graduation was the highlight of what has been a year of uncertainty, compromise, and adaption. Our current year graduates are an absolute credit to the school, and we are so proud of their achievements. No other group of students have experienced two years in senior primary like 2020 and 2021.

While we were planning a graduation ceremony for a large audience at an offsite venue, we knew lots of variables had to come together and luck needed to be on our side. Thankfully, we remain unaffected by any onsite COVID-19 cases and eased restrictions meant we were able to bring together a large-scale celebration. Not even a wild storm could dampen the spirits of our students and their guests. Thank you to the Uni Hill Conference Centre who helped us bring together one of our best graduations. Congratulations to Year 5/6 PLC Leader Louise Reid and her planning team for all their hard work.



## CALENDAR

December 7	State Wide Transition Day
December 8	Christmas Assembly 9.15am
December 9	Year 3-6 Make Up Swim Lesson
December 17	Last Day of Term 4 <b>1.30pm finish</b>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Will 5/6RM

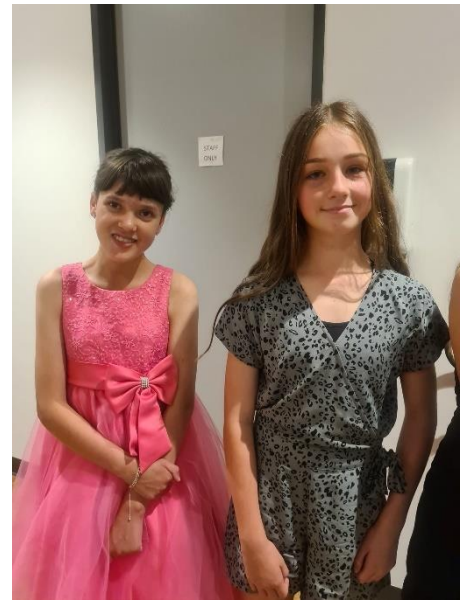
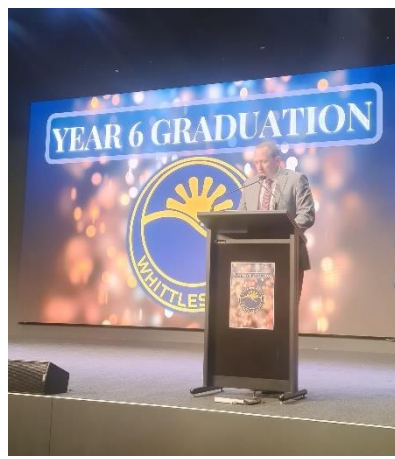
**5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Zalia 3/4M

**6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Hayden 5/6G  
Clancy 5/6RM

**7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Billy 3/4T

**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Jack 3/4W  
Riley 5/6LE





### **Christmas Assembly**

Whittlesea Primary School will once again host a Christmas Assembly on Wednesday this week. Due to revised operation guidelines, we must insist that only vaccinated members of our school community attend. While we were able to admit all adults to the Book Week parade, regulations have shifted, and we must ensure only those who can show evidence of vaccination may attend our last assembly for the year. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause, but this is out of the school's control. More information will follow soon, including advice on how to prepare for entry.

### **New Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**

Our school community has demonstrated incredible solidarity and resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Being back in our classrooms with extra health and safety measures is another big transition, but it's the very best one for our children's education. As we navigate these changes to onsite learning, including required mask wearing for some students, it's more important than ever that adults in our school community treat each other with respect and kindness.

The Department of Education and Training has released a [new policy](#) that describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

There are also other resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources. You can find the new policy and these resources [here](#).

You may also see a [new poster](#) included in this newsletter up around our school, promoting positive behaviour.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins and Rae Gittos  
Principal Team



# Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are not okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 2014 Term 3

Following the success of the event the previous year, the **Walk or Run for Fun** was hosted again this term (Friday August 20) to raise awareness of health and fitness across the school community while generating important funds for the school. "My School Fundraiser", a company that supports schools to host great fundraising events, was engaged for the task. Over 70 prizes were on offer for classes and individuals and icy treats were given to all participating students afterward.



At the start of September, the school had a brand new **website** utilising professional images taken by Nicole Ritchie Photography. The website was a collaborative effort with Daniel Wilson from [classfocus.com.au](http://classfocus.com.au) bringing together a fresh new design and updating the latest content. A new app to integrate with the website called **Tiqbiz** became available at the same time and had additional features such as absence forms. Parents/carers could download the app for their smart phone or PCs, search for WPS and tick the appropriate boxes.



*Music percussion presentation*



*Traditional Footy Day celebration (gold coin donation)*

Principal **Bente Stock** wrote: "Early next term I will leave for a year five/six tour to China. I was asked by the Victorian Principals Association to represent them on this inaugural student tour. Four Victorian schools and forty two children, and their ten teachers will partake in this educational experience, living and learning in a [Chinese] school for ten of the fifteen days. This is a unique opportunity for all involved and I hope – all going well – that some of our Whittlesea Primary School children and staff may have the same opportunity in 2015. In my absence, Ty will lead our school."

To be continued...

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Matayah Lindsay</b> For: helping her peers succeed in the classroom. Keep it up, Matayah! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Kaden Clapton</b> For: being helpful in the classroom and supporting his peers. Well done 😊
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Summer Mortimer</b> For: having a go and doing her best during swimming lessons.
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Verity Cain</b> For: showing confidence in the classroom and trying her best to succeed.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Nella Kessler</b> For: proofreading her letter and correcting her spelling.
Year 2CR Cook/Redmond	Awarded to: <b>Noah Leeson</b> For: Trying his best during writing sessions. Noah, you have been very focussed and produced some thoughtful pieces. Well done!
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Kayla Sandow</b> For: being so enthusiastic about her writing and putting in great effort!
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Hunter Andersen-Wells</b> For: having amazing writing ideas and doing his best to sound out his words!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>Jade Murray</b> For: showing confidence in the classroom and helping others succeed.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Amelie Powell</b> For: writing a convincing persuasive letter to the author of Wings of Fire. Well done Amelie 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Millie Brander</b> For: persisting and working hard on her picture story book. Well done, Millie
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Brandon Burton</b> For: working hard and making amazing progress with his times tables. Samurai swords superstar!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Mikaylah Edwards</b> For: taking risks with her writing, and using exaggeration and humour to engage her audience
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Kiarn Taurima</b> For: writing an interesting narrative using dialogue to engage his audience.
Year 5/6L Leslie/Evans	Awarded to: <b>Bailey Luscombe</b> For: Consistently demonstrating school expectations.
PE Mr Leslie/Ms Evans	Awarded to: <b>Max Braddock</b> For: Demonstrating outstanding skills when performing a two-hand sidearm strike.



**Summer  
Holiday Program**

# The Greatest Show!



**Clowning Around**



**At the Movies**



**Active Adventures**



**Summer Fun**

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### 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

# 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





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# WE'RE HIRING!

## Flowerdale P.S

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE EDUCATOR

- Start in Term 1 2022.
- Have a passion to work with young children.
- Plan and prepare exciting and innovative activities.
- Become a part of the Flowerdale learning community.

- Further information available on school website or via phone.

**APPLY BY DEC 1ST**

**SEND THROUGH A  
COVER LETTER AND  
RESUME TO THE EMAIL  
BELOW.**

## Join us !!

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