

Issue 39- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

We had some lovely news last week. Whittlesea Primary School were one of the WINNERS of the Victoria Schools Garden Program Awards in the 'Best School Garden Exhibiting Biodiversity' category. The prize is \$1000 worth of nursery vouchers, which has already been received by the school and we are very excited to see what the parent gardening club can do with the funds next year. Here are just a few of the images use in our school's application. Well done once again to everyone involved.



## CALENDAR

December 15	Grade 6 Funfields Excursion
December 16	Foundation Bundoora Farm Excursion
December 17	Last Day of Term 4 <b>1.30pm finish</b>
February 1	Term 1 2022

## OFFICE HOURS

The school office will close at 2pm on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

**12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Charlee 3/4F

**14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Baylee 02C  
Mia 5/6P

**17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Hunter 01C  
Noah 02D

**18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Nella 01M



It was great to see so many members of our school community here on Wednesday morning to celebrate our Christmas Assembly with the students. Not only were we bopping along to some great Christmas tunes and carol performances by our classes, but we also got to see the VSSS Dance and Choir groups perform will.i.am #thatpower, a performance they had rehearsed for the Spectacular this year that was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid. In a final salute to our Year 6 students, we celebrated their end of year by watching their Graduation dance performance. We wish them all the very best as they transition to the next chapter of their learning journey. Our 2022 student leaders were presented to our school community, and we congratulate them and look forward to working with them next year. A big thank you to Amy Walsh who, since our return to school, has coordinated all these performances alongside the classroom teachers.

### ***School Captains***

Alannah Purcell, Lily McDonald, Lincoln Andersen-Wells and Hayden Gallenti

### ***SRC Captains***

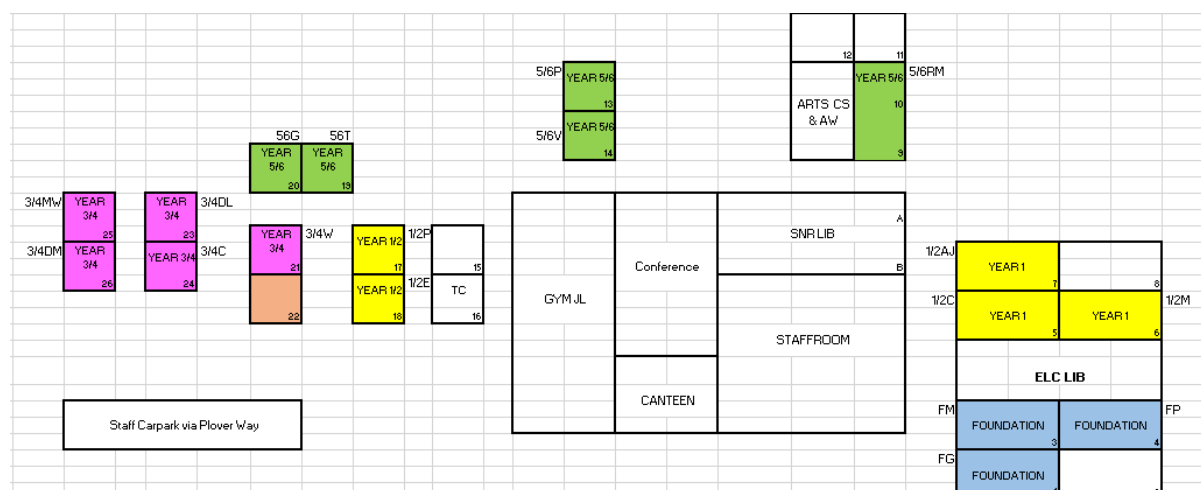
Michael Rode and Nate Jennings

### ***SRC Representatives***

Foundation P	Eden Webber	3/4W	Ace Forden
Foundation M	Fletcher Dyson	3/4 DL	Hunter Andersen-Wells
Foundation G	Izabella Beardsworth	3/4MW	Melinda Gittos
1/2B	Beka Briggs	3/4DM	Indiana Ward
1/2AJ	Lexi (Alexia) Duncan	5/6RM	Ruby Susanof
1/2M	Fletcher McKechnie	5/6 V	Kaili Baldwin
1/2BAR	Samantha Fisher	5/6P	Charlie Graham
1/2P	Levi Oakley	5/6G	Matthew Smith
3/4C	Jada Smith	5/6T	Ivy Dawson

Student leadership badges for 2022 will be presented at our first school assembly next year.

On our last transition day, students received a map showing where their classroom is for 2022. Staff in some teams have a last name beginning with a common letter so they may appear differently here. Please note the updated version below.



Room #	Teacher	
1	Jessica Gordon	FG
3	Madison Merritt	FM
4	Amy Perry	FP
5	Karen Burgess	1/2B
6	Stuart Maxfield	1/2M
7	Jess Fontana/Amar Kaur	1/2JA
8		
9&10	Louise Reid/James McAlley	5/6RM
11		
12		
13	Payam Panahinejad	5/6P
14	Joanne Vitale	5/6V

Room #	Teacher	
15	Sensory Room	
16	Theircare	
17	Stacey Powell	1/2P
18	Erin Barker	1/2E
19	Deanne Tuppen	5/6T
20	Leonie Gorski	5/6G
21	Lee Wright	3/4W
22	Mandarin	
23	Bianca Deluca	3/4DL
24	Hope Cummins	3/4C
25	Amy Walsh/Sam McCormick	3/4MW
26	Mikayla Di Mauro	3/4DM

Finally, our Semester 2 reports have been published this afternoon. Please connect with your child's classroom teacher through Compass if you would like to discuss your child's report in more detail.

As the penultimate week of the school year draws to a close, we send our best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family. It's hard to believe the final week of Term 4 2021 is already here.

Ty Hoggins/Rae Gittos  
Principal Team

## CLASS PARTIES

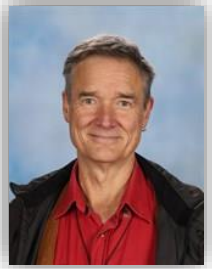
Next week all classes will have their End of Year Class Party! Please remember that all food needs to be pre-packaged and store bought.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 5/6**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3/4**





Peter Ackland - school chaplain



### School History 2014 Term 4

Term 4 kicked off with another SRC led School Disco. 285 students came along to enjoy themselves and this made it a positively charged event and a great fundraiser. Supervising teacher Sarah Pearce was supported by nearly all the school staff. In the same week, Whittlesea Historic Courthouse had its 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. The school choir sang on one of the days (Sunday, October 19). A Penny Farthing bike ride was part of the festivities, and later at the school, Jo Junor dressed in period costume and her son Josh demonstrated how to ride on them.



Principal **Bente Stock** missed out on all this because she was at **Jingling Primary School** in Jiangsu Province, China. This school was to become our sister school in subsequent years. Bente sent back glowing reports of her trip: "Hi Everyone. Just wanted you to know how exciting this student study tour is for all the children involved. I am most impressed with how the children from the five schools have engaged themselves with the Chinese teachers and children." Later after Bente returned, she wrote: "It is terrific that the children are still asking me about my China experience and I can't wait to share some stories with them at our next whole school assembly. As mandated by DEECD all Victorian schools must introduce a language to Foundation in 2015. School council have endorsed the teaching of Chinese in our school."



On Friday December 12, the sixty-six Year 6's, who were the first to experience a secondary college simulated learning experience throughout the year, attended their graduation at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre. Many arrived at their event in spectacular cars.

Leading teacher **Kate O'Halloran** departed to teach at another school after this year. **Bente Stock** wrote: "I would like to make special mention of Kate who has been an integral member of the Whittlesea School Community for seventeen years. We wish her all the best in her new school. The way we make the education system stronger is for teachers to share their knowledge, skills and expertise."

To be continued

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Elizabeth Maher</b> For: being an amazing illustrator when drawing! 😊
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: <b>Lucas Hutchinson</b> For: trying his personal best during transition
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Emily Lister</b> For: trying her best when practicing our Christmas song.
Year 1JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Kiara Brander</b> For: always being independent, organised and prepared during swimming lessons!
Year 1F Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Audrey Cusinato</b> For: showing persistence in her writing and achieving spelling goals.
Year 1M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Beau Bateman</b> For: writing an engaging letter to the Year 1 Elf.  Awarded to: <b>Levi Oakley</b> For: making a great effort to recognise his spelling codes.
Year 2D De Luca	Awarded to: <b>Sarah Hallam</b> For: being an enthusiastic participant and doing her best while playing maths games!
Year 2S Gordon	Awarded to: <b>Tanah Davis</b> For: being organised every day and ready to succeed. Great work Tanah.
Year 3/4M McCormick	Awarded to: <b>Alice Bowlen</b> For: writing an engaging Christmas narrative. Well done Alice 😊
Year 3/4T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Annie Watson</b> For: helping others succeed in completing set tasks. Well done, Annie
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Ethan Farrugia</b> For: Making a great start at Whittlesea Primary School, already meeting our school expectations. Well done, Ethan!
Year 3/4F Fawcett	Awarded to: <b>Sam Murray</b> For: demonstrating doing his best during the last spelling lesson for the year. Great work Sam!
Year 5/6S Powell	Awarded to: <b>Jaspa Lister</b> For: writing a narrative that engages his audience with humour, exaggeration and tension.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: <b>Jackson Burgiel</b> For: always working hard on his learning tasks, staying focused and enthusiastic at all times.

## TERM 4 SWIM PROGRAM

The F-6 swimming program concluded this week and was a huge success. Thank you to Mr Leslie and all involved in the organisation. A big thank you to the parent helpers who assisted with walking the children to and from the pools.

Unfortunately, the Year 3-6 groups missed out on one of their lessons due to poor weather, this has resulted to a credit of \$8.75 applied to the student's school account.



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Holiday Program**

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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,

# 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  
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- 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**

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## Join us !!

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