



Issue 4- 25th February 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Today you will receive information regarding student learning conferences to be held soon. These have been delayed due to early COVID restrictions, but we are eager to create an opportunity for teachers, parents and students to meet formally and discuss learning. Considering the children have been back at school for a few weeks, the teachers will be able to share on early learning progress and the development of student learning goals informed by latest assessment data. The learning conference is also a great opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions on your child as a learner. Teachers are eager to learn as much as they can about each child in their class and to communicate the future learning priorities for each child.



Our School Council for 2022 has been finalised without the need to progress to an election ballot. The nominations received for the DET representatives were Pam Studwick and Amy Perry. For the parent category Annette Carle and Kerrie Driver renominated and will serve additional 2-year tenures while we welcome Casey Brown as a new member of school council. Thank you to these school councillors for giving their time to contribute to the leadership of our wonderful school. The new group will come together for their first meeting on March 22nd. If you have any topics you wish discussed, particularly relating to policy or school governance please forward these items via email to Whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

A reminder that the school yard is actively supervised from 8:35am. We've noted an increasing number of students arriving early. It must indicate how eager they are to be at school! We have a before school care service provided by TheirCare and I ask that you enrol your child in their program if your child must arrive at school early.

Thank you for the positive feedback regarding our new spelling approach. We value our students learning vital skills in spelling from an early age and we are confident that this regular approach to a systematic development of spelling skills will result in greater outcomes for our learners.

It was also great to see our Year 5 and 6 students enjoying the opportunity to compete in interschool sport this morning. Congratulations to Mr Leslie and the rest of the upper primary team for overcoming various hurdles and ensuring our students have every opportunity available to them.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

March 3	Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic Division Swimming Competition
March 7	Whole School Photo Day
March 8	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm-6.00pm
March 9	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm-6.00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following
children a very
Happy Birthday!

27th February
Bailey 5/6G

28th February
Amelia 3/4DM
Riley 3/4DM

2nd March
Matthew 5/6G



Hello everyone,

Student Learning Conferences



This term, we will be hosting Student Learning Conferences onsite. Learning Conferences will be available after school on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March between 3:30pm-6:00pm. During your 10-minute conference, your child's teacher will share early learning progress and the development of student learning goals informed by latest assessment data.

Today, your child will bring home a pre-conference parent survey for you to complete and return next week. This information will assist our staff in preparing for your conference.

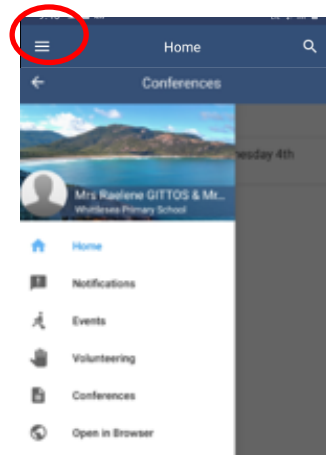
Please note that while QR check-ins are no longer required, as per the DET School Operations Guide, only fully vaccinated parents/carers will be permitted entry to classrooms.

For those parents/carers not fully vaccinated, we would still like to offer an outdoor conference or MS Teams meeting. Please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange a suitable time.

To book an appointment time, access your child's profile via Compass using the App or browser on your PC, tablet or phone. If you do not have access to Compass, please call the office to access your Compass login or book an appointment time.

In the App, tap on the three horizontal lines in the top LHS of your screen. You will see a menu with a **Conferences** option; chose this option and follow the prompts.

Alternatively, through the browser you will see a prompt under your child's profile picture '[Book Parent Student Teacher Conference](#)'



Once you have selected your preferred booking time, it will turn green. There is also an option to **print your booking time** on the top right-hand side of the screen.

Student Learning Conferences Term 1 2022					
Tuesday, March 8					
03:30 PM	03:40 PM	03:50 PM	04:00 PM	04:10 PM	04:20 PM
04:30 PM	04:40 PM	04:50 PM	05:00 Not available for booking - Staff Break	05:10 Not available for booking - Staff Break	05:20 Not available for booking - Staff Break
05:30 PM	05:40 PM	05:50 PM			
Wednesday, March 9					
03:30 PM	03:40 PM	03:50 PM	04:00 PM	04:10 PM	04:20 PM
04:30 PM	04:40 PM	04:50 PM	05:00 Not available for booking - Staff Break	05:10 Not available for booking - Staff Break	05:20 Not available for booking - Staff Break
05:30 PM	05:40 PM	05:50 PM			

If you book using the Compass App, you can access your booking history [here](#)



If you find you are unable to make any of the available times, please email your classroom teacher via Compass to make an alternate time or call the main office.

Please note that bookings will close **Friday 4th March at 10am.**

Whittlesea Primary Spelling Program

This week your child brought home their first list of spelling words and on Monday next week, all students in Years 1-6 will bring home their second spelling list. These spelling words align to the next Write to Read codes/rules as well as personal spelling words identified through writing conferences and for some students, words from their Oxford word list.

On Monday we will be posting a short video, demonstrating the syllables, sounds and letters that correspond to the first six words on Monday's list along with an explanation of the W2R code and rule. Even if your child is not learning to spell the first six words, they can apply the same strategies to spell and write their orange/green or personal words.

We encourage you to support your child in learning to say, spell and write their words from their list during the week. Students will continue to learn and practice these words throughout the week during focused spelling lessons. Please remind your child to return their word list to school every Friday.

On Thursday 3rd March, our swimming squad will be representing our school at the annual division carnival at Broadmeadows Leisure and Aquatic Centre. We wish them the best of luck.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

FOUNDATION TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



2022 Foundation

Teddy Bears Picnic

Dear Foundation families,

You are invited to our Foundation Teddy Bears Picnic.

Come along to meet our wonderful teachers and our Foundation community.

Date: Thursday 3rd March, 2022

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Soccer Pitch (Front Oval)

Bring your own picnic rug, snacks and teddy bear.

We look forward to seeing you there!



WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHOTO DAY

Monday 7th March 2022

Ordering Now Open!

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the 'Community' tab.

Place your order now to ensure our best pricing!

Family/Sibling Photos are available for students attending the school.

Family photos orders must be placed by 11.59PM the day before photo day.



Class Group Style

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our Premium or Classic Packs.

To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day at **family.nem@msp.com.au**



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Chelsea Hobbs For: Pointing to the words as we read the book 'Mum' together
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Aubrey Taylor For: trying her best on all learning tasks and sharing her ideas. Well done 😊
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Scarlet-Ava Scott For: practising your letters and their sounds. Well done!
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Zane Studwick For: writing an engaging and exciting sizzling start for a retell.
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Mackenley Perry For: writing an excellent sizzling start in her recount piece.
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Adeline Johnson For: being an excellent contributor to all classroom discussions.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Emerson Fairchild For: using powerful words when writing her sizzling start.
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: James Smith For: recounting a language experience using a sizzling start.
Year 3/4MW McCormick/Walsh	Awarded to: Asha Abeling For: using emotive language in her writing to engage the reader. Well done Asha! 😊
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Lewis Bordignon For: Trying his best in Maths
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Ryker Sanders For: using fantastic strategies to skip count effectively!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Nevaeh Redpath For: writing fantastic sizzling starts and presenting them with enthusiasm
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Judd Cornish For: using emotive language to build tension in his writing. Well done, Judd!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Indira Multani For: Completing set tasks to a high standard and helping other students in her class to succeed
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Kaven McKechnie For: consistently doing his best in all areas of learning. Keep up the great work 😊
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Baylin Hofmann For: creating a descriptive and engaging paragraph using the Five + 1 senses. Amazing job, Baylin! 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Jed Carrolan For: settling into WPS and feeling confident to share his ideas and knowledge to the class. Well done, Jed.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Charlie Graham For: her excellent organisational skills during independent learning

UP COMMUNITY CARD FUNDRAISING

United Petrol have teamed up with Whittlesea Primary School assist with the schools fundraising. With the Whittlesea Primary School UP Community card, you'll receive a 2 cents per litre discount at participating United service stations and a 2 cents per litre rebate will be provided to Whittlesea Primary School. So this means you'll enjoy great savings on your fuel, whilst supporting Whittlesea Primary School when you fill up at a participating United service station.

Register here: <https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-community/whittlesea-primary-school/>

You now have the choice of a digital or plastic fuel discount card.



FOUNDATION CRAFT SUPPLIES

It's time to clean out your craft supplies!

The Foundation team are seeking donations for our creative area 😊
Donations can be dropped off to the Foundation end of the ELC.

Ideas for donations include, but are not limited to:

- Small, clean boxes
 - Buttons
 - Ribbons
 - Glitter
- Scrap book paper offcuts
 - Old magazines
 - Fabric offcuts
 - Sequence

Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Whittlesea
**Garden
Expo**



**City of
Whittlesea**

Whittlesea
Rotary
Club



2022 WHITTLESEA GARDEN EXPO

**Saturday 5th March
Sunday 6th March**

Entry 9am - 3pm

**Whittlesea Showgrounds
Whittlesea-Yea Road**

**Tickets Child: Free
Tickets Online: \$8
Tickets Gate: \$10**



**Buy Tickets
trybooking.com/BUBDC**

Saturday Guest Presenter: Melissa King
from Channel 7s Better Homes & Gardens

Sunday Guest Presenter: Clive Blazey
Co-founder of The Diggers Club

for more information: wgexpo.net.au





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WE ALL
KNOW
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Meet the filmmaker screenings

followed by
a Q and A
session with
filmmaker
*Genevieve
Bailey*

Bookings:



Wednesday 16 March 2022,
6.45 for a 7pm screening
Whittlesea Community
Activity Centre



Thursday 17 March 2022,
6.45 for a 7pm screening
Mill Park Library

Pop-up Bush Playgroup

**FREE
EVENT**

The City of Whittlesea and Eco Explorers invite you to come along and join our fully facilitated Bush Playgroup event. Children will have the opportunity to explore, create, imagine and discover nature.

Where: Laurimar Creek Conservation Reserve,
Braford Drive, Doreen

When: Tuesday 8 March, 10am–12pm

Fun nature play
activities with:



ECO EXPLORERS



**City of
Whittlesea**

For more information please contact Council's Playgroups
Community Development Officer on 9404 8863.

whittlesea.vic.gov.au