

Issue 5- 4th March 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

What a great week we've had at Whittlesea Primary School. Sunny days and lots of great learning across all our classrooms. Last night we welcomed our Foundation families for our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic. The purpose of this casual event is to bring together our families with picnic rugs (and teddys) to connect, make new friends and share on the start of the school year. The children also had a great opportunity to play and enjoy the experience of our community coming together. A big thank you to Betty Tzelepis, Amy Perry, Jess Gordon and Madi Merritt for organising the picnic and giving their time.



Our Breakfast Club will be back in 2022. Commencing next term, we will be providing a range of breakfast options on a Monday morning each and every week. Our school has been a member of the school's breakfast club program for some time now. Funding allows us to select a range of items from Food Bank and our students can benefit from a nutritious and yummy breakfast every Monday morning. The success of this program hinges on the dedication and passion of a volunteer team so I encourage all parents / carers who may be able to give their time on a Monday morning to call the office on 9716 2140 or email Whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au. If we can create a database of volunteers the commitment may be only once a month or so and that time will make a big difference to the students at our school who access this service. Thank you to Casey Brown who has agreed to coordinate the program in partnership with Joseph Kaldas, our new chaplain for 2022.

Over the past month our teaching teams have been collaborating as PLCs (Professional Learning Communities). As a team, they are using the latest achievement data of their students to identify an area of need, then contributing to actions plans that focus on improved practice, approaches or strategies to increase learning. As a school our focus is writing, and our teachers have been identifying priorities within punctuation, rhyme and vocabulary. It is exciting work and over the coming weeks teachers will be implementing new and targeted strategies to shift achievement in these areas. You too can play your part in student learning. The establishment of literacy skills is not something that just happens at school. Reading TO or WITH your child every night is a pivotal strategy. Not only are you modelling a love of literacy, but there are teachable moments that you can identify in every text. If the book contains rhyming words – highlight this and challenge your child to identify more rhyming words to those in the text. All texts contain themes or pattern of language so explain this to children and finally – read the same book more than once. Kids love revisiting a known text and it helps make language concepts concrete. For my son at the moment, it is Pig the Fibber and it is ok that we have read this book every night for a week or so. It allows us to revisit the concepts of the book and embrace the learning within it – especially the concept that he should tell the truth!

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

March 7	Whole School Photo Day
March 8	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm-6.00pm
March 9	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm-6.00pm
March 14	Public Holiday Labour Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

4th March
Jade 3/4C

5th March
Noah 3/4DM

7th March
Jett 1/2P

9th March
Tamsin 5/6V

11th March
Michael 5/6T



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Have you booked your child's student learning conference yet? Booking times are still available for next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please access your child's profile in Compass to book your learning conference. 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.



This week our spelling focus was Rule 6 - the letter **i** cannot go at the end of English words and so the letter **y** takes its place. So why does the word 'ski' end in an **i**, you might ask? Well, not all words are English in origin. The study of the history of words is known as Etymology. The word 'ski' is Norwegian, from Old Norse '*skíth*' meaning 'billet, snowshoe'. Another common word ending in **i**, 'aioli' is French in origin, from a combination of the words *ai* (meaning "garlic") and *oli* (meaning "oil"), making both the word and the food literally a mashup of garlic and oil.

Students have continued to practice their spelling words at school every day this week. Please encourage your child to practice at home every night after school, this should take no longer than 10 minutes. Every Monday our Literacy Learning Specialist, Sam McCormick, will post sample videos demonstrating the explicit teaching of these words. Look out for our next spelling rule, word list and video demonstrations next Monday.

Do you need additional uniform items but find it hard to get to Northern Regional Uniforms during the week or Saturday mornings? Jayne and the team at Northern Regional Uniforms will be delivering to our school every Wednesday morning. This offer applies to all phone orders made and paid for over the phone by 11am Tuesday morning. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact NRU on 9436 4005 to find out more or to place an order.

Please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled. Hats bearing the school logo must be worn outside during breaks in Term 1 and 4 and are often misplaced. If clearly labelled, community leaders can return these to students during the day. Also check your child's name is easily seen and read on the inside of school jumpers.

As we have reached the halfway point of the term, it's timely to remind parents about the safe and appropriate use of the church car park. Parents concerned for the wellbeing of our children have contacted the school regarding students walking / running through the middle of the car park as they make their way to the family car. With other drivers entering and leaving the car park, this presents a dangerous situation. If you use the church carpark as a drop off/pick up point, please talk to your child/ren, reminding them to walk around the perimeter of the car park to access the family car. Please also be considerate of the handicapped parking bay and only use this if you have a valid parking permit.

Monday is SCHOOL PHOTO Day. Please ensure your children are on time and wearing full school uniform. Hair accessories should be white, navy, or yellow in colour.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Eden Webber For: trying her best to make rhyming words
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Hudson Mellford For: matching rhyming words and thinking of his own words that rhyme. Superstar!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Lena Panahinejad For: recognising rhyming words in her tasks this week. Well done!
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Oakley Saw For: adding great adjectives like 'fabulous' to his sizzling starts in Writing.
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Bentleigh Matthews For: making a great improvement with his writing output in lessons.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Peyton Clifford For: using excellent Onomatopoeia (sound) words to engage readers in her sizzling start.
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Ellie Osborne For: creating excellent sizzling starts in her Writing.
Year 3/4MW McCormick/Walsh	Awarded to: Riley Burke For: sharing his writing with enthusiasm, whilst reading with expression and fluency. Well done Riley 😊
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Harrison King For: His commitment to his math extension tasks.
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Madison Van Weenan For: being productive and doing her best during learning time!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Giovita Goci For: her commitment to writing. Giovita is working hard every day and producing amazing results.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Jade Murray For: using the senses to create wonderfully descriptive writing. Great work, Jade!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Amelia Trafford For: reading her stories with enthusiasm and varying her voice tone.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Darcy Graham For: leading class discussions and consistently seeking to share his knowledge
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Memphis Tofete-Su'a For: being very encouraging and motivating to her classmates and to the other team during inter-school sports.
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Riley Beattie For: being resilient and persistent in his work when faced with a problem. Good work, Riley!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Chase Harrison For his persistence during independent reading

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!

9466 7331 | admin.nem@msp.com.au





BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK!

COMMENCING TERM 2, 2022

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

This is a great opportunity to support our school.
Join a team of community members to help lead
the 'Breakfast Club' at Whittlesea Primary School

If you are able to assist, please call the office on
9716 2140



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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



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



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Whittlesea**

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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