

Issue 6- 10th March 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This week I'd like to start by celebrating one of our education support staff members who is bravely recovering from cancer. Rebecca Cameron is currently two thirds of her way through treatment, and she is making a great recovery. On behalf of the Whittlesea school community, we wish her all the best for her continued improvement towards full health. Coinciding with Bec's recovery, we are also celebrating the World's Greatest Shave next Friday with Charlie and Polly Krueger having their heads shaved to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. Well done to the Krueger family and those who have donated to this worthy cause.



Flood Fundraiser

Speaking of fundraising, on Thursday 17th March we will hold a 'State of Origin Flood Fundraiser'. Students will be invited to come dressed out of uniform in either predominantly blue or maroon clothes as a show of support for flood affected communities in Queensland and New South Wales. All proceeds of the fundraiser will be forwarded to charities supporting those in need.

NAPLAN School Readiness Test (SRT)

On Thursday next week our Year 3 and 5 students will sit a practice test for NAPLAN 2022. The SRT will test our school's technology infrastructure as NAPLAN is delivered online across all schools from this year onwards. The test results from Thursday are not recorded and it is simply an opportunity for staff and students to become familiar with the online environment and for our wireless network to be tested under the NAPLAN conditions.

Student Mentor Helper Club

It has been my pleasure to support Peyton, Samantha, Ava, Beka, Evie and Phoebe from Year 1/2 who came to me with a great idea for a new club at break times. The girls wanted to help others succeed by supporting them to solve problems in the yard or give them someone to play with if they are feeling lonely. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the girls set up a series of hands on activities and make an effort to help our students be happy and connected at school. Well done girls.



CALENDAR

March 14	Public Holiday Labour Day
March 17	Flood Fundraiser Casual Clothes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

12th March

Levi 1/2P
Hunter 3/4L

14th March

Alyssa OOM
Margaret 3/4MW
Melinda 3/4MW

15th March

Emily OOG
Dahlia 5/6RM
Joseph 5/6RM

16th March

Gabby 3/4C
Kaven 5/6RM

17th March

Cooper 5/6V

18th March

Matthew 5/6V



Call for Volunteers!!

Our school is currently requesting the support of our community for two important activities.

1. The school breakfast club is set to relaunch in Term 2 and we are seeking the assistance of a group of parents who can give their time on occasional Monday mornings. If you have a talent for whipping up great tasting toasties, then please call 9716 2140 to register your willingness to be involved.
2. Our amazing parent gardening group led by Amber Argote and Abbie King in partnership with our school council environmental subcommittee are looking to revitalise our front garden area. If you're able to join forces for a working bee on March 26th once again – please call 9716 2140 to register. Lunch will be provided, and many hands make light work!

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all of our families for attending student learning conferences with your children earlier this week. For varying reasons, we know that some of you were unable to make a conference time. Please contact your child's teacher via Compass to make an alternate time over the coming week.

Some of you may have noticed that the Compass parent app has been upgraded. The hamburger icon that brought you to the old vertical menu has been replaced with a new horizontal navigation bar at the base of the dashboard that displays key icons across the bottom of the screen - Home, Schedule, Attendance Notes, Shortcuts, Notifications and More.



The 'Shortcuts' button on the navigation bar is a new feature to give you quicker access to important actions, such as 'pay for an event' or 'report absence'. A direct route to get where you need to be! The 'More' button on the navigation bar will take you to a similar menu as the old one. Modules will now be sorted according to which ones you use the most, allowing for a more straightforward navigation.

Over the past two weeks we have practiced two whole school DISPLAN drills. These practice drills are routinely conducted in line with our school emergency management plan and are required by the Department of Education. The whole school evacuation, conducted last week, was a simulated response to potential dangers such as structural fires or a bushfire. The second evacuation this week, a lockdown, was a simulated response to a danger in the yard, for example, a kangaroo. Prior to each evacuation, our teachers talk to the students about what to expect so they are well prepared. Each procedure lasts for no longer than 5 minutes. Staff have the opportunity to provide feedback to ensure our DISPLAN procedures are effective in the event that we would need to enact one at any time.

'Every child deserves a book'. You may recognise this catch cry from Scholastic Book Club Issue 1. On Wednesday, your child brought home Issue 2 and it has some great bargains. Throughout each issue, you can purchase books for as little as \$3.



For every book purchased, our school receives Scholastic Rewards that can be redeemed for books for our junior and senior libraries. More information about ordering can be found attached to today's Compass along with the Primary Post. If you don't have the Loop Book Clubs app, you can download it for free from the Apple or Google play store.



Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Ruby Dimech For: Trying her best to write and writing the letters she hears when stretching words.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Sebastian Gouskos For: making good choices to support his learning and trying his best on learning tasks. Keep it up!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Kaylee Brear For: doing her best when writing new letters. Keep it up!
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Brydi Martin For: entertaining her readers by tightening the tension in her story.
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Lucas Hutchinson For: writing an engaging sizzling start to his window story.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Ryan Parsonage For: engaging his readers by using action in his sizzling start!
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Beau Cornish For: excellent reading throughout F + P testing. Moving level after level 😊 .
Year 3/4MW McCormick/Walsh	Awarded to: Emma Lord For: consistently working hard towards achieving your writing goals. Well done Emma 😊
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Piper Briggs For: Her hard work in learning vertical subtraction.
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: River Toulson For: being so confident with his reading and smashing through his Oxford words!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Dante Miraglia For: consistently working hard in literacy, numeracy and inquiry.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Isobel Cilia For: writing an exciting ending to a persuasive text. Great work!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Marley Clifton For: writing amazing “Sizzling Starts” and confidently presenting them to the class.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Sarah Mavric For: being a positive role model and peer tutor. Great leadership Sarah. Well Done 😊
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Xavier Driver For: coming up with great ideas when the class was creating an ‘exciting ending’ and ‘character wrap up’ for a story. Well done! 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Jarrah Lorimer For: attempting all math equation tasks with a positive mindset.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Brandon Burton For: his persistence during learning time

TheirCare Philosophy:

Wominjeka. Our service philosophy at Whittlesea Primary school is to make the students the centre of everything we do. We facilitate lifelong development and growth of children so that they achieve their full potential as individuals. We strive to develop and support the emotional, social, and physical wellbeing of the child. We create positive environments for their learning and curiosity, and we also encourage the children to be important members of the local and wider communities. Parents students and staff are strongly encouraged to work together in partnership recognising our shared values of community, confidence, honesty, excellence, and respect. We also include our key values which are Safety, Education, Nurturing, Stimulating and Empathy within the service.

TERM 1 WEEK 5&6:

Last week the students got to play outdoors as it was a lovely week. We played soccer on the soccer pitch. We also got to learn about the food pyramid, the students had to search the room for different foods and place them on our giant pyramid in the correct section. We also celebrated world wildlife day by drawing our favourite wildlife animals.

On Friday we celebrated Lauren's wedding which happened on March 5th by playing the wedding dress game and designing wedding dresses using toilet paper. This week the students have been enjoying playing sports game such as dodgeball. We created signs for our new bins which are labelled recycling and rubbish. We also did an activity which looked at what a healthy lunchbox is.

What's Been Happening at TheirCare?



WEDDING NEWS!

Congratulations to Lauren on her wedding over the weekend!



Our Team



Hayley



Lauren



Aman



Lou



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Within our service we have a recycling box, for the students to dig into and use to create artwork out of. These include boxes, bottle tops, scrap paper etc. we ask that if any families have any recyclable materials to donate would be greatly appreciated 😊

Program & Menu

UPCOMING EVENTS at Whittlesea TheirCare:

Our program is designed to cater to each child's interests and needs, ensuring all children are engaged and enjoying their time here as much as possible! We have weekly discussions which gives children an opportunity to put forward their ideas and suggestions to create something super fun!

Over the next few weeks, the activities have been based off student, staff, and family suggestions. We make sure we also cater to the students likes and interests.

This Term we have some great ideas planned! These include science experiments, outdoor activities, gardening, arts and craft and cooking. We are also planning a movie afternoon, where the students will get popcorn and get to create their own movie theatre setting.



Our weekly menu follows Nutrition Australia's guidelines and is created with the children and families. All cultural needs are considered, and any dietary requirements are to be discussed with the program.

Before school care meals include a selection of cereals, wholemeal bread, spreads, fruit, milk and water. We offer special days such as pancakes and toasties once a term.

After school care meals include fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and a variety of hot and cold foods, including Sandwiches, wraps, dips, crackers, noodles, pasta, soups, yoghurt and many more nutritious and yummy snacks.

Booking your child into the program! Follow these 3 simple steps:

1: Create an account through www.theircare.com.au Bookings and cancellations can be managed through your account.

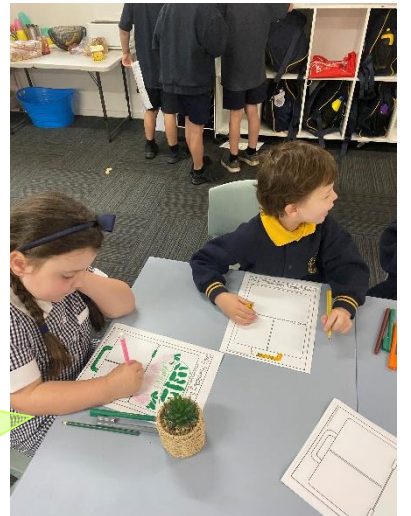
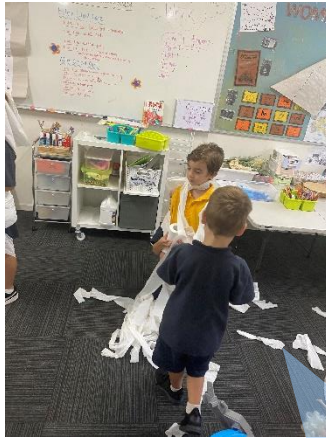
2: Provide CRN Centrelink details, any medical conditions, and contact details.

3: Select booking dates through your calendar. Casual bookings and regular bookings available. Bookings made within 48 hours / changes to bookings will incur a small fee.

For any emergencies or questions please contact the service on: 0447 542 696

**HAVE FUN
AND STAY
SAFE!!**

Happy Snaps 😊





BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK!

COMMENCING TERM 2, 2022

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

This is a great opportunity to support our school.
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the 'Breakfast Club' at Whittlesea Primary School

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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



OPEN INFORMATION AFTERNOON

12-2.30pm, SUNDAY
27th MARCH 2022
Whittlesea Agricultural
Society Administration
Building, Gate 1 McPhees
Road, Whittlesea

(03) 9716 2835
info@whittleseashow.org.au

Did you know the Whittlesea Agricultural
Society is a non profit volunteer organisation?



Come along to our open afternoon and speak with us about the Whittlesea
Agricultural Society Council. Hear about our upcoming events & social
outings and chat with Whittlesea Show Superintendents.

Free sausage sizzle & heritage display
We look forward to welcoming you!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Heritage • Art • Photography • Animal Nursery • Attractions • Homecrafts Cattle
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Farm & Garden • Beef Herd • Trade Space • Works • Woodchop • Food Expo
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