

Issue 9- 1st April 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Today we hosted the first of our half school assemblies to end Term 1. Our junior students came together in the gym to hear various announcements and celebrate the presentation of many awards. One of the new awards presented this week was the 'Learning Legend'. At Whittlesea Primary School we recognise and acknowledge dedication and commitment to learning. It is about doing your personal best and achieving growth. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Learning Legends in our junior years.



Foundation P	Harper Willmot
Foundation M	Aubrey Taylor
Foundation G	Emily Pratt
1/2 E	Emerson Fairchild
1/2 JA	Elliot Powell
1/2 M	Adeline Johnson
1/2 B	Ryder Minett
1/2 P	Xander Ritchie



A video recording of the assembly will be distributed as soon as possible via Compass. Next term we will return to an audience for these assemblies, and we can't wait! Attendance will need to be for vaccinated attendees only at this point, but we look forward to sharing these formal gatherings as a connected community.

Moving into next term, our canteen menu will be reviewed to ensure we are minimising packaging where possible and offering a variety of healthy choices. Please be aware that the purpose of over counter sales during the breaks is for quick snack items only. It is not the intention that students purchase their entire lunch at this time. Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with a packed lunch or a pre-ordered lunch. Lunch orders are available on canteen days - Thursdays and Fridays. If you wish to send your child with money to spend at the canteen, please note a spending limit of \$7.50 has been established. This is an ample amount to allow students to buy snacks to accompany their lunches.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to the last week of term highlighted by Cross Country and our Good Friday Appeal fundraiser on the last day of term.

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

April 8	Full School Cross Country Good Friday Appeal Casual Clothes Day Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish
April 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
April 26 Tuesday	Start of Term 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

2nd April
Spencer 3/4L

3rd April
Tyler 1/2JA
Summer 1/2M
Levy 5/6G

4th April
Nicole 3/4L

5th April
Jordan 00P

6th April
Hamish 1/2E
Harlenn 5/6G

7th April
Madison 3/4L

8th April
Dante 3/4W



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

The autumnal morning was cool and crisp. I shivered as I climbed up the stairs. Finding an empty seat, I was grateful to be sitting down, out of the cold. I peered out the window, watching for a glimmer of sunshine, somewhere. I tried to imagine what today would be like, it's been so long since I've been anywhere. *Will it rain? Will there be animals? What if I get lost?* "Come on everyone, we're here!" called Miss Walsh, from the front of the bus. *Gee, that went quick!* I thought to myself. I snapped out of my daze and sprang up from my seat. As I stepped from the bus, I felt the trees closing in around me and the smell of eucalyptus filled my nostrils. So, *this is Healesville Sanctuary, how exciting!*



Today, our year three and four students spent their day learning at Healesville Sanctuary. As part of their inquiry learning, the students are finding out more about the characteristics of different environments and how these characteristics support different plants and/or animals to survive.

In 2021 our school was the successful recipient of a Junior Landcare and Biodiversity grant. The Victorian Government, through the Department of Land, Water and Planning received a strong number of applications and the Victorian Government and Landcare Australia presented Whittlesea Primary School with a grant for **\$4,954.00**. **This grant subsidised this excursion in full, for which we are very grateful.**

We would like to thank the school council environmental sub-committee for their submission and the opportunity this has afforded our students. A big thank you also to our Year 3/4 staff and ES staff for their organisation and all the parent helpers who also attended.



Please look out for a parent survey next week on Compass about School Uniform. We are looking to update some of our school uniform items and your feedback will help guide the direction we take regarding price point, fabric, and design.

Next week is the final week of term. On Friday, students are encouraged to wear house colours/casual clothes to support the Good Friday Appeal and bring along a gold coin donation. This will be the first SRC fundraising event for the year, and the SRC encourage your donations for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal in the hope we can raise more than the \$2,200 we collected in 2021. Students will also participate in our annual school cross country event. The Year 3-6 students will venture down to Walker Reserve in Whittlesea and the F-2 students will participate in a mini event after first break on the oval, cheered on by their 5/6 buddies and the Year 3/4 students. We are looking forward to a great final day of term!

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



SRC Fundraiser!

Casual Clothes Day!

When: Friday the 8th of April, 2022

Please wear casual clothes and bring a donation which will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital.

Let's raise even more money than last year for the children! 😊

Thank you for supporting our event! 😊



★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Jordan Watt For: trying his best in his reading group and using his sound knowledge to help him predict words
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Thomas Bodagh For: trying his best when counting during '100 days of school'
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Harvey Moore For: doing his best and participating in 'Investigations' each morning.
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Norah Burke For: including descriptive language in her 'Show, Don't Tell' writing. Well done Norah!
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Isobel Watt For: using materials to solve addition and subtraction problems, and finding the connections between fact families to 10.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Mia Mellford For: her excellent 'Show, Don't Tell' pieces in writing this week. Keep up the detail Mia!
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Andre Tanaoi- McMaster For: being able to explain and prove 'show don't tell' in his writing.
Year 3/4WM Walsh/McCormick	Awarded to: Sehaj Grewal For: creating convincing arguments for his persuasive piece.
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Riley Allshorn For: working hard on his persuasive writing piece
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Jasmine Liddle For: working so hard to learn all of her Oxford Words!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Tahlia Redpath For: always completing her learning to a high standard and accepting all challenges confidently.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Ruby Susanof For: consistently challenging herself in her learning – applying the seven steps to her story; <i>My House</i> .
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Kaili Baldwin For: coming up with a great narrative idea for her plan and writing a fantastic sizzling start to her story. 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Jack Williams For: showing determination to improve his learning across all areas. Well done, Jack!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: William Thornton For: his improved editing and revising skills in writing
PE Mr Leslie	Awarded to: Jonah Hazeldine For: showing enthusiasm and high levels of skill during our entire athletics unit

SPORTS REPORT

As many of you know, in Term 1 our Year 5/6 students have been participating in Inter-School Sport against other participating members from the Bridge Inn North District.

All students have been participating in either Teeball, Cricket Blast or Tennis Hot Shots for the Whittlesea Gold or Whittlesea Blue team. Both teams competed against students from Mernda Central College, Mernda Park Primary and Ashley Park Primary. Our 5/6 students competed fairly, had fun and represented the school well throughout the entire term.

I am pleased to announce that at the end of the season, our Girls Gold Teeball Team, Boys Gold Cricket Team and Girls Gold Cricket team finished first place and were declared premiers of the Bridge Inn North District! These teams will be moving on to the Division round later in the year. As well as our three premier teams, we also had both our Gold Boys and Gold Girls Tennis teams finishing in 2nd place. Well done to all team members!



We now look forward to our Term 2 winter sports, AFL, Soccer and Netball.

2022 Camp Instalment Dates

Year 3/ 4 Camp

~~Payment 1: \$73.60 25th March~~
Payment 2: \$78.20 29th April
Payment 3: \$73.60 27th May
Payment 4: \$78.20 24th June
Payment 5: \$78.20 22nd July
Payment 6: \$78.20 19th August

Year 5/6 Camp

~~Payment 1: \$71.88 25th March~~
Payment 2: \$77.87 15th April
Payment 3: \$71.88 13th May
Payment 4: \$77.87 10th June
Payment 5: \$71.88 8th July
Payment 6: \$77.87 5th August
Payment 7: \$71.88 2nd Sep
Payment 8: \$77.87 30th Sept



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 ST BREAK	Basketball Club 3-6 Joseph Basketball Courts 	Drawing Club F-2 Joseph Senior Library 	Outdoor Games F-2 Joseph Lower Area (Odd weeks) 	Down Ball Club 3-6 Covered Basketball Court Mr Wright 	Whittlesea World
	Drawing Club 3-6 Mrs Gorski/ Miss Tuppen Room 20 		Mindfulness Club 3-6 Miss De Luca Room 23 	Glee Club F-2 Mr Watts Sensory Space 	Disco Club Mr Hoggins Soccer Pitch 
2 ND BREAK	Jar Club 3-6 Mrs Gittos Art Room 	Outdoor Games 3-6 Joseph 3/4 Playground 	Cartoon Club F-2 Mr Maxfield & Mrs Burgess ELC 	Origami Year 2 to 6 Mandarin room 	Audio Book Club 3-6 Mrs Cummins Room 26 
	Sensory Space F-2 Ms Betty 	Sensory Space 3-6 Ms Betty 	Sensory Space F-2 Ms Betty 	Sensory Space 3-6 Ms Betty 	Sensory Space F-2 Ms Betty 

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Wednesday 13 April, 10:00am –12:00pm

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Merri Creek Management Committee will be delivering a range of activities including:

- Waterbug Discovery
- Story time with finger puppets
- Make an iuk (Woi-wurrung for Short-finned eels) out of native grasses.

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