

Issue 23- 5th August 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

This week the parents / carers of our Year 3 to 6 campers came together for a priority meeting to discuss the COVID safe measures required for camps. At these forums I shared the various permissions and modifications required for both intra and interstate camps.



Our planned camp for the Year 3/4 group should proceed with only minimal adjustments. Thank you to the large number of families who have already completed the additional permissions required through compass. The Ballarat / Bendigo camp will closely align with the classroom inquiry studies and promises to create a memorable learning experience.

Through detailed collaboration with our community, it was clear that our camp to Canberra for the Year 5/6 students could not proceed as planned. Most schools with interstate camps have taken similar actions as the requirements are so detailed and restrictive. There would be a high likelihood that the camp would be impacted by COVID actions which would significantly impact on the success of the experience.

As an alternative, we commenced planning a second camp in the event that Canberra would not go ahead. I am pleased to announce that our Year 5/6 group will have a camping experience in Melbourne staying at the CYC City Camp from October 19 to 21.

Mr McAlley, the 5/6 team and myself are working hard to bring together an engaging itinerary which replicates or even exceeds what was planned for Canberra. Students have already been consulted and they have great ideas for what they'd like to do at camp.

Regardless of where we attend, camping experiences are great opportunities for students to develop academic, social and personal skills. The independence gained through an away from home experience can't be underestimated and we have prioritised finding a way for our middle and upper primary students to have this opportunity.

We're aware that COVID may still interrupt our plans, but risk management planning has been completed to ensure all possibilities have been considered.

Thank you for the 'Principal's Day' messages I've received from many in our community. I couldn't be prouder to be the leader of this great school

Until next week,
Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

August 12	Red Nose Day Foundation Bundoora Farm Excursion
August 22	Smile Squad (Dental Van)
August 24	Book Week Dress Up Day
August 30	Student Learning Conferences

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following
children a very
Happy Birthday!

2nd August
Miley 1/2E
Kayla 1/2JA
Kiara 1/2P
Thomas 5/6RM

3rd August
Baylah 00M
Sarah 5/6RM

6th August
Noah 3/4DM

7th August
Lachlan 1/2B

9th August
Jessica 5/6V

12th August
Lexi 1/2JA
Danny 1/2P
Mason 5/6T



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Next week marks the midway point for Term 3, with several important events taking place in the week.

On Monday 8th, our Year 3 and 4 students will represent our school at the junior primary Hooptime basketball tournament at Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium.

On Thursday 11th, our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in a 'Breakdance' incursion, to complement their Performing Arts learning. This incursion was made possible through the *Positive Start Initiative*, a program funded by the Victorian Government to re-engage primary and secondary students and to boost their physical and emotional health and wellbeing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

On Friday next week, our Foundation students will attend Bundoora Park to conclude their inquiry unit 'What do living things need?' The students will have the opportunity to tour the farm, experience a wildlife ride and participate in a gardening activity.

Friday 12th August is also **RED NOSE DAY**. Our SRC have planned a 'Rock the Red' casual clothes event, encouraging everyone to come wearing something red and to bring along something that 'folds or jingles'. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to the online Whittlesea Primary School '**rockthered**' fundraising page, please follow this link, <https://www.rednoseday.org.au/fundraisers/WhittleseaPrimarySchool/rockthered>



A reminder that our uniform transition plan is in full swing. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for important transition dates. Our new uniform items will be available from Academy Uniform in Thomastown from Saturday 17th September. The soft-shell jacket will be available from mid-October.

On Tuesday 30th August we will host **Student Learning Conferences**. Students will not be required at school. Staff will facilitate a 15-minute conference with each student and their parents/carers, between 11.00AM and 6.45PM. The adjusted day will support working families to attend with their child/ren later in the afternoon/evening. Students are expected to attend their conference with their parent/carer, to share and celebrate their learning growth.

Theircare will operate a program on this day. Details regarding conference bookings will be covered in next weeks edition of the Primary Post. *Please note this important date in your calendar.*

Today is Principal's Day. It is a day to acknowledge the incredible work of school principals, and so, on behalf of our students and staff, I would like to thank Ty Hoggins for his outstanding leadership of our school, always prioritising that our students are at the centre of everything we do.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

★ Star of the Week ★

Term 3, Week 3

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Jessie Tanoai-Macmaster For: consistently helping others succeed with their learning by offering to help.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Tyler Fitzgerald For: exploring the capacity of different containers in maths. Well done!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Emily Pratt For: exploring capacity and ordering from smallest to largest. Great work!
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Kruz Carter For: putting in an amazing effort to learn his Oxford words. Well done, Kruz!
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Bodie Van-Weenen For: his amazing growth in reading this semester. Well done Bodie!!!
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Briah Barrett For: helping other classmates succeed while working on all of her classwork.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Evie Spyropoulos For: her excellent work using powerful adjectives to persuade her audience.
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Angus Watt For: achieving excellent results in reading testing. Awarded to: Nate Williams For: continually helping others succeed and putting his best efforts into his learning.
Year 3/4WM Walsh/McCormick	Awarded to: Jagger Hayward-Murphy For: working hard towards his personal learning goals. Well done Jagger 😊
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Nathaniel Bundy For: his excellent work on creating a 3D model of his inquiry innovation.
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Eden Tosevska-Veljanovska For: putting on an excellent performance about the character strength 'generosity' with a clear explanation!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Kenzie Sutherland For: sharing wonderful information and ideas during classroom discussions
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Annie Watson For: being a motivated learner with a growth mindset across all learning areas. Amazing work, Annie!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Isabella-Rose Perinovic For: settling into class routines and giving her assessments 100% effort. Well done, Isabella.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Hayden Gallenti For: working hard to achieve his personal best in all areas, especially maths. Well done Hayden 😊
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Toby Clark For: doing his best and persisting with spelling each week. Fantastic job, Toby! 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Fionah Sparks For: showing determination and confidence with her reading assessment. Well done, Fionah!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Ethan Barclay For: consistently sharing his self-developed efficient strategies in maths.
Chinese Ms Liu	Awarded to: Madison Van Weenen For: trying her best during Chinese lessons.

Exploring Cyber Safety Incursion

On Wednesday, the 5/6 cohort were fortunate enough to have Wendy and Guy as guest speakers representing the 'Police in Schools' program. We explored the topic of safety in the cyberworld and the importance of keeping our private information safe.

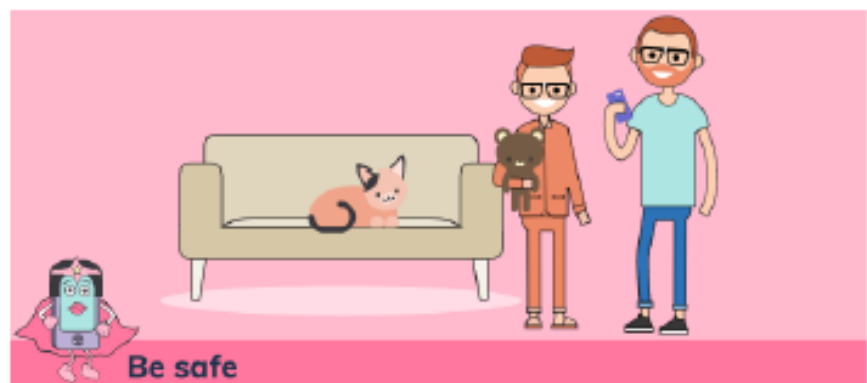
Sergents Wendy and Constable Guy spoke honestly about the risks involved on accepting friendship requests from 'strangers', we decided that the only truly safe people that we should be communicating with are family and very close friends. Our guest speakers were incredibly knowledgeable, friendly and willing to share their vast experiences with the issues associated with cyber safety.

An interesting discussion about the recommended age for children to join certain gaming and communication platforms was enlightening for all. Overall, all children should have their parent's permission to access the internet and parents need to monitor their child's interactions.

The Australian Government has developed the informative website 'eSafety', this has sections for educators, parents, young people, kids, women, seniors, diverse groups and industry. This is well worth while exploring as a family, as it provides accurate, factual and up to date information on ensuring we are cyber savvy and safe at all times.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

Being safe online



Remember

When you explore any place, you need to stay safe. This goes for when you are online too. Explore together with an adult and ask for help.



Thank you, Wendy and Guy, for sharing your knowledge and YES, the utility belts they wear weigh approximately 10 kilograms....

Rock the Red' on Friday the 12th of August for RED NOSE DAY!

Wear red to school this **Red Nose Day** and come with a **donation** to help support families, fund research and save lives of little ones.

You can also **donate online** by scanning the **QR code below!**

<https://www.rednoseday.org.au/fundraisers/WhittleseaPrimarySchool/rockthered>



Scan the **QR code** above to visit my fundraising page where you can make a secure donation, or learn more about my fundraiser.

Red Nose Day Merchandise

On Sale from Monday 8th of August to Friday 12th of August, or until items run out! SRC Captains will be selling these fantastic items at break time throughout the week for students to purchase!



Red Nose- \$3.00



SCHOOL UNIFORM TRANSITION PLAN

OVER THE COMING WEEKS WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL TRANSITION TO A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER. ACADEMY UNIFORMS WILL OFFER AN UPDATED RANGE OF QUALITY UNIFORM ITEMS. THE GRAPHIC BELOW EXPLAINS THE PLANNED TRANSITION AND WHEN AND WHERE UNIFORM ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED.

CURRENT UNIFORM SALES

PARENTS CAN CONTINUE TO PURCHASE THE CURRENT RANGE FROM NORTHERN REGIONAL UNIFORMS AT NORMAL PRICES

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END OF LINE CLEARANCE

REMAINING STOCK OF CURRENT UNIFORM WILL BE SOLD AT DISCOUNTED PRICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

DAILY 9:00AM - 9:30AM
2:30PM - 4:00PM

LIMITED STOCK

NEW UNIFORM SALES

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17.09.22



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SPORTS REPORT

5/6 Term 3 Sport Round 2 Fixture

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	Basketball/Volleyball	Softball
Whittlesea A (Gold)	Mernda P.S	Whittlesea P.S	Whittlesea P.S
Mernda Park	Whittlesea B (Blue)	Mernda Park P.S	Mernda Park P.S

Book Week

This year, Book Week is from Monday 22nd August – Friday 26th August with the theme being, ‘Dreaming with eyes open...’.

We are excited to announce that our Book Fair is back! The Book Fair will be held in the senior library from Tuesday 23rd August – Friday 26th August. It will be open before school **and** after school on these days. There will be a huge range of books for sale, in addition to bookmarks, pencils and novelty items.

Our whole school Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday 24th August from 9:10am on the basketball courts at the top of the school. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We also encourage younger siblings and our Pre-Foundation students to join and dress up!

Keep an eye out across the school for ‘Book Doors’ which will soon begin to appear. Book Doors are doors that have been decorated to match a classes favourite book.

Samantha McCormick
Literacy Learning Specialist



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

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