

Issue 25- 19th August 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

What a busy and exciting time at our school. The middle of Term 3 is always jam packed and this year is no exception. Congratulations to our champion athletics team who came out victorious at the Bridge Inn North Athletics Carnival. In challenging weather conditions our team displayed great skill and sportsmanship across the day. A big thank you to Jake Leslie for all your preparation of the team and to Hope Cummins and Leonie Gorski for your leadership on the day. Many students will progress to Division competition in the coming weeks, and we wish them all the best.



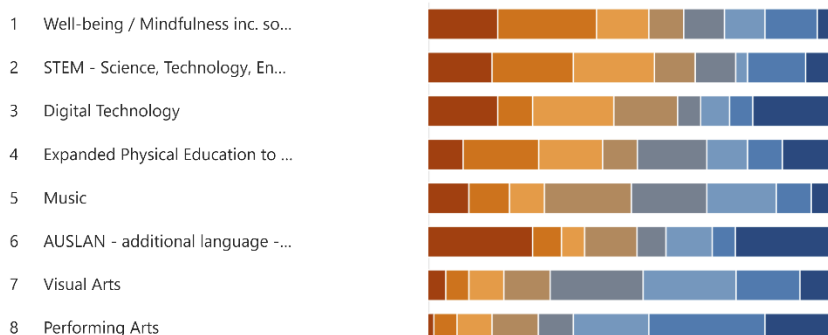
We will be creating a new sub-committee of school council named – Buildings and Grounds. This group will meet monthly or when needed to prioritise and plan improvement projects across the school. If you have an interest or specific skills and experience in landscaping or construction, then please consider submitting an expression of interest to join this new group. We have several improvement projects on the agenda with toilet and playground upgrades as well as new outdoor shade shelters. If you'd like to collaborate on future projects, please call 9716 2140 and submit your details.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6pm in the staffroom. If you wish to attend this annual public meeting of school council, please RSVP by calling 9716 2140. Registration is essential.

Thank you to those families who responded to our survey relating to a new specialist program for 2023. We had a great response and have read all the comments closely. As the graphic shows, there was strong support for particular programs that were suggested, and this feedback will be closely considered.

Rank Options

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice ■ ■ ■ ■ ■



Next week we celebrate Book Week at Whittlesea Primary School. I can't wait to see students dressed as their favourite character, ready to celebrate a love of literacy.

Have a great weekend,
Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

August 22	Smile Squad (Dental Van)
August 24	Book Week Dress Up Day 3/4 & 5/6 Camp Info Night
August 30	Student Learning Conferences (Students not required at school)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following
children a very
Happy Birthday!

23rd August

Ellie 1/2B

Lotti 1/2JA

25th August

Olivia 5/6G



27th August

Audrey 00M

Eden 1/2M



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

At next Tuesday's school council meeting, we will table two policies for review and approval. The first is the Student Dress Code Policy (formally school uniform policy). This policy has been updated to include the new uniform items as we transition to our new supplier, Academy Uniforms, in Thomastown. The second policy for review is the **SunSmart policy**, which has been updated by the Department. It now stipulates that all staff and students **must** wear hats when playing or learning outdoors from mid-August. From next Wednesday 24th August, all students **must** wear their WPS logo school hat outdoors during breaks, at PE and when learning outside. Please take some time over the weekend to ensure your child's school hat is in their school bag. The office has a small supply available for purchase for \$16. Students without a logo school hat for outdoor play will be asked to play under the shade shelters.



On Tuesday, students across F-6 watched a performance by the crew from 'Backflips Against Bullying'. The performers engaged the students through acrobatics and parkour to deliver an evidence-based program, carefully tailored to meet key learning outcomes that align with the Australian Curriculum and complement various descriptors in the focus areas of **AITSL** Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. The program is supported by Evelyn M Field OEM, respected psychologist, and author of the Australian school's handbook to anti-bullying 'Bully Blocking'. In addition to this, Backflips Against Bullying is a registered **Trusted E-Safety Provider** with the Australian Government.

Our Year 1/2 students have been very busy over the past few weeks preparing their actions for their inquiry expo last night. Students prepared a design brief and created dioramas of their proposed improvements for the Whittlesea township. Students were given the opportunity to share their learning with their peers and again with their families after school. Some of their ideas included a footy oval with a grandstand, a zoo, a planetarium, a wishing well and a train station. Well done to all students that presented their learning and to the staff that supported the students to bring this event together.



Congratulations to students that participated at the Whittlesea Division Athletics yesterday. Albeit a bit chilly and windy, our students went above and beyond, displaying our schools' expectations by Doing Their Best to Help Others Succeed. The team were so successful they won the event overall, which is outstanding.



Don't forget to get ready for our Book Week Dress Up next Wednesday and visit The Scholastic Book Fair in the Senior Library, Tues-Fri, before and after school.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend,

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families invited to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of approximately 30% of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek



Backflips Against Bullying Incursion



This week all students were involved in a whole school excursion focussing around bullying. The incursion was a fast-paced interactive combination of acrobatics, parkour, role plays and targeted conversation. The Backflips Against Bullying Program is supported by bullying expert and psychologist Evelyn M Field. The Program runs over a three-year cycle and builds on from the content covered each year.

The incursion focussed on a number of themes including:

- Empowering the bystander
- Exit Strategies for the Victim
- Deliberate Social Exclusion and
- The Consequences of Retaliation.

In 2018 the Education Council of the Council of Australian Governments endorsed the following definition of bullying for use by all Australian schools:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Our comprehensive Bullying Prevention Policy can be found on our school website. The policy outlines bullying prevention strategies in place at our school and how incidents are responded to.

Have a wonderful week!
Wellbeing Team

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Remi Murphy For: working hard on contributing to class discussions by waiting her turn and respecting the thoughts of others.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Isabelle Shaw For: applying her sounds to spell CVC words. Amazing effort!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Caleb Richter For: your positive contribution in the Backflips Against Bullying incursion. Great thinking.
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Elliot Powell For: showing creativity and improvement in his persuasive writing about the best mascot for Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Olympics.
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Xander Ritchie For: innovating on a well loved text by designing a Harry Potter sheep.
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Eden Murphy For: achieving a personal best in her weekly spelling. Well done Eden.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Abigail Blake For: her outstanding work giving and following directions, using location language.
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Salah El Jassem For: consistently working hard throughout Inquiry and completing a solid project.
Year 3/4WM Walsh/McCormick	Awarded to: Hugo Lilley Ranft For: Actively contributing to our inquiry sessions.
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Noah Leeson For: his hard work in constructing his Auto-Biography
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Tayze Lindsay For: making excellent growth in mass by being able to measure and compare using metric units!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Lincoln Trafford For: being a kind friend to others
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Emma Martino For: writing outstanding tightening tension in her autobiography. Great work, Emma!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Blake Allshorn For: completing his area and perimeter learning with a positive mindset.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Isabelle Carey-Szwaj For: an amazing effort in the athletics relay and for your enthusiasm for our maths fluency games
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Katherine Lilley For: doing her best with calculating the area and perimeter of her robot project in maths. Well done, Katherine!
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Indigo Wright For: Challenging herself in her area and perimeter work when creating a robot. Well done, Indigo!
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Alexx Cato For: for her great use of challenging vocabulary in her writing

5/6 SPORTS FIXTURE

5/6 Term 3 Sport Round 5 Fixture (26/08/2022)

Mernda Central	Whittlesea A	Mernda Central College	Mernda Central College
Ashley Park	Whittlesea B	Ashley Park P.S	Ashley Park P.S

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is now only weeks away.



Tickets are still available via Ticketek. If you would like to purchase tickets and support a cast and crew of over 3000 Primary and Secondary students, not to mention our Whittlesea Primary School students, go to www.ticketek.com/spectacular

If you are purchasing tickets, the best seating options to view our school's performances are:

DANCE: Sect. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 47, 48, 49, 50 **CHOIR:** Sect. 9, 10, 31, 32, 33, 56, 57, 58

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



UNIFORM SALES

All remaining stock of our current school uniform will be sold through the main office, with a 20% discount off the RRP. This clearance sale is for the remainder of this term only between 9.00-9.30AM and 2.30PM-4.00PM.

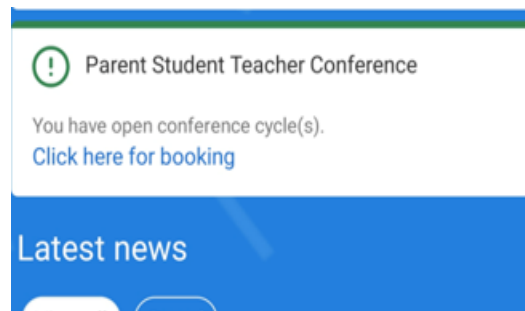
STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

A reminder that 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.

Conference booking times are now available through Compass.

To book an appointment, access your child's profile via Compass using the App. If you do not have access to Compass, please call the office to access your Compass login or book an appointment time. With the updates to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors (i.e., parents and carers) do not need to be fully vaccinated however, mask wearing indoors is encouraged.

Please note that Theircare will be open on Tuesday 30th August for long day care. Bookings can be made through their website www.theircare.com.au



CAMP PAYMENT PLAN INSTALMENTS

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 Sept
Payment 8: \$77.87 30th Sept



5/6 CYC CITY CAMP

INFORMATION SESSION

Whittlesea Primary School would like to welcome parents and families of 5/6 students to attend our camp information evening. We will be discussing our itinerary, key locations, travel plans and advising families what to bring.

Attend in person (gymnasium) or online -
Please call 9716 2140 for online registrations



Wednesday, August 24th; 6:30pm



IMPORTANT

YEAR 3/4 CAMP

INFORMATION NIGHT



**Wednesday 24th August, 5:30pm - 6:30pm in
the gymnasium**

On the night, we will be providing families with information regarding staffing, where students will be staying, the itinerary, the menu, and what students are to bring on camp. Students are welcome to attend.

Attend in person (gymnasium) or online - Please call 9716 2140 for online registrations



Do Your Best • Help Others Succeed • Respect Your School

Bring Your Own Device Program Overview

Whittlesea Primary School is continuing to have great success in building a digital rich learning program which is supported by the 1:1 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative. Students in Years 3-6 take part in the program where students use their personal computers during regular classroom activities. The BYOD program gives students and teachers opportunities to have a dynamic program which balances traditional offline tasks with a range of digital learning activities that reinforce core concepts as well as equip students with practical, future-ready skills.

Teachers and students leverage a rich online learning environment through the Department of Education's endorsed software package; *EduStar*. By implementing the full range of Microsoft 365 applications for education, teachers continue to provide high quality lessons, facilitate personalised feedback, and collaborative conferences. Having a personal device that travels with the student each day, further strengthens the connection between home and school, capturing student learning in a digital portfolio.

In 2023, we will once again partner with EduNet to support the BYOD program. EduNet is an Authorized DET Supplier of digital technologies for Schools. Devices are delivered to the school, pre-loaded with all of the software that students need to be successful in their learning, including; software, network, internet and security settings.

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500w Yoga



\$1,043.38

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13w Yoga



\$1,213.83

Lenovo
ThinkPad L13
Yoga Gen3



\$1,431.66

*prices include imaging and 3-year onsite

The online ordering portal is accessible via
<http://whittleseaps.technologyportal.com.au>.

The Access Code you will need to access the portal is WhittleseaPSBYOD.

An information night is to be scheduled in the upcoming weeks for further details.

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 3 WEEK 5-6:

Week 5 – During week 5 the students did activities based on Lego, the students got constructive and creative using it. They created Lego boats, they also got to create their own mini figures. We also had a Lego competition where the students worked in groups to create something that had a monster, it was under the sea and had a sea animal. The students really enjoyed getting creative and working together in groups. We also had lots of time outside playing soccer, football and on the playground.

Week 6 - During week 6 the students did game week. The students created their own board games, they played uno, tic tac toe and table tennis. The students got creative by using Lego to create a board game in groups. We did a lot of arts and craft, drawing, cutting and pasting as well.

What's Been Happening at TheirCare?

This week the theme is:

Game Week

Activities:

Lego board game creation
Create your own board game
Uno competition
Table tennis
Tic tac toe

Our Team



Hayley



Isabella



Aman

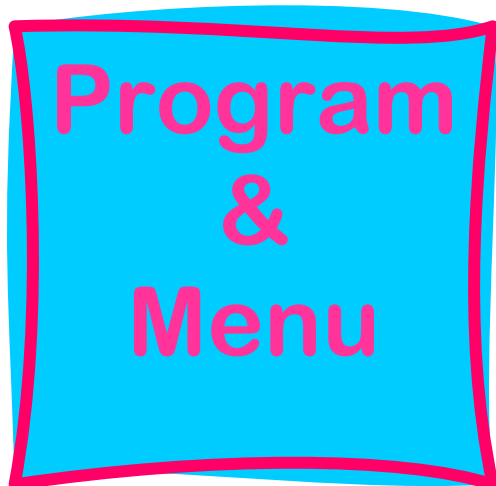


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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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 😊



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.

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



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.

**HAVE FUN
AND STAY
SAFE!!**

Happy Snaps 😊





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

FROM
NOW



LIMITED STOCK

COMMENCING
15.08.22

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

NEW UNIFORM SALES

COMMENCING
17.09.22



THE NEW UNIFORM WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ACADEMY UNIFORMS AT NORMAL RETAIL PRICES. THE END OF LINE CLEARANCE SALE ENDS AND ALL UNIFORM MUST BE PURCHASED FROM ACADEMY UNIFORMS

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