

Issue 27- 2nd September 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Yesterday it was my pleasure to coach one of our Year 5/6 Hoop Time basketball teams. Our school provided one of the largest groups from the participating schools – over 60 players. Whittlesea Primary students were absolute champions and a credit to our school in the way they competed hard and displayed excellent sportsmanship and character.



The day was highlighted by an end of tournament clash between two of our teams in front of an audience of Whittlesea Primary School supporters. I was so pleased to see how the expectation of 'help others succeed' was on full display with students cheering each other on and celebrating in small successes, such as making a free throw or stealing the ball from an opponent. Thank you to Mr Leslie for giving so many students the opportunity to attend, Mrs Gorski, Miss B, and Ms. Vitale for your coaching expertise and our parent volunteers, Shane McKechnie, Cassie Andersen-Wells and Karen Lyons. It was Shane's second time volunteering his time as he also supported our school at the Year 3/4 Hoop Time tournament.

Last night Mrs Gittos, Ms Walsh and I were fortunate enough to attend the premiere of the Whittlesea Secondary College production – We Will Rock You. Congratulations to the staff and students at Whittlesea Secondary on a fantastic production. It is always great to see our past students achieving as they progress through secondary schooling. Seeing Jem, Jobe, Avril, Gabby, Minnie and others shine on stage was a rewarding experience. I believe tickets are still available, so please contact Whittlesea Secondary College and grab tickets fast before they are all gone.

CALENDAR

September 7	R U OK? Celebration
September 12-14	3/4 Ballarat/Bendigo Camp
September 15	Staff PPD (Students not required at school)
September 16	Footy Day End of Term 3 2.30pm finish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

1st September
Destiny 1/2E

2nd September
Imogen 3/4L
Charlie 3/4M

3rd September
Brody 5/6RM

4th September
James 3/4W

5th September
Keagan 1/2E

6th September
Mia 1/2E
Chaz 1/2M
Brandon 5/6P



This afternoon, our Year 3 and 5 students who sat the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will receive their personalised Individual Student Report (ISR). This report gives a clear graphical representation of each child's level of achievement in the standardised assessment. While this assessment is a key milestone in tracking student progress, it should be viewed as one test result in combination with the learning showcased through our conferences and the more detailed semester reporting at Whittlesea Primary School. Please be aware that these documents will be in envelopes within schoolbags today.

Have a great weekend,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Thank you to our parents and carers for attending the Student Learning Conferences on Tuesday. Students were given the opportunity to share and celebrate their learning growth throughout their conference, highlighting what they are proud of and discussing future learning goals for the remainder of the year. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher through Compass to arrange a time to conference before the end of term.



On Wednesday night, James McAlley and Deanne Tuppen hosted an information session for BYOD 2023. All students transitioning into Year 3 (and all student across 4-6) are highly encouraged to purchase a device through the EduNet portal. For further information, scroll through to the BYOD program overview page in this edition of the Primary Post or contact the school.

You can order online via the EduNet portal <http://whittleseaps.technologyportal.com.au>
The Access Code for the portal is: WhittleseaPSBYOD

With only two weeks left in the school term there are still a few significant events coming up. Next week, our State Schools Spectacular students will attend two full days of rehearsals at John Cain arena with the main performance on Saturday 10th September. Then, on Monday 12th September, the Year 34 students are off to Bendigo & Ballarat for their camping experience.

In the final week of term, Thursday 15th September is a teacher Professional Practice Day. Students are not required at school on this day. The last day of term is FOOTY DAY. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their footy colours from whichever code they follow, be it AFL, NRL, soccer or local competitions.



FOOTBALL
AUSTRALIA

Last night I attended the VIP night for the Whittlesea Secondary College production 'We Will Rock You'. Thank you and congratulations to the cast, crew, and staff for bringing together a wonderful event. The VET hospitality students prepared an amazing spread of delicious finger food. The highlight of the evening was watching so many past Whittlesea Primary School students shine on stage. Tickets are still available via the WSC website.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family and to all our dads and carers, hoping you have a happy day on Sunday 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Chelsea Hobbs For: locating different materials in our school and explaining why that material was a good choice to use.
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Alyssa Tomarchio For: stretching out words in her sentence and writing the sounds she hears. Great effort!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Zali Mirrieles For: listening to the sounds in her spelling words and getting them all correct. Well done!
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Emmanuel Watson For: demonstrating confidence when sharing his learning at Student Learning Conferences. Great Job Emmanuel!
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Kodi Linton For: taking his time and asking for help while sequencing his How to Make a Raincloud in a Cup procedure.
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Nabeel Khan For: making a great start to his new educational journey at Whittlesea Primary School.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Noah Hilton - Bright For: persevering through his literal and inferential questions. Outstanding effort Noah!
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Isabelle King For: continually demonstrating her best, and helping others succeed.
Year 3/4WM Walsh/McCormick	Awarded to: Dash Heal For: writing and presenting a detailed and engaging Autobiography.
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Rhys McLaren For: using technical vocabulary in his information report
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Aaliyah Bruning For: beautifully writing her researched facts into paragraphs about the gold rush!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Mia De Lange For: working hard in reading lessons
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Max Blundell For: writing a fantastic sizzling start to his gold rush informative text.
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Cadil Tohow For: writing an interesting and engaging information report on 'Blackholes', using a sizzling start and exciting ending.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Brody Delaroy For: confidently presenting your Inquiry presentation to the class. You went above and beyond in demonstrating your investigation skills. Well done!
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Olive Charity For: her improved and enhanced confidence during public speaking. Keep it up, Olive! 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Riley Beattie For: persisting with his personal inquiry to make sure he was ready to present. Well done, Riley.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Makayla Martino For: her outstanding collaborative writing with multiple points of view



UP COMMUNITY CARD FUNDRAISING

United Petrol have teamed up with Whittlesea Primary School assist with the schools fundraising. With the Whittlesea Primary School UP Community card, you'll receive a 2 cents per litre discount at participating United service stations and a 2 cents per litre rebate will be provided to Whittlesea Primary School. So this means you'll enjoy great savings on your fuel, whilst supporting Whittlesea Primary School when you fill up at a participating United service station.

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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 Microsoft365 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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*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.



On Wednesday 7th September, we are celebrating RUOK? Day with our very own 'Wellbeing Celebration Day'. Students will be involved in three activity rotations across the morning. Groups will be based around our House system and students will be grouped in F-2 or 3-6 teams. Activities include:

- Team challenges
- Mindful Activities
- Yoga
- Literature Responses
- Cloud Watching
- Positive Affirmations
- Kindness Cubes, and even a
- Pamper Session!

We are encouraging everybody to come along in their **House colours** – all the usual bits and pieces...crazy hair, tutu's, the crazier the better.

The theme of the day will be around personal wellbeing, looking out for each other, and having fun. Prior to second break we will have a whole school picnic with dancing, bubbles and Zooper Doopers. Lookout on Facebook for photos throughout the day.

An important message of the day will be around checking in with each other and asking RUOK?

This initiative is our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling. A simple conversation might just help somebody in need!



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

RUOK? **WELLBEING CELEBRATION**



WED 7TH
SEPTEMBER

- Dress in House colours
- F-2 & 3-6 activity rotations
- Whole school picnic
- Zooper Doopers
- RUOK? targeted lesson



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