

Issue 28- 9th September 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

As the term nears an end there is so much to share! I will briefly touch on a number of important topics and 'need to know' information.

Following the news of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen, our flags will be lowered to half mast for the next ten days, consistent with the communication received from the Department of Education and Training.

An important reminder that Thursday September 15th has been allocated as a staff professional practice day and students **ARE NOT** to attend school. Teachers will be planning for the term ahead and normal classes will not be running.

Many of our families will have received an email from Orima Research, a group conducting the parents / carers opinion survey on behalf of the Department of Education and Training. A random selection of families received this survey request. If this was you, please complete this at your earliest convenience. These surveys help us improve Whittlesea Primary School and ensure all voices are heard.

This week we marked RUOK? Day with a special event of activities focussing on mental health and wellbeing. A school action team led by Betty Tzelepis developed a rotation of activities, a picnic and targeted RUOK Day lessons. It is important that we reach out to others and simply ask- 'Are You OK?' We don't need solutions; it is simply the act of caring and being ready to listen. Directing those to further help is the next thing we can do in caring for the health and wellbeing of everyone.

Our Dental Van has been operating from our school campus for the past few weeks. Unfortunately, the well-equipped van cannot remain in this unsecured location and must be relocated. As a result, DPV health will be utilised for procedures and the dentist will contact parents to take their child to designated appointments. The convenience of having the van onsite has been a real positive, but this will need to change moving forward.



CALENDAR

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!

9th September

Jasper 1/2M
Logan 3/4C

10th September

Ruby 00P
Harrison 3/4W
Lincoln 5/6V

12th September

Aliyah 1/2P
Ruby 5/6RM

13th September

Chelsea 00P
Damon 5/6V

15th September

Zachary 3/4W

16th September

Molly 00P
Aran 1/2E
Niran 1/2E



During the week I also had the pleasure of accompanying a group of 19 Year 6 students to attend the Whittlesea Secondary College production – We Will Rock You. Our students had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the matinee session. Thank you to Shaun and the team at WSC for accommodating our students.



Looking ahead – what a finish to the term we have planned. The State School Spectacular is this weekend. Our students have been attending rehearsals for the past two days and they are excited for the upcoming performances at John Cain Arena. Best of luck to all those involved. Our Year 3 / 4 students set off for camp on Monday. They will visit Ballarat and Bendigo as they learn about the region's rich history. Following our student free day on Thursday, we celebrate Footy Day on Friday. Come dressed in your team colours for our traditional football celebration!

An exciting, albeit hectic end to the term.

Enjoy the weekend,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

For the past two days I have been singing and dancing my way through the State Schools Spectacular Rehearsals at John Cain Arena with our Mass Choir students. Miss Walsh has also been busy under the stage, making sure the Mass Dance students get back and forth from the stage and in and out of their costume changes as quickly as possible. The days are long, but the excitement has been building up to what is going to be two spectacular shows tomorrow at John Cain Arena. If you have tickets, be sure to look out for us, give us a wave... 'we hope you will enjoy the show!'



Earlier in the year, our school council approved a 'Jolly Soles' fundraiser. Who are 'Jolly Soles' you might ask? Well, they are a Queensland based company, Australian family owned and operated and not a chocolate bar in sight! All the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase outdoor book libraries for students to use during break times and before and after school. One outdoor book library will cost around \$300. On Tuesday 13th October we will be having a crazy sock day, for students and staff to wear their crazy socks to school. Ordering is online and so easy.



Head to <https://jollysoles.com.au/discount/02090?redirect=%2Fcollections%2Findividual-pairs> to **automatically receive 30% off** your order. Otherwise use discount code 02090 at the website. This QR code will also take you directly to the website. Offer ends Sunday 9th October to ensure we receive orders in time for crazy sock day!

For every adult sock purchase, **we receive \$3.45** profit and for all kids sock purchases, **we receive \$2.31** profit.

END OF TERM 3 FUNDRAISER



YOU GET 30% OFF

ADULT PRICE PER PAIR: \$6.96

KIDS PRICE PER PAIR: \$5.56

CRAZY SOCK DAY – TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER

SIZE GUIDE

Person	Sock Size	Standard Australian Size
Kids (4-8 yrs)	Extra Small	9 – 12 Kids Size
Kids (8-11 yrs)	Small	12 Kids – 2 Adult Size
Older Kids, Teens & Women	Medium	2 – 8 Adult Size
Women/Men	Large	8 – 12 Adult Size
Men	X-Large	12 – 14 Adult Size

On Monday, the Year 3 & 4 students, staff and parent helpers are off to camp, and they are all very excited. I look forward to seeing everyone at Funfields at 7.30AM on Monday morning as we depart for Bendigo/Ballarat at 8.00AM.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊 GO PIES!

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

WELLBEING

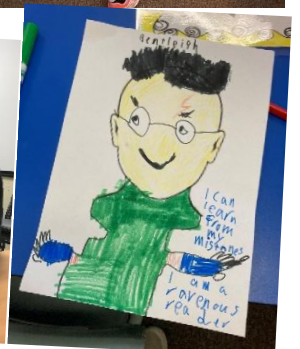
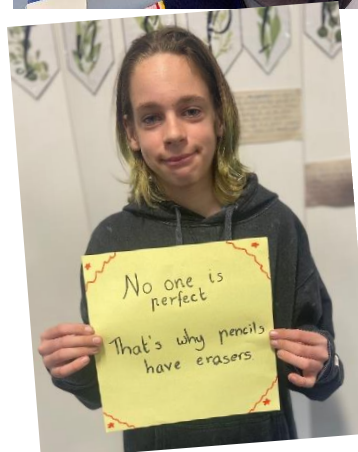
What a wonderful day we all had on Wednesday for our Wellbeing celebration. Students were involved in three House group rotations in the morning and had the opportunity to get to know some new friends and teachers that they may not have worked with before.

So many fabulous activities were organised by our staff, including yoga, mindful colouring, cupcake decorating, a pamper session, bucket filling, kindness cubes, cloud watching, dancing, positive affirmations, mandalas, guided painting, team challenges, Family Feud, Scattergories, spaghetti towers...what a variety!

A highlight of the day was the whole school picnic on the soccer pitch with the music up loud and most students enjoying the giant bubbles from Ms Aimee or dancing to the Macarena, or YMCA. There was even a giant Conga line led by one of our senior students. The picnic concluded with a whole school Hokey Pokey around the soccer pitch and a Zooper Dooper each.

A fabulous day to check in with each other, have fun and make some new connections!





★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Ruby Dimech For: conquering her fears and going to Smile Squad independently. Super stuff!
Foundation M Merritt	Awarded to: Hudson Mellford For: following directions and creating an amazing 2D shape robot.
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Lena Panahinejad For: removing herself from distractions so she can achieve her personal best.
Year 1/2JA Fontana/Kaur	Awarded to: Lexi Duncan For: helping others succeed when learning about time in the classroom.
Year 1/2P Powell	Awarded to: Kory Morrell For: being kind and respectful to her classmates
Year 1/2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Beau Bateman For: his excellent work improving his handwriting and attitude towards his writing skills.
Year 1/2E Barker	Awarded to: Finn Larmer For: his excellent work editing his writing. Awesome effort checking for spelling, punctuation and capital letters Finn.
Year 1/2B Burgess	Awarded to: Jackson Ring For: going above and beyond to help others succeed whilst still achieving his own goals.
Year 3/4WM Walsh/McCormick	Awarded to: Callum Parker For: consistently working hard towards achieving your personal goals. Well done Callum 😊
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Amelia Hughes For: her excellent work when learning to read the time this week! Well Done Amelia 😊
Year 3/4L De Luca	Awarded to: Tyrone Folder For: checking in on his friends and looking after them!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Angelissa Perinovic For: being a friendly and hard-working class member.
Year 3/4C Cummins	Awarded to: Gabby Conley For: sharing her passion for writing and helping others succeed. Well done, Gabby!
Year 5/6G Gorski	Awarded to: Seth Frappa For: completing his learning whilst at home, to ensure he was ready to present his Inquiry Business project.
Year 5/6RM Reid/McAlley	Awarded to: Mason Hossack For: making a brilliant start to your time at WPS. Congratulations on your writing piece about the troublesome boat voyage.
Year 5/6V Vitale	Awarded to: Baylin Hofmann For: demonstrating outstanding confidence during his persuasive 'Shark Tank' presentation of his business for inquiry. Fantastic job, Baylin! 😊
Year 5/6T Tuppen	Awarded to: Zach Croucamp For: Respectfully listening to his peers share their ideas and waiting for his turn to confidently share.
Year 5/6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Ceiana Matthews For: her outstanding inquiry presentation



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.

Register here: <https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-community/whittlesea-primary-school/>

You now have the choice of a digital or plastic fuel discount card.



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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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.

Thank you for Donating!



Whittlesea Primary School Preloved Booksale.

Thank you to the school and local community for generously donating your pre loved children's books. We have had over 1,000 books donated and are really looking forward to our Booksale in October.

If you still have books you would like to donate, the school office will be accepting books up until Friday the 9th of September.

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