

Issue 29- 16th September 2022

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Wishing everyone a great Term 3 break. It has been a huge term with so many highlights. Congratulations to our Year 3/4 team and support workers who led a successful camp to Ballarat and Bendigo. Congratulations also to Amy Walsh, Rae Gittos, Kelly Wooster and Josh Watts for their time and dedication in supporting our school's involvement in State School Spectacular. We have such amazing, dedicated educators who care so much for our students.



Jessie Liu will travel to China in Term 4 and commence a period of leave for the rest of the year. As a result, an alternate program will be in place for the remainder of the year. Unfortunately, recruitment efforts to find another Mandarin teacher have not been successful. I will be able to provide more information regarding the curriculum program to replace Mandarin after the holiday period. We wish Jessie all the best for her leave and thank her for her work at our school.

Our school community also farewelled Hayley Hart who concluded her work with our before and after school care provider – Theircare. Hayley has been an excellent manager for the program over the past few years. Over that time the service has grown to include well attended holiday programs and Hayley's care and connection for our students will be greatly missed. Good Luck Hayley in your future endeavours.

We welcome a new member to our team in Term 4 - Dudley from Story Dogs will be coming to Whittlesea Primary School. Story Dogs is an initiative to support the literacy development of young people. Children will read to Dudley on a regular basis and data shows this approach to be highly successful.



A special request from the Church next to our school. Our parents / carers are kindly granted use of the church car park on a daily basis. The facility is in desperate need of upgrades with large potholes spread over the entire car park. If any of our families work in a field which could offer support to the church, be it materials, equipment or labour they would be very appreciative. Please contact the school via compass with any offers of support that can be passed on.

Have a great break and enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Until next term,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

CALENDAR

October 3	Term 3 Starts
October 18	Crazy Sock Day
October 19-21	Year 5/6 CYC Camp

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

18th September

Ethan 3/4C

Harry 3/4MW

20th September

Tayze 3/4L

21st September

Harvey 00G

22nd September

Alex 1/2M

Mercedes 3/4C

24th September

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Zane 1/2JA

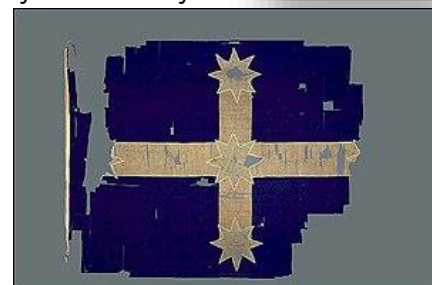
Sophie 3/4W



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

It is believed by some that the ancient Greek mathematician, Archimedes, first coined the phrase 'Eureka!', which translates to 'I've found it! I've found it!', and over the past few days at Sovereign Hill, we've certainly heard a lot of that. We had 3 fantastic days away, watching a gold pour, drooling over the lolly making, and taking a trip back in time as we learned what it was like to live in Ballarat through the 1800's, including working in the mines and my favourite, panning for gold. Many were lucky to find very small flakes of gold to take away as a keepsake of their time on camp. Another highlight was the Eureka Centre and the Eureka flag, measuring 4 metres wide and 2.6 metres tall. This depiction is all that remains of the flag, after being cut up and small pieces given away as souvenirs over the years by those entrusted to look after it. It now sits, mounted behind glass, protected from light and bugs so that it will remain as a prominent piece of Victorian history for many years to come.



Our students were an absolute credit to our school for the duration of the camp. I would like to acknowledge our staff and parents, who all went above and beyond to help our students succeed and enjoy the camping experience, which was for many, their first time away from home. Thank you to, Sam McCormick, Lee Wright, Amy Walsh, Mikayla Di Mauro, Hope Cummins, Bianca DeLuca, Erin Barker, Betty Tzelepis, Kelly Wooster, Josh Watts, Elise Cowdery, Shane McKechnie, Shelby Toulson, Cassie Andersen, and Lisa Hallam.

Speaking of thank you's, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the spectacular effort of our State Schools Spectacular dance and choir students. Last Saturday our students performed at John Cain Arena, and it really was fantastic. Well done to all the students involved, you were truly spectacular!



VSSS Choir (L-R): Annie Watson, Melinda Gittos, Shelby Farrelly, Asha Abeling, Isabella Carey-Szwaj, Olivia Tomarchio, Heidi Gallenti, Charlie Graham, Margaret Gittos, Emma Lord, Ivy Millar, Amelia Hughes, Holly Leeson, Charlotte Susanof, Giovita Goci, Charlie Watt, Taylor Love, Toby Clark and Amelie Powell. VSSS Dance (L-R): Dahlia Khano, Sarah Mavric, Indigo Wright, Anabella Parore, Audrey Millar, Roubi Jones, Tamsin Edwards, Lily McDonald, Ceianna Matthews, Ruby Susanof, Xavier Dundas, Indiana Ward, Jarrah Lorimer, Nate Jennings and Kaven McKechnie.

Thank you to Amy Walsh for giving her time throughout the year to rehearse with the students, not to mention all the work behind the scenes. Many thanks also to Kelly Wooster and Josh Watts for supporting Amy and myself through the rehearsals and the two performances.

Two final reminders.

1. Our Jolly Soles fundraiser is up and running...don't forget to order [HERE](#) for your 30% discount (applied at checkout). PLEASE ADD YOUR CHILD'S NAME/CLASSROOM IN NOTES SECTION OF CART as this will make it easier for the office to distribute the orders to the correct classrooms. ALL socks purchased will be sent to the school for distribution, not your home address.

Don't forget **Crazy Sock Day** on **Tuesday 18th October**. This fundraiser ends on Sunday 9th October...get in quick!

2. Our new school uniform will be available for purchase from tomorrow at Academy Uniforms in Thomastown. The uniform is also available to purchase online. We look forward to seeing our students transition to wearing the new designs, next term and into the 2023 school year. Please note that the older style (pre-2022) uniform will no longer be available to purchase from the office.

Another great Footy Day parade to finish off the term, I hope your team gets up on Grand Final Day!

Best wishes for the term break 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

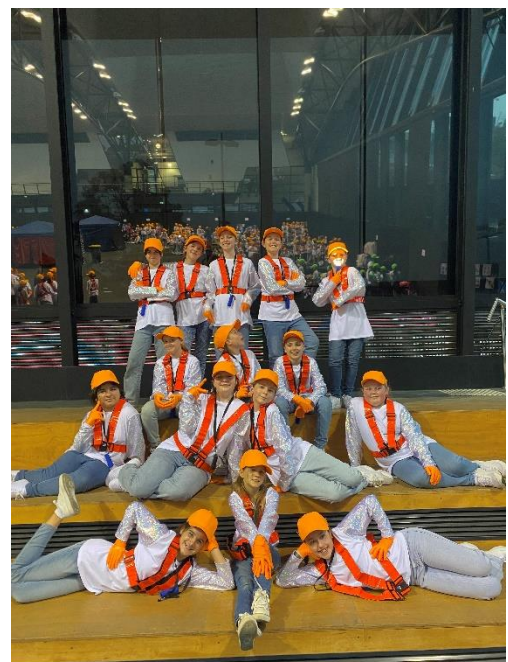
Wow! What a busy yet exciting weekend our State School Spectacular kids had! It all started bright and early Thursday morning, where we all met at school at 7:15am to get on the bus and make our way to John Cain Arena for our first dress rehearsal. There was a mixture of emotions among the students. Most were excited, some were nervous, and some were well, just tired! When we got to the arena, there was a sea of students, lights, costumes, music, stage managers and crew members and our students were in awe! The day was long and tiring, but our students were exceptional!

Friday was another dress rehearsal day, where we got to run the whole show and seeing it all come together was truly magical! Then came the main event! Our students made their way to the arena at 10am on Saturday morning and it was show time! Everyone was looking amazing in their shirts and costumes and they were ready to go! The students performed in two shows and boy did they shine! I was so proud to look on and watch our students perform with so much energy, even when they felt tired, they all demonstrated persistence and pushed through to produce an amazing show! The night finished up at around 10:00pm, a massive effort from our students!

Of course, an event like this would not be nearly as successful without a team of people that so willingly offered their own time to ensure our students received the best experience possible. Thank you to Kelly Wooster and Joshua Watts for attending all the lunchtime rehearsals and being our sidekicks for the three main days, we could not have got through it without you both! A huge thank you to Mrs Gittos, who not only led the choir, but took care of so many things behind the scenes, signage, extra snacks for the kids, costume organisation, extra water, just to name a few. We appreciate the support!

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the students involved, they all worked so extremely hard, giving up their break times and pushing through the long days to produce a performance that was in one word SPECTACULAR! This is such an amazing experience for our students and I already cannot wait for next year!

Amy Walsh
VSSS Coordinator



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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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.

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