

Issue 13- 12th May 2023

PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

Last Friday, we farewelled several past WPS students after a week of work experience in our school. Andy Cameron, and Jobe Watson, both past students and Tilly Batten, sibling of past student Zoe, are currently completing Year 10 at Whittlesea Secondary College. Each student supported across various year levels, both in classrooms and at specialists classes, throughout the week. Tilly also provided some welcomed support in the canteen, serving students during the breaks on Thursday and Friday. Thanks to Karen Burgess for organising these placements in consultation with WSC. Throughout the remainder of the term, and at different times in the second half of the year, we will be hosting several preservice teachers, who are in the process of completing their teaching degrees.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Wednesday, we celebrated Chinese New Year with a dragon dance performance and a special guest speaker. Students came dressed in traditional red and gold, because, in Chinese culture, red symbolizes fire, good fortune, and joy. It is the colour of happiness, used strictly for celebrations. Unsurprisingly, gold symbolizes wealth and prosperity. Together, they are used to spread the message of good fortune and prosperity for everyone in the coming new year.



Earlier this year, Miss Liu invited students to learn the Chinese dragon dance during breaks. The students met every few weeks to practice the dance. Dragon dances are performed at New Year to scare away evil spirits. During the dance, the performers hold poles and raise and lower the Dragon. The person leading the dance entices the Dragon to follow them to the beat of a drum, as if searching for wisdom and knowledge.

Following the dragon dance, special guest speaker Tom Arthur (Dad to Cadence in Year 3), spoke to the students about his own experiences of travelling to China to study when he was 19. After an introduction, speaking fluent Mandarin, Tom shared his experiences of living and studying in China. He spoke of how he learnt to speak Mandarin by immersing himself in the culture, often asking people in restaurants to point out on the menu what they were eating. He also spent some time teaching English. Thank you, Tom, for sharing your journey with our students and answering all their questions.

CALENDAR

May 12	Cadbury Fundraiser Chocolates sent home
May 17	District Cross Country
May 22	Foundation Minibeasts Incursion
May 24	Year 1/2 Inquiry Incursion
June 9	Cadbury Fundraising Money Due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

9th May

Austin 00F
Eva 3/4S
Dylan 3/4B

10th May

Lily 3/4C

12th May

Isabelle 01M
Connor 05B

13th May

Chiara 00F

14th May

Judd 05B

15th May

Skylar 01F
Jed 06L

16th May

Ashton 00F
Parker 01P

17th May

Juddy 00F
Kenzie 05T



Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Chocolate boxes are going home today with the eldest child. We aim to raise \$5000 from this fundraising event which will be used to improve the 'cubby corner' nearest the staff carpark.

Tips for selling your treats:

- Chocolate box items sold as 2 for \$1.00 (120 items in total)
- Lolly Box bags sold for \$3.00 per bag (20 bags in total)
- Sell to family members, colleagues, friends, or neighbours
- We don't recommend that the students sell the products – if they are involved, please ensure an adult is always with them.



Here is the timeline for our chocolate fundraiser:

GOING HOME ON: TODAY, FRIDAY 12th MAY (with the eldest child)

MONEY (and unsold chocolates) DUE NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY 9th JUNE

PAYMENT OPTIONS: COMPASS (in Events), PHONE, OFFICE via EFTPOS or CASH

Please return all CASH money raised in the envelope provided. Ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name, class, and teacher.

Uniform Update

After our recent community consultation regarding school uniform, we are pleased to inform you that a plain navy windcheater with the embroidered school logo will be available for purchase at Academy Uniforms in approximately 4 weeks. School council have approved this addition. Academy Uniforms have confirmed that stock of the correct colourway is available. Once the garment is ready for purchase, we will notify the community. The windcheater will cost \$35.

Further to Ty's review of uniform in Issue 7, Academy Uniforms have identified a manufacturing issue with the first batch of polo shirts. As a result, they have acknowledged that the stitching quality wasn't up to their normal standards. These issues are out of the ordinary and the company are determined to address concerns promptly. If you have a garment which has not worn as expected, please contact the team at Academy. Exchanges are available where appropriate.

Church Carpark – Disability parking spaces

A reminder to parents/carers and extended families visiting our school about the safe and appropriate use of the church car park. It is through the generosity of the Whittlesea-Kinglake Anglican Church that our families continue to use this carpark as a drop off and pick up point. **Please refrain from using the Disabled Parking Bay unless you have a valid parking permit.** We have several families that utilise these spaces to drop off and pick up their children. Victoria Police will continue to monitor the carpark and issue fines when cars do not display a valid parking permit.

Canteen

A reminder that QuickCliq orders close the morning of at 7am. Any orders after this time will be processed for the following day/week.



Sub School Newsletters

Please take some time to read the sub-school newsletters, published today. Our teachers do a brilliant job compiling this information to give you a snapshot of current learning and happenings across each sub-school.

We look forward to the exciting activities we have organised next week for Education Week!

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family and in particular, a fabulous Sunday 😊

Rae Gittos & Ty Hoggins
Principal Team

WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Education WEEK

MAY 15 - 19

• *Monday*

Keepy Uppy Challenge

Whole School Challenge - teams compete to keep a balloon off the ground!

• *Tuesday*

Teacher v Jnr. Students Soccer

F-2 students will play teachers in an action packed game of soccer

• *Wednesday*

Grandparents Morning F-2 & 3-6 Scavenger Hunt

Grandparents / significant adults are welcome to join junior students in classrooms for a learning experience. Year 3-6 students complete a Scavenger Hunt across the school.

• *Thursday*

Teachers v Students Volleyball

Year 3-6 students will compete against teachers in a volleyball match at break

• *Friday*

Walk Safely To School Day

Everyone will be encouraged to 'Walk To School Safely'

For more information

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation F Fasone/Betty	Awarded to: Hugh Watt For: Using his code knowledge to sound out and blend words when reading a short text. Well done Hugh!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Cody Brooks For: decoding new words by using your code knowledge. Keep it up!
Year 1F Fontana	Awarded to: Audrey Fisher For: using descriptive language in her 'Chocolate vs Lollies' persuasive writing. Well done Audrey!
Year 1M Merritt	Awarded to: Nate Willoughby For: practicing his handwriting and working towards his writing goal. Well done, Nate!
Year 1P Powell	Awarded to: Emily Pratt For: identifying the different types of syllables in words by the sound made by the vowel using her codes and known spelling patterns.
Year 2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Kruz Carter For: making a great improvement with his Oxford words, achieving over 200 words.
Year 2A Avolino/Mondon	Awarded to: Ashton Freeth For: using capital letters for proper nouns in his persuasive about Golden Mini Oreos being better than bananas!
Year 2K Kaur	Awarded to: Dylan Studwick For: showing detailed information in his persuasive text about why we need pets!
Year 3/4B Barker	Awarded to: Tayze Lindsay For: persevering during challenging equations and identifying missing elements to solve his number sentence problems. Well done, Tayze.
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Lachlan Attana For: always willing to give challenging learning tasks a go and trying his very best. 😊
Year 3/4S Daniels	Awarded to: Piper Briggs For: her amazing effort in Maths!
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: Ariah Crocker For: working hard to complete tasks to a high standard. Well done, Ariah!
Year 3/4C Cowdery	Awarded to: Eden Tosevska-Veljanovski For: always being willing to share her ideas in class discussions and helping others succeed.
Year 5B Burgess	Awarded to: Cameron Carle For: continuing to show dedication and a positive mindset when completing difficult tasks. Way to go Cam!
Year 5V Vitale	Awarded to: Spencer Sullivan For: having a positive and productive week, doing his best with his persuasive writing and maths learning. Keep it up! 😊
Year 5T Tuppen	Awarded to: Emma Martino For: working hard on her persuasive piece of writing, ensuring she is using the PEEL method in each paragraph.
Year 6L Leslie/McAlley	Awarded to: Grant Munro For: making a great effort to extend your inquiry research, using your own time and asking purposeful questions to take your project to the next level
Year 6C Cummins	Awarded to: Toby Clark For: working hard to use the PEEL strategy to extend his paragraphs in persuasive writing. Well done, Toby!

Year 6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Sam Murray For: his improved attendance and effort at school
PE Freeman	Awarded to: Ace Forden (34C) For: Showing great sportsmanship and teamwork during our endzone game, and encouraging others through his leadership.
PE Leslie	Awarded to: Ethan Horton For: Demonstrating great skills and sportsmanship whilst playing Invasion Games.
PE BOOST Smith	Awarded to: Harper Willmot For: being an excellent team member and self-umpiring while playing skittles, well done!
The Arts Capobus-Thorpe	Awarded to: Hunter Jones For: trying his best to create his inset artwork and being responsible and helping during pack up time.
STEM Reid	Awarded to: Niran Wild For: showing enthusiasm and great problem-solving during visual programming.



SPORTS REPORT

Term 2 Fixture 2023

Round 3	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 19 th May	Soccer	Mernda PS	WPS
	Netball	Mernda PS	WPS
	AFL	Waterview Reserve	Walker Reserve

Round 4	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 26 th May	Soccer	WPS	Ashley Park Primary
	Netball	WPS	Ashley Park Primary
	AFL	Walker Reserve	Mernda Recreation Reserve

Round 5	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 2 nd June	Soccer	WPS	Mernda Central College
	Netball	WPS	Mernda Central College
	AFL	Walker's Reserve	Mernda Central College

Round 6	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 9 th June	Soccer	WPS	St Pauls of the Apostle
	Netball	WPS	Painted Hills
	AFL	Walker Reserve	Mernda Recreation Reserve

Round 7	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 16 th June	Soccer	TBA	WPS
	Netball	TBA	WPS
	AFL	TBA	Walker's Reserve

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 the 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.



Welcome Back



Welcome back everybody to another busy term. Last week we have been focused on the children's interest which was Pokemon week. The children made a Pikachu out of magic clay, Pikachu cube, Pokeballs and much more. We have been focusing on routine and structure within the service also and going through our expectations. Children have also been giving ideas on our weekly themes for this term so stay tuned.



This week we have been focusing on Mothers Day Week and have started to create cute surprises to take home. This Thursday Sarah and the staff also have put together a little treat for the Mums



It was lovely to come out and support the Athletics Carnival and see all the children engaged and have heaps of fun. Thank you to Ty and the school for allowing us to come and be apart of this



As the cold weather is approaching please make sure your children are rugged up and have jackets and beanies as we are still allowing the children to play outside for a little.

Please note by 5pm we are keeping the children inside as it tends to get colder and they will be engaged inside with indoor activities

We are still open and would love your feedback


TIMES

Before School: 6:45AM - 9:00AM


After School: 2:30PM - 6:30PM

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Whittlesea
Landcare



Join us for a night of Frog Discovery!

Learn to recognise different frog calls and help collect important data using the Melbourne Water Frog Census app.

This family friendly event involves evening walking, possibly in the rain - so please bring weather appropriate clothing for the event and a torch.

Frogs love rain so don't be put off by a rainy evening, this event will still go ahead.



Tuesday 23 May 2023
6pm-7.30pm

Meet out the front of Whittlesea
Community Activity Centre /
Library on Laurel St, Whittlesea

Bookings essential via:
Landcare@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Ph: 0437 345 475

Please do not attend this event if
you are feeling unwell.

**Download the Frog Census
app and bring it along on your
mobile to record and identify
our local frogs.**



This event is proudly hosted by Whittlesea Landcare, funded by the City of Whittlesea and presented by Merri Creek Management Committee's WaterWatch Coordinator

Bringing out the best in your child's behaviour

Parent Support Seminar

In this practical parenting seminar you will learn positive parenting strategies to get less of the behaviour you don't want and more of the behaviour you do want.

Hosted by Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella, learn how to develop a more positive and less stressful relationship with your child. Suitable for parents with pre-school or early primary aged children.

What will be covered:

- How to encourage desirable behaviour
- Encourage your child to cooperate
- Parenting tips for challenging children

Back by popular demand



When: Wednesday 24 May

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: healthAbility, 917 Main Rd, Eltham

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession

Bookings: Essential via trybooking.com/CHLGK

For more information

Please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker at joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au or phone **9430 9100**

Note: Please note sessions are currently scheduled to occur in person however this may change to online sessions if Coronavirus restrictions change. Participants will be notified if this occurs.