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PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Hello everyone,

Education Week

What an amazing week we have had at Whittlesea Primary School. Education Week involved a special event every day, celebrating active learning. On Monday, we hosted our first ever 'Keepy Uppy' competition in the gym. Students of all ages came and gave the activity a go and there were lots of smiles and laughter. A big thank you to Mr Freeman for the effort to create our tournament space in the gym.



Our grandparents/significant adults morning was a great success with our special guests engaging in literacy learning with our students. To see our classrooms filled with community members scanning across multiple generations was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who accepted our invitation and gave their time to attend – the children clearly loved the experience.



CALENDAR

May 22	Foundation Minibeasts Incursion
May 24	Year 1/2 Inquiry Incursion
June 9	Cadbury Fundraising Money Due
June 19	Professional Practice Day Student Free Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

19th May

Evie 3/4D

Kai 3/4D

21st May

Elora 00G

Nevaeh 3/4B

24th May

Ivy 00F

Fletcher 01M

Bodie 02A

25th May

Audrey 01F

Xavier 06L



Our senior school Scavenger Hunt led our Year 3-6 students across the entire school grounds in search of 16 different clues. By collecting jigsaw pieces, each pair had to solve the puzzle and return to the starting point as quick as possible. This type of active learning matched well with the theme for Education Week and proved that not all learning needs to be at a desk within 4 walls.



Thursday was staff versus students' day with volleyball for the Year 3-6 students and soccer for our F-2 students. You'll have regularly heard us talk about how important relationships are in a school and this activity highlighted the amazing connection that exists between the students and educators at Whittlesea Primary. The students relished the opportunity to 'kick a goal' or 'spike' on a teacher or education support staff member. We are not sure what the eventual scores were, but they aren't as important as the fun and laughter that was had by all.



Today, we concluded with Walk Safely to School Day. The tattoos provided by event organisers were a real hit and help promote the positive messaging around active transport to school. I encourage all our families to be as active as possible in arriving and departing school. A 10 minute walk by parking away from school not only reduces traffic congestion, but brings great health benefits also.



Working Bee

Following the success of our last working bee which transformed the front garden of the school, we are hosting a repeat event on June 17th. A form will be sent shortly inviting all community members to register their intent to attend. The form will also collect information relating to trade skills / equipment / services that anyone can provide. The support of hire companies such as Kennards and mums and dads with particular skills added great value to the last event and we're looking to transform multiple areas on June 17th.



Attendance

It is so important for your child's future that they regularly attend school. Repeated absences over a prolonged time bring significant losses in learning, social and emotional development. At our school we are tracking a concerning trend in absences, where far too many students have missed more than 3 weeks of school in 2023. The figure below shows how our data compares to our network schools and the state as a whole.

Proportion of students with 15.0 or more absent days at year to date 2023 

For students in Prep - 6

13%

Your School

11%

Network

8%

State

Please ensure your child is at school whenever they are well – it is the simplest and most effective way you can make a difference to your child's success at school.

Canteen

Our new canteen provider is off to a great start, catering over 200 lunch orders every week. Please note the following change to the ordering process. Orders through the app are the preferred method and allow the canteen providers to easily meet the needs of our students. If you do wish to order with cash in an envelope or bag, these **MUST** be received the day before. This allows the canteen operator adequate opportunity to meet the demands of the day. All Thursday orders must be received at the office by Wednesday and similarly, all Friday orders must be at the office by Thursday.

WPS CANTEEN AWARD

Congratulations to LUJAYN EL JASSEM for respecting your school and helping others succeed by always assisting the younger students at the canteen.

Have a great weekend,

Ty Hoggins and Rae Gittos
Principal Team

★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation F Fasone/Betty	Awarded to: Franklin Ryan For: Always trying his best, with a 'Can Do' attitude and a smile!
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: Addie Langford For: sharing your presentation on a baby fox as a class pet. You spoke in a loud and clear voice. Well done!
Year 1F Fontana	Awarded to: Fletcher Dyson For: extending himself when learning about fractions and solving halves, quarters and eighths of collections.
Year 1M Merritt	Awarded to: Jessie Tanaoi-McMaster For: extending herself when learning about fractions and confidently explaining halves, quarters and eighths.
Year 1P Powell	Awarded to: Zali Mirrielees For: demonstrating her understanding of halves, quarters, and eighths of a shape, object and collection
Year 2M Maxfield	Awarded to: Matayah Lindsay For: making a great improvement with her Oxford words, achieving a great result.
Year 2A Avolino/Mondon	Awarded to: Kaden Clapton For: working productively to help others succeed!
Year 2K Kaur	Awarded to: Miley Walker For: always doing her best and helping others succeed. Well done Miley!
Year 3/4B Barker	Awarded to: Monica D'amico For: For writing an excellent persuasive using the PEEL structure. Well done!
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: Nevah Folder For: trying really hard in writing, using PEEL to construct paragraphs. Great Work 😊
Year 3/4C Cowdery	Awarded to: Imogen Hoppe-Salter For: showing persistence in writing, taking on feedback and creating exciting paragraphs using PEEL.
Year 5B Burgess	Awarded to: Emma Lord For: continuing to maintain focus and achieve high results.
Year 5V Vitale	Awarded to: Ellie-Mae Willoughby For: presenting her Inquiry presentation with confidence! Very well done, Ellie-Mae! 😊
Year 5T Tuppen	Awarded to: Tygue Donis-Llewellyn For: Trying to use a rhetorical question I'm his sizzling start that was purposeful and powerful.
Year 6L Leslie/McAlley	Awarded to: Brody Critsilis For: taking pride in your P.E.E.L paragraph structure, sharing your writing and inspiring others in our author's chair reflections
Year 6C Cummins	Awarded to: Mason Burgess For: going above and beyond to demonstrate compassion and empathy to help his peers succeed. Well done, Mason!
Year 6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Levy Scott For: his insightful contributions during guided reading
PE Freeman	Awarded to: Danny Bux (34C) For: great effort during endzone game, and demonstrating fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship.
PE BOOST Smith	Awarded to: Ted Reilly For: showing leadership and supporting his team members to succeed.
STEM Reid	Awarded to: Anakin Lamont For: using computational thinking to problem solve during coding sessions 😊



SPORTS REPORT

Term 2 Fixture 2023

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

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday 17th May 60 students from Whittlesea Primary School travelled to Bundoora Park to participate in the Bridge Inn North District Cross Country Championships.

Students ran a 2km or 3km course against students from 11 other schools on the day.

All students represented our school brilliantly and demonstrated our expectations in the community. We were lucky enough to finish runners up in our district!

It was amazing to see so many students running for the first time or improving their positions from their 2022 race.

A massive congratulations to the students below who will represent the district at the Whittlesea Primary Division Cross Country championships at the Kilmore Racing Club in two weeks' time.

Dash Heal
Giovita Goci
Bailey Smith
Callum Parker
Flynn Mathews
Thomas Watt
Harvey Cummins
Charlotte Susanof
Isabelle Carey-Szwaj
Ivy Dawson
Indi Barker



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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