

Issue 16- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

Earlier today I sent a letter via compass informing the school community that I will conclude my time as Principal of Whittlesea Primary School at the end of Term 3. I have been recently appointed to the role of Head of Buckley House at Ivanhoe Grammar School, commencing in 2024.

As detailed in my letter, it has been an amazing experience leading at Whittlesea Primary School over the past 11 years. Prior to becoming Principal in 2016, I was fortunate enough to support the previous Principal – Bente Stock.

Over the coming term I will share more insights on my time at our great school. For now, I wish to assure you that my focus remains on the leadership of Whittlesea Primary. Over the coming term there are many great school improvements planned and I am enthusiastic to see through these projects.

The Department of Education, under the leadership of our Senior Education Improvement Leader, will conduct a thorough process to appoint my replacement. You will be kept well informed of this process, and I am confident that they will make a great appointment for our school.

As always, I intend on making myself available as much as possible. Feel free to stop and have a chat at the gate and I'm happy to answer all your questions regarding the transition to a new school leader.

On Monday, I will be attending the State Principal's Conference. In my absence there will be a whole school assembly led by our school captains. I encourage our parents and carers to come and celebrate our Learning Legends and to hear of other news. One particular item at assembly will be recognising our team's efforts at Division Cross Country. A team of 10 students progressed to the Division event – one of the largest cohorts from any one school. I was lucky enough to drive the bus and take the team to Kilmore Racecourse. Our students were a credit to our school and gave their very best. Well done also to Mr Leslie who has assumed a key leadership responsibility within School Sport Victoria. He was on marshalling duties, but also had the opportunity to cheer our students on. Congratulations to Harvey Cummins, Flynn Mathews and Isabelle Carey-Szwaj who placed in the top 12 and will progress to the Region event.

Enjoy a great weekend,

Ty Hoggins  
Principal



## CALENDAR

June 9	Cadbury Fundraising Money Due
<b>June 12 Monday</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Kings Birthday
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Office closed at 3.30pm</b>
June 17	Working Bee
June 19 Monday	Professional Practice Day <b>Student Free Day</b>
June 20	3/4B & 3/4S Incursion
June 22	3/4W, 3/4D & 3/4C Incursion

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Aubrey 01F  
Ryder 02M  
Sophie 05T

### 4<sup>th</sup> June

Nathaniel 3/4S

### 5<sup>th</sup> June

Diamond 3/4W

### 6<sup>th</sup> June

Kayla 3/4W

### 9<sup>th</sup> June

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone

It's hard to believe there are only three weeks left in the term. Over the coming weeks, there are a number of incursions and external events happening across our school. Please continue to check your Compass Events and email to ensure you have consented and/or made payment prior to these events. Your support will assist our staff to plan and organise these opportunities for the students in advance. If you have any questions about upcoming events or payment, please contact the office.



### **Week 8 Events**

On Monday we have our **FINAL** Breakfast Club for term two. To celebrate, the Breakfast Club team are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast**. Gym doors open from 8.00AM. At 9.00AM we will hold a whole school assembly in the gym. On Tuesday, our State School Dance group will be out for a full day hub rehearsal and on Wednesday it is our Year 5/6 District Girls Footy Gala Day. If your child is involved in this event, and you would like to attend, some important details are outlined below.

#### ***Year 5/6 District Girls Footy Gala Day***

**When:** Wednesday the 7th of June (Week 7)

**Where:** Waterview Reserve, Mernda

**Transport:** Bus (travelling with St. Mary's Whittlesea PS)

**What to bring:** Mouthguard highly recommended. Boots recommended but not necessary. Blue / black shorts. School football jumper and socks handed out on the morning of the event. Towel and change of clothes recommended in case of wet weather conditions.

#### ***Schedule:***

Match 1 vs Mernda Central College: 9:40-10:20

Match 2 vs Ashley Park PS 10:40-11:20

Match 3 vs Hume Anglican Grammar 11:40-12:20

The final will be held at 1:00PM-1:40PM followed by a presentation at 1:50PM. Students will return to school by 3:15PM.

### ***Upcoming Public Holiday & Professional Practice Day***

An important reminder that Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June is the King's Birthday public holiday. The school will be closed on this day. The following Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> June (also the last week of term two) is a Professional Practice Day for staff. **Students are not required at school on this day.** All teachers are entitled to two 'Professional Practice Days' and on this date, all our staff will be accessing one of these days at a common time. Teams of teachers will reflect on student progress and create units of work for the upcoming term. Theircare will be running a program on this day for families that require care for their children.

### ***Cadbury Fundraiser Update***

Finally, a reminder that we only have one week to go before we close our Cadbury Freddo and Friends fundraiser. Thank you to everyone that has responded to the event on Compass. Please return MONEY (and unsold chocolates **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9TH JUNE**). Our preferred method for payment is via Compass. If you collect cash/coins through fundraising, please return using the envelope provided. Ensure the envelope is clearly labelled with your child's name, class, and teacher. The money raised will be used to fund the redevelopment of the front corner of the school, closest to the staff carpark where the cubbies are currently situated.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos  
Assistant Principal

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Foundation F Fasone/Betty	Awarded to: <b>Juddy Martin</b> For: doing his best to complete all learning tasks to a high standard and practising his codes effectively.
Foundation G Gordan	Awarded to: <b>Willow King</b> For: her amazing growth in her Write to Read code knowledge. Great job!
Year 1F Fontana	Awarded to: <b>Sebastian Gouskos</b> For: an amazing effort when making up small amounts of coins.
Year 1M Merritt	Awarded to: <b>Charlotte Cusinato</b> For: doing her best when counting small collections of coins. Great effort!
Year 1P Powell	Awarded to: <b>Isla Reed</b> For: recognising the growth in her learning when skip counting coins to \$1.
Year 2M Maxfield	Awarded to: <b>Koby Charles</b> For: achieving a high score in his spelling test and participating in all activities during the week to a high level.
Year 2A Avolino/Mondon	Awarded to: <b>Mia Mellford</b> For: unjumbling words to make simple sentences!
Year 2K Kaur	Awarded to: <b>Ellie Osborne</b> For: always doing the best and helping others succeed. Thank you for being a mature member of our class!
Year 3/4B Barker	Awarded to: <b>Issy King</b> For: continuously challenging yourself in your mathematics and working relentlessly towards your fraction goals. Well done, Issy!
Year 3/4D Di Mauro	Awarded to: <b>Jake Beeston</b> For: his amazing attitude towards his learning. Keep up the great work Jake 😊
Year 3/4S Daniels	Awarded to: <b>Hunter Withington</b> For: always doing your best, helping others succeed. Keep up the great work! 😊
Year 3/4W Wright	Awarded to: <b>April Bodagh</b> For: consistently demonstrating our expectation of 'Respect Your School'. Great work, April!
Year 3/4C Cowdery	Awarded to: <b>Jackson Haynes</b> For: consistently trying his best in all areas of his learning and challenging himself 😊
Year 5B Burgess	Awarded to: <b>Connor Attana</b> For: aiming to achieve the best he can in his learning and showing a 'can do' attitude.
Year 5V Vitale	Awarded to: <b>Mitchell Cain</b> For: being very focused and doing his best with his My Numeracy activities. Well done, Mitchell! 😊
Year 5T Tuppen	Awarded to: <b>Addie McDonald</b> For: always inputting into class discussions and supporting her peers in their work.
Year 6L Leslie/McAlley	Awarded to: <b>Jed Carrolan</b> For: Always being attentive and taking ownership over his own learning
Year 6C Cummins	Awarded to: <b>Michael Sobh</b> For: excellent effort writing arguments including evidence in his persuasive writing. Well done, Michael!
Year 6P Panahinejad	Awarded to: <b>Lexie Richmond</b> For: being an excellent discussion director during guided reading. Well done, Lexie 😊
PE Freeman	Awarded to: <b>Maya Smith (34W)</b> For: great effort and skill displayed during European handball game, and involving all teammates.



The Arts Capobus-Thorpe	Awarded to: <b>Elora Howe Hilton-Bright</b> For: for being a responsible member of the artroom during pack up time. Well done Elora.
STEM Reid	Awarded to: <b>Dylan Pratt</b> For: using a range of skills such as sequencing, variables and loops during coding sessions. Great work 😊



# SPORTS REPORT

## Term 2 Fixture 2023

Round 6	SPORT	GOLD	BLUE
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Soccer	TBA	WPS
	Netball	TBA	WPS
	AFL	TBA	Walker's Reserve



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# Write Fest 23'

A celebration of student writing!



**Tuesday 20th June**

2:20pm - 3:10pm (students only)  
3:30pm - 4:20pm (families welcome)

## LOCATION OF WRITING EXHIBITS

FOUNDATION - YEAR 2 - ELC

YEAR 3/4 - 3/4 CLASSROOMS

YEAR 5 - SENIOR LIBRARY

YEAR 6 - STAFFROOM



**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SHOWCASING  
A PUBLISHED PIECE OF WRITING  
DURING WRITE FEST 23'.**



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# Mental Health at Whittlesea Primary School

*“You practice mindfulness, on the one hand, to be calm and peaceful. On the other hand, as you practice mindfulness and live a life of peace, you inspire hope for a future of peace.” Thich Nhat Hanh.*

Dear Families,

As we approach the middle of the term, as we begin to feel tired and as getting out of bed gets harder and harder, it is important to take time to decompress. It might be the perfect time to practice mindfulness.

Mindfulness could be thought of as a calm and focused effort to be present to the moment. It could be an awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment without judgement. Mindfulness is not thinking about the past or the future. Some scientists believe that practicing mindfulness can help us reduce our anxiety and help us avoid depression. They also say that it can reduce our distractions and improve focus. American author, scientist and mindfulness expert, Jon Kabat-Zinn, said, “In Asian languages, the word for 'mind' and the word for 'heart' are same. So, if you're not hearing mindfulness in some deep way as heartfulness, you're not really understanding it. Compassion and kindness towards oneself are intrinsically woven into it. You could think of mindfulness as wise and affectionate attention.” Mindfulness might also be thought of as being in the moment or being present to what is happening right now. ‘If you are depressed you are living in the past. If you are anxious you are living in the future. If you are at peace you are living in the present.’ Lao Tsu

To help foster mindfulness over the coming weeks, you might like to choose one or two activities from the following list to do together as a family.

- Turn off the lights and sit quietly somewhere. Notice your breathing. Feel each breath as it enters your body and then calmly exits. Do this for five or 10 minutes. Talk about what you noticed.
- As a family, do some colouring in together in silence. Listen to the noises outside. Can you hear the pencils rubbing on the paper? What other noises do you notice? What body sensations do you feel?
- Go for a walk to the local park, river or beach. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds around you. Take some paper and a pencil and divide your page into five parts. In each section, write down everything you hear, what you see, any smells you notice, anything you physically feel and also the emotions that you feel.
- When you are having a meal together, choose one item of food from your plate. Look carefully at it before smelling it then slowly eating it. Talk about all the things that you notice before doing it again with another item of food.
- Download the free app ‘Smiling Mind’ and have a play with it. See what you discover.
- Go outside and lie on the grass and watch the clouds float past. Try this during the day and also when it starts to get dark at night.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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