

Primary Post



Whittlesea Primary School Newsletter

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Issue 1 – 1st February 2018

Monday 5 th February	Community Assembly – Families Welcome
Wednesday 7 th February	Breakfast Club
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 3 – 6 Swimming Trials
Wednesday 14 th February	Breakfast Club
Thursday 15 th February	Years 3-6 Mindfulness Session 1
Friday 16 th February	Years 3 -6 Mindfulness Session 1
Friday 16 th February	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
Monday 19 th February	Years 3-6 District Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 20 th February	Parent Teacher Meet and Greet
Wednesday 21 st February	Breakfast Club
Wednesday 21 st February	Parent Teacher Meet and Greet
Thursday 22 nd February	Years 3-6 Mindfulness Session 2
Friday 23 rd February	Years 3-6 Mindfulness Session 2
Friday 23 rd February	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
Wednesday 28 th February	Breakfast Club
Wednesday 28 th February	1 st Instalment of Booklist & Excursion Levy Due
Thursday 1 st March	Years 3-6 Mindfulness Session 3
Friday 2 nd March	Years 3-6 Mindfulness Session 3
Friday 2 nd March	Years 5 & 6 Interschool Sport

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to another exciting year at Whittlesea Primary School. In particular, welcome to all the new families who join our school community for the first time. It is with great pride we write to you as the Principal team at Whittlesea Primary School.

The past couple of weeks have been a busy time with our dedicated staff coming into school and preparing for the year. Classrooms have been prepared so that learning environments are welcoming and bright, ready for the students on the first day. Over the coming days and weeks, teachers will work with their students to allow the children to take ownership of the space, displaying their learning and class generated pieces over time. Parents will note that the continuing growth and evolution of the school continues. With the arrival of two new relocatable buildings at the end of last year, we have reorganised year levels into different spaces. For instance, our year 5 students are now placed at the southern end of the school near the car park entry. Having brand new buildings is a real asset and allows us to house our students in modern and comfortable environments for the school year.

Earlier in the week, our staff were involved in an intensive professional learning program. As lifelong learners ourselves, a rich professional learning program is essential to help us achieve the best outcomes for your child. Some of the areas our staff covered was looking at student achievement data, goal setting, lesson structure and engagement in teaching which we explored through the concept of bringing 'magic' to the role of teacher. In addition, our staff also had the privilege to spend a day learning from behavioural consultant Dan Petro. Dan led a parenting session last year, which many in our community attended and he continues to educate, inspire and empower our staff. Some of his strategies have been implemented already with a strong emphasis on teaching 'what you want to see' and being insistent on high expectations.

In 2018, we officially welcome new staff to our teaching team. Daniela Overton (30), Jake Leslie (4L) and Eva Wang (Mandarin) have already added to the skills and expertise of our staff and we wish them all the best for their careers at Whittlesea Primary School. We also welcome back Emma Yeo (previously Emma Walsh) and Louise Reid.

Our Foundation students made an outstanding start to their schooling on Wednesday. There is always a great feel at the start of the year when we reconnect with our children and welcome a new group for their first experience in primary school. This year has been no exception and the enthusiasm of the 2018 Foundation group is infectious for all. Schools are definitely a great place to be!

We wish all of our families a fantastic year and once again welcome you all to another exciting year of challenging and engaging learning.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins & Rae Gittos
Principal / Assistant Principal

2018 BOOKLIST FEES, EXCURSION LEVY & CSEF

The 1st instalment of the 2018 Booklist is due on 28th February followed by payments due on 27th April, 29th June and 31st August.

The excursion/incursion levy for 2018 is \$80.00 per student. This levy can be paid in full or by two instalments of \$40 each. The first instalment of \$40 is due by 28th February 2017 and the second is due by 29th June 2018.

Please note that families who hold a current health care / pension card may be entitled to claim the Camp Sport & Excursion Fund (CSEF) payment, forms are available at the school office. If you applied and received the CSEF payment in 2017 you do not need to reapply this year, it will be done automatically for you.

UNIFORM DONATIONS REQUIRED

If you have any uniform items that your children no longer use please send them into the school office. We desperately need clothing and socks in smaller sizes for our students. Thank you.

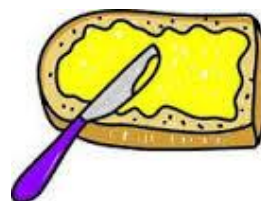


CANTEEN

Metro Canteens will commence next Friday 9th February. Information on how to order along with a new price list will be going home with students next Tuesday.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will commence next Wednesday 7th March, permission forms have gone home today with the eldest child in each family. Please complete and return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.



SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

The School Banking Program happens every Tuesday morning. If you would like to volunteer, please sign in at the school office and then head over to the staffroom.

When your child has 10 tokens, you can redeem your tokens for a reward item.

We require parent helpers to assist with School Banking every Tuesday. Please contact the school office on 9716 2140 if you are able to volunteer a few hours every week or fortnight.

Jennifer Long
School Banking Coordinator



PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please remember to label every item of your child/rens belongings with their name. It is very hard to get school jackets and drink bottles back to their owners when they are unnamed.



CAR PARKING

The Church kindly lets our school families use their car park. Please reverse park, and keep to the actual car park area and do not park on any grass or lawn area. Driving beyond the front car park is not permitted.

Also, please do not use the disabled car park in the church car park or in the staff car park unless you have a disability permit, we do have parents that require the use of this space. Thank you.

FOR SALE

We have six working 240V, 400 watt halogen lights for sale at \$20. These lights have come out of our Gym and are in good working order. Please contact the office if you are interested in buying one, two or all six!





SCHOOL TOUR & INFORMATION SESSION

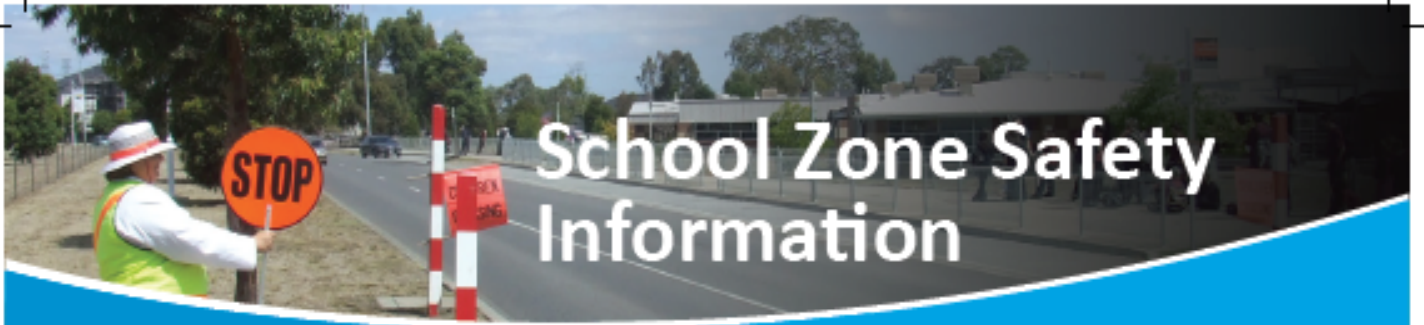
THURSDAY 8th MARCH
6:15PM

2019 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT YOUR SCHOOL - DO YOUR BEST
HELP OTHERS SUCCEED



School Zone Safety Information

Understanding the signs around school zones



40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



No parking

It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.



Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Yellow edge lines

Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.



Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children's crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, ie. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors, away from the traffic.