

Primary Post



Whittlesea Primary School Newsletter

Community Confidence Honesty Excellence Respect

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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
Wednesday 28 th February	School Council
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,

Next week we will host our Meet and Greet sessions. This year our focus is on establishing clear learning goals early in term one. These goals form the basis for the conversations to be held between teachers and parents at our upcoming conferences. Some students have been identified as requiring individual learning plans and these documents will be shared next week. Learning is a partnership between home and school so I encourage you to actively contribute to the interviews by sharing your insights into your child and their learning.

Together we are looking to achieve great things for all children at our school. We hold a belief that all children can succeed and that through personalised approaches we can see achievement from all.

It has been very pleasing to see such a great turn out at our first two community assemblies. We have set high expectations for our students and as a group I am very proud of the respect they demonstrate in these formal occasions. Our students are singing the anthem with pride and enthusiasm unlike I have ever heard at our school.

In the coming weeks we are looking to vary the content of each assembly with all areas in the school invited to make a contribution to the schedule from time to time. We are focussed on celebrating and acknowledging academic achievement at Whittlesea Primary so in the coming weeks there will be presentations to showcase the great learning occurring in every classroom.

This week our year 5 and 6 students enjoyed their first leadership session with Carlton Football Club. The program 'Leading with the Blues' is a three week initiative to develop the leadership skills of our senior students. Rather than targeting identified leaders with badges, we have made the sessions available to all children in the senior years. Everyone has the opportunity and capacity to demonstrate leadership and we encourage all our children to be role models for each other, positively displaying our school expectations.

Until next week,

Ty Hoggins
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all families to make a time for the Meet and Greet sessions next week. The sessions on Tuesday 20th February between 3:30pm – 6:00pm and Wednesday 21st February between 3:30pm – 5:00pm will provide an opportunity for rich discussion between you and your child's teacher about the individual learning goals for your child for term one. Please attend these Meet and Greet sessions with your child. You only need to make a time on Tuesday **OR** Wednesday.

To book an appointment time, access your child's profile via Compass using the browser on your PC, tablet or phone. If you do not have access to Compass, please call the office to access your Compass login or book an appointment time.

In the top RHS of your child's profile booking dates for 'Meet and Greet' as outlined above will appear on your device (as below). Choose the date you would like to attend. A screen will appear with your child's classroom teacher and drop down time slots. Once you have selected your time from the drop down menu, the status in the right hand column will read **Booked**, there is no need to save



Please note that bookings for Meet and Greet sessions will **close** this **Monday 18th February at 10am**.

Do you need additional uniform items but find it hard to get to Northern Regional Uniforms during the week or Saturday mornings? As of next week, Jayne and the team at Northern Regional Uniforms will be delivering to our school every Thursday morning. This offer applies to all phone orders made and paid for over the phone by 11am Wednesday morning. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact NRU on 9436 4005 to find out more or to place an order.

On Monday, we have 25 children from years 3 -6 competing at the district swimming carnival at Northcote Pool. We wish them every success as they do their best in representing our school .

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family ☺

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

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.



The 3-6 Life Skills Group program, Healthy Skills for Life Unit 1 has commenced! The students and teachers could not be more excited!

The program is a 'kid centric' curriculum based Health and Physical Education and Social Emotional Learning program that aligns with the Victorian Teaching Standards. Each week Life Skills teachers facilitate classes aligning lifelong value based skills, fundamental movements, and positive psychology through various games, breathing techniques, guided stories and relaxation. We are happy to be working with you, your child and the school community to support, inspire, and grow happy, healthy, and well-adjusted kids and families.

Please follow the 'Snippets Newsletter' and practice the daily activities with your child. We've also included one or two ways to practice family self-care. We can assure you it will be fun and a great way to spend a few minutes extra with your child and family.

~Week 1~ Respect

Excitement was felt throughout the room as our students walked in to participate in the first week of the Healthy Skills for Life program this week. Students learned breathing exercises which help in calming the mind, building resilience and developing self-regulation. Students were able to practice specialized movements and skills in games and breath work that are especially designed to down regulate the nervous system, foster positive relationships and teach problem solving skills. By working in teams, all levels utilized various strategies to complete different tasks, all the while understanding that there was no winner or loser, but what mattered was how well the combination of players on the team worked together to solve problems or come up with strategies to reach a common goal. By participating in physical activities designed to enhance fitness, students came out with a greater understanding of the impact regular participation can have on health and wellbeing. All students had fun, calmed their bodies, and learned the value of respect through fun games and activities.

Parents/Carers: Ask your child to show you the mindfulness or breath of the week and how it helps our body/mind.

Family self-care tip: Take a walk in nature.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 of the 2018 Scholastic Book Club brochures went home with students on Tuesday. Orders are due back at school by Friday 16th February. Payment can be made by cash to the school office or via debit/credit card on the scholastic website <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

We receive 20% commission in rewards points from Scholastic on all orders, these rewards points are used to buy new books and resources for all students at Whittlesea Primary School. Please support the students by buying a book or two, they start at \$2! Thank you for your support



Star of the Week



Foundation B Bell	Awarded to: Sophie Williams For: doing her best learning in writing tasks
Foundation P Perry	Awarded to: Max Blundell For: respecting his school by listening beautifully
Foundation S Starkey	Awarded to: Jesse Osborne For: doing his best when completing writing tasks
Year 1C Capito	Awarded to: Kaven McKechnie For: showing respect towards his peers consistently
Year 1F Fawcett	Awarded to: Brandon Burton For: demonstrating the Community Expectation of 'Doing Your Best' in all learning areas
Year 1M McCormick	Awarded to: Holly Leeson For: always demonstrating the Community Expectations. Well done Holly! You are a superstar!
Year 1P Powell	Awarded to: Zalia Sandow For: demonstrating the Community Expectation of 'Helping Others Succeed' by giving others compliments
Year 2TR Reid/Betty	Awarded to: Ruby Susanof For: Congratulations Ruby on being such a wonderful class organiser
Year 2C Cook	Awarded to: Jaxon Moro For: confidently presenting to the class
Year 2L Layton	Awarded to: Nate Jennings For: helping his friend succeed in reading
Year 3A Walsh	Awarded to: Jordan Heyman For: using his new knowledge of growth mindset to increase his confidence in his learning
Year 3J Walsh	Awarded to: Khloe Kovatsis For: always having a positive attitude. Well done!
Year 3O Overton	Awarded to: Max Ackroyd For: demonstrating perseverance in her work. Well done!

Year 4K Kaur	Awarded to: Kevin Ford For: contributing to a calm classroom environment by following instructions and completing learning tasks!
Year 4L Leslie	Awarded to: Mason Gillespie For: helping others succeed by contributing to a calm learning environment
Year 4V Vitale	Awarded to: Zayne Moore For: being a positive, enthusiastic and helpful member of 4V. You're a star Zayne 😊
Year 5DY Dunstone/Yeo	Awarded to: Eddy Hocking For: the exceptional focus he has applied to his maths learning
Year 5P Panahinejad	Awarded to: Cooper Cox For: being an excellent helper in 5P
Year 6M Maxfield	Awarded to: Thomas McAuley For: showing excellence in all of his writing
Year 6S Goetzke	Awarded to: Jaxin Harvey For: showing enthusiasm and confidence during Readers Theatre



2018 SPORTS DATES

Term 1				
	District Swimming	Northcote Pool	10-12 Years	Feb 19th
	Division Swimming	Northcote Pool	10-12 Years	March 5 th
	NMR Swimming	Northcote Pool	10-12 Years	March 14 th
	Cricket	Weekly Competition	Boys/Girls	Feb 16 th – March 29 th
	Soccer	Weekly Competition	Boys/Girls	Feb 16 th – March 29 th
	Teeball Round Robin	Mill Park Softball Diamonds	Boys/Girls	March 22 nd
Term 2				
	Football	Weekly Competition	1 Boys Team	April 27 th – June 15 th
	Netball	Weekly Competition	Girls A&B Teams	April 27 th – June 15 th
	Volleyball	Whittlesea Secondary College	Boys/Girls	June 22 nd
	WPS Cross Country	Walker Reserve	Years 3-6	April 24 th
	District Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years	May 8 th
	Division Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years	May 30 th
	NMR Cross Country	Bundoora Park	10-12 Years	June 20 th
	WPS Athletics Carnival	Meadowglen	Whole School	June 7 th
Term 3				
	Hooptime (3/4)	Mill Park Basketball Stadium	Boys/Girls	July 27th
	District Athletics	Meadowglen	10-12 Years	August 29 th
	Division Athletics	Meadowglen	10-12 Years	Sep 10 th
	Hooptime (5/6)	Mill Park Basketball Stadium	Boys/Girls	Aug 24 th
Term 4				
	NMR Athletics	Meadowglen	10 – 12 Years	Oct 16 th

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

Space Sports Car

While this event is still current, I would like to reflect on it as an inspirational paradox. Tesla's Elon Musk has audaciously launched his \$200,000 Tesla sports car into an elliptical orbit about the sun, which will periodically travel out as far as Mars. On 6 February this year, his private space company SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket launched his own car, playing David Bowie music for the seated mannequin strapped within. Musk tweeted: "I love the thought of a car drifting apparently endlessly through space and perhaps being discovered by an alien race millions of years in the future." It seems that Musk has wanted to extend his 'footprint' into eternity by leaving future space archaeology.

This story can't help but inspire children, especially if it is couched in "I can't do that sort of thing YET, but give me time..." Elon Musk has 'launched' a number of powerful symbols for all to see. For one, the sacrifice of the expensive car teaches us how unimportant money can become. The sporty red design can symbolise masculine power, certainly Elon's. It seems that he can now do anything he wants and shows it to all in this extravagant way. I admit that I have used this story with young students to inspire them to adopt an "I can do it" growth mindset. But I have to keep it in careful balance.

Even though the message is genuinely inspiring, the whimsical wastage to promote one man's dreams is in conflict with our teaching about sustainable communities, about how to care for our planet's precious resources. A private corporation has a moral "duty of care" to contribute to the greatest good. As much as I like the man, Musk's statement has created a new tension. On one side, existing inequalities are reinforced, while on the other, a new hope and unified vision for new space exploration may emerge. We have a love and curiosity about Space so we who are earthbound need such inspiration, but not at the expense of humanity's essentials.

Peter Ackland - School Chaplain

2018 BOOKLIST FEES, EXCURSION LEVY & CSEF

Statements will be going home with students next week for the 2018 Booklist Fees and Excursion Levy. Families can find their BPay details on the bottom of this statement.

The Booklist Levy this year is \$230 and the first instalment of \$55.00 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.

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.



CANTEEN

Metro Canteens will commence next Friday 9th February. Information on how to order along with a new price list went home on Tuesday. Families must create accounts with Flexischools to be able to place canteen orders.

REGISTER

-  1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.
-  2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.
-  3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".
-  4 Add your students, select their school and class.

ORDER



-  1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.
-  2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.
-  3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.
-  4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.

2018 WPS CALENDARS

Our 2018 School and Community Calendars have arrived; they are \$10 each to buy and are available from the school office.

All proceeds go towards resources for our students.



2018 SCHOOL TOUR

SCHOOL TOUR & INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY 8th MARCH
6:15PM

2019 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN