

# Primary Post

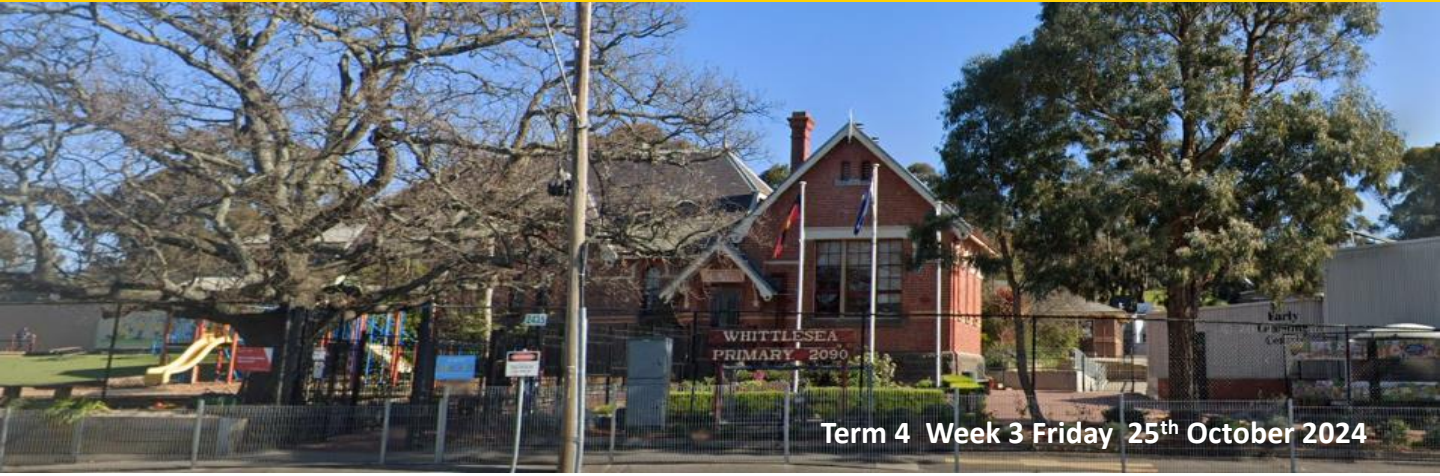
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*Respect Your School  
Do Your Best  
Help Others Succeed*



Term 4 Week 3 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Upcoming Events :

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - October- Breakfast Club 8am
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Assembly**
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November- Smile Dental



Key Dates



## Principal's Report

Today is World Teachers Day. October 25th marks World Teachers' Day, a special occasion dedicated to honouring the vital role teachers play in shaping the lives of children and young people. This day is a reminder of the profound impact educators have on future generations.

As I walk around the school each day, I see that teachers are more than just providers of knowledge and curriculum delivery; they are mentors, guides, facilitators, negotiators and importantly advocates for their students. They inspire curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and work hard to try and foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. In today's rapidly changing society, the role of a teacher extends beyond the just delivering information to improve learning outcomes, but also is about developing positive and authentic relationships to support building connect and wellbeing.

Everyone remembers their favourite teacher! We all have that one teacher who left a lasting impression. Whether it was their engaging lessons, unwavering support, or simply their ability to make learning fun, Teachers often become key figures in our lives.

**WORLD  
TEACHERS' DAY**

**25 October 2024**



As we celebrate World Teachers' Day today, I would like to personally all the teachers at Whittlesea Primary School for the work that they do every day both in and beyond the classroom. I hope that some of our current students will undertake a career in teaching and discover how rewarding this profession can be.



We have continued to have VSBA Ramp Remediation works take place around the school. The Victorian School Building Association (VSBA) funded this and as a school, we have worked closely with project managers and the Department of Education. At times I have had to express my concerns around the safety barricades/fencing, lack damage to existing school features (100s chart near ELC, broken sleepers), etc. and some of the time delays. I will continue to work with contractors to ensure that all required repairs and subsequent clean-up are followed up to a high standard.

We await the delivery of a new hydration station (drinking taps and bottle fillers) which will be located at the front of the current TheirCare room. This will be a long-term replacement for the taps that will also be demolished as part of the removal of the old toilet block. We are very excited to see this arrive and be installed as soon as possible to ensure that we are ready for when the much warmer weather arrives.

Lastly, as referenced in last week's newsletter, if any parent wants to provide any further information regarding their children to support setting them up for academic success in 2025 and class formation then please do not hesitate to contact the school via the school email address: [whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au). If you have any relevant legal documentation, such as court orders to support your request, these should also be attached to the email. At all times, when going through this process, we will ensure that we cater to all students' learning and wellbeing needs. We will be having 2 sessions to support positive transitions which will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Sessions 1 & 2), as well as the Statewide Orientation day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a wonderful day where all current students will get to meet their 2025 Classroom teacher.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Kaylene Kubeil  
Principal

HAPPY  
WEEKEND  
♥

# Assistant Principal's Report



In 2025 our school will undertake a school review. A review is a key element of the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes 2.0 (FISO 2.0) improvement cycle. Schools undertake a school review every 4 years to inform the directions of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan (SSP). There are several stages to preparing for a review and the leadership team have already commenced this important work. One aspect of this work is ensuring our school policies are up to date and available on our website, including Child Safe.

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Our school council has recently undertaken the Child Safe training, as have our staff and parent volunteers. Whittlesea Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website or a hard copy folder at the school office. We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Whittlesea Primary School at [whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or by phone on 9716 2140.

## **CHILD SAFETY & WELLBEING AT WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL: Information for families and the school community**



# SWIMMING

## SWIMMING CONSENT AND PAYMENT CLOSES MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Payment for this program is subsidised through the schools DET Swimming in Schools grant. For students in Years F-5, the cost for 8 lessons is \$24.

For students in Year 6, the cost for 7 lessons is \$21 and the Year 6 students can attempt the Water Safety Certificate at no cost. Lessons are 45 minutes, across the following dates. A schedule of classes and times will be sent out once the groups are finalised.

### Year 3-6

- Week 7: Monday 18th November until Friday 22nd November
- Week 8: Monday 25th November, Wednesday 27th November and Thursday 28th November.

### Years F-2

- Week 9: Friday 29th November, Monday 2nd December, Wednesday 4th December, Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December.
- Week 10: Monday 9th December, Wednesday 11th December, and Friday 13th December.

**Please remember to consent and pay on Compass by the end of the day, Monday to secure your child's place in the program as our final numbers will determine how many swim teachers, we need across the 4-week program.**



# SAVE THE DATE!

This year the COLOUR RUN is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Just a reminder that all money/donations and prize ordering must be done online. The school will no longer collect money or order prizes. All transactions and prize ordering must be completed online. We have an amazing day planned, with another visit from Kaboom Sports in the morning. So far, we have raised \$3224.00.

Now is the time to create your online profile for the Colour Run, here is what to do:

- Step 1 👉 Click this link: [https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign\\_in](https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_in) to register or login from previous years
- Step 2 👉 Complete the registration and select "Whittlesea Primary School" as your school
- Step 3 👉 Share your unique link with family & friends to receive donations and earn awesome prizes!
- Step 4 👉 Participate in the Big Show + Colour Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November and have a fantastic time!
- Step 5 👉 Receive your awesome prizes for your fundraising efforts! See this Compass post for the attachment!

Click here to view the Big Show and Colour Video <https://youtu.be/bLdbFh7n9xU>.

If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist. The school office can also assist with general questions.

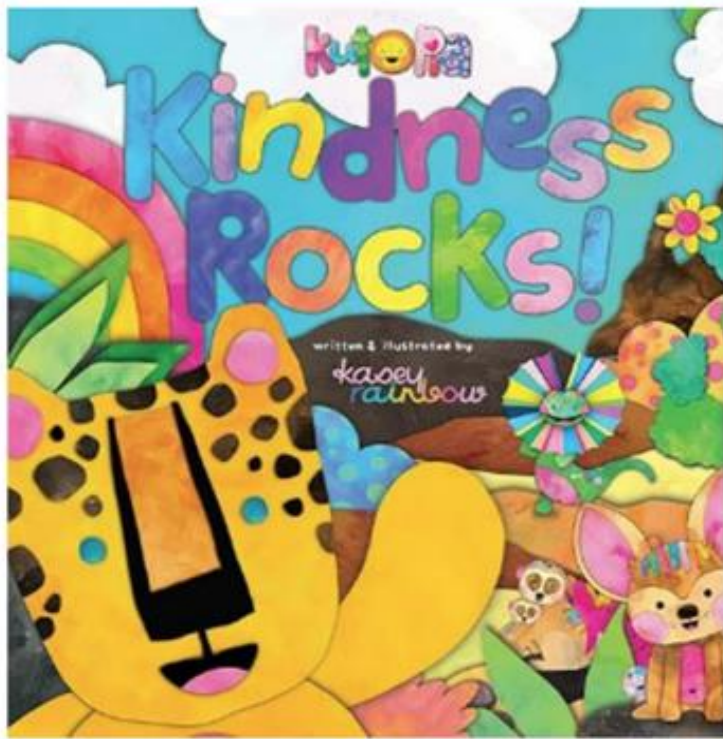


Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

*Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos*  
Assistant Principal Team



# KINDNESS ROCKS @ WPS



We are very pleased to share that being kind is something that resonates and is shown across Whittlesea Primary School. We are fortunate to have received a very KIND donation from Wade and his family recently.

Wade presented the school with a copy that is personally signed to Whittlesea Primary school by the author Kasey Rainbow. Wade explained to me why KINDNESS ROCKS and why it is such an important quality to have across our school and community – we could not agree more. 😊



*Welcome to Kindness Rocks, a magical land inside the whimsical world of Kutopia! Leo the Leopard longs to try new things and make new friends, but he's afraid the voice in his head might be right ... maybe he doesn't know to be kind. Can Leo learn from the caring critters of Kutopia and overcome the 'meanie' in his mind? With stunning illustrations from Australian author and artist Kasey Rainbow, Kindness Rocks is a colourful journey of companionship, understanding and kindness in all its forms.*



*thank  
you  
for  
being  
so kind.*



# Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

## School Wide Positive Behaviour & SWPBS

*WPS is an inclusive learning community that inspires and empowers all students to strive for their personal best. The purpose of SWPBS at WPS is to improve student outcomes through a safe and inclusive learning environment. As a SWPBS school, our community expectations of 'Respect Your School', 'Do Your Best' and 'Help Others Succeed' are pivotal to our school's success.*



## Golden Tickets & Whittlesea World

Golden Tickets are Whittlesea Primary School's positive reinforcement system. Staff hand out Golden Tickets when students have demonstrated our school expectations. Golden Tickets acknowledge the positive behaviour displayed by a student. The primary purpose is to acknowledge and reinforce the behaviour that the student has demonstrated. Golden Tickets can be redeemed at Whittlesea World every second Wednesday during the lunch break in term 4.

This term has seen the relocation and reintroduction of Whittlesea World. Our new space for WW has been met with such positivity as we have seen many students trading in their Golden Tickets for a prize.



# Stars of the Week

Joselynn Carpenter	Foundation D	For her efforts in maths counting the value of MAB blocks, counting the tens first and then the ones.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Nash McKay	Foundation G	For showing growth in identifying and sorting 2 digit numbers. Gret work Nash!	Jess Gordon
Quinn Cosstick	Foundation G	For sharing your code and rule knowledge during reading. Well done Quinn!	Jess Gordan
Jacob Towt	Foundation F	For his efforts in our reading lessons this week. Well done Jacob!	Jess Fontana
Mia Dodemaide	Foundation F	For reading her book with fluency and answering comprehension questions. Well done Mia!	Jess Fontana
Charlee Moore	Year 1/2F	For all your hard work in reading. You should be so proud of your efforts. Well done Charlee!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Harper Willmot	Year 1/2S	For writing an engaging narrative for her moderation task. Well done Harper!	Stuart Maxfield
Willow King	Year 1/2M	For sharing a collection of objects into 3 equal groups. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Evelyn Saldaneri	Year 1/2B	For demonstrating excellent listening skills and providing many answers to multipilcation problems. Well done Evelyn!	Jai Bowring
Charlotte Cobb	Year 1/2K	For you amazing effrots in reading. Well done Charlotte!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Nabeel Khan	Year 3/4B	For your amazing efforts in inquiry and demonstrating a high work ethic when creating your animal inquiry poster. Keep up the great work.	Naomi Liersch
Kodi Linton	Year 3/4D	For the effort you have put into your animal creation poster for your personal inquiry project. Keep it up, Harvey!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Jack Barnes	Year 3/4Z	For demonstrating his knowledge about metaphors and his ability to write his own metaphors. Great work Jack!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon



Elizabeth Maher	Year 3/4T	For the wonderful work you have been doing on your Inquiry project. It's great to see your creativity shining through!	Val Gordon
Aliyah McCawley	Year 3/4C	For working hard to complete her Inquiry presentation to a high standard, including interesting facts and detailed drawings. Well done!	Elise Cowdery
Keira Augustus	Year 5B	For working hard to challenge herself with complicated multiplication and division equations and showing her working out in detail.	Matthew Symeoy
Kaleb Clark	Year 5C	For finding his preferred method to solve multiplication and division equations and able to explain his thought process. Well Done Kaleb, keep it up!	Jacky Chen
Jade Murray	Year 5M	For putting in her best efforts to all learning tasks and being a delightful member of 5M!	Bianca Avolino
Amelia Hughes	Year 6A	For her persistence in learning to convert fractions to decimals and percentages. Your effort is noticed and celebrated. Well done Amelia!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Tyrone Folder	Year 6C	For use of figurative language in his writing. Keep up the great work, Tyrone!	Hope Cummins
ShelbyFarrelly	Year 6P	For completing her learning with a positive mindset, always willing to share her ideas with her peers.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
5C	PE	For trying your best and never giving up when completing your timed runs. Well done!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2 F	PE Boost	For great teamwork when completing different roles during Hula Hut Throwdown!	Verena Smith
34T	Mandarin	For working very quietly and giving your best effort to succeed in the Chinese lesson, you are all superstars!	Jessie Liu
OD	Junior Art	For helping each other succeed in the creation of the blossom tree artworks. Keep up the great work !	Liz Stojanov
34T	Senior Art		Sarah Carpenter
6P	STEM	For beginning to create some fantastic apps and succeeding in expectations. Great job!	Hugh Wilson



**WELL DONE!**

# SPORTS REPORT

We have had a busy week in P.E with our boys/mixed gold volleyball and both our gold girls and boys/mixed cricket all making to Division finals.

On teamwork our boys/mixed gold volleyball represented Whittlesea Primary School at the Division finals at Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. The team had 3 tough games against Hazel Glen College, Thomastown Meadows and Marymede Catholic College. The boys put up a good fight for all games coming away with just the one win. The team all work well together and displayed great sportsmanship.



On Thursday both our gold boys/mixed and gold girls cricket competed at the division final at Waterview reserve Mernda. The boys/mixed team worked hard displaying some great fielding and batting coming away with 2 wins against Our Lady of the Way, Wallen and St Peters, Epping making it through to the grand final. Unfortunately, they couldn't get the win coming up against some tough competitors in St Marys of the Cross, MacKillop.

The girls team also displayed some fantastic teamwork and duo batting combinations throughout the day. Going down to Harvest Homes PS, however getting the win against St Damians PS they made it through to battles it out for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against St Marys PS. The girls put up a great fight, however, couldn't get the win. Both teams demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork and should all be very proud of themselves.



# Community Leaders 2024

*Community Leaders are continuing for Term3 & 4 2024. 😊*

*Remember students who will be participating, on their assigned day will not have to wear uniform and can come in casual clothes.*

Nicole BAXTER	28 <sup>th</sup> October
Madison VAN WEENEN	28 <sup>th</sup> October
Amelia HUGHS (6A)	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Isobel Cilia (6A)	29 <sup>th</sup> October
Amara KHAN	30 <sup>th</sup> October
Aria HICKLING	30 <sup>th</sup> October
Dakota LOVE	31 <sup>st</sup> October
William HORTON	31 <sup>st</sup> October
Beau BATEMAN	1 <sup>st</sup> November
Chaz MACKENZIE	1 <sup>st</sup> November





**TheirCare**  
Where Kids love to be!

Whittlesea Primary School  
TheirCare

TERM 4  
WEEK 3

# NEWSLETTER

October  
2024

In the spirit of reconciliation, TheirCare acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country in Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

## Weekly Menu:

### Breakfast

Cereal (Cheerio's, Rice Bubbles and Corn Flakes)

Toast (Butter, Vegemite and Strawberry Jam)

### Afternoon

Monday- yoghurt and fresh fruit

Tuesday- Rice crackers and fresh fruit

Wednesday- Banana bread and fresh fruit

Thursday- Party Pies, Sausage Roll and fresh fruit

Friday- Custard with fresh fruit

## Theme: Lego Week

This week was all about creativity and building in our Lego Week! The students has an amazing time working together to b build their own Lego cities, completed various Lego challenges, and even creating their own characters and vehicles from their imaginations. We also introduced some friendly competition with a Lego building contest, where everyone showcased their unique designs. The week ended with a Lego-themed movie, wrapping up a week full of fun, teamwork, and hands-on learning!

As the weather has been warming up, the students have been spending majority of their time outside either on the oval or playgrounds.

We look forward to next weeks theme: Halloween designed by Peyton Clifford.



## Big News and Upcoming Events:

- 31st October, Halloween
- 31st October, Smile Patrol Dentist Visit
- 4th November, Student Free Day (TheirCare is opened)
- 5th November, Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)
- 7th November, Year 6 Graduation Photos

## Reminders:

- If you no longer are in need of our service, especially of an afternoon please call 0447 542 696 to cancel
- We are a Nut Free Service





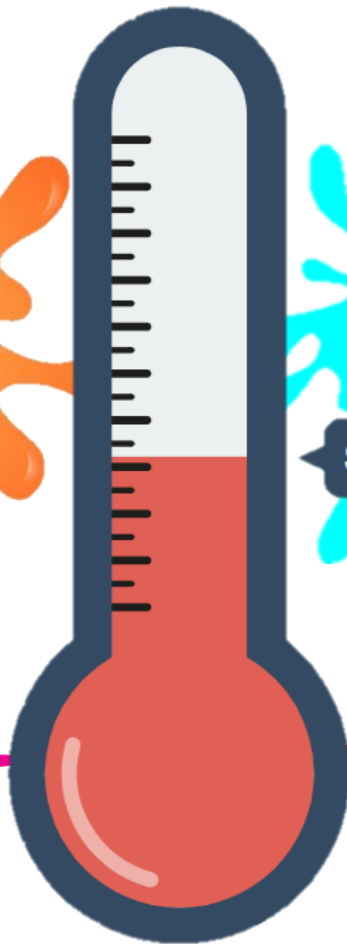
# SCHOOL FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE:

KABOOM SPORTS & COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

## Money Raised so far...



\$3,224

# Important News from Department of Education

## Protecting against Mosquito-borne Diseases

Warm and wet weather can increase the number of mosquitoes and the risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

### Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

The Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage provides more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine.



Department  
of Education



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD  
NOVEMBER 2024  
9am-5pm**

THE WHITTLESEA SHOW IS A REAL COUNTRY SHOW WITH LOTS OF FREE ATTRACTIONS  
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[www.anglicarevic.org.au](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au)





# A Letter from the Office of Lauren Kathage MP

## Member for Yan Yean

Dear Families,

We are asking for your help to encourage both parents and students to take part in the Safe Socials survey. The survey link is below, and you can also find it by scanning the QR code attached. Please upload the survey link to your Compass platform so parents can easily access it and take part.

**Survey Link:** [Safe Socials Survey](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b2gBXpAFCVXzcpMZUyzMqly-77hfplgW/view?usp=sharing)

A video is also provided featuring Lauren explaining the survey and social media topic on Social Media Ban. This video provides more information and highlights the importance of this initiative.


<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b2gBXpAFCVXzcpMZUyzMqly-77hfplgW/view?usp=sharing>

The survey is a great way for families to share their thoughts about social media safety. By taking part, both parents and students can share their experiences, which will help shape better safety programs in the future.

This is a chance for parents and students to make their voices heard and be involved in decisions that affect our community. Taking part helps make social media a safer place for everyone.

Thank you for your support in promoting this important survey.

Your feedback is key to making a difference.

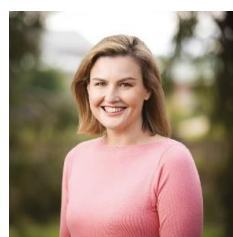
A poster with a dark background. At the top, the text "Social Media Age Limits" is written in large, white, bold font. Below the text, there are several colorful social media icons (heart, thumbs up, smiley face, etc.) floating around a hand holding a smartphone. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text "Use the QR to fill in the survey Share your ideas or comments Email Me lauren.kathage@parliament.vic.gov.au" is written in white. At the bottom, the text "Your Chance to be heard. Participate Today" is written in large, white, bold font, with a white arrow pointing from the text towards the QR code.

**Social Media Age Limits**

Use the QR to fill in the survey  
Share your ideas or comments  
Email Me  
lauren.kathage@parliament.vic.gov.au

**Your Chance to be heard.  
Participate Today**

# safe on social



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# **Great Bowls of Fire Fundraiser 2024**

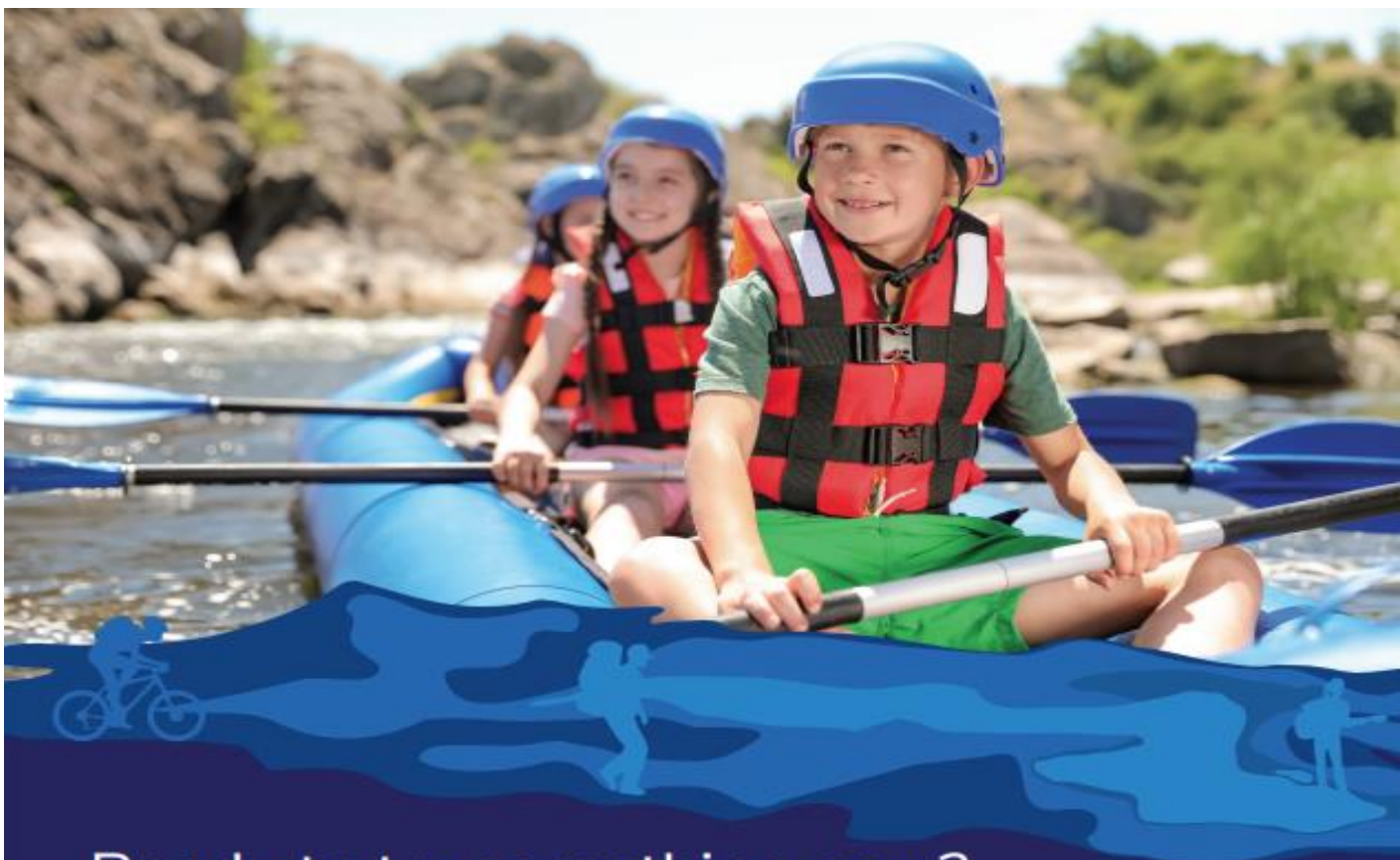
FRIDAY 6th of December  
8.30am – 4.00pm at the Whittlesea Bowling Club

Join us for a fun day on the green!  
Prizes | Silent Auction | Raffles

Platinum Event Partner:



For ticketing or more information on how you can support this event,  
including terms and conditions, please visit our website,  
[cfawhittlesea.com/fundraisingevents](http://cfawhittlesea.com/fundraisingevents)



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Every week, nearly half a million young people dive into exciting adventures, make lifelong friendships, and explore the great outdoors with Scouting!

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Don't miss out, unlock your adventure today!

Contact 1st Whittlesea Scout Group on 0408 839 353 or pop in for a free trial.  
Joey Scouts ages 5-7 - Thursday 6pm - 7pm  
Cub Scouts ages 8-10 - Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
Also looking for Adult leaders to support the youth, all training provided.  
40 Fir Street Whittlesea



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