



## Upcoming Events :

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October- Term 4 Begins



Key Dates



## Principal's Report

Welcome to the last Primary Post for Term 3. What a fantastic term it has been. Term 3 in schools is a very important time as this is the time that school leadership teams start to plan for the following year; needless to say, we are currently having many conversations about the 2025 school year. We are also beginning to look at our recruiting to ensure we have a complete staff profile from day one next year. Staffing updates will be communicated during Term 4, as this is past the time staff on leave or at other schools need to let me know if they intend to return to Whittlesea Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Student Learning Conferences. Your involvement at Whittlesea Primary School is extremely important and helps to make our school what it is. These conferences are essential to our school's educational process, fostering a supportive environment that enhances a child's educational experience. The research tells us that strong family and school partnerships can lead to higher levels of Student Achievement, as when families and schools collaborate, students often show improved academic performance. Parents engaged in their children's education can help reinforce learning at home, leading to better outcomes and increased motivation. Strong partnerships facilitate open lines of communication between parents and teachers. This ensures that everyone is on the same page regarding a child's learning and wellbeing progress, strengths, and areas for improvement, fostering a more targeted approach to each student's needs. Lastly, partnerships between families and schools help build a sense of community.

We are continuing to make some improvements around the school; these include:

- In the Heritage building, there is now a new OHS noticeboard
- Room 18 new split system (air conditioning & cooling)
- New photocopiers in the staff work room and the admin area
- Commenced some external painting of A-block
- Planting and mulching of various school garden beds
- New plants in various pots around the school

Over the holidays, we will be doing significant work across the school. This will include:

- Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) ramp remediation works. To start, we will have three ramps replaced. This is a government-funded project to ensure that all ramps are fully accessible and in line with the Department's expectations
- Due to our recent Tree Audit, we will have some trees removed. Pleasingly, we were peaceful in obtaining a grant to complete most of this work. This removal process will also involve replanting more suitable and 'safer' trees.

We have yet to hear about demolishing the old toilet block. I continue contacting the VSBA regarding this matter and hope to receive updates soon. We have started to do some initial planning regarding what this space will be once the toilet block is gone.

Lastly, I wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. If you are a footy fan, I hope you enjoy the games and may the best team win. For those travelling, enjoy your trips, and please arrive safely. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for Term 4.

Enjoy your holiday break.

*Kaylene Kubeil*

Principal





# Assistant Principal's Report



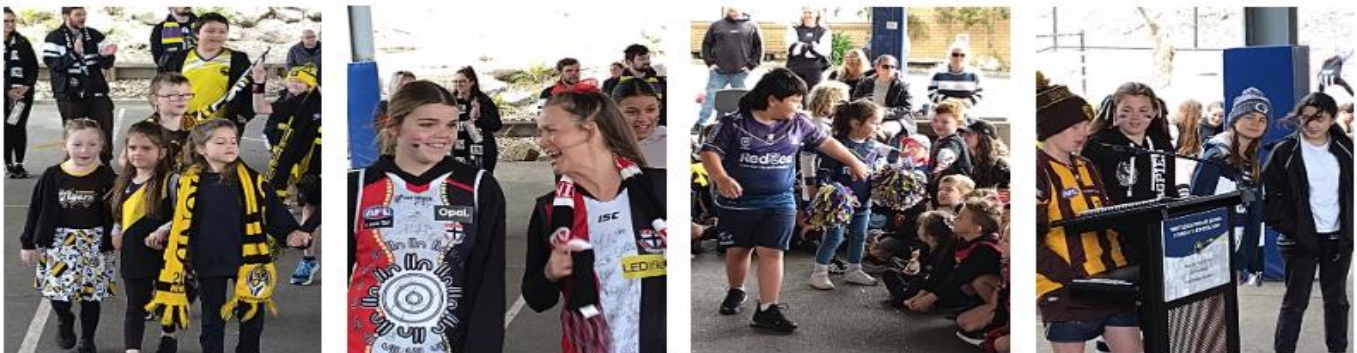
## Backflips Against Bullying

On Tuesday, students were excited to watch a performance by Back Flips Against Bullying. This event was a spectacular showcase of acrobatics and a vital educational experience designed to equip our young learners with practical strategies to confront and manage bullying. Back Flips Against Bullying delivered a high-energy, engaging performance that seamlessly blended impressive gymnastics with powerful, age-appropriate messages about resilience and empathy. Luca and Sophie's unique approach combined thrilling stunts with interactive storytelling, ensuring that students are entertained and enlightened. Some of our students were also lucky enough to become part of the show.



## Footy Day

Our annual Footy Day parade went off without a hitch. Thankfully, the rain held off, and the basketball court was awash with colour. Collingwood, albeit reigning Premiers for another week, were well represented, as were the Tigers. Well done to our house and school captains for introducing each of the teams throughout the assembly. It was great to see so many parents and carers come along to enjoy the parade, too.





We were lucky to have an AFL clinic come out this morning and run a series of activities for all our students. The coaches helped develop kicking skills and even taught some Year 5/6 students a game of touch football aimed at maximising possessions to ensure as much participation from all students as possible. Thanks to Mrs Northridge for organising this awesome event for the students.



The annual teachers versus Year 6 footy match was played during the second break today, and this game has been heavily talked about for the past six months. There has been considerable banter between the students and teachers. The chatter in the staffroom all week has been about strategy. Mr Dupuy and Mr Pain went through more tape strapping their ankles than you can imagine. We had Voltaren Emulgel, knee braces and a couple of hours of pre-game stretching. The rabbit holes were all filled this morning in the interest of safety. We even had the services of an NFL umpire who officiated the game, albeit slightly biased towards the Year 6's. The Year 6's had numbers, age, skill and stamina on their side, but in the end, it wasn't enough to overcome the dominance of the teachers. Mr Maxfield was amazing, bagging 3 first-half goals. Mr Bowring and Mr Jacky snagged a couple of miracle goals. Mr Kirkright dominated the ruck, and more importantly, Mr Pain's experience across half forward ensured that when the bell music (Queen's 'We are the Champions') kicked in, it was a win for teachers. The final score was 47 to 23.





We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 7th, October.

**Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos**  
Assistant Principal Team



### ***Upcoming School Review***

*This is a quick note to let you know that in 2025, we will be going through a school review. This is a Department of Education process that all schools complete every four years. I look forward to sharing more information about this process as we work towards it.*





# Stars of the Week



Zachary Forster	Foundation D	For being able to count how many syllables are in the words he is hearing.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Mikayla Birthisel	Foundation G	For using her Oxford wordlist and sound knowledge to complete her writing tasks. Great work!	Jess Gordon
Ellie Lee-Challis	Foundation F	For being able to listen to different words and count how many syllables there are. Well done Ellie!	Jess Fontana
Ivy Dyson	Year 1/2F	For putting in an amazing effort when telling the time this week. Well done Ivy!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Aubrey Taylor	Year 1/2S	For creating an entertaining Haiku poem about a Koala and expertly explaining the structure during her conference. Well done Aubrey!	Stuart Maxfield
Summer Gilchrist	Year 1/2M	For giving her learning a second go and producing a whole page of writing. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Parker Schivo	Year 1/2B	For listing many events that are impossible, certain, unlikely and likely. Well Done Parker!	Jai Bowring
Mantaj Pannu	Year 1/2K	For your amazing effort and persistence while creating your poems, your acrostic poem was excellent!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Lucas Hutchinson	Year 3/4B	For challenging yourself in mathematics and solving higher end problems in fractions. Well done Lucas!	Naomi Liersch
Ava Argote	Year 3/4D	For continuing to challenge yourself when learning about the connection between decimals and fractions. Keep it up, Ava!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Aleah Scott	Year 3/4Z	For challenging herself in maths when solving problems about fractions and decimals! Great work, Aleah!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Jake Beeston	Year 3/4T	For persevering with his decimal learning tasks. Keep it up, Jake!	Val Gordon

Lincoln Cilia	Year 3/4C	For showing huge improvements in his knowledge of decimals and explaining the connection between decimals and fractions.	Elise Cowdery
Dylan Pratt	Year 5B	For writing detailed and varied poems, demonstrating creativity and thoughtfulness in each one.	Matthew Symeoy
Nevah Folder	Year 5C	For her descriptive, simple poem about the moment a paintbrush hits a surface. Great Job Nevah, keep it up!	Jacky Chen
Tayze Lindsay	Year 5M	For being able to write a vareity of poems and publish his best one!	Bianca Avolino
Tristan Cleaver	Year 6A	For showing improvement in his writing and creating an amazing and captivating narrative. Great work Tristan!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Tyrone Folder	Year 6C	For his motivation and effort throughout Term 3. Well done, Tyrone!	Hope Cummins
Mitchell Cain	Year 6P	For completing all learning with a positive mindset and confidently sharing his thoughts and ideas with his peers.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
1/2F	PE	For demonstrating fantastic teamwork during our games and activities.	Hayley Northridge
1/2 F	PE Boost	For working very hard to remember and follow the complex rules of the game and negotiating changes when necessary.	Verena Smith
5M	Mandarin	For trying your best and giving it a go during the Mandarin session. You are all superstars!	Jessie Liu
5B	Senior Art	For following instructions and having a growth mindset in art. Well done!	Sarah Carpenter
Dylan Pratt	STEM	For your excellent work with redstone and observers when making Minecraft robots. Well done!	Hugh Wilson





**WELL DONE!**



# 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.*

## Starting first week back of Term 4

Jagger HAWYWARD-MURPHY	7 <sup>th</sup> October
Jada SMITH	7 <sup>th</sup> October
Kruz EDWARDS	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Judd CORNISH	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Mackenzie DOW	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Madison VAN WEENEN	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Millie BRANDER	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Mitchell CAIN	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Lincoln CILIA	11 <sup>th</sup> October
Niran WILD	11 <sup>th</sup> October



# Friendly Reminders

## GET READY FREE DENTAL IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL SOON!

The smile patrol team is coming to provide free dental health checks. For more information visit:  
[www.smilepatrol.com.au](http://www.smilepatrol.com.au)



**SMILE PATROL**  
SCHOOL DENTAL

## Brick Paver Fundraiser



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SCHOOL'S HISTORY &  
PURCHASE YOUR  
PERSONALISED PAVER  
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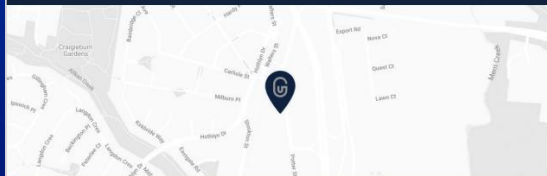
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## WE ARE MOVING

YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE MOVING  
TO OUR NEW PURPOSE BUILT STORE IN

## CRAIGIEBURN



STORE OPENS **TUESDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

THE LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR YOUR THOMASTOWN STORE IS **SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 5PM**

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CRAIGIEBURN, VIC 3064  
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SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM  
SUNDAY CLOSED

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## 2024/25 JUNIOR CRICKET SEASON COMING

Expressions of interest now being taken

- U10 Mixed
  - U12 mixed
  - U14 mixed
  - U16 mixed
- \* Girls & Boys are welcome
  - \* Season commences October 2024
  - \* U10s & U12's play Wednesday Nights
  - \* U14s & U16's play Friday Nights

Pre-season training starts Sunday 8th of September  
AF Walker Reserve, 10am  
All ages welcome

Contact Whittlesea Junior Cricket Club via:-  
FB - Whittlesea Junior Cricket  
Email - whittleseacricket@gmail.com



**WHITTLESEA**  
CRICKET CLUB



# School Crossing Supervisor positions now available

*Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!*

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Starting hourly rate of \$34.07 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 11.5% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available

## TO APPLY



Complete the application form on the reverse side of this flyer or online at

[www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings](http://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings)

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2170 or email [school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

**Apply now!**





# WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

## WHATS ON AT WHITTLESEA LIBRARY

**1 SEPTEMBER-30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

### READING DOGS WITH BRUCE

**Saturday 21 September**

**10.30am-11.00am**

Help develop your children's reading skills and confidence with our Reading Dog, Bruce



## PROGRAM EVENTS

**1 SEPTEMBER- 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

### CORE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

#### CRAFTY CONNECTIONS

**Fortnightly, Tuesdays - 10, 24 September**

**1.00pm-3.00pm**

Share your passion for craft, whether it be sewing, knitting, crochet. Bring your own project.

#### LEGO CLUB

**Saturdays**

**10.00am-1.00pm**

Lego is a great way to build children's creativity and develop science and engineering skills.

### WEEKLY STORYTIMES (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

#### BABY STORYTIME

**Tuesdays 10.30am-11.00am**

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

**Thursdays 10.30am-11.00am**

#### FAMILY STORYTIME

**Fridays 10.30am-11.00am**

#### CUPPA WITH A COP

**Monthly, Fridays - 13 September**

**10.30am-11.30am**

Meet a local Whittlesea police member in a safe, informal environment.

#### TECH HELP

**Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm**

**Fridays 2.00pm-4.00pm**

**Saturdays 11.00am-12.00noon**

Do you need assistance with technology. Book a 30-minute one on one session with our friendly staff.

### AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT CLUB (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

**Tuesdays**

**3.30pm-5.00pm**

Let your kids dive headlong into art, crafts, and stories!

### CARERS CATCHUP

**Fortnightly, Thursdays - 12, 26 September**

**3.00pm-4.30pm**

A chance to get together and chat. A light afternoon tea is provided.

### SENIORS REMEMBER & REMINISCE SESSIONS

**Monthly, Tuesdays - 17 September**

**2.00pm-3.00pm**

Remember and Reminisce about your memories of bygone days.

### CHATTY CAFE

**Fridays**

**10.30am-11.30pm**

Join us for coffee, tea and chat in our new weekly Chatty Cafe. Chatty Cafe is a global movement to help bring people together and increase social interaction.

### FAMILY HISTORY HELP (DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

**Wednesdays**

**10.00am-2.30pm**

Do you need help researching your family history? Looking for tips on how to start. Book a 60 minute in person session with Elaine, our experienced volunteer.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SERVICE

**Fridays**

**1.00pm-3.00pm**

Justice of the Peace walk-in sessions are available at Whittlesea Library to witness a range of legal documents



AFL Victoria is coming to Whittlesea to run a School Holiday Program for your footy loving kids just in time for the AFL Finals Series and AFLW Season! The program will run on Thursday 26th September from 9am to 3pm at AF Walker Reserve and is open to all children regardless of their previous AFL experience!

Kids aged 4-8 are best suited to the NAB AFL Auskick Group, where they will be introduced to the world of Australian Rules Football with fun and engaging activities, led by AFL experts. Perfect for young beginners looking to learn and play in a safe environment, all at the best price. Children turning 5 in the calendar year can join our Auskick school holiday programs!

For your older kids aged 8-12, the NAB AFL Superkick Group is best suited! Participants will get to learn new Australian Rules Football skills, make friends, and enjoy non-contact Superkick matches under the guidance of AFL experts, all without breaking the bank!

With fun at the centre of the day, this program is the perfect way to learn new skills and make friends!

Register here! [Whittlesea - Holiday Program Registrations](#) | [PlayHQ](#)



**IT'S PLAY TIME!**

THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU

**AF Walker Recreation Reserve**

Thursday 26th September  
9am-3pm



4-8 year olds



8-12 year olds



FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE →







# GKR KARATE

KARATE FOR EVERYONE



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