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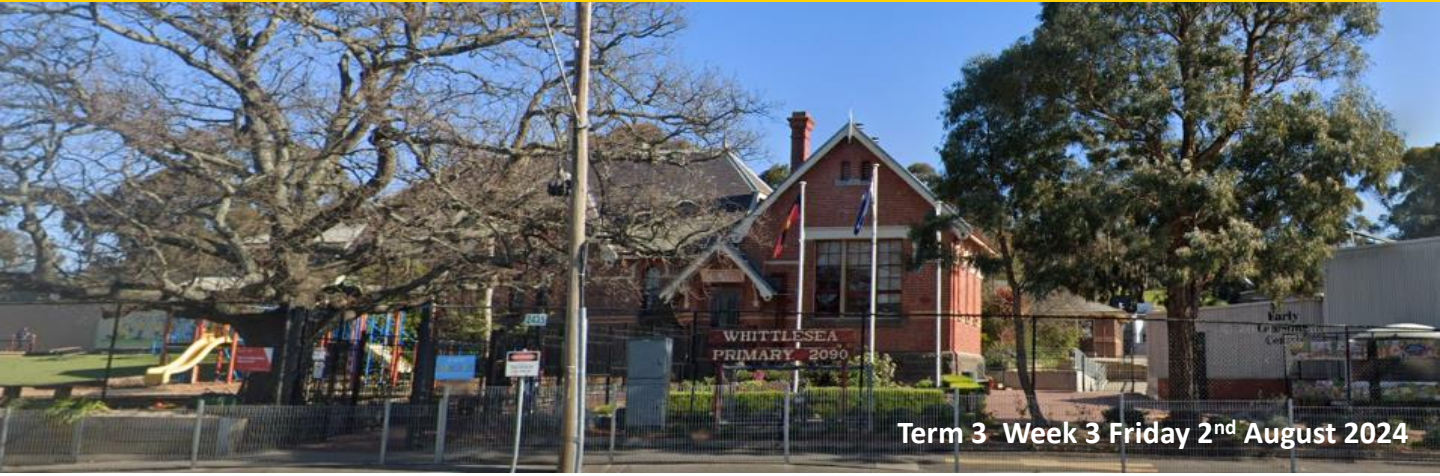
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Do Your Best
Help Others Succeed*



Term 3 Week 3 Friday 2nd August 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 5th August- Breakfast Club 8am
- Monday 5th August- Foundation-2 Assembly
- Friday 9th August- Bundoora Farm Excursion
- Friday 9th August- Green & Gold Day
- Friday 9th August- Interschool Sports



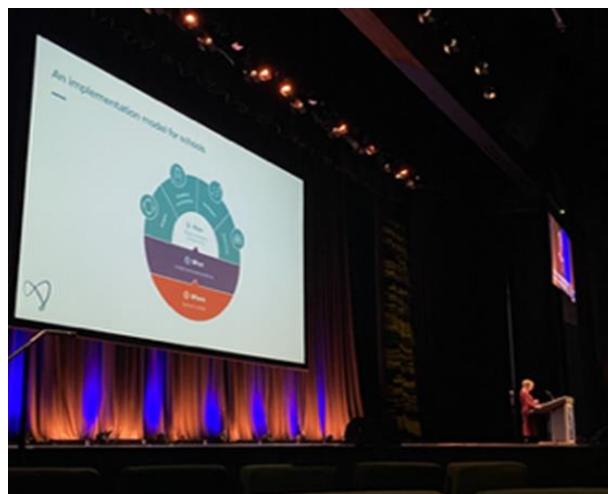
Key Dates



Principal's Report

On Monday, this week, the WPS Principal class team had the privilege of attending the State Principals Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. Over 2,500 Principals attended this conference, which provided a day of professional learning, Department of Education updates, and a great opportunity to network with principal class colleagues. The theme for the conference was Lead Together – Inspire, Learn and Network. The Hon. Ben Carroll MP Deputy Premier and Minister for Education spoke about some of the investments that the current government is putting into place with regards to additional funding for mental health and wellbeing support, school support teams, a great emphasis on school transitions and initiative that will help to recruit and retain teachers.

Learn — inspire — Lead



Ms Kirsten Ferguson spoke about the balance leaders need to maintain, emphasising head and heart leadership. She explained the key skills underpinning each type of leader, including curiosity, wisdom, self-awareness, and empathy. Lots of leadership lessons were given, and I know that I will go away and apply them in my role as WPS Principal.

An important component of school leadership is also seeking and acting on feedback. This week, we provided information about the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and development at the school. The Education Department will use these results to research and improve student outcomes.

This is an online survey that only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be completed on any internet-enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is not open and will close on Friday, 30th August.

To complete the survey, simply:

Click on the link provided or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey. <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Select the School

School Name: Whittlesea Primary School

Enter the School PIN **281607**



WPS Family news: We are very pleased to share that Deanne Tuppen (34T) and her partner Jack have welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Rory James. Mum and Rory are doing very well.

Congratulations Deanne!



Lastly, over the last week, we have all been enthralled by the Olympics and the athletes' many feats. The Olympics symbolise effort and achievement, where athletes from around the world strive to DO YOUR BEST. The Olympics celebrate extraordinary commitment and show that success is not merely about winning medals but also about the relentless pursuit of excellence, supporting others, working as a team, and being willing to set and work towards your goals. In many ways, the Olympics show us that if you set your mind to anything, you can do anything. It will be great next week, when on Friday 9th August, we invite all our staff and students to show their GREEN & GOLD spirit on our out-of-uniform day. I am sure everyone will continue to cheer on the Aussies as we all enjoy the range of sports that will take place this week.



Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

What a way to finish the week, as our Foundation students celebrated **100 Days of School**. Every year we are blown away by the effort and attention to detail our families go to in making this a wonderful celebration for the students. A big thank to our Foundation teachers, Mikayla, Jess and Jess for the excitement and enthusiasm they bring, making this event one of the most memorable days in our student's primary school journey.



This week has been a busy one, with multiple events throughout the week. On Tuesday 30th July, our Year 6 Girls GOLD t-ball team travelled to the Mill Park Diamonds to square off against Marymede College and Mill Park Primary School. After a convincing win against Mill Park, the girls were beaten in the final by Marymede. Congratulations to our girls for coming runner's up for the Whittlesea & Woodlands Division.

On Thursday we had a visit from Darcy and Jess, who play for AFLW Carlton Blues. Students from Years 3-6 were involved in an hour long training session with Darcy and Jess, who also gladly signed footy jumpers and cards before they left for training.



Today, our State Schools Victoria dance group travelled to Keilor Stadium for a mass hub rehearsal with the other school dancing in their quadrant. For those that have never been to the show before, the floor is divided into 4 quadrants, surrounding an interactive stage. This year's theme is 'Splash'. This is the 10th year our school has been involved in the spectacular and we can't wait for show day, Saturday 14th September at John Cain Arena. Limited tickets are available here

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=STATESCH24>



A reminder to our Year 6 families that Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slips for 2025 placements are due back to the school office by next **Wednesday 7th August**.



Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slip

For Year 7 placement in 2025

Please complete this Placement Acceptance Slip and return to your child's Year 6 classroom teacher by **Wednesday 7 August 2024**.

Note: only **one** parent/carer's details are required unless a Family Law Court order is in place identifying equal shared parental responsibility.

Full name of

On Monday 19th August, we commence our Book Week celebrations. The Scholastic book fair will be open on Tuesday 20th August (more information to follow) and on Wednesday 21st August, we will celebrate with our annual Book Week parade. This years theme is 'Reading is Magic'. We can't wait to see all of the wonderful costumes at our parade. Stay tuned for more details closer to the event.

In closing, we would like to acknowledge the work of our school leaders, in particular, Kaylene (Mrs Kubeil). As some of you may be aware, today is Principal's Day. School's are very busy places and while our staff do an amazing job everyday with our students, it is our leaders that are working tirelessly behind the scenes to make schools like Whittlesea Primary School the great school it is. We would like to congratulate Kaylene on her first (of many) Principal's Day/s.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos

Assistant Principal Team



School Attendance

Following the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic), schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years unless an exemption has been granted. For absences without exemption, the parent/carer must promptly explain the school on each occasion. The school will determine if the explanation provided is a reasonable excuse for the parents to meet their responsibilities under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic). As a government school, we must refer to the Guidelines for guidance on a 'reasonable excuse'. As a school, we must:

- Maintain attendance records
- Identify and follow up on unexplained absences
- Record student attendance twice per day in primary schools
- Record, in writing, the reason given for each absence
- Advise parents/carers of unexplained absences as soon as practicable

Extended Absences / Family Holidays (Parent Choice)

While we highly recommend that family holidays occur during the school holiday period, we understand this may not always be possible or suitable. We respect the parent's choice in this matter, but we also want to emphasise the potential impact of extended absences on a student's education. If you plan to take a holiday during the term, we ask that you inform the school. According to the Department of Education guidelines, if the absence is greater than 10 school days – 2 weeks, a Student Absence Learning Plan (SALP) must be created. This plan, completed by the classroom teacher, will be sent to the family before the departure. In addition to the SALP, we request that for these extended absences, a notification of an extended absence form be completed at the office.



Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.



STAR OF THE WEEK

★ Evie Osborne	Foundation D	Always working hard to improve her sound knowledge when sounding out CVC words. Well Done!	Mikayla Di Mauro ★
Hannah Del Romano	Foundation G	For always doing your best in class and being a great friend to your peers. Great work!	Jess Gordon
Lachlan Booker	Foundation G	Keeping your learning space tidy so you can do your best in class. Well done!	Jess Gordon
Savannah Halley	Foundation F	For her excellent work with place value this week. You were able to create two digit numbers using bundling sticks. Keep up the great work!	Jess Fontana
Hunter Murphy	Year 1/2F	For typing a fantastic information report about his inquiry creation. Well done Hunter!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Hugh Watt	Year 1/2S	For completing his classwork on time and too a good standard, while also helping others in the class.	Stuart Maxfield
Juddy Martin	Year 1/2M	For solving addition problems using vertical addition and regrouping when needed. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Fletcher Cain	Year 1/2B	For using vertical addition to solve 3-digit addition problems with regrouping. Well done Fletcher!	Jai Bowring
Thomas Bodagh	Year 1/2K	For demonstrating the school values and being a helpful member of our class!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Mia Mellford	Year 3/4B	For showing determination in completing multiplication strategies and having an eagerness to engage in classwork. Keep up the fantastic work Mia.	Naomi Liersch
Xander Ritchie	Year 3/4D	For working hard to complete your research on your Olympic Sport Information Reports. Keep it up, Xander.	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
★ Chelsea Flynn	Year 3/4Z	For researching and writing an information report about tennis at the Olympics. Great work Chelsea!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon ★
★ Evie Spyropoulos	Year 3/4T	For great dedication in completing and improving her Inquiry presentation project. I love seeing your enthusiasm Evie. Well done!	★ Val Gordon ★

Alex McLaren	Year 3/4C	For working hard to improve her multiplication skills and using different strategies to solve problems. Well done, Alex!	Elise Cowdery
Ethan Carter	Year 5B	For your hard work in researching facts about an unfamiliar topic and staying on task, your dedication is truly impressive. Keep it up!	Matthew Symeoy
Nevaeh Redpath	Year 5C	For taking on feedback on her inquiry project and gaining a deeper understanding on the how climate change affects the world around us. Good Job Nevaeh	Jacky Chen
William Watt	Year 5M	For challenging himself in maths, particularly with finding missing elements and using efficient strategies to problem solve!	Bianca Avolino
Max Blundell	Year 6A	For seeking help when he needs it in maths and applying new skills learnt in decimals to help him with money calculations.	Matt Kirkright & Chantelle Fasone
Khloe Hay	Year 6C	For always having a positive attitude and being a fantastic role model to her peers. Keep it up, Khloe!	Hope Cummins
Jagger HAYWARD-MURPHY	Year 6P	For attempting all learning with a positive mindset, working collaboratively with his peers during Inquiry sessions.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
3/4C	PE	For showing great listening skills during our basketball games. Your class attitude was fantastic and the way you all encouraged each other was amazing!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2B	PE Boost	For demonstrating excellent teamwork when working together and sharing turns during our balloon keepy uppy challenge.	Verena Smith
6P	Mandarin	For doing your best and putting in maximum effort to complete your Chinese work. You're amazing!	Jessie Liu
1/2B	Junior Art	For an improved attitude and approach to learning in the Art Room. Congratulations! Keep it up, 1/2B	Liz Stojanov
34C	Senior Art	For an outstanding session, staying focused, putting in your best effort and helping each other succeed. Sensational, 34C!	Sarah Carpenter
34Z	STEM	For demonstrating a perfect score in Week 1! Well done on your collaboration and challenging yourselves.	Hugh Wilson



CONGRATS



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DAYS OF SCHOOL





SPORTS REPORT

Term 3 Interschool Sport Results

GOLD A - WHITTLESEA vs MERNDA CENTRAL (HOME)

Volleyball Boys	Whittlesea	44	Mernda Central	16
Volleyball Girls	Whittlesea	23	Mernda Central	20
Tennis Boys	Whittlesea	0.5	Mernda Central	11.5
Tennis Girls	Whittlesea	3	Mernda Central	9
Rounders Boys	Whittlesea	15	Mernda Central	2
Rounders Girls	Whittlesea	17	Mernda Central	14

BLUE - WHITTLESEA vs ASHLEY PARK (AWAY)

Volleyball Boys	Whittlesea	43	Ashley Park	41
Volleyball Girls	Whittlesea	25	Ashley Park	46
Tennis Boys	Whittlesea	2	Ashley Park	10
Tennis Girls	Whittlesea	5	Ashley Park	7
Rounders Boys	Whittlesea	4	Ashley Park	30
Rounders Girls	Whittlesea	3	Ashley Park	13

Community Leaders 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Community Leaders. Students who will be participating, on their assigned day will not have to wear uniform and can come in casual clothes. Below is the list of students for Term 3 😊

Harry WINTER	5th August
Lincoln TRAFFORD	5th August
Isabelle King	6th August
Jack Carle	6th August
Lachlan ATTANA	7th August
Samantha FISHER	7th August
Brodie GIBSON	8th August
Hunter-Rose SCOTT	8th August



*This is the end of Community Leaders for 2024.
On behalf of the office staff, we would like to thank all the 3-6 students who participated in Community Leaders this year.
We appreciate all the help you all did from helping in the office to helping the classes.*

S T U D E N T

V O I C E



Week	Date, Time & Location
4	Wednesday 7 th August, Session 5, Sensory Space
6	Wednesday 21 st August, Session 5, Sensory Space
8	Wednesday 4 th September, Session 5, Sensory Space
10	Wednesday 18 th September, Session 5, Sensory Space





Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

As a Resilience Project School, together we are learning about GrEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness). In this weeks newsletter, our focus is Empathy and working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

Whole Family Activity:

Neighbourhood Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a neighbour or family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

- Cook them something delicious like a cake, hot bread, or cookies.
- Write a note to put in their letterbox thanking them for being a great neighbour or friend.
 - Design them a Thank You card.
 - Pick or buy some flowers to deliver to them.
 - Choose a little plant from your garden to give them.
 - Make them a gift from things around your house.
- Offer to do a job for them, like wash their car or water their garden.
 - Offer to take their pets for a walk.
 - Invite them over for afternoon tea.
 - Invite them on a walk.
 - Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read
- Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you buy groceries.
- Say hello next time you see them, and ask them how their day is going.



Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!

Report back to each other in one week and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

**GREEN & GOLD
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**



WEAR SOME
GREEN AND GOLD



FRIDAY AUGUST 9



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Whittlesea Primary School **YEAR 6 SCIENCE EXPO**

Tuesday the 13th August, 2024
Open classrooms from 3-3:30pm



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us to
see our
Inquiry
actions!**

Brick Paver Fundraiser



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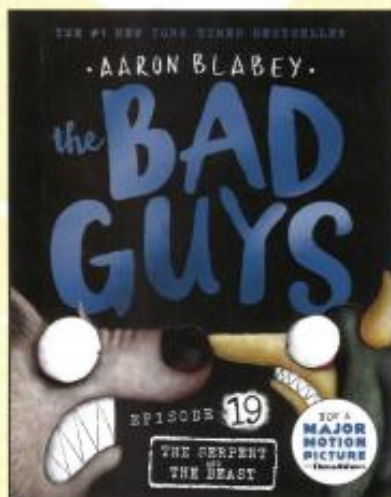
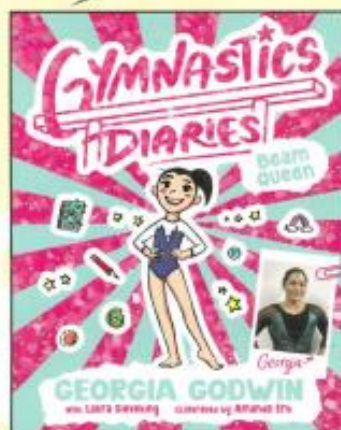
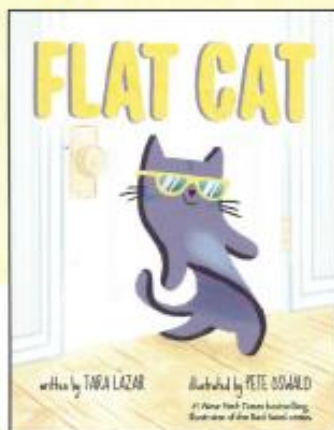
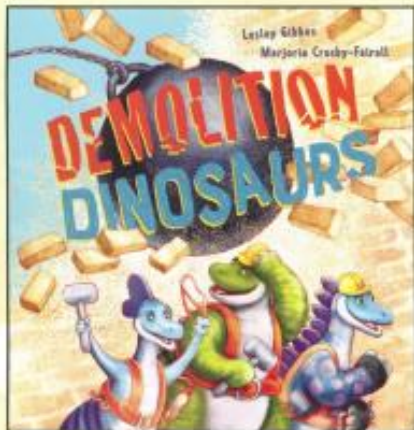


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You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Find these
books and
more at
the Fair!



August : Tuesday 20th 3.15_{pm} to 4.00_{pm}

Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd

8.20_{am} to 8.50_{am} and 3.15_{pm} to 4.00_{pm}

Location : Senior Library

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCHOLASTIC

COMMUNITY NEWS



You're invited to the



Doreen Scout Group

Annual Reports, Awards & Presentations

Family, friends and Community Partners are welcome for a brief meeting to hear from our Youth Members as they reflect on their journeys and achievements. Followed by light refreshments.

Monday 26th August 2024
7.15pm

Doreen Scout Hall
175 Cookes Road, Doreen

secretary.doreenscouts@gmail.com

RSVP: 19 Aug 2024





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FIND YOUR FOOTY

Learn through skills
and tackle-free,
match-based sessions.



WHITTLESEA & SURROUNDS TERM 3 SUPERKICK CENTRE

AF Walker Reserve

Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm

Commencing August 6th

Register: www.playhq.com/afl/register/8f8f79

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