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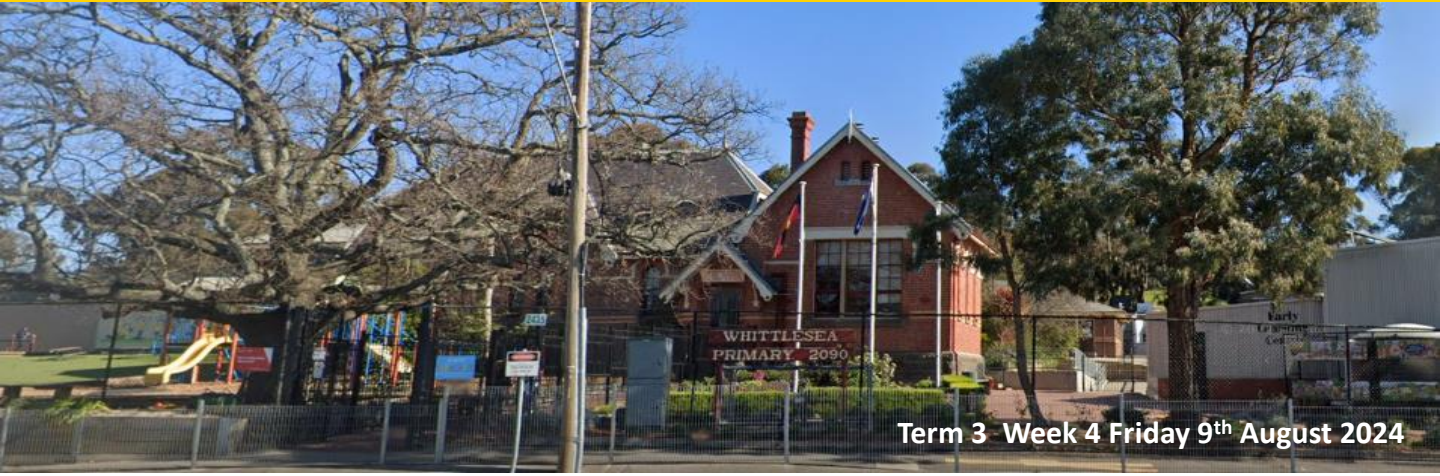
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Term 3 Week 4 Friday 9th August 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 12th August- Breakfast Club 8 am
- Tuesday 13th August- Yr 6 Science Expo
- **FRIDAY 16th August- STUDENT FREE DAY**
- Tuesday 20th August - Yr 5 Science Expo
- Wednesday 21st August- Book Week dress up



Principal's Report

This week, we again had a week of great weather, and whilst it has been chilly, we have been fortunate not to have any wet day timetables. This week, I was thrilled to be contacted by Lauren Kathage MP, who visited our school Breakfast Club earlier in the Term. This visit highlighted that the government has committed to expanding the program across many more schools. Lauren shared that she was proud to speak in Parliament last week about our fantastic school - [Whittlesea Primary School Breakfast Club](https://www.whittlesea.vic.edu.au/whittlesea-primary-school-breakfast-club) ([laurenkathage.com.au](https://www.laurenkathage.com.au))



It was a very positive start to the week with our Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 assembly. It was lovely to hear the students reflect on their learning, and, in particular, some Foundation students talked about all the different ways they represented 100! We also had some Year 1/2 students sharing some amazing ideas about how we can make Whittlesea Primary School a better place, which was part of their inquiry. I loved hearing all their unique ideas, and I actually think that we have some future aspiring Principals in our midst.

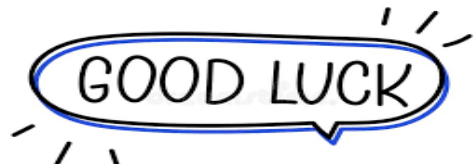
We have continued working with our Outreach Inclusion Coach and are developing our partnership agreement and associated action plan. This is very exciting work as we are refining our focus area and starting to put some steps in place. A significant part of this work will be looking at our Individual Education Plans (IEPS) and how we can create, implement and monitor exemplary practices in this area. As per Department of Education policy, IEPS are required for IEPs are required for students in statutory Out-of-home care (OOHC), Koorie students, Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) and Disability Inclusion, students in youth justice, students in re-engagement programs under contract arrangements with another school or provider and students undertaking Flexible Learning Options (FLOs). At Whittlesea Primary School, we also develop IEPS in other circumstances, such as for students who are significantly behind in some learning areas. The IEPs are then supported by a Student Support Group (SSG) meetings throughout the year. These SSG meetings involve parents/cares and are very important as they help to build a strong relationship between the school (teachers and wellbeing leaders) and family members with the focus on supporting the student to reach both learning and personal goals to support their experiences at school to be highly successful.

We are waiting for further information regarding demolishing the old toilet block. Once we have some details regarding this, it will be very exciting as we start to imagine what this area will look like. I will work closely with the School Council to determine what is possible, as this will be our school's new front feature. With this in mind, don't forget to secure your piece of our school history and buy a brick paver, as the wall behind this area will showcase their brick pavers with the names of staff, students, parents, carers and wider community members being the central focus of the front of the gym wall. Please refer to the QR code in this newsletter if you want to purchase a brick paver. These will continue to be purchased up until the end of Term 3.

Today was a sea of Green and Gold, in which the amazing efforts of the Australian Olympic team were acknowledged and celebrated. Thank you to Ms Northridge for her work in supporting this day. Who knows... we may have some future gold medals who will be part of Brisbane 2032!

I would also like to recognise that many junior football leagues are currently experiencing 'finals fever'. I wish everyone all the best, whether students are involved in these or their supporting friends or local area teams.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



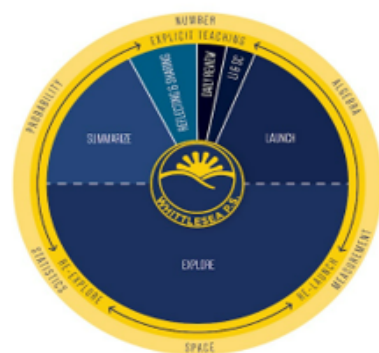
This week we held the Australian Maths Competition for a group of 54 students ranging from Years 3-6. This national competition was completed online under strict examination-type conditions and the students did an excellent job. They had an hour to answer 30 questions; 25 of which were multiple choice and the remaining were either a 1, 2 or 3-digit answer. Students were able to utilise concrete materials to assist them and it was a great opportunity for students to have first use of a significant investment in numeracy resources the school has recently purchased. Congratulations to all those students who participated and we look forward to sharing your results with you in the coming months.



With regards to extending students, next week we have our ICAS tests starting for many of our students who require extension. ICAS stands for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. This is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. We cannot wait to start these.

In 2024 the Department of Education had a focus on numeracy. We aligned one of our Annual Implementation Plan goals with numeracy and have been revising how we teach numeracy at Whittlesea Primary School. We want our students to not only be literate, but also to be numerate. We aim to build students' confidence with numeracy and help them to develop their proficiencies. These include understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We have recently adopted a new instructional model for mathematics where students are regularly asked to explain their thinking (reasoning), attempt challenging problems (problem solving), apply skills learnt across various areas of maths (understanding) whilst building and practising (fluency) a foundation of mental mathematical skills. Next week our teachers will commence some additional professional learning and we look forward to sharing more in coming weeks.

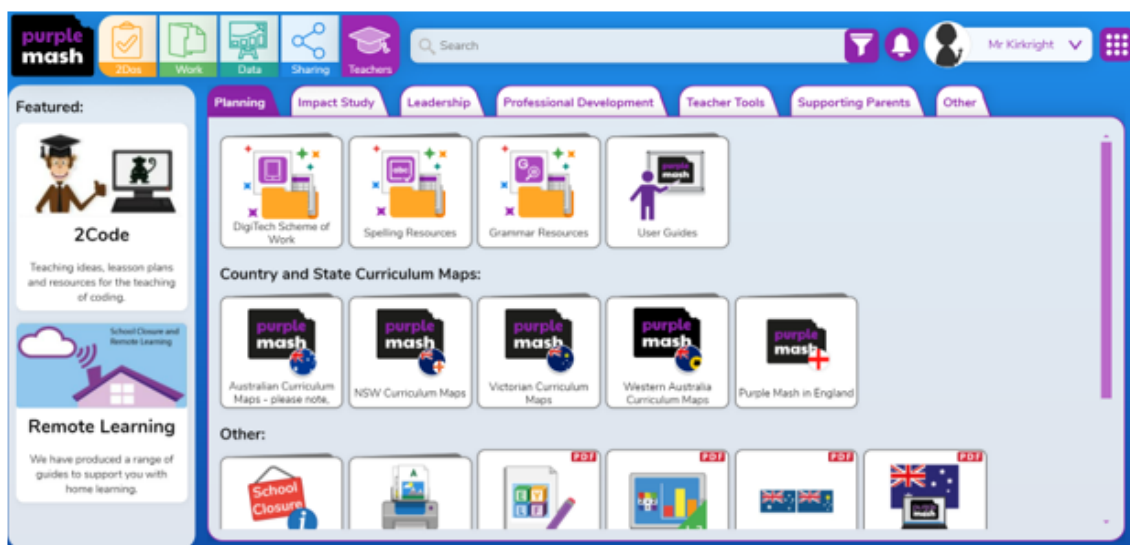
Numeracy Instructional Model



Assistant Principal's Report



Finally, we have purchased Purple Mash which targets STEM, and embeds Digital Technologies and develops ICT skills in our students while supporting learning across the Victorian Curriculum. This web-based learning tool will be made available to students in F-6 in the coming weeks and will be utilised to re-commence our home learning. There is too much within Purple Mash to share it all now, however, it is a tool that teachers can use to set tasks in class and has interactive lessons that can be used during direct instruction and in small groups. It has a built-in library of books that are perfect for home learning. Most importantly, the lessons, quizzes and tasks within Purple Mash are all linked to the Victorian Curriculum.



Enjoy your weekend,
Rae Gittos & Matt Kirkright
Assistant Principals



Please note: It is essential that any emergency contacts listed for WPS students hold a current Driver's Licence. Emergency contacts are often the only available option when students need to be collected.

Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Just a reminder about our Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. 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:

1. 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>
1. Select the School
2. School Name: Whittlesea Primary School
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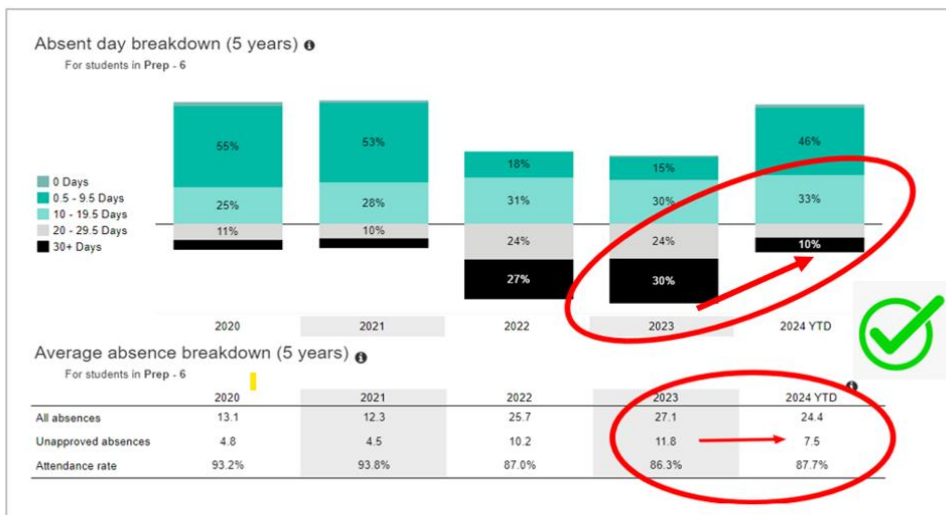
Update on completed surveys (as of today): Let's get that % as high as possible!

Number of survey invitations distributed	Number of survey responses	Response rate
289	37	13%

Focus on Attendance

As mentioned earlier in the year, our 2024 attendance data looks great, and whilst it is a massive improvement from last year, there is still room for improvement. Currently, we are focused on our unexplained absences. We completely understand that students have days when they are not at school for various reasons, such as personal matters, appointments, sickness, and family commitments. In these cases, we need to ensure that we use the correct absence codes, and then, in the department system, the absence is explained as 'approved'.

Please call the office staff if you have questions about attendance and absences.





Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

As a Resilience Project School, together we are learning about GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness). In this weeks newsletter, our focus is Mindfulness.

Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.

Whole Family Activity:

Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park, or just around your streets.
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear, and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
 - On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard, or felt.

Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel. (They can also thank the chef!).

Research & Benefits of Mindfulness

49%

of our waking hours we are thinking about something other than what we're doing.

Regular mindfulness practice can improve our:



Immune System



Energy Levels



Sleep Quality



Awareness



Memory



Productivity



STAR OF THE WEEK

Isaac Bodagh	Year 1/2F	For doing his best when working with others.	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Aubrey Taylor	Year 1/2S	For always being willing and able to assist other students to succeed while keeping her classwork to a high standard. Well Done Aubrey!!	Stuart Maxfield
Nate Willoughby	Year 1/2M	For confidently presenting his inquiry action to the class and answering questions from the audience.	Madison Merritt
Rhyder Elkhodr	Year 1/2B	For writing fantastic ending with impacts about Crocodiles. Well done Rhyder!	Jai Bowring
Fletcher Dyson	Year 1/2K	For presenting an amazing inquiry project, confidently in front of the class. Well done Fletch!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Ava Jennings	Year 3/4B	For presenting a well researched inquiry presentation about gold miners. Well done Ava keep up the great work!	Naomi Liersch
Jordan Lamont	Year 3/4D	For trying so hard when completing your Personal Inquiry research. You did a great job finding out about gold miners. Keep it up, Jordan!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Elliot Powell	Year 3/4Z	For presenting an excellent inquiry presentation about Ned Kelly. Amazing work, Elliot!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Ariah Crocker	Year 3/4T	For being a responsible and dedicated class member, always presenting her best work and advocating for her peers.	Val Gordon
Cadence Arthur	Year 3/4C	For presenting a detailed and engaging Inquiry presentation about the life of Chinese immigrants in Ballarat. Well done Cadence!	Elise Cowdery
Piper Briggs	Year 5B	For not only tackling challenge questions in maths with determination but for also helping classmates who were struggling!	Matthew Symeoy
Necati Altundas	Year 5C	For his well researched information text on his Olympic sport and taking on feedback to make improvements. Well done Necati	Jacky Chen
Harvey Cummins	Year 5M	For making more positive choices and striving to do his best learning!	Bianca Avolino
Tristan Cleaver	Year 6A	For your dedication and effort to developing a thorough chemical science action with your group	Matt Kirkright & Chantelle Fasone

Harvi Savino	Year 6C	For writing a detailed information report about an Olympic country. Well done, Harvi!	Hope Cummins
Mitchell Cain	Year 6P	For applying his budgeting and money managing skills to organise a hypothetical family holiday for 2 Adults and 3 children to Queensland. Impressive work!	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
1/2S	PE	For their hard work and amazing gymnastics skills.	Hayley Northridge
Foundation G	PE Boost	For trying very hard to improve their aim when performing a forehand strike.	Verena Smith
12M	Mandarin	For your outstanding effort in Chinese and for working quietly at your table.	Jessie Liu
1/2F	Junior Art	For demonstrating the value of respect and doing their best work during the shapes lesson in Art. Congratulations and keep it up!	Liz Stojanov
5B	Senior Art	For entering the classroom ready to learn and for everyone showing their resilience when faced with a challenging art project. Wel done 5B.	Sarah Carpenter
34B	STEM	For fantastic collaboration with your peers, challenging yourself with your builds and showing respect. Well done!	Hugh Wilson



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GREEN & GOLD OUT OF UNIFORM DAY



SPORTS REPORT

Term 3 Interschool Sport Results

GOLD A - WHITTLESEA vs BYE

Volleyball Boys	BYE			
Volleyball Girls	BYE			
Tennis Boys	BYE			
Tennis Girls	BYE			
Rounders Boys	BYE			
Rounders Girls	BYE			



BLUE - WHITTLESEA vs MERNDA PS (AWAY)

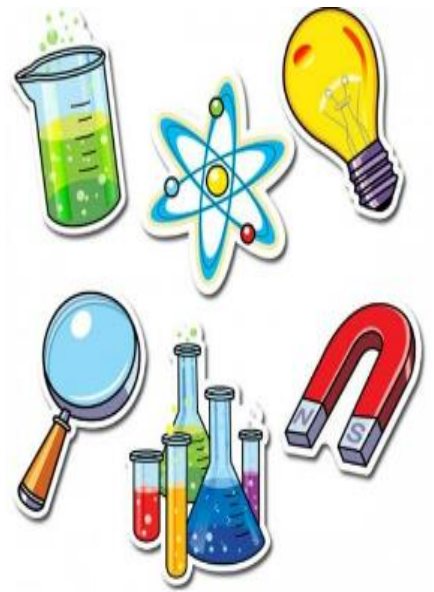
Volleyball Boys	Whittlesea	33	Mernda PS	35
Volleyball Girls	Whittlesea	27	Mernda PS	31
Tennis Boys	Whittlesea	3	Mernda PS	9
Tennis Girls	Whittlesea	8	Mernda PS	4
Rounders Boys	Whittlesea	8	Mernda PS	11
Rounders Girls	Whittlesea	12	Mernda PS	14

Whittlesea Primary School YEAR 5 SCIENCE EXPO

Tuesday the 20th August, 2024
Open classrooms from 3-3:30pm



Please join
us to
see our
Inquiry
actions!



Whittlesea Primary School YEAR 6 SCIENCE EXPO

Tuesday the 13th August, 2024
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Everyone's
Welcome

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





Weekly Recap Term 3

Week 4, 2024

Your weekly recap about Whittlesea Their Care.

MARVEL

THEME: INSIDE OUT

This week was filled with magic and adventure as we dived into the world of Disney and Marvel! The students enjoyed crafting their own Disney character masks and Marvel superhero capes, bringing their favourite character to life. We also hosted a lively Disney karaoke session, where everyone belted out classic tunes. Creativity soared as the students designed their own princesses and superheroes, showcasing their unique powers and stories. Our Disney song trivia challenged everyone's knowledge of beloved soundtracks, while the Disney and Marvel word searches kept minds sharp. It was a week of imagination, fun and heroism.

REMINDERS

✓ If you no longer are in need of our service, especially of an afternoon, please ensure you are cancelling your booking or call 0447 542 696.

✓ We are a Nut Free service at Their Care.

BIG NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS-

✓ Reading is Magic, TheirCare's Book Week Starts on the 19/08 until the 23/08

✓ Spring Holiday Program coming up



WEEKLY MENU-

Mornings:

- Cereal (rice bubbles, Cheerios and corn flakes)
- Fresh fruit
- Toast (Nutalex, Vegemite and strawberry jam)

Afternoon:

- Yoghurts with fruit.
- Nachos with salsa with fruit.
- Cheesy Chicken Pasta with fruit.
- Rice crackers and dip with fruit.
- Banana bread with fruit.

WALT DISNEY

Brick Paver Fundraiser



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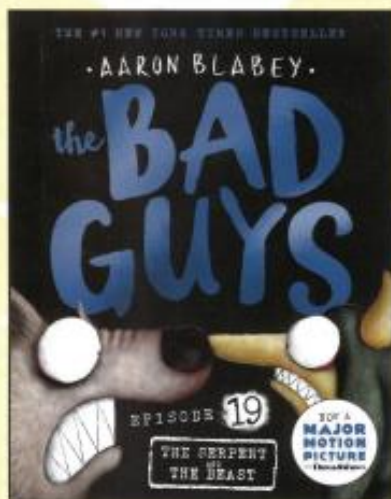
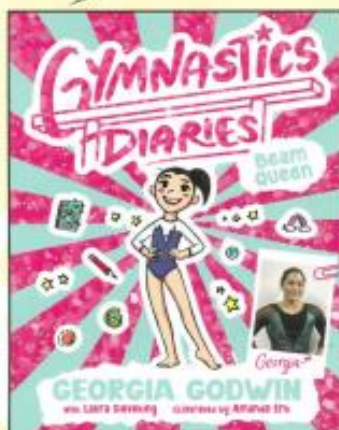
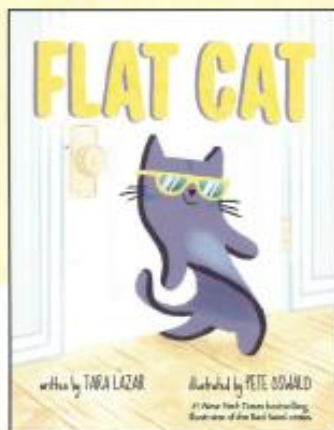
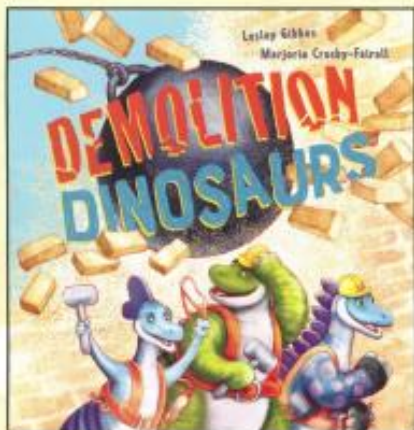
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You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

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