



Term 3 Week 6 Friday 23rd August 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 26th August- Breakfast Club 8am
- Thursday 29th August- Father's Day Stall
- Friday 30th August- Father's Day Celebration
- Friday 30th August- Interschool Sports
- Monday 2nd September- 3-6 Assembly



Key Dates



Principal's Report

Can you believe we are more than halfway through Term 3! With Winter nearly behind us, it was so lovely to feel like Spring was in the air with so many bright colours and amazing costumes for our Book Parade. As I said at the Parade, this was officially my first whole school Book Parade, and whilst I may be biased, it was one of the best I have seen. The impact of this event on our school community and the pride it instilled in our students, parents, and staff is truly heart-warming. Thank you to everyone for celebrating all that is Reading! I would also like to thank Ms Mandy Willis for all the fantastic work she has created in our Senior Library. I have seen how much the students have enjoyed being on Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and taking photos at the display.



Ms Willis has also been extremely busy organising and running the WPS Book Fair. We partner with Scholastic to run the Book Fair each year. This benefit is both for our students and the school, as we can spend the commission of the sale on books to continue to 'top up' our school libraries and classrooms.



This week, our teachers participated in professional learning about setting goals for future Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Two members of the Inclusive Education Unit, Disability Inclusion Implementation, and Student Wellbeing and Engagement (Department of Education) facilitated the session with our staff. We thank the presenters for sharing their time and expertise as we learnt about the resources of the Quality IEP rubric and the Prompt Hierarchy. This session has been instrumental in shaping our future IEPs. While these changes are a work in progress, and we do not expect to see them fully implemented until 2025, we use this session to ensure we establish the essential understandings and foundations to create the highest-quality IEPs.

We have continued undertaking small but impactful upgrades to our schoolyards and buildings. The students have noticed the changes to the garden bed at the back-office entry of our Heritage building. The repurposed red pots (previously near the ELC) have been potted with some Azaleas, and we are very much looking forward to flowering later in the year.



The upper-level Year 5 classrooms have been upgraded, with the restoration of the teacher's office and the installation of blinds. Nonslip adhesive and yellow high-visibility strips have also been added to steps around the school. Some seats and areas around the school have also received a fresh coat of paint.

We are still awaiting advice from the Victorian School and Building Authority about the status of the old toilet block. We hope to get some positive news regarding its removal very soon. This obviously will also impact the drinking taps near the structure. We are currently working with the suppliers of some hydration points and hope that at least one of these will become a reality very soon and before the start of Term 4. We plan to have a Dual-height drinking fountain & bottle refill station (Wheelchair-accessible DDA basin), which will be near the path near our current Indigenous garden, as well as an Aquafil Hydro-bank Triple nozzle, wall-mounted drinking fountain & bottle refill station near the old toilet block. The final location will be confirmed once the old structure is removed and we can fully access power and water service points.

***Concept pictures of these are included for your reference.*



Our Whittlesea Primary School family continues to grow with our STEM and Digital Learning Leader, Mr Hugh Wilson, and his wife, Laura, welcoming their first son, Frederick (Freddie). Mr Wilson is now on paternity leave and will resume teaching STEM once he returns to the school.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Ms. Lauren Kathage MP's support of our school. I continue to communicate with Ms Kathage as she advocates for the school and strives to improve the educational outcomes of all in her electorate.

Enjoy your weekends,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



WPS Parent / Carer Survey Reminder

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



Current Response Rates:

Number of survey invitations distributed	Number of survey responses	Response rate
289	45	16%

Current Response Distribution:

		% Selected
Please select your child's year level:		
Foundation		7%
Year 1		11%
Year 2		13%
Year 3		9%
Year 4		11%
Year 5		29%
Year 6		20%
Ungraded		0%

Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

This week, we celebrated **BOOK WEEK**, and the students and staff looked amazing in their Book Week costumes. as it is every year, our book parade on Wednesday was well-attended by the community. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the parade, seeing the joy on the children's faces is something we look forward to every year. A big shout out to our school captains, Dash, Indi, Giovita and Margaret for doing a brilliant job hosting this year's parade.



Check out our school's FaceBook page for more wonderful photos of Wednesday's Book Week Parade.

On Tuesday, 20th August, we had planned for our Action Education performance of 'Backflips against Bullying' for our students. Unfortunately, due to illness, the presenters had to cancel. However, I am pleased to report that we have rebooked for Tuesday 17th September. The presentation will focus on resilience and empathy, and the presenters will use a combination of parkour and acrobatics to role-play how students can manage difficult situations. This year's program follows the content covered in last year's performance. We look forward to this in a few weeks.



Seeing so many families attend the Scholastic Book Fair before and after school in the Senior Library this week has also been great. We sold \$4100 of books. Thank you for your very generous support of this event.

On Thursday, August 22nd, 47 students travelled with Mrs Northridge, Mr Dupuy, and Mr Pain to Meadowglen International Athletics stadium for the Bridge Inn North District Athletics Carnival. Our students did a wonderful job representing our school. Our Year 6s had a great time at their final primary school competition, and overall, seeing a sea of yellow in every event throughout the day was pleasing. Our Year 3/4s did particularly well, winning their age group for the meet. Our school did exceptionally well and won the overall event for the day. Well done to all involved.



In Week 10, on Wednesday, September 17th, the school will host Student-Led Conferences. This will be an adjusted school day, and students will only be required to attend their scheduled conference time with their parent/carer.

We will host our Father's Day stall on Thursday next week, and on Friday morning, we look forward to our Father's Day Breakie.

This is also a reminder that the last day of Term 3 is **FOOTY COLOUR'S DAY!** Students are encouraged to come dressed to support their footy team, be it NRL, AFL, A-League, or their local club. As it is the last day of term, the school day will conclude at 2:30 p.m.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos and Matt Kirkright
Assistant Principals

ENROL NOW TO SECURE Your School Saving Bonus

How families will receive the School Saving Bonus

The Bonus will be provided during Term 4 of this year, making sure families have time to plan and budget for the 2025 school year ahead.

Families will receive a credit on their school family account to help meet the cost of activities and uniforms. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families.

Eligibility

The School Saving Bonus is available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a government school in 2025. For non-government schools, families eligible for the means-tested Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, including healthcare and concession card holders, will also be eligible for the additional \$400 support.

If your child attends a government school, you do not need to apply or do anything to receive the School Saving Bonus; the funds will be provided to your child's school.

If you are a parent or carer of more than one child, you will receive the \$400 School Saving Bonus credit for each child.

The application process for non-government schools will be the same as the existing Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

**YOU MUST BE ENROLLED in 2024 for 2025
to be eligible for your
School Savings Bonus**



Education
and Training



STAR OF THE WEEK

Asha Smith	Foundation D	For using a number line to help her solve addition equations.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Mackenzie Chapman-Munson	Foundation G	For identifying and writing the sounds heard in your words. Great work Macca!	Jess Gordon
Sadie Griffiths	Foundation G	For identifying and writing the sounds heard in your words. Keep it up Sadie!	Jess Gordon
Penny Withoos	Foundation F	For writing a great recount about our book parade on Wednesday! Well done Penny!	Jess Fontana
Franklin Ryan	Year 1/2F	For working hard during our reading lessons by listening to others and sharing ideas. Great work Franklin	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Jesse Hyde-Gerdtz	Year 1/2S	for making great improvements in his learning and giving his all to improve. Fantastic Jesse	Stuart Maxfield
Hunter Gibson	Year 1/2M	For writing a descriptive piece about his Book Week character. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Hunter Jones	Year 1/2B	For being a excellent class member and having a positive approach to difficult learning tasks. Keep it up Hunter!	Jai Bowring
Ted Reilly	Year 1/2K	For your amazing attitudes towards your learning and being an excellent member of our class through displaying the school values. Well done Ted!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Eva Reilly	Year 3/4B	For striving to do your best in class and approach work with a positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work Eva!	Naomi Liersch
Taj Martin	Year 3/4D	For Always trying your best in every class activity and setting a great example for everyone in our class. Keep it up!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Beau Cornish	Year 3/4Z	For writing a detailed information on someone he admires! Great work, Beau!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Rebekah Briggs	Year 3/4T	For her commitment to finishing her set tasks to a high standard and demonstrating pride in her work.	Val Gordon

Lexi Duncan	Year 3/4C	For her excellent information report on Sabrina Carpenter which included lots of interesting information and detail. Well done!	Elise Cowdery
Tanah Davis	Year 5B	For being an active and contributing supporter and member of the classroom! Keep up the great work!	Matthew Symeoy
River Toulson	Year 5C	For taking ownership of his own learning and consistently asking for feedback to improve his work. Keep it up River!	Jacky Chen
Kayla Sandow	Year 5M	For being a positive and respectful member of 5M!	Bianca Avolino
Angus Argote	Year 6A	For doing his best in all learning tasks and challenges presented to him, helping others when they need it.	Matt Kirkright & Chantelle Fasone
Logan Kendall	Year 6C	For impressive effort and growth in maths. Well done, Logan!	Hope Cummins
Asha Abeling	Year 6P	For utilising her information checklist to compose and engaging and informative report on Algeria.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
6P	PE	For working hard on your fitness circuits and the improvements that you all made. Great Work!!!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2 S	PE Boost	For supporting one another during challenging obstacles.	Verena Smith
12B	Mandarin	For your excellent participation and engagement during Chinese lessons. Super stars.	Jessie Liu
1/2K	Junior Art	For being thoroughly engaged and challenged during the creations of your paper robots. Amazing Art!	Liz Stojanov



Great job!



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.

Indiana WARD	26 th August
Tygue DONIS-LLEWELLYN	26 th August
Giovita GOCI	27 th August
Aaliyah BRUNING	27 th August
Connor ATTANA	28 th August
Hugo LILLEY RANFT	28 th August
Emma LORD	29 th August
Dash HEAL	29 th August
Adeline JOHNSON	30 th August
Cadence ARTHUR	30 th August




Leadership

STUDENT VOICE



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

Gratitude

As a Resilience Project School, students & teachers are regularly practising Gratitude. Some benefits of this are:

- After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.
- After 42 days you become:
 - More optimistic, energised & focused.
 - Less likely to get sick.
 - You will sleep better.
 - Anxiety and depression decreases.

A few quick and simple ways to practise being grateful are:

- Journaling: each night write down 3 things that went well for you that day or purchase a gratitude journal with gratitude prompts.
- Write a gratitude letter to someone special, telling them why you are grateful they are in your life.
- Have a family discussion on the way home from school or around the dinner table about the things that went well that day or made you smile.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Prompts...

Why not try the following prompts, to get you started with your journaling...

- What is something that made you smile today?
- Write down three things that make your school a great place to be.
- What is something you are proud of this week?
- What made you laugh yesterday/today?
- What three things went well for you today?
- What makes you happy?



CELEBRATING ALL DAD'S, CARERS,
GRANDPA'S AND SPECIAL PERSONS

FATHER'S DAY

Stall

THURSDAY 29 | AUGUST
FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST
MAKE UP DAY FOR ABSENT STUDENTS

\$5 PER GIFT (PRE-PAID VIA COMPASS)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE MORE
THAN ONE GIFT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
ON 9716 2140, BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT.



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FATHER'S DAY

Breakie



COFFEE, TEA &
TOASTIES



FRIDAY 30 | AUGUST
7:30AM - 8:30AM



Brick Paver Fundraiser



BECOME PART OF OUR
SCHOOL'S HISTORY &
PURCHASE YOUR
PERSONALISED PAVER
NOW



\$50
per paver



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS



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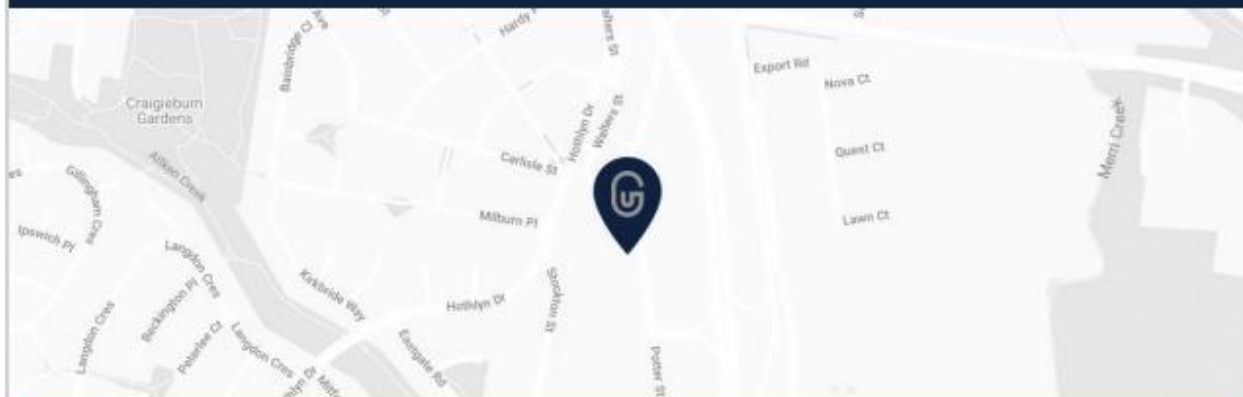


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SCHOOL DENTAL

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SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM
SUNDAY CLOSED

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**\$20
PER CAR**

**SUNDAY 20TH
OCTOBER
8:30AM-1:30PM**

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OPPOSITE THE SHOWGROUNDS

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