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Term 3 Week 8 Friday 6th September 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 9th September- Foundation-2 Assembly
- Monday 9th September- 3/4 Camp begins
- Thursday 12th September- R U OK Day
- Friday 13th September- Interschool Sports



Key Dates



Principal's Report

This week we have seen a significant amount of work completed in our Year 3 /4 teams as they prepare to head to camp next week. A huge thanks to Mr Dupuy and Mr Kirkright, who have led much of this work, and I know he is very much looking forward to finishing up all the administration requirements and then, on Monday, finally starting to enjoy the camp with all the students. School camps are an excellent way for students and staff to learn together and connect and continue to build relationships with each other outside of the traditional classroom setting. Most importantly, beyond just having fun and trying out new things, it is an opportunity for students to develop their independence, all whilst creating memories that I am sure they will share with you once they arrive home. Just a reminder: if your child is not attending camp, you are still required to attend school as usual, as these continue to be 'normal' school days where attendance is required. Arrangements have been made for these students to learn in other classes around the school, as all of our Year 3 /4 teachers will attend the camp with students.

This week, our staff have started preparing for the upcoming student-led conference, which will take place on Wednesday 18th September. The booking system is now open, and we encourage you to get onto Compass and secure the times that will suit your family. This is a very positive experience for the students as they will take the lead in sharing about their learning. If you have any queries concerning a child's learning, please use this time to speak with your teachers. If you require more time, I encourage you to arrange with the teachers for some additional time, which may be over the phone or at an alternative time.

During the conferences, the teachers will also have a list of any 'unexplained' absences. As I have communicated in several previous newsletters, the Department of Education significantly focuses on attendance. We understand that sometimes your child cannot come to school, but we must ensure that these absences (full-day or partial) are coded accurately. We hope these 'unexplained' absences can be accounted for, which will then help them become 'explained' absences.

This week, the Department of Education informed us that it has updated policies related to the use of digital technology in schools. The Digital Learning Policy consolidates content from the previous Digital Learning in Schools and Cyber-safety and Responsible Use of Digital Technologies policies. Under the policy, schools no longer need to develop or maintain a local Digital Learning (Internet, Social Media, and Digital Devices) policy.

Instead, schools must:

- Develop an Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA) that outlines student behavioural expectations for the safe, intentional and responsible use of digital technologies. This will provide students, where appropriate, with an opportunity to agree to uphold these expectations.
- Communicate behavioural expectations to students. Once this is complete, we publish it on our school website so all our families can access it to ensure a greater understanding and build an agreed-upon expectation.

Essential requirements include:

- Active supervision of students whilst engaged with device use / digital learning
- Ensure that any use of technology has an appropriate educational purpose and mitigates privacy and child safety risks.

The main update is that content from the previous Social Media Use to Support Student Learning and Cybersafety policies, and the Responsible Use of Digital Technologies policies has been consolidated. The timeline to complete the above is when you are next due to review your local Digital Learning policy, which for WPS is 2026; however, we may opt to complete this earlier (if required). Mr Wilson, our STEM and Digital Learning leaders, will continue to work in this area and ensure that we do all we can as a school to ensure that all our students are safe using devices.

Lastly, if your team is involved in the AFL or local NFNL finals, I wish you all the best and good luck to your respective teams. Regardless of who you follow, I am sure everyone will be treated to a great round of sport.



Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

This week our Year 1&2 students attend the Tiny Chef Excursion. The students travelled by bus to The Tiny Chef in Essendon, where they participated in a hands-on cooking experience that links to our inquiry curriculum. The students learnt to read recipes, measure, mix and bake to see chemical changes. They received an apron and made homemade pizzas, cupcakes and milkshakes. I think their faces say it all.

Did you Know The Tiny Chef also runs holiday programs. You can view their holiday programs here

<https://www.thetinychef.com.au/school-holiday-workshops>



We would like to wish our athletics team good luck for next Tuesday as they travel to Meadowglen International Athletics stadium for the Whittlesea and woodlands division athletics carnival. Our team consists of six Year 34 students and eight Year 56 students. We wish them all the best - Eva R, Jai F, Taj M, Hudson M, Maya S, Hunter S, Gabby C, Harvey C, Tayze L, Piper B, Indiana H, Indiana W, Tygue D-L and Callum P.



Next Thursday, our school will recognise R U OK? Day with a 'wear a touch of yellow' theme. Students will participate in R U OK? Day activities throughout the day. The R U OK? movement is here to help us build stronger connections and start meaningful conversations with our friends, family, neighbours and workmates so that we can help and support each other when things are tough. The R U OK? website has some great resources for the community to engage with. You can view these resources at [Resources for Community Groups to ask "Are you OK?" | R U OK?](#)



I would like to wish our Victorian State Schools Spectacular dancers a very successful performance next Saturday 14th September. The girls have two full day rehearsals at John Cain arena next Thursday and Friday before the main performance on Saturday. They have been practicing since February for this event under the direction of Ms Hope Cummins, who we thank for her commitment to this year's performance. The girls had an opportunity to create part of their costume this year, as seen here. In addition to this they will undertake several costume changes as they perform in 8 songs throughout the show. I know I am looking forward to watching this year's performance, it's sure to be a Splash!



Happy camping to our Year 34 students and staff next week. Don't forget to meet at Funfields carpark at 8:30am on Monday morning to ensure a 9:15am departure.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal Team

Stars of the Week

Lincoln Tunks	Foundation D	For his hard work with blending CVC words during guided reading	Mikayla Di Mauro
Stanley Russ	Foundation G	For focussing on the sounds he can hear during his writing lessons to complete his set tasks. Keep it up Stanley!	Jess Gordon
Beckett McEwen	Foundation F	For adding more detail in his writing when writing prodcedures this week. Well done!	Jess Fontana
Eoin Lord	Year 1/2F	For showing persistance when learning to tell the time, you have done a fantastic job challenging yourself. Well done Eoin!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Ollie Merritt	Year 1/2S	For having a great week with his learning and attempting challenging time questions. Good job Ollie!	Stuart Maxfield
Boston Behan	Year 1/2M	For writing creative alliteration rhyming sentences. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Emily Pratt	Year 1/2B	For writing many creative phrases using alliteration. Well done Emily!	Jai Bowring
Audrey Fisher	Year 1/2K	For your peristence and efforts in maths, even when the activity is difficult. Well done Audrey!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Bentleigh Matthews	Year 3/4B	For demonstrating persistence when completing challenging tasks. Well done Bentleigh!	Naomi Liersch
Noah Hilton-Bright	Year 3/4D	For developing your confidence and demonstrating fantastic knowledge of fractions and using this to successfully solve challenging tasks. Keep it up, Noah!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Koda Smith	Year 3/4Z	For writing an excellent haiku poem about monkeys. Keep up the great work, Koda!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Wade Soldini	Year 3/4T	For your determination to keep up with your learning, even when you can't make it to school. Well done!	Val Gordon

Lachlan Attana	Year 3/4C	For gaining confidence when working with fractions and demonstrating his knowledge by filling in missing fractions on a number line. Well done Lachlan!	Elise Cowdery
Lincoln Trafford	Year 5B	For demonstrating great focus, working hard, and consistently completing tasks to a high standard. Keep up the good work!	Matthew Symeoy
Lewis Bordignon	Year 5C	For consistently doing his best by asking for help and taking on feedback to improve his work. Keep it up Lewis!	Jacky Chen
Nathaniel Bundy	Year 5M	For contributing positively to class discussions, and proudly sharing his learning and thinking with the class!	Bianca Avolino
Callum Parker	Year 6A	For consistently demonstrating a 'give it a go' attitude in maths, and persevering through challenging problems! Well done!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Maison Kringle	Year 6C	For being an upstander and a positive role model to others. Keep it up, Maison!	Hope Cummins
Mackenzie Dowdd	Year 6P	For having a positive mindset towards her learning, focusing on all tasks and confidently sharing her knowledge in the classroom.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
3/4D	PE	For your enthusiastic attitudes during our P.E lesson. Everyones support for their team mates was excellent and fantastic to watch. Well Done!!	Hayley Northridge
Foundation D	PE Boost	For doing an excellent job persisting with practising their gymnastics skills, well done!	Verena Smith
34T	Mandarin	For working your best and collaborating as a team at your table during the Chinese lesson. I noticed that everyone was on task. You are all superstars!	Jessie Liu
1/2S	Junior Art	For using imagination and creative flair to produce fabulous collaged robots. Amazing effort!	Liz Stojanov
6A	Senior Art	For helping each other succeed and for being respectful in the art room, leaving the space clean and tidy for the next class. Well done!	Sarah Carpenter



WELL DONE!



LEARNING LEGENDS



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.

Mercedes MARCU	9th September
Emma MARTINO	9th September
Indiana HALLEY	10th September
Noah BATEMAN	10th September
Khloe HAY	11th September
Kenzie SUTHERLAND	11th September
Logan KENDALL	12th September
Charlie DAY	12th September
Lachlan ABBOTT	13th September
Lexi DUNCAN	13th September



STUDENT VOICE



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



SPORTS REPORT

Term 3 Interschool Sport Results

Year 5/6 Interschool Sport - Round 7

GOLD A - WHITTLESEA vs Mernda PS (HOME)

Volleyball Boys	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit
Volleyball Girls	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit
Tennis Boys	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit
Tennis Girls	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit
Rounders Boys	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit
Rounders Girls	Whittlesea	Win	Mernda PS	Forfeit

BLUE - WHITTLESEA vs Mernda Park PS (AWAY)

Volleyball Boys	Whittlesea	33	Mernda Park PS	45
Volleyball Girls	Whittlesea	34	Mernda Park PS	49
Tennis Boys	Whittlesea	2	Mernda Park PS	10
Tennis Girls	Whittlesea	3	Mernda Park PS	9
Rounders Boys	Whittlesea	11	Mernda Park PS	25
Rounders Girls	Whittlesea	7	Mernda Park PS	15



TheirCare

Where Kids love to be!



Weekly Recap Term 3

Week 8, 2024

Your weekly recap about Whittlesea Their Care.



THEME: ALL THINGS AUSTRALIAN

This week, the students embraced all things Australian! They explored their creativity through Dot painting of Australian animals and crafted their own Australian flags. The group enjoyed vibrant Australian music and coloured in stunning scenes of the Great Barrier Reef. They also sharpened their minds with Australian-themed word searches and were captivated by a Dreamtime story, gaining a deeper appreciation for Indigenous culture. A fun and educational week celebrating the wonders of Australia!



REMINDERS



If you no longer are in need of our service, especially at 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-



Spring Holiday Program-
Spring Carnival!
23/09-04/10



WEEKLY MENU-

Mornings:

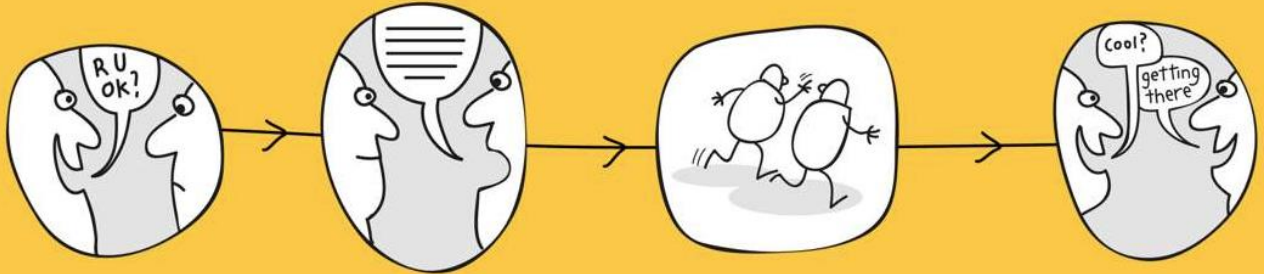
- Cereal (rice bubbles, Cheerios, weetbix, and corn flakes)
- Fresh fruit
- Toast (Nutalex, Vegemite and strawberry jam)
- Raisin Toast

Afternoon:

- Ham and Salami wraps with fruit on the side.
- Banana bread with fruit
- Sausage rolls and party pies with fruit on the side.
- Popcorn with fruit on the side.
- Crackers with dips and fruit on the side.



How to have an R U OK? conversation



Ask R U OK?

Listen

Encourage action

Check in

You've got what it takes to *Ask*

RUOK?TM



*You've
got this!*





FRIENDLY REMINDER



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



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SCHOOL DENTAL

Brick Paver Fundraiser



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NOW



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per paver

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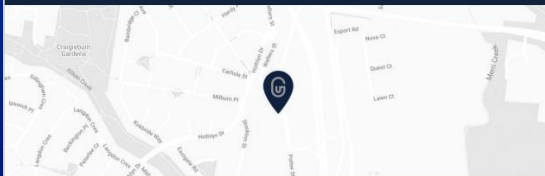
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WE ARE MOVING

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

CRAIGIEBURN



STORE OPENS **TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST**

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

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SUNDAY CLOSED

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

WHITTLESEA LIONS PARK

OPPOSITE THE SHOWGROUNDS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY

CONTACT LYNN ON 0419877326 TO BOOK YOUR SPOT

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

nab AFL Auskick
4-8 year olds

AFL Superkick
8-12 year olds

FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE

