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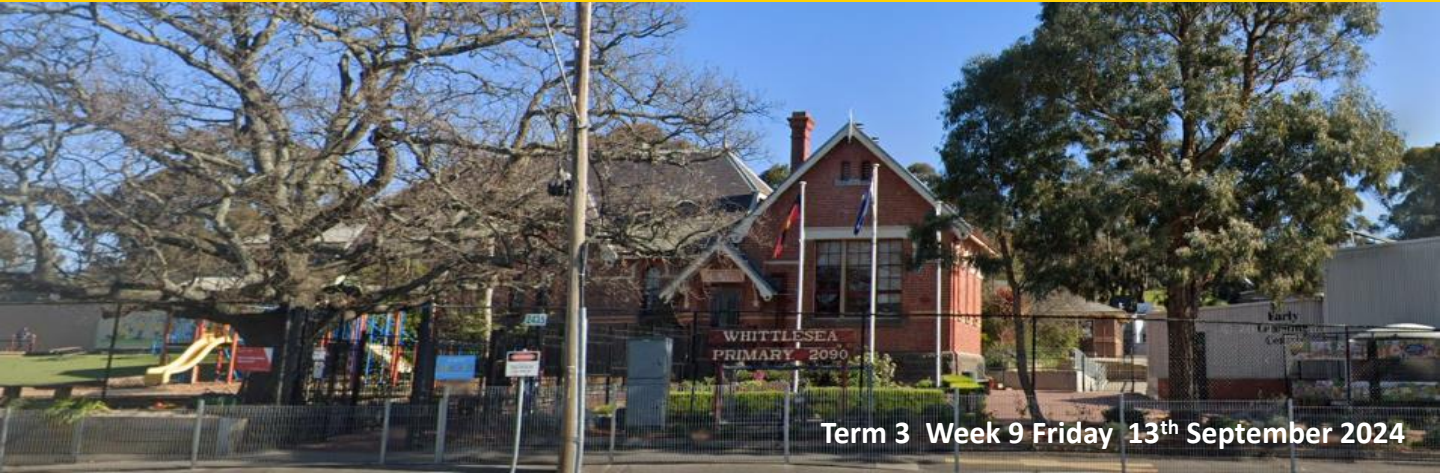
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Respect Your School
Do Your Best
Help Others Succeed



Term 3 Week 9 Friday 13th September 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 16th September- 8am Breakfast Club
- Tuesday 17th September- Backflips Against Bullying
- Wednesday 18th September- Student Led Conference
Students attend Conferences with Parents/Carers
- Friday 20th September- Footy Colours Day/Last day of Term 3 Finish at 2:30 pm



Key Dates



Principal's Report

Yesterday, the school acknowledged RUOK Day. A touch of yellow was the theme, so it was great to see a mix of yellow T-shirts, hair ribbons, tutus, and wristbands. RUOK Day is an Australian initiative focused on mental health and suicide prevention. It's held annually on the second Thursday of September.

Proudly supporting
RUOK?TM



This day encourages people to check in with their friends, family, and colleagues by asking the simple but meaningful question, "Are you okay?" It aims to foster conversations about mental health, reduce stigma, and provide support to those who might be struggling. The idea is to make reaching out and offering support easier, creating a more connected and caring community. This clearly aligns with our expectation – Help Others Succeed, as we encourage our students to *Check-in and support their classmates and 'be there' for them.*

HELP OTHERS SUCCEED

- Respect other peoples background's, voices, opinions, and feelings
- Remember 'my space, your space', and keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Be an upstander, not a bystander, encouraging others to do the right thing
- Check in and support your classmates and 'be there' for them

Linking poorer mental health outcomes to the use of devices is something that the research tells us is particularly evidenced in children. As has recently been in the media, the current inquiry into social media and young people is examining the impact of digital platforms on children's mental health, well-being, and development. Key areas of focus include:

Mental Health: Investigating how social media use correlates with issues like anxiety, depression, and body image concerns among young people.

Addiction & Usage Patterns: Analysing patterns of social media use, including excessive use or addiction, and its effects on daily life and offline relationships.

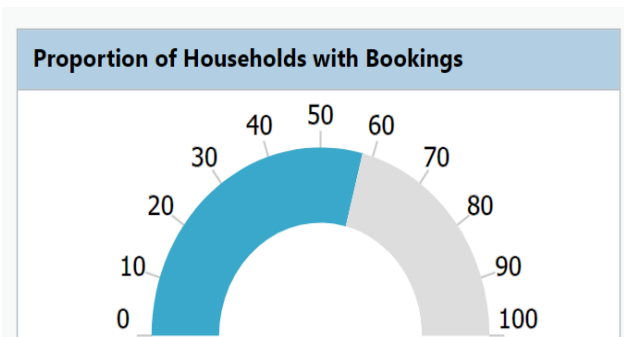
Content & Safety: Assessing the exposure to harmful content, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate material, and misinformation, and evaluating the effectiveness of existing safety measures and platform policies.

Regulation & Policy: The current inquiry is about reviewing current regulations and exploring potential new policies to protect young users better. This includes evaluating the role of social media companies in ensuring safer environments and the urgent need for clearer guidelines on content moderation. The sooner we address these issues, the sooner we can ensure the safety and well-being of our young people in the digital world.

Parental & Educational Roles: The community, including parents, schools, and other institutions, is crucial in educating young people about responsible social media use and providing support when issues arise. We all have a part to play in this, and by working together, we can create a safer and more supportive environment for our young people.

The inquiry aims to gather evidence, highlight risks, and propose recommendations to enhance social media's safety and potential negative impact on young people. One of the major discussion points is the minimum age at which children access social media. The discussion has been whether this should be raised to 14 or even 16. Whilst this discussion has not reached a consensus, it is important to note that the current minimum age for most of the 'popular' social media apps is 13 years, so no Primary School children should be accessing these.

Lastly, as we head into the last week of Term 3, I want to remind all families to ensure you have booked our Student Learning Conferences, which are taking place on Wednesday, 18th September. We would love to see the percentage of bookings increase to at least 90%. These conferences are a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and for your child to share their learning before we head into the Term 3 holiday break.



Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

*have a nice
weekend*

Assistant Principal's Report



This week the Year 3/4 students headed off to camp at the Alexandra Adventure Resort. Students spent three days participating in various activities including the giant swing, the flying fox and the high ropes course. Some of the staff were brave enough to attempt some of the activities too. Mr Kirkright managed to get across the lake on the flying fox without dipping his feet in the water, albeit landing a little rough. Mr Dupuy enjoyed the giant swing (and the GaGa Pit based on the camp video) a little too much. Ms Cowdery demonstrated her bravery when attempting the high ropes course.



Students were taken out of their comfort zone and had to share rooms, take responsibility for their belongings and follow a strict timetable when it came to meals and activities. Students tried new foods and ate way too much cake. It was great to see that duty groups are still a thing, for those of us who can remember camps back when we were kids.

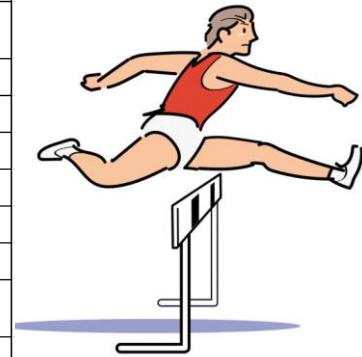
Students toasted marshmallows and had a night walk on Monday and then it was a movie night on Tuesday. By Tuesday night we were all exhausted having completed all the activities and the only thing left was the Wild Life show on Wednesday morning. Students had the opportunity to hold spiders and snakes as well as pat a whole bunch of cute little marsupials.

If you have not seen the camp video we'd suggest you jump on the WPS Facebook page and have a look. The students had an absolute blast and the staff were incredibly impressed with the manner in which students approached this camp.

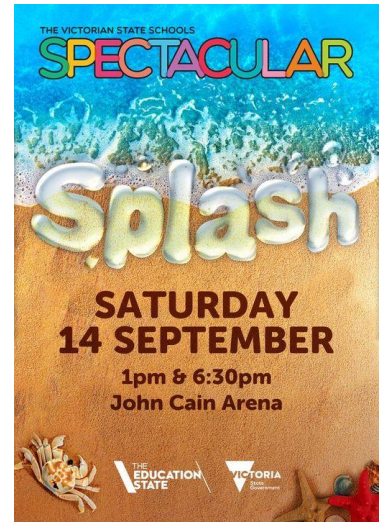
On Tuesday Mrs Gorski and a group of students attended the Woodlands & Whittlesea Division Athletics at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium. Students competed in various events including hurdles, long jump, shot put and the relay. We even had a group of committed Year 3/4 students who were collected from camp by their parents to compete before being dropped back. All students are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship and the way that they represented Whittlesea Primary School. A special mention to all our students who placed first and second as they will now progress to the NMR Athletics Carnival. Well done!



Name	Event	Place
Eva R	Shot Put	4th
Jai F	Shot Put	2nd
Taj M	100m Sprint	8th
Hudson M	Long Jump	2nd
Hunter S	200m 800m	1st 2nd
Gabby C	Discus	5th
Harvey C	800m	5th
Tayze L	800m	6th
Piper B	Triple Jump	3rd
Indiana H	Discus	2nd
Indiana W	800m	5th
Tygue D-L	Hurdles Shot Put	4th 8th
Callum P	800m	3rd
Hudson M, Hunter S, Oakley S, Taj M	4x 100m Relay	4th



For the last two days, our Year 5 and 6 girls have been rehearsing at John Cain Arena for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular performance tomorrow, Saturday 14th September. As you can see from these pictures, they are having a fabulous time on stage, with a myriad of costume changes and special effects as they perform amongst a cast of thousands.



A reminder that next Wednesday is Student Learning Conferences, with an adjusted school day. Students are only required to attend for their conference time. On Friday 20th September we will celebrate the last day of Term 3 with our annual Footy Day Parade at 9:00am on the basketball court. All families are welcome. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Don't forget to wear your Footy Colours!

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal Team



WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3/4 CAMP

The best thing about camp was the flying fox. I liked how it goes really fast. I also got stuck in the middle and was hanging above the lake but one of the instructors came to my rescue. It was a very exciting adventure!

- Will

My camp highlight was the high ropes course because it was so far off the ground and I completed it. It was lots of fun!

-Danny

The high ropes course was the best thing about camp. I am a little bit scared of heights but I still got the whole way around. I felt good about myself because even when it got tricky I used my strength to get through.

-Kayla

I liked playing gaga ball at camp. It was my favourite thing because it was really fun and exciting!

-Norah


My favourite thing about camp was the archery. It was so much fun! I had awesome aim and even got a bullseye.

-Azariah




WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL


YEAR 3/4 CAMP




I loved the flying fox because you got to fly through the air and over the lake. I did it FOUR times!
-Jack




Laser tag was so much fun because you got to run around and play different types of games like capture the flag and domination. I had amazing aim, got lots of hits and won lots of games.
-Koda



My favourite thing to do at camp was the high ropes course. At first it felt scary but after I got started I realised that it was lots of fun. I went around the whole course twice!
-Ellie




I really enjoyed the flying fox because it was very high off the ground and I got to hang upside down as I flew across the water.
-Emerson



My highlight from camp was the giant swing. When they let you go from the top it felt like jumping off a cliff. It was so exciting!
-Jai

WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3/4 CAMP



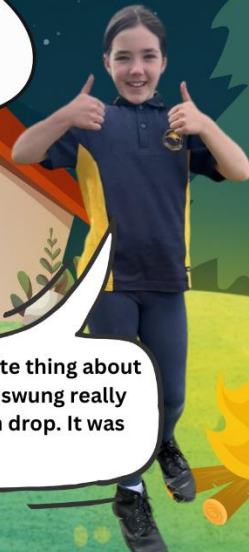
I loved playing gaga ball at camp. It was so exciting and fun. I was a pro!
-Levi

My highlight from camp was that I was not afraid to give things a go and I tried my best on everything. Especially the flying fox and gaga ball.
-Charlie

The giant swing and flying fox were so much fun! One second it felt like you were falling and the next you were flying through the sky.
-Peyton

The giant swing was my favourite thing about camp. I went really high and I swung really far. It even made my stomach drop. It was really exciting!
-Abi

The flying fox was so much fun at camp! It felt like you were going so fast. As you flew over the water all you could hear was the sound of the wind whooshing and ducks quacking.
-Lachlan



Stars of the Week

Bonnie Menz	Foundation D	For identifying rhyming words in writing this week.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Lara Freeth	Foundation G	For working through subtraction equations using jumps and hops. Great work Lara!	Jess Gordon
Macey Jenkins	Foundation F	For utilising a timer to assist her with her time management to complete learning tasks. Great job Macey!	Jess Fontana
Addison Milwain	Foundation F	For demonstrating persistence and not giving up when completing her subtraction learning this week. Well done Addi!	Jess Fontana
Jack Morgan	Year 1/2F	For consistently demonstrating the school expectations in the classroom. Well done Jack!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Alyssa Tomarchio	Year 1/2S	for always completing her classwork to a high degree in sometimes challenging situations. Fantastic Alyssa!	Stuart Maxfield
Kaiah McCawley	Year 1/2M	For writing a creative shape poem with interesting adjectives. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Zack Lazzarotti	Year 1/2B	For working very well independently and completing lots of writing. Well done Zack!	Jai Bowring
Skylar Rowe	Year 1/2K	For your amazing haiku poems! Awesome job Skylar!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Abigail Blake	Year 3/4B	For challenging yourself on camp and stepping outside your comfort zone by attempting all the activities. You should be extremely proud of yourself for these efforts. Well done Abby!	Naomi Liersch
Azariah Thomas	Year 3/4D	For helping out around the camp and challenging yourself on the high ropes course.	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Brodie Gibson	Year 3/4Z	For challenging himself and following school expectations while on camp. Well done, Brodie!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon

Will Bassett-Woodcock	Year 3/4T	For having a fantastic camp experience and challenging yourself by trying every single activity.	Val Gordon
Tink Kolotelo	Year 3/4C	For challenging herself on camp activities and consistently demonstrating the school expectation 'do your best.' Great work Tink!	Elise Cowdery
Lillian Ford	Year 5B	For consistently completing activities with detail and putting in tremendous effort. Amazing work!	Matthew Symeoy
Isla Withoos	Year 5C	For showing incredible perseverance by never giving up with your work and working hard through challenges. Keep it up!	Jacky Chen
Nathaniel Richmond	Year 5M	For doing his best to write limericks and proudly share them with the class!	Bianca Avolino
Hugo Lilley Ranft	Year 6A	For demonstrating a willingness to complete all the activities set this week in class. Great effort Hugo!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Addie McDonald	Year 6C	For sharing her knowledge on the levels of government confidently with the class. Well done, Addie!	Hope Cummins
Cameron Carle	Year 6P	For working incredibly hard to complete your Year Book. The time and effort you have dedicated to it has been fantastic.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
1/2M	PE	For fantastic sportsmanship and team work. You all tried hard and followed the rules when participating in the games.	Hayley Northridge
6C	Mandarin	For trying your best and giving it a go during the Mandarin session, you are all superstars!	Jessie Liu
OD	Junior Art	For working so hard on creating beautiful robots and doing a fabulous job packing up the Art room. Thank you and well done!	Liz Stojanov



WELL DONE!



LEARNING LEGENDS



 Well done!



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



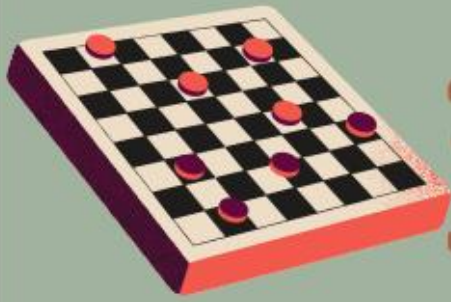
Community Leaders 2024

*Community Leaders are continuing for Term 3 & 4 2024. 😊
Remember, students participating on their assigned day will not have
to wear a uniform and can come in casual clothes.*

Jett DYER	16th September
Jesse OSBORNE	16th September
Rhys MCLAREN	17th September
Riley ALLSHORN	17th September
Addison MCDONALD	19th September
Charlotte CUGLEY	19th September

Please note that there will be no Community Leaders on
Wednesday 18th, due to the Student Led Conferences.





Weekly Recap Term 3

Week 9, 2024

Your weekly recap about Whittlesea Their Care.



THEME: ALL THINGS AUSTRALIAN

This week, we had a fantastic time with our 'Board Games' theme! The children got competitive and strategic as they played classic favourites like Monopoly, Connect Four, and Chess. They also had the opportunity to design their own board games, coming up with unique rules and themes. We focused on teamwork, patience, and problem-solving, as the kids learned how to take turns and work together. It was a week filled with fun, creativity, and friendly competition!



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
- ✓ Early school finish on the 20/09 2:30
- ✓ End of term party on the 20/09
- ✓ Wear your footy colours on the 20/09

WEEKLY MENU-

Mornings:

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



Don't forget next Friday ...

							
		<h1>FOOTY COLOURS DAY</h1> <h2>LAST DAY</h2> <h3>TERM 3</h3> <p>Friday 20th September</p>					
							
							
							



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



SMILE PATROL
SCHOOL DENTAL

Brick Paver Fundraiser



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



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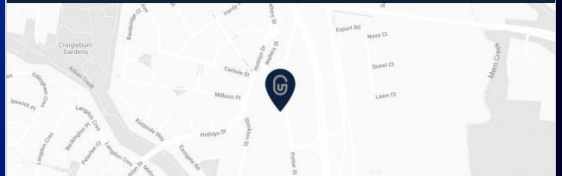
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YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE MOVING TO OUR NEW PURPOSE BUILT STORE IN

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17TH SEPTEMBER 2024

COMMUNITY NEWS



**CAR BOOT
SALE**

LIONS

**\$20
PER CAR**

**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

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

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2170 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Apply now!





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

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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