

Primary Post

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Do Your Best

Help Others Succeed



Term 4 Week 11 Friday 20th December 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Friday 20th December- Last day at school
School Finishes at 1:15 pm



Principal Team Report

Here we are... the final Primary Post for 2024! Where has the year gone!

What a fun-filled final week it has been. We started the week with a very hot Monday, but luckily, the weather during the school day was not as hot as predicted, and everyone remained safe, which is a relief considering the conditions and warnings that were in place. On Wednesday the highlight of our week was the Christmas Assembly, which was a first for me... and WOW, what a wonderful celebration of our Christmas and the sense of the community coming together to celebrate the end of the school year. A special thank you to Riley Burke who was the Principal for the day. A great effort in earning so many GOLDEN TICKETS!

Again, with very warm weather on Thursday our Year 6 students and their teachers went to Funfields and so much fun was had. I really think the teachers were reliving their youth and enjoyed all the slides and pools as much as the students. As said at the Graduation, we are really going to miss this wonderful cohort of graduating students. We wish them all the best for their next steps and continuing their educational journeys. On Thursday we all enjoyed our end of year class parties. There was many laughs and memories of the year shared, and for the teachers, it was a nice way to share some treats with their classes. Thank you to everyone for bringing along a range of foods, that was enjoyed. Many of the students went home with way too much sugar in their systems, so I hope they were able to still have a good night's sleep 😊

2024 School Council & Parent Volunteers

We would like to officially thank all the members of our 2024 School Council. As the governing body of our school, the council is an integral part of school operations. We would like to thank this team of both school and parent volunteers for giving up their time to attend our meetings throughout the year. Your continuous support and ongoing guidance is greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge school, the Parent Volunteers who gave up their time to come and support our students. You are an essential part of our school, and we could not do this without you.

thank you

Staffing Update:

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Kristy Bedford to our Specialist Team. Ms. Bedford will be our Years 3-6 Art Teacher, and we are looking forward to her joining the WPS team. Ms. Bedford will teach from Wednesdays to Fridays and join Ms. Dandie to deliver our Visual Arts program.

We also say goodbye to the staff: Ms Carpenter (Yr3-6 Art), Ms Pascoe (12F), Ms Savino (ES), Ms Laws (tutoring), Ms Stojanov (F-2 Art) and Mr Symeoy (5B). I wish them all the best for their future pursuits, whether it be in education or in other workforces. You have all made a lasting impression on Whittlesea Primary School.

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of the entire WPS school community, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that 2024 has now come to an end. We look forward to an even bigger and better 2025 at Whittlesea Primary School.



Congratulations!

**Welcome to the world
- Luca Avolino -
Congratulations to
Ms Bianca Avolino &
her husband on Luca's
safe arrival earlier this
month.**



Enjoy your holidays
Kaylene Kubeil . Rae Gittos & Matt Kirkright
Principals



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY





YEAR 6 GRADUATION



Premiers' Reading Challenge

This week we handed out all the Premiers Reading Challenge and the challenge.

We are excited to announce that all our students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 all completed We also had a group of students in Years 3-6 complete the challenge which required them to read chapter books.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the challenge.



WE LOVE BOOKS!



READING IS FUN!

2025

Foundation

0A **Mikayla Colombo**

0B Jess Fontana

Year 1

1A **Maddison Merritt**

1B Jai Bowring

1C Jess Gordon

Year 2

2A **Carli Scoberg** (Tues - Fri)

2A Sarah Pearce (Mon)

2B Kate Storck

2C Emma Naval-Thomas (Mon - Wed)

2C Rob Pain (Thurs - Fri)

Year 3/4

3/4A **Hope Cummins**

3/4B Josh Watts (Mon, Wed - Fri)

3/4B Jacquie Mondon (Tues)

3/4C Elise Cowdery

3/4D Val Gordon (Mon - Wed, Fri)

3/4D Rebekah Caiafa (Thurs)

3/4E Zoe Dyer

Year 5

5A **Erin Short** (Mon-Wed)

5A Brad Dupuy (Thurs & Fri)

5B Stuart Maxfield

5C Jacky Chen

Year 6

6A **Deanne Woodhouse** (Mon-Wed, Fri)

6A Leonie Gorski (Thurs)

6B Naomi Liersch

6C Karen White

Specialists

STEM – **Hugh Wilson** (Tues, Wed & Fri)

PE – Hayley Northridge (0.9)

PE – Verena Smith (0.5)

PE – Leonie Gorski (Wed)

Mandarin – Jessie Liu

Visual Arts F-2 – Fiona Dandie (Mon & Tues)

Visual Arts 3-6 – Kristy Bedford (Wed-Fri)

Principals

Kaylene Kubeil - Principal

Rae Gittos - Assistant Principal

Matt Kirkright - Assistant Principal (Acting)

Learning Specialists & Initiatives

Brad Dupuy (Curriculum)

Rob Pain (SWPBS & Disability Inclusion)

Fiona Dandie (Disability Inclusion)

Amy Carter (Mental Health in Schools)

Hugh Wilson (Digital Learning & BYOD)

Administration

Angie Kilvington – Business Manager

Jacoba Moreland – Administration & Operations Support

Belinda Waldron – Admin. & Exec. Support (Tues & Thurs)

Mandy Willis - Library & Resources

ICT Technical Support

Matthew Cullen (Mon, Wed & Fri)

Rakesh Berri (Mon)

Education Support

Renee Balzan (Classroom Support Leader)

Kiara Thompson

Aimee Gould

Anjie Grisold

Jamie Critsilis

Joanne Maffei

Jordyn O'donohue

Loretta Lia

Muriel Minkjan

Rebecca Cameron

Samantha Trathen

Tiarne Paterson

Tutoring

Kim Mavrogiannis (Learning & Wellbeing Support)

Sarah Craker

Facilities

Kristian Toulson

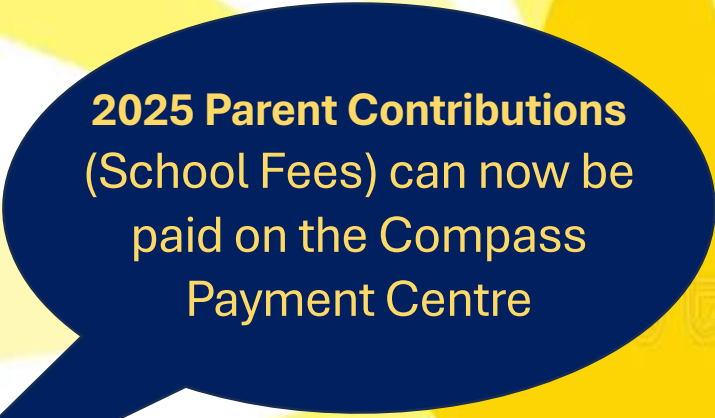
Paul Callahan (Mon & Thurs)




Reminders!



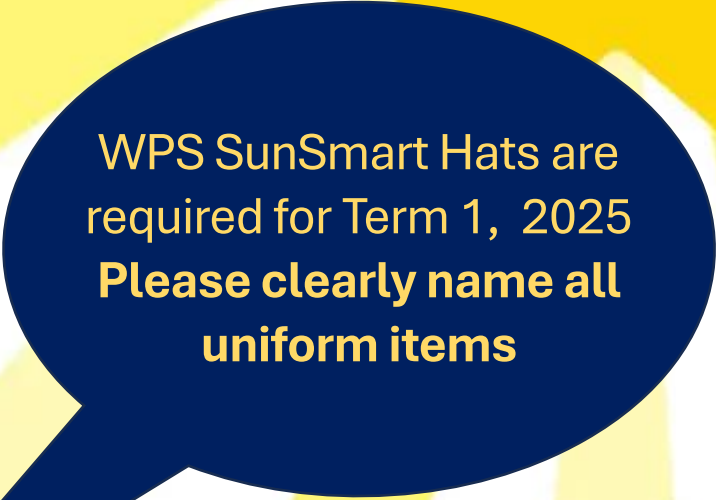
School Returns on
Thursday, 30th January 2025
Foundation to Year 6



2025 Parent Contributions
(School Fees) can now be
paid on the Compass
Payment Centre



Check your emails for
how to access your
School Savings Bonus



WPS SunSmart Hats are
required for Term 1, 2025
**Please clearly name all
uniform items**





Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

TIPS FOR A CALM HOLIDAYS



MAKE LISTS

Kids are used to routines and many like to know what is happening next. A relaxed way to plan is make a list of bad weather and good weather activities at the start of the holidays so you have some easy choice when you need ideas.



HAVE A CALENDAR ON THE FRIDGE

Kids are used to routines and many like to know what is happening when. If you don't already have one, put a calendar on the fridge with the important dates and activities on it.



MIX IT UP

Not every day has to be jam packed with activity. Mix up activities through the week. One day out being active and busy, next chill and relaxed. Boredom is great for creativity!



CREATE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Start holiday traditions that your children will want to participate in for years to come. Simple things like movie night, sleep out in the lounge to building gingerbread houses together.



BE KIND TO YOURSELF

Parents need a holiday too! See if you can organise someone to look after your child for a day or even the weekend! A change of people and location is a great boredom breaker for the kids too.



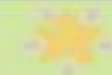
DOWN TIME

Schedule some downtime for your child to just be at home. This gives them time to process information and to be removed from overstimulating and overwhelming environments. Depending on the child, this might need to happen every day or every couple of days.



WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Stop what you are doing and change the energy. The best mood booster is laughter, try popping on some fun music and having a dance party together, tell silly jokes, make faces and in a worst case scenario you can resort to fart jokes!



SET EXPECTATIONS

Talk to your children about how you'd like the holidays to be and what you might expect of them. For example, you can watch a movie of your choice this afternoon or you can use technology for an hour after lunch.

A collection of various Christmas ornaments, including striped, patterned, and snowflake designs, scattered around the central text.

*Happy
Holidays*

FROM THE
UNIFORM GROUP

HOLIDAY TRADING 2024

LAST DAY OF TRADE

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2024

HEAD OFFICE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

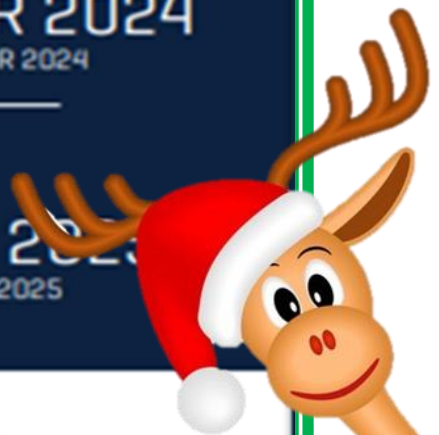
STORES REOPEN

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025

HEAD OFFICE REOPENS THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025



UniformGroup



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 \$35.02 (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!**



MERRY
Christmas

