

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 14th October- Breakfast Club 8am
- Monday 14th- 16th October- 5/6 Camp
- Thursday 17th Oct - Wear it Pink Day – BCNA fundraiser
- Friday 18th October- Pevan & Sarah Concert



Key Dates

Principal's Report



Welcome back to Term 4!

This week, seeing the students return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn was great. Their active participation in lessons and eagerness to reconnect with teachers and classmates are testaments to their positive attitudes towards Whittlesea Primary School.

The staff have been involved in professional learning, which was associated with our recent school survey results. At our forum, we looked at our School Staff survey and preliminary results from the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. I sincerely thank the 21% of our families who took the time to complete the survey and provide us with valuable information and feedback. This is an excellent outcome compared to other schools I have worked in. Some key highlights from the Staff option survey were that in all our core modules, the 2024 results have increased since the 2023 results. I was extremely pleased that this was the case, considering the significant change that has taken place with staffing. School Climate 62% (2023) to 67% (2024), Teaching & Learning 72% (2023) to 84% (2024) and School leadership 76% (2023) to 82% (2024). Whilst the 'titles' seem self-explanatory, they are often tricky to unpack as a series of 'domain' questions calculate the percentages. Regardless of all this, it is very pleasing to see these trending positively.

Regarding the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, we will continue to unpack these and look at the improvement opportunities. Some of the highlights I feel proud to share with you are the following:

- The school gives my child opportunities to participate in school activities: 93%
- Physical environment: 87%
- Teachers at this school expect my child to do their best: 87%
- Getting information that I need through the school's regular communication: 85%
- The School cares about my child's safety 84%
- The School cares about my child's wellbeing 82%
- High Expectations for Success: 80%
- Opportunities for my child to develop a sense of responsibility: 80%
- School connectedness: 80%

On Wednesday evening, Mr Hugh Wilson, our STEM teacher and Digital Learning Leader, along with a representative from 'Edunet', presented to many of our Year 2 families regarding the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) evening. This session covered all the details regarding the devices available, warranties, ordering, delivery, e-safety, and the portal. Please refer to the school website for more information, including the portal access. Hugh also facilitated a Q&A at the end of the evening, which I know the families who attended found very worthwhile. If you could not attend this evening, the presentation is also on the school website and posted via Compass.



Regarding e-Safety, I am pleased to announce that the school will partner with Inform and Empower in 2025. This is a digital safety and wellbeing program, facilitated by presenters with a wealth of knowledge and experience, including a former primary school teacher and a child psychologist. This is a "real-world" educational approach to all cyber safety matters. It presents the information in a relevant and current format, with practical examples of educating children. The Inform and Empower program is informative and empowering for ALL stakeholders—students, staff, and parents/carers. This program will provide essential information about staying safe online and protecting our most important asset—our children! This program has many aspects: live incursions for students, cyber safety videos and curriculum, and parent information fact sheets.

We are continuing to finalise our staffing profile for 2025. I am delighted to announce that Ms Karen White is joining our team. Karen will be a very experienced teacher who has a passion for Literacy and is looking forward to joining our team next year. In addition to this, I would like to say congratulations to the following WPS staff who have been appointed to the following school positions for next year:

- Mr. Brad Dupuy - Substantive Learning Specialist
- Ms Zoe Dyer - Graduate Teacher Position
- Ms Kate Storck - Graduate Teacher Position

Lastly, this week, we received confirmation of the demolition of the old toilet block. This is to be completed by the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA). This has been something that we have been waiting for ever since the installation of the new toilet block. Whilst we do not have a definitive timeline at this stage, the fact that the removal is fully funded by the VSBA is very motive news. Regarding what we will do with this 'new' space once the old block is gone, it is a '*watch this space*'.



Congratulations to Chantelle Fasone, who welcomed her second child, Sonny Fasone. Sonny arrived during the holiday break on 24th September.



I hope the Year 5 and 6 students and staff who are attending camp next week have a wonderful time and cannot wait to hear about their adventures.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

It was great to see all of our students back this week. We are always amazed at how much students grow over the September break and while many of our Year 4, 5 and 6's seem to have caught me or have surpassed my height, Mr Kirkright is well and truly willing that race.

This week saw the return of some much needed sunshine and with it, the need for students to be wearing their hats during outdoor activities and break times. Please ensure your child has a hat every day, whether they leave it in their school bag or tub at school, this is a DET requirement and part of our SunSmart policy.

Academy Uniforms are now trading through Uniform Group in Craigieburn. If you require any uniform you can continue to purchase online and have delivered to the school or you can visit in store at 71 Potter Street, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064, (03) 9768 0344. Their trading hours are-

Trading Hours

Monday - Friday **9am - 5pm**

Saturday **9am - 4pm**

Sunday **Closed**



SAVE THE DATE!

This year the COLOUR RUN is on Thursday 14th November.

All money raised from this year's colour run will supplement another whole school improvement project.

An information booklet explaining the process for ONLINE FUNDRAISING went home TODAY with every child. An important update from previous years relates to raising money/donations and prize ordering. The school will no longer collect money or order prizes. All transactions and prize ordering must be completed online.

We have an amazing day planned, with another visit from Kaboom Sports in the morning. So far we have raised \$1184.00



Online

\$1,184.00

Gross Money Raised

\$1,184.00

Now is the time to create your online profile for the Colour Run, here is what to do:

Step 1 ☞ Click this link: https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_in to register or login from previous years

Step 2 ☞ Complete the registration and select "Whittlesea Primary School" as your school

Step 3 ☞ Share your unique link with family & friends to receive donations and earn awesome prizes!

Step 4 ☞ Participate in the Big Show + Colour Day on Thursday 14th November and have a fantastic time!

Step 5 ☞ Receive your awesome prizes for your fundraising efforts! See this Compass post for the attachment!

Click here to view the Big Show and Colour Video <https://youtu.be/bLdbFh7n9xU>.

If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist. The school office can also assist with general questions.

Next week, Thursday 17th October is **WEAR IT PINK DAY**. We encourage everyone to wear **PINK**. If you want to donate to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, please use the QR code below.

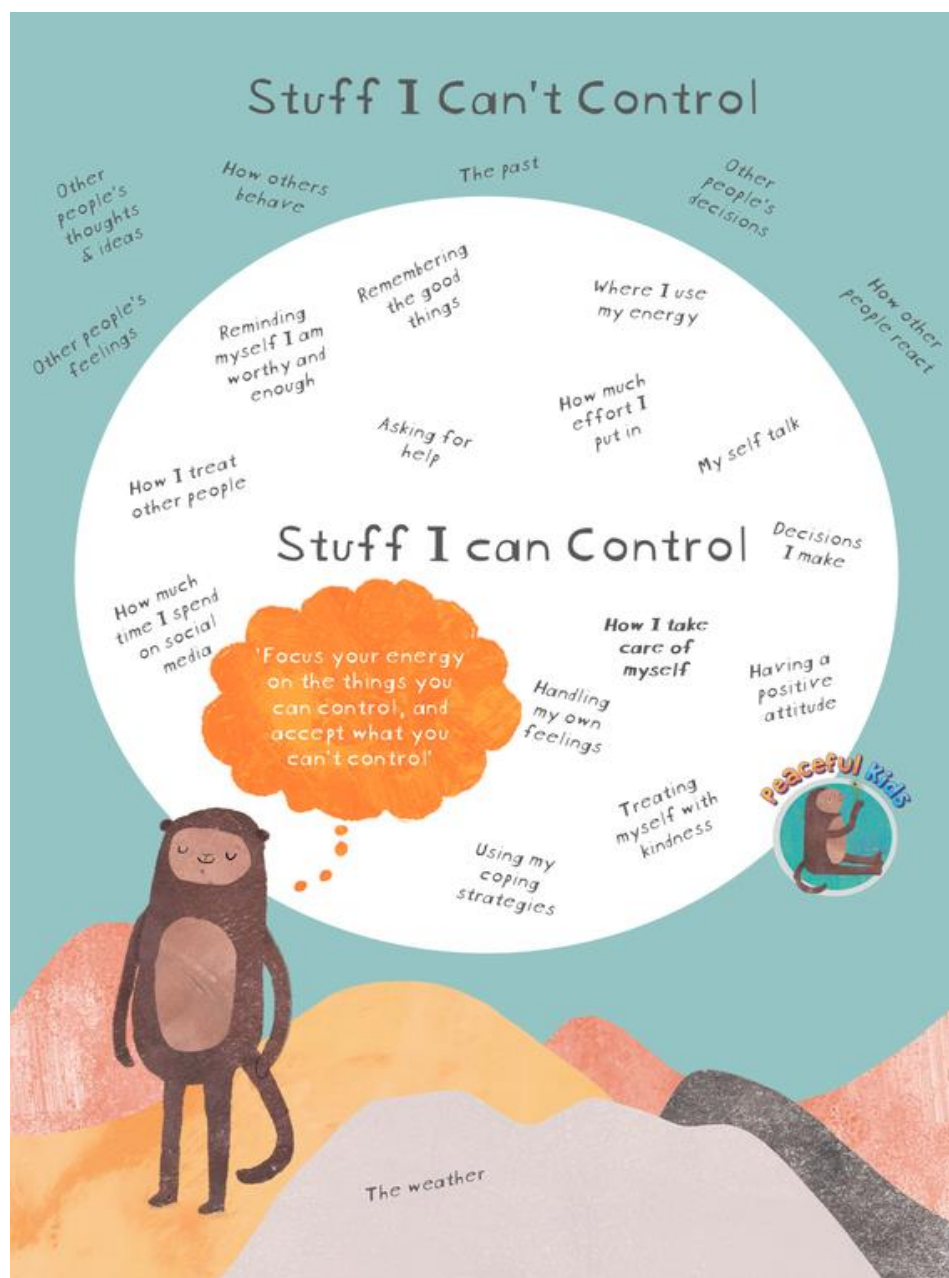


We are looking forward to our Year 56 Camp next week at Alexandra Adventure Resort. After viewing the Year 34 camp video, our students are super excited. Here's hoping for fabulous weather and an action packed 3 days. Don't forget to pack a snack and lunch, bring a drink bottle and hat, and to meet us at 8:30am at Funfields.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family.

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal Team

Wellbeing @ Whittlesea



Some things are within our control, and some are outside of our control. Knowing the difference can make a big difference in how we manage our thoughts and difficulties.

So, what's in our control? Our attitudes, desires, opinions, what information we read, how productive we are, what we eat, which friends we spend time with, handling feelings, self-talk, how we respond to stress, our time given to self-care, time spent online, how we treat others and where we use our energy.

What's outside of our control? The family and country we were born in, the weather, natural disasters, accidents, other people's behaviours, other people's decisions and opinions, the past, life's events and more.

If we spend time and energy trying to control what we can't, we will only drain ourselves and feel frustrated, hopeless, tired, angry, and irritated.

Stars of the Week

Parker Saw	Foundation D	For being able to order two-digit numbers and for recognising what comes before and after.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Hudson Willmot	Foundation G	Manipulating sound cards to create and read new words during reading. Great work!	Jess Gordon
Aria Smith	Foundation F	For being able to confidently solve what the numbers are before and after a given number. Well done Aria!	Jess Fontana
Jordan Watt	Year 1/2F	For having an amazing start to term four, well done Jordan!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Hunter Halley	Year 1/2S	For displaying his developing knowledge to confidently read an analogue clock. Great job Hunter!	Stuart Maxfield
Lucas Maguire	Year 1/2M	For an excellent start to WPS. You have fit in seamlessly!	Madison Merritt
Ethan Morris	Year 1/2B	For demonstrating excellent listening skills and having a fantastic start to term 4. Well done Ethan!	Jai Bowring
Adelyn Cleaver	Year 1/2K	For you amazing efforts in reading using your reading finger! Well done Ade!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Kory Morrell	Year 3/4D	For your hard work and creativity developing your animal and habitat for your personal inquiry project. Keep it up, Kory!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Jack Carle	Year 3/4Z	For exploring addition and subtractions patterns when solving for balanced equations! Great work, Jack!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Lottie Carrolan	Year 3/4T	For working with dedication to develop a hybrid animal for Inquiry with such creativity and detail. Keep it up!	Val Gordon
Cadence Arthur	Year 3/4C	For creating an interesting and unique animal for her Inquiry project and including a detailed description and facts about her animal.	Elise Cowdery

Jamison Dean	Year 5B	For working hard to create a detailed character profile and a descriptive setting for Writing.	Matthew Symeoy
Eloise Sandford	Year 5C	For having a good start to your term and working towards your goal to ensure you have a great term 4, keep it up!	Jacky Chen
Braylen Flynn	Year 5M	He has had an excellent start back to Term 4 and is showing enthusiasm, dedication, and motivation towards his learning!	Bianca Avolino
Margaret Gittos	Year 6A	For showing a passion for learning when writing and rehearsing for your debate this week. Keep it up!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Kenzie Sutherland	Year 6C	For such a positive and motivated start to her last term of primary school across all learning areas. Well done, Kenzie!	Hope Cummins
Nate Charles	Year 6P	For completing all learning to a high standard, seeking assistance to enhance his results from peers and his teacher.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
3/4Z	PE	For displaying great team work and encouraging each other when participating in the games this week. Great job!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2 K	PE Boost	Excellent problem solving when negotiating rules to improve the game.	Verena Smith
12B	Mandarin	For working actively and doing your best during the Chinese lesson, you're all superstars. Well done!	Jessie Liu
1/2 K	Junior Art	For being super excited and engaged in self potrait lesson. Congratulations on drawing beautiful self potraits!	Liz Stojanov
5B	STEM	Fantastic trying your best when exploring User Interface and User Experience!	Hugh Wilson



WELL DONE!

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.

Due to 5/6 Camp, there will be no Community Leaders Mon-Wed, Leaders will resume on Thursday.

Nate CHARLES	17 th October
Riley TANOAI-MCMASTER	17 th October
Niran WILD	18 th October
Peyton CLIFFORD	18 th October



A Message from the Department of Education: Social Media Safety

Families play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media. You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries. Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and the confidence to ask for help when needed. It is also essential to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education acknowledges the significance of this issue and has developed fact sheets to provide support in keeping students safe online and guiding them in case of an online incident. The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out for more support. To access the fact sheets, refer to the Safe Socials webpage @ <https://www.safeonsocial.com/>

The government is also launching a public consultation on social media age limits. You and your children can share your experiences to inform proposed changes via an online survey before 5.00 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024.

For more information on the survey and to participate, refer to Proposed changes to social media age limits on the Engage Victoria website @ <https://engage.vic.gov.au/SafeSocials>

If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the Department by email:
bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au



TERM 4 Club Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Break	Games Club (F-2) (Room 17) Miss Merritt 	Tournament Tuesdays (Gym) Mr Kirkright / House Captains (Year 6) 	Just Dance (Library) Ms Lia 	Tennis Club (Gym) Mr Bowring 	Mindfulness Club (Sensory Space) Ms Carter 
			Pokemon/Card Swap Club (ELC) Mrs Pearce		
			Whittlesea World		
2nd Break	Minecraft Club (Years 2-6) (STEM Room) Mr Wilson 	Craft/Bracelet Making (Snr Library) Miss Laws 	Basketball Club (Gym) Miss Storck 	Chinese Fan (Mandarin Room) Ms Liu 	Colouring/Craft Club (ELC) Miss Storck and Mrs Scoberg 
				Environmental Club (Heritage Building) Ms Kubeil 	
	Sensory Space	Sensory Space	Sensory Space	Sensory Space	Sensory Space



SAVE THE DATE:

KABOOM SPORTS & COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE WHITTLESEA SHOW IS A REAL COUNTRY SHOW WITH LOTS OF FREE ATTRACTIONS
AND ENTERTAINMENT.



Whittlesea Fire Brigade
100% volunteer since 1926

**Whittlesea Fire Brigade
proudly presents**

Great Bowls of Fire Fundraiser 2024

FRIDAY 6th of December
8.30am – 4.00pm at the Whittlesea Bowling Club

Join us for a fun day on the green!
Prizes | Silent Auction | Raffles

Platinum Event Partner:



For ticketing or more information on how you can support this event,
including terms and conditions, please visit our website,
cfawhittlesea.com/fundraisingevents

Triple P Fear Less Group

A **FREE** online parenting group
for parents of children experiencing anxiety residing in the Cities of Yarra, Darebin,
Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Banyule.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This group is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 12 years.

The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively, and
- Using constructive coping.

All participants will receive:

- Fear Less Workbook with information and activities at commencement,
- Resource pack tailored to your child/ren's age and stage during the group period, and
- A voucher to access extra resources following conclusion of the group.

The Fear Less Group runs over 6 x 1.5-hour sessions. **Attendance to all sessions is required.**

Dates:

14th Oct 2024 | 21st Oct 2024
28th Oct 2024 | 4th Nov 2024
11th Nov 2023 | 18th Nov 2024

Location:

Online via Zoom

Time:

12:00pm-1:30pm

How to book:

To schedule an enrolment into the group, contact Georgia with your *full name* and *best contact number* by:

- Emailing us at triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your full name and contact number, or
- Calling or sending a message on 0499 301 006.

We ask that enquiries for enrolment be made by 5:00pm on 1st of October. Due to limited spaces, we encourage parents to enquire ASAP to avoid disappointment.

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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

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

Oakbrook Kindergarten
36 Holroyd Drive, Epping
Wednesdays, 9.30am - 12 Noon

CONTACT:

Sue Batcheler – Facilitator
Email: suzanneb@mytimevic.com.au
Phone: 0413 655 659



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share experiences
with others who
understand



Wednesdays, Fortnightly

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
16 th October 2024	Carers Week: Special Morning Tea	Butterfly prints
30 th October 2024	Make: Teacup Bird Feeders	Finger painting
13 th November 2024	Paint: Flower Picture	Playdough
27 th November 2024	Guest Speaker: Jacqui Richards, Community Engagement Officer speaking on the services AMAZE offer	Leaf Collage
11 th December 2024	Make: Chuppa Chup Reindeer	Sand Play making Castles

* Activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.



It's free to
join



It's support
for you



Professional
support



Pre-school aged
children are welcome