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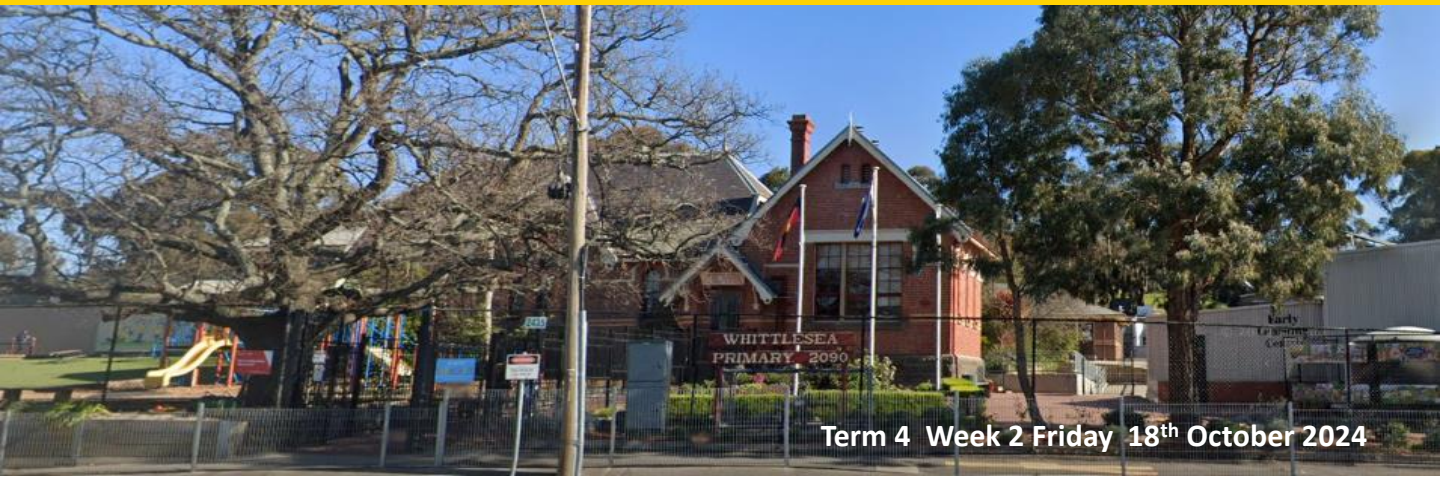
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Term 4 Week 2 Friday 18th October 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 21st October- Breakfast Club 8.00 am
- Tuesday 22nd October – School Council Meeting
- Thursday 24th October – Divisional Cricket (Boys & Girls)
- Thursday 24th October - Smile Patrol Dental Visit
- Friday 25th October Smile Patrol Dental Visit
- Friday 25th October – World Teacher's Day
- Monday 28th October – Whole School Assembly **weather permitting*



Key Dates



Principal's Report

We have had a great week...sunny days and an amazing camp for our Year 5 and 6 students. Our camps this year have been an enormous success, and our students and staff have had the opportunity to create lasting memories. The Alexandra Adventure Camp has been a wonderful organisation to work with, with their camp staff being very courteous and caring at all times. I want to acknowledge the work that has taken place behind the scenes concerning all matters relating to both camps and the school-level organisation, with Mr Brad Dupuy completing a considerable amount of preparation and administration to ensure that our communication was clear and that all matters with regards to Department of Education policy, compliance and safety/risk assessments were completed to an exemplary standard. I would also like to acknowledge the photographic talents of Mr Matt Kirkright, who, for both camps, prepared a montage video of our student's experiences. If you have yet to see these, I encourage you to view them on our school's Facebook page, as they are an excellent reflection of the student's and staff's experiences, highlighting the positive (and sometimes challenging) experiences they had while attending the camps.



Many of our students have noticed a new piece of furniture at the back of the Heritage Building – our new **Buddy Bench**. A buddy bench is a special kind of bench, often found in playgrounds or schoolyards, designed to promote friendship and inclusivity among children. If students feel lonely or left out, they can sit on the buddy bench to signal that they would like someone to come over and play. Other students can then see the student on the bench and invite them to join in. The concept encourages empathy, social interaction, and the formation of new friendships, and it is definitely working. I would like to thank the **Rotary Club of Whittlesea** for this generous donation. We value community support, and I feel privileged to be part of this wonderful community.

Thank
you



You would have noticed that we continue to have work completed around the school, which the Victorian Schools Building Authority has arranged. We continue to receive updates regarding this ramps remediation work; however, at this time, I do not have a definitive timeline as to when all works will be completed. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience while this work is being completed. I am following up on some of the ground markings that have been impacted by this work so that they can be replaced so that none of this work is impacting other features at the school.

Seeing so much pink around the school yesterday was great as we held our 'Wear it Pink Day'. The day was in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), which is committed to changing the statistics with world-class breast cancer research. *Did you know:* Breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer among women in Australia! In the last 10 years, breast cancer diagnoses in Australia have increased by 24%. Each day, 58 people in Australia are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 9 people lose their lives to this disease. Funding world-class breast cancer research is more critical than ever if we want to change the statistics.



The NBCF is committed to funding research to reach our vision of Zero Deaths from breast cancer. So, with all of this in mind, I have very proud to share that we raised a total of...



This fundraising page is still 'live,' so please feel free visit it. We are only \$149 short of our goal.

As a leadership team, we have been working behind the scenes to ensure that we are getting ready for 2025. One process that we are investing in is how the 2025 classes are created. We will now be using a program called Class Creator.



This is an online tool used by educators to help organise balanced classroom dynamics. This allows teachers to input student names, customise class configurations, and create a student profile based on various criteria, such as academic performance, behaviour, additional supports or extensions, and social dynamics, including with peers they learn best with and those they don't. If any parent wants to provide any further information regarding their children and set them up for academic success in 2025, then please do not hesitate to contact the school via the school email address: whittlesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au. If you have any relevant legal documentation, such as court orders to support your request, these should also be attached to the email. At all times, when going through this process, we will ensure that we cater to all students' learning and wellbeing needs.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



Year 5/6 Camp

This week our Year 5 and Year 6 students attended Alexandra Adventure Camp and it was an overwhelming positive experience for all students. The weather was considerably warmer than when the Year 3/4 student attended in September, however, the students adapted to the conditions beautifully. The mild nights allowed us to eat our meals outside and the added benefit of daylight savings meant the students had additional free time. The Gaga Pit was a highlight amongst the students and the teachers were simply no match for the kids.

What really impressed the teachers was the way students attempted all the challenges on camp. We had several students take themselves out of their comfort zone on the swing and the high ropes in particular. It was great to see students thriving in a different environment and taking on extra responsibility in maintaining their cabins and completing duty groups. The interactions between the camp staff and students were also positive with students showing respect and manners during meal times.

The Whittlesea Facebook page has hundreds of photos of the students having a great time at camp so jump on a check in out if you haven't already. In addition, we shared a video showcasing just how fearless the cohorts were, especially on the Flying Fox.

Warm Weather

The warm weather is hopefully here to stay and this is a timely reminder for students to be wearing their WPS wide-brim hats. Hats are a department requirement at this time of year and sun protection is recommended between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm daily. Student's who do not have their hats are being asked to play in the shade. Sunscreen is also recommended and is available in classrooms. Any student who is sensitive to sunscreen is encouraged to bring their own and apply it. Drink bottles are also recommended each day as this helps ensure students are hydrated and reduces headaches

NMR Athletics Update

On Wednesday 16th October, four students competed at the Northern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Day at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. Well done to the following students-

Jai Forster – 9/10 Shot put

Hudson Matthews – 9/10 – Long Jump

Hunter Saw – 9/10 – 200m, 800m

Indianna Halley – 12/13 – Discus

Despite some tough competition, our students showed great effort and determination and should be proud of themselves. [Congratulations to Hunter Saw in Year 4, who placed second in the 200m event. He will progress to the State Championships on November 6th at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park.](#)



Swimming

This term, our swimming program commences in Week 7 and runs through until the end of Week 10. Students will walk to the Whittlesea Swim Centre with classroom teachers. Once we have confirmed the number of students attending, a schedule will be developed and sent home to all students attending. Students who do not attend swimming will remain at school. If you would like your child to be involved in this year's swimming program, please consent and pay on Compass. The **FINAL** day for consent and payment is **MONDAY 28th OCTOBER**. *No late payments will be accepted once the event is closed as we must adhere to strict student/swim teacher ratios.*

1. Years 3-6 (Weeks 7&8, commencing Monday 18th November)
2. F-2 (Weeks 9&10, commencing Monday 2nd December)

Year 6 students will also have an opportunity to be assessed for the Victorian Water Safety Certificate on Monday 16th December. Students will walk to the Whittlesea Swim Centre with Mrs Northridge for the assessment. For students to achieve their certificate they will need to answer questions relating to safety rules for a range of aquatic environments, as well as demonstrate the following competencies-

Swim continuously for 50 metres (two laps up and back without stopping)

- Surface dive, swim underwater and search to recover an object from deep water
- Respond to an emergency by demonstrating DRSAB and the recovery position
- Demonstrate rescue techniques
- Perform a survival sequence wearing light clothing
- Enter the water safely
- Scull, float and tread water for 2 minutes; signalling for help intermittently.
- Swim survival strokes slowly for 3 minutes
- Exit the water safely.

Colour Run Update

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.

The school will no longer collect money or order prizes. All transactions and prize ordering must be completed online.

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/login
- 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.



Online
\$2,119.00

Gross Money Raised
\$2,119.00

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal Team

Year 6 Camp Report

On the 14th of October, the Year 5 and 6 students went on an exciting trip to Funfields and then we were taken to Alexandra Camp. It was a great adventure where we all pushed our limits and tried things we had never done before. We had so much fun on the giant swing, soaring high above the ground, and zooming down the flying fox. The high ropes course was also challenging, but we encouraged each other to keep going. It was an unforgettable three-days filled with new experiences and laughter! - **Jada**

At camp we had the most fun camp of all time! The food was 5 stars and the activities were astonishing! The high ropes were scary and fun. The only bad thing was that there were so many bugs! The flying fox was so much fun, as you were able to go upside down! The giant swing was so scary, that people had their breath taken away. Literally! - **Riley B and Tristan**

The first day my group got to do the zipline and high ropes course. That was awesome fun, but on the zipline, it was not a soft landing - we had to land in the hard tanbark. Rock climbing was a nice activity. We had a lot of late nights too. Laser sport was a blast. We had proper guns with scopes and stats. - **Noah and Dash**

The first activity I did was the zip-line with my group. Camp was really great fun, because there was a lot of activities like gaga ball, flying fox, giant swing, high ropes and low ropes. During free time we could play footy and soccer. - **Riley A and Ethan**

For the past 3 days, the year 6's had been staying at Alexandra Adventure resort, we did many activities such as Gaga Ball, Flying Fox, High Ropes, Giant Swing and others. We also had delicious food which tasted SCRUMPTIOUS! We all individually stayed in cabins with friends and did some fun stuff like a candy salad, and biggest one of all, TALK! We also stopped by a park when we were leaving to have lunch and also, we got to play at the playground. We are lucky and grateful to have that camp and we wish to experience it again. - **Kenzie**

At 5/6 camp, we all had a lot of fun. We had delicious food and enjoyed the most fun activities, such as the giant swing, high ropes, zipline over the lake, gaga ball, volleyball, rock climbing, low ropes, disc golf, and sleep! Gaga ball was the most popular choice, as we all went to the gaga pits to play with our fellow campers. In our free time, everyone either stayed in their cabin or chilled. Others played gaga ball or walked around. We all had so much fun doing all this new stuff. In the end, we were all so tired. I couldn't even wake up on Thursday morning! - **Margaret, Gabby, Isobel and Billie-Rose**

Camp was so fun, we enjoyed zooming across the lake and climbing six metres up on the high ropes. The giant swing was amazing and we had lots of fun pulling each other up to the very top of the swing. We enjoyed the scavenger hunt; it really tested our patience but we still enjoyed it. - **Melinda, Giovita and Aaliyah**



My highlight was the laser tag as we were able to play team deathmatch, domination and capture the flag! - **Tristan**

I loved the flying fox - **Riley A**

Camp Highlights

The high ropes. There were so many fun obstacles, at some, I got a little nervous, but powered through it. I loved every part of camp. - **Aaliyah**

The giant swing. I loved it when I dropped and then swung so high. I enjoyed camp so much! - **Melinda**

My favourite part was the zip line. I loved zipping above the lake and seeing the turtles dipping in and out of the water. - **Giovita**

My highlight was the ga-ga ball. It was just so much fun whenever we had free time. Me and my friends would finish our jobs and run to play ga-ga ball. - **Gabby**

The giant swing because it felt like I was flying and it was just so fun. - **Margaret**

The gaga ball has to be everyone's favourite by far! - **Riley B**

I don't have much to say because I loved everything! - **Billie-Rose**

I loved the giant swing the most. It was so fun because it felt like you were just falling. - **Isobel**

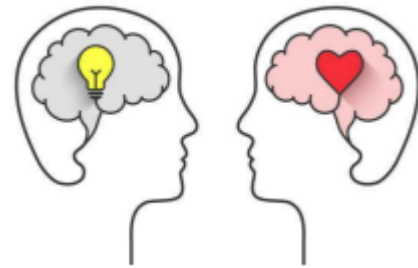




Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

Emotional Literacy

Working on our emotional literacy gives us opportunities to develop our ability to understand and express different emotions. When we improve our emotional literacy, we can work towards recognising our own feelings and our ability to manage them. This allows us to cope with different life situations, such as managing conflict, making friends, coping in difficult situations, and being resilient when dealing with change.



Whole Family Activity: Feelings Charades

- Gather together as a family, this might be around the dinner table, lounge room, or around the fire outside.
- Take turns to act out a feeling or emotion. Use your face and body language to act this out, for example: Make an angry face and stamp your feet.
- Other family members need to guess the feeling/emotion.
- After someone has guessed the feeling/emotion, have family members discuss a time they have felt this way before and why. If it was a negative emotion, how did they overcome it?

Family Habit Builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then discuss and share strategies you could use when faced with feelings.



Stars of the Week

Willow Simpon	Foundation D	For her amazing work with partitioning two-digit numbers, using bundling sticks to represent the tens and the ones.	Mikayla Di Mauro
Chris Saldaneri	Foundation G	For writing an interesting narrative about meeting a Minecraft zombie. Great work Chris!	Jess Gordon
Raymond Maher	Foundation F	For his excellent work in Maths this week making two digit numbers using bundling sticks. Well done Ray!	Jess Fontana
Ashton Carle	Year 1/2F	For demonstrating amazing research skills in our Inquiry sessions. We can't wait to see your poster. Fantastic work, Ashton!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Alexander Cardwell	Year 1/2S	For displaying is knowledge of Julia Donaldson's books in the classroom and helping others succeed with various tasks.	Stuart Maxfield
Nathaniel Rusic	Year 1/2M	For exploring our math problems and finding different combinations to make 15. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Maggie Carrolan	Year 1/2B	For doing her best to attempt all learning tasks, and being polite and well mannered!	Jai Bowring
Harvey Moore	Year 1/2K	For your amazing innovation of the picture book Zog. Well done Harv!	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Jasper Sanders	Year 3/4B	For making positive learning choices and striving to do your best in all areas of learning, especially maths working on balanced questions. Keep up the great work Jasper!	Naomi Liersch
Aria Gillan	Year 3/4D	For the effort you have put into your Gangsta Granny reading responses. You have been doing a great job at analysing the text and demonstrating your comprehension skills. Keep it up, Aria!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Isabelle King	Year 3/4Z	For writing an excellent bank of similes that can be used in her writing. Well done, Issy!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Ariyaman Yahate	Year 3/4T	For a fantastic start to our balanced equations maths unit. Well done for putting in so much effort, Ariyaman!	Val Gordon
Aran Wild	Year 3/4C	For creating interesting similes which create a picture in the reader's mind. Well done!	Elise Cowdery

Noah Henning	Year 5B	For coming to camp with a positive attitude, giving everything a go with confidence and helping others with their harnesses!	Matthew Symeoy
Ryker Sanders	Year 5C	Being a positive member of his group at camp and giving the high ropes his all! Well done Ryker!	Jacky Chen
Nathaniel Bundy	Year 5M	For attempting all camp activities and encouraging everyone in his group!	Bianca Avolino
Angus Argote	Year 6A	For demonstrating resilience and challenging yourself to do your best on camp. Keep it up, Angus!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Maison Kringle	Year 6C	For giving everything a go, supporting his teammates and showing maturity and responsibility. Absolute camp legend!	Hope Cummins
Will Bassett	Year 6P	For working so hard at camp and achieving amazing success in every activity. Awesome effort!	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
Indianna Halley	PE	For your fantastic determination at regionals. You should be very proud of yourself and your efforts. Great work!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2M	PE Boost	For working well together as a team and improving on your team's strategies, well done 1/2M!	Verena Smith
12M	Mandarin	For working so quietly at your table, staying on task, and focusing so well—you are all true superstars!	Jessie Liu
OG	Junior Art	For being so engaged in the colour lesson and doing an absolutely amazing job cleaning up our Art room. Thank you and keep it up!	Liz Stojanov
34C	STEM	Fantastic work in beginning to design your apps! Can't wait to see them finished!	Hugh Wilson
Hunter Saw	PE	For your fantastic determination at regionals. You should be very proud of yourself and your efforts. Great work!!	Hayley Northridge
Jai Forster	PE	For your fantastic determination at regionals. You should be very proud of yourself and your efforts. Great work!!	Hayley Northridge
Hudson Matthews	PE	For your fantastic determination at regionals. You should be very proud of yourself and your efforts. Great work!!	Hayley Northridge



WELL DONE!



SCHOOL FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE:

KABOOM SPORTS & COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Money Raised so far...



\$2,119

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.

Riley	BURKE	21 st October
Shelby	FARRELLY	21 st October
Sophia-Grace	BEATTIE	22 nd October
Stevie	MCKECHNIE	22 nd October
Will	BASSETT	23 rd October
Willow	MCCORMICK	23 rd October
Soraya	THOMAS	24 th October
Kruz	EDWARDS	24 th October
Aran	WILD	25 th October
Adeline	JOHNSON	25 th October



COMMUNITY NEWS



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8.30am – 4.00pm at the Whittlesea Bowling Club

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OCTOBER
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Joey Scouts ages 5-7 - Thursday 6pm - 7pm
Cub Scouts ages 8-10 - Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Also looking for Adult leaders to support the youth, all training provided.
40 Fir Street Whittlesea



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College Tours

Wednesday
13th November, 2024



Bookings essential,
please scan the
QR code to book
a tour.

*See the college
in action and
meet our new
Principal over
morning tea*

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Sam Luck



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Diamond Valley College! I am Sam Luck, the new Executive Principal of this vibrant and dynamic school community. With over 20 years of experience in education, I am deeply committed to fostering an environment that is rich in opportunity and where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential.

Before joining Diamond Valley College I had the privilege of serving as Principal at Collingwood College, a uniquely diverse and inclusive school. During my time there I was instrumental in developing and implementing strategic initiatives that enhanced student outcomes and strengthened the school's relationship with its community.

Diamond Valley College is a unique school that offers a diverse range of programs designed to cater to the varying needs and interests of our students. From our High Ability Program to our Sports Academy, we are dedicated to providing pathways that challenge and inspire. Our comprehensive main program supports all students from Years 7 to 12, ensuring they receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for the future.

As Principal, my vision is to make Diamond Valley College a place of opportunity and an environment where every student is valued, supported, and encouraged to excel. I believe in the power of education to transform lives, and I am dedicated to providing an educational experience that is engaging, challenging, and nurturing.

I warmly invite you to visit Diamond Valley College to see our wonderful school community in action. Come and tour our facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and experience firsthand the unique and welcoming environment we offer. I am confident that once you see what Diamond Valley College has to offer, you will consider us as the local school of choice for your child's educational journey. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sam Luck
Executive Principal
Diamond Valley College