

Primary Post

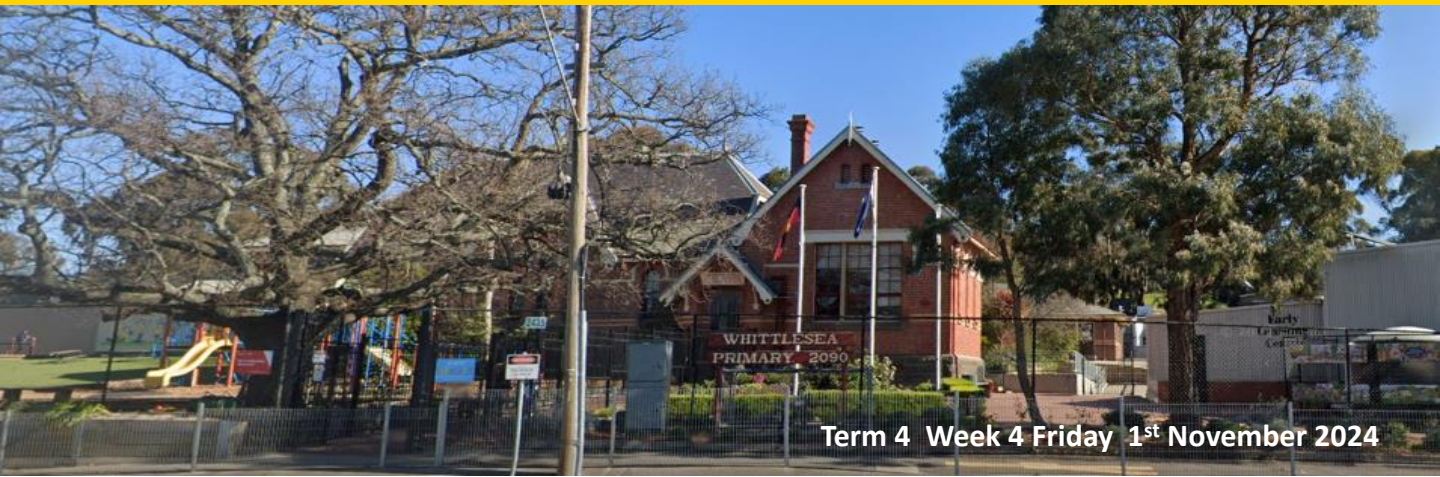
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Term 4 Week 4 Friday 1st November 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 4th November- **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- Tuesday 5th November- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Thursday 7th November- Yr 6 Graduation photo and Ministers Visit
- Friday 8th November- Foundation- Lab Coat Learning Incursion



Key Dates



Principal's Report

This week, it was very excellent to see the arrival of our long-awaited new drinking taps.

This came earlier as a special delivery, and we were very excited to see one of the taps installed in front of our newest toilet block. Our new taps are both a bubble tap and a bottle refiller. As we get closer to warmer weather, it is vital for our health and concentration that we stay hydrated. Drinking water and keeping our hats on at break times will ensure we keep everyone ready for learning and look after their wellbeing. The design of our new drinking stations is called Plains and Fresh Water: Earth, Luke Penrith Aboriginal Artist Collaboration. This Aboriginal Artwork represents the Fresh Water People of inland communities. It shows their special bonds with the rivers, creeks, swamps, and water holes. As a school, we felt this design was a beautiful visual that would seamlessly blend into our school environment. We are so pleased to see it fully installed and operational.



As part of our commitment to continuous improvement and professional development for our staff, this week, we again engaged with our Inclusion Outreach Coach, Natalie Harrison. Natalie has been a wealth of knowledge and has been supporting the school in developing the highest quality Individual Education Plans and ensuring that we are making the necessary adjustments to help every student, especially those with additional learning needs, to experience success at the school. This work aims to ensure that our IEPs have SMART goals that the student can work toward achieving. These goals are linked to the Victorian Curriculum and the student's social and emotional development. A pre- and post-test survey was implemented as part of our 'action plan', which we hope will highlight the growth of our plans in terms of quality and authenticity.

Lastly, at the time of the post, we are preparing for a very important visitor. The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier, and Minister for Education will visit Whittlesea Primary School next Thursday, 7th November. This visit is to discuss the expansion of the Breakfast Club Program to all Victorian government schools and acknowledge that 50 million meals have been delivered through the program since 2016. We cannot wait to celebrate this with our community and showcase our excellent program.



Have a wonderful long weekend, and if you are travelling, please stay safe.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

Whittlesea Primary School's Sporting Star!

Tara Watson

One of our past students at Whittlesea Primary School, Tara Watson, has been named a training partner for the Melbourne Vixens for 2025.



Teachers who taught Tara have shared that she was an absolute pleasure to teach, and even back then, you see, she was going to go on to bigger and better things. Tara has been a Victorian Representative in underage teams and has now hit the big time with her inclusion at Melbourne Vixens in the National Netball League. What an inspiration for all our WPS netballers in the Whittlesea Netball Association!

Well Done, Tara!



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

This week we received some exciting news about past student, Tara Watson. Tara was an exceptional student throughout her time at Whittlesea Primary School and she excelled on and off the court. Tara was a Dhulin (Green) House Captain in Year 6. To read more about Tara's trajectory on the netball court, please see coming pages.

On Wednesday this week, we practiced a whole school evacuation to the soccer pitch, as part of our Emergency Management Plan. This drill is one of many we practice throughout the year and especially as we approach the summer months. In the event of a fire, be it onsite or offsite, the soccer pitch is the primary evacuation point for our students, staff and visitors. It provides us with access to offsite relocation sites as directed by emergency services and more importantly, keeps everyone together. If you would like more information about how you can prepare your home as we approach the fire season, why not visit the Whittlesea Community Hub in Church Street.



COLOUR RUN Update: Thursday 14th November

Just a reminder that all money/donations and prize ordering must be done online. 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 \$4,289.00.



Online
\$4,289.00

Gross Money Raised
\$4,289.00



You can 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.

Year 6 Update

As we approach the mid-way point of the term, our Year 6 students are preparing for the end of their primary school journey. There are several significant events to prepare for, including the graduation ceremony. Details about the graduation ceremony can be found in Compass events. If you have any questions regarding the graduation, please contact the office.

A reminder that the Year 6 city excursion is planned for Friday 22nd November. This event closes next week on Wednesday the 6th of November.

Finally, don't forget in either case, if you think that you might have any credit left on your child's school account, please call the office before making your payment online for these events.



Year 5 Update

The vote is in for the 2025 Year 6 Polo and Jacket. Our Year 5 students are very excited about their Year 6 uniform for next year and ordering and payment is now available to view on Compass. Orders are due Friday 15th November. A reminder that you cannot use your CSEF or school saver bonus HOWEVER if you think you have credit on your account, please contact the office.



This weekend, our community will host the 2024 Whittlesea Show - Future Farming. Over the last 165 years the Whittlesea Agricultural Society has played a pivotal role in bringing our region and community together. This year it is hoped will be no different, recognising the changing landscapes of our community and the essential role farming and agriculture play in our area and the future. We hope to see you there!

Matt Kirkright & Rae Gittos

Assistant Principal Team

Wellbeing @ Whittlesea

The Resilience Project

One of the key principles of The Resilience Project is practising Gratitude.

Some benefits of practising gratitude are:

After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.

After 42 days you become:

- More optimistic, energised & focused.
- Less likely to get sick.
- You will sleep better.
- Anxiety and depression decreases.

THE
**RESILIENCE
PROJECT.**



SWPBS @ WPS: Classroom Calm Down Strategies

This week WPS staff launched our whole school approach to classroom calm down spaces & strategies. This involves introducing to our students a variety of ways our students can regulate their emotions and be calm.

All learning areas at WPS have a designated area in the classroom that students can use to take some time to regulate and then continue with their learning. When students feel great frustration, anger, sadness or anxiety, they become confused and may be unsure how to control their emotions. By providing them with a quiet place to calm themselves down, students can regain control over their emotions. This also provides opportunities for diffusing a negative emotion or situation before it escalates. Setting up a 'calm down space' in the classroom gives students the responsibility of self-regulating their emotions in a peaceful and safe place.

Sensory tactile objects, also known as 'fidget toys', are objects for students to hold and touch. They also help students to refocus and gain control over their emotions. A 'calm down tool kit' is now available for students in their classrooms. These can be used if required and after a discussion with a student's classroom teacher.



Stars of the Week

Nash McKay	Foundation G	For showing growth in identifying and sorting 2 digit numbers. Great work Nash!	Jess Gordon
Adley Moreland	Foundation G	Showing growth when completing her number Essential Assessment. Great work Adley!	Jess Gordon
Olivia	Foundation F	For being able to describe her own special inside traits after listening to 'Thelma the Unicorn'.	Jess Fontana
Finn Attana	Year 1/2F	For showing confidence when presenting in Inquiry. You spoke so loud and clear in front of the whole class. You should be very proud of yourself. Well done Finn!	Carli Scoberg & Amanda Pascoe
Freddy Duncan	Year 1/2S	For displaying a growing confidence with his spelling words, achieving five 10 out of 10's in the past six weeks. Fantastic job Freddy!	Stuart Maxfield
Kade Bux	Year 1/2M	For using different punctuation in your writing. Well done!	Madison Merritt
Tahlia Spiden	Year 1/2B	For being able to edit many writing samples by adding full stops and capital letters. Well done Tahlia.	Jai Bowring
Mia Bassett	Year 1/2K	For your amazing work on your inquiry poster. Your creativity and hard work has been excellent.	Kate Storck & Sarah Pearce
Summer Farrell	Year 3/4B	For your continued efforts in class and extending yourself to be successful in your learning. Keep up the great work Summer!	Naomi Liersch
Jackson Haynes	Year 3/4D	For the outstanding effort you have been putting into your maths learning. It has been great to see you having a go at using all of the skills you have learnt this year when completing your work. Keep it up, Jackson!	Nicole Newland & Brad Dupuy
Chelsea Flynn	Year 3/4Z	For always trying her best in all areas of learning and wanting to improve her writing. Great work, Chelsea!	Zoe Dyer & Jacquie Mondon
Tyler Williams	Year 3/4T	For fantastic use of connectives in our Writing session. Well done, Tyler!	Val Gordon
Lachlan Abbott	Year 3/4C	For showing huge growth in writing. Your narrative about 'the gate' was amazing. I loved the way you used punctuation, your knowledge of letter sounds to spell new words and even included similies. Well done!	Elise Cowdery

Dakota Love	Year 5B	For always following classroom expectations, staying focused, and engaging with activities, you set yourself up for success in learning! Excellent work Dakota!	Matthew Symeoy
Marlee Engdahl	Year 5C	For always being willing and happy to share you ideas and thoughts with the class. Your input is always appreciated! Keep it up Marlee!	Jacky Chen
Jade Murray	Year 5M	For always following our school expectations and your outstanding effort and positive attitude in class. Well done Jade!	Joshua Watts
Max Blundell	Year 6A	For demonstrating growing independence in your learning. I love the way you embody the school value of 'do your best'. Well done!	Matt Kirkright & Emma Naval-Thomas
Spencer Sullivan	Year 6C	For showing impressive growth in his writing and reading. So proud of you, Spencer!	Hope Cummins
Gabby Conley	Year 6P	For completing all learning with a confident and inquiring mindset, accepting all challenges to gain success.	Rob Pain & Leonie Gorski
5B	PE	For working hard and improving on your times when completing the timed run. Well done!!!	Hayley Northridge
1/2 B	PE Boost	Terrific team work when playing Hula hut throwdown, discussing the different roles and working together well to get the huts built.	Verena Smith
1/2 K	Junior Art	For being thoroughly engaged in the Spring branches art lesson. Well done and keep it up!	Liz Stojanov
34T	STEM	Having some excellent app designs and challenging yourself to improve your user interfaces. Well done!	Hugh Wilson

Congratulations!



WELL DONE!

Well Done Beau & Jake



On Thursday, 31/10/24, Beau and Jake were selected for the Fox FM FiFi, Fev, and Nick's Underdogs Team at John Cain Arena.

This event was designed to represent kids who've faced adversity, whether through experiences with bullying, living with neurodiversity, or managing a medical condition.

For both boys, this opportunity wasn't just about being on a team and standing up as role models for resilience and strength.

They were thrilled to take part, and it's an experience they'll cherish forever. Throughout the journey, Beau and Jake embodied the Whittlesea Primary School expectations of RESPECT and HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED ... as well as showing kindness.

They supported their teammates and showed what it means to uplift those around you.

The entire Whittlesea Primary School community are very proud of you.



SPORTS REPORT

Year 6 Handball Gala Day



On Friday, 1st Nov, 30 of our Year 6 students headed to Mernda Park Primary School to compete in a Handball Gala day against other schools in our district.

All teams showed great sportsmanship and determination in a sport that was new to them.

Our 2 mixed teams put up a good fight for all of their games, displaying teamwork and fantastic improvement throughout the day.

The girl's team started strong and continued to improve, coming away with 3rd place overall.

All our teams did great work, and what a way to finish off the Year 6 sports events.



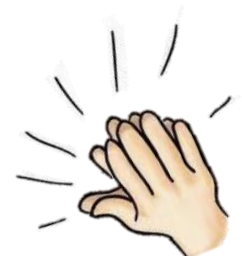
Australian Math Competition Participants



ICAS English Participants



ICAS Mathematics Participants





Year 3/4 INQUIRY EXPO

How does the Environment Affect Survival?

Date: Monday, 11th of November, 2024

Time: 2:30-3:00pm

Location: Year 3/4 Classrooms

Students have been required to design and create a new species of animal that will be introduced into the world.

We invite you to come and see our animals and find out more about what habitat they would live in, what food sources they would require and the adaptations and features that would allow them to thrive in their environment.

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.*

Eden TOSEVSKA-VELJANOVSKI	6th November
Ethan CARTER	6th November
Eva SMITH	7th November
Jamison DEAN	7th November
Danny BUX	8th November
Evie SPYROPOULOS	8th November



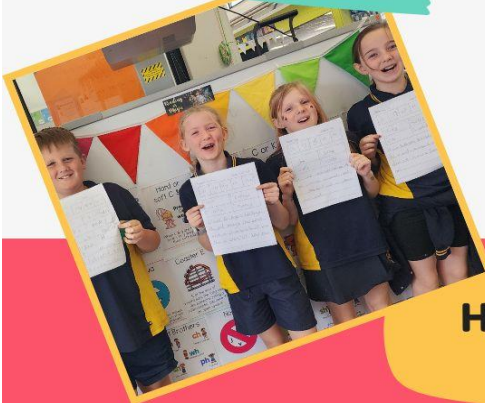
WHITTLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL TUTORING

Update

What happening in tutoring?

The students have had some great opportunities learning about spelling rules, spelling codes and explicit and systematic phonemic awareness skills, alongside their planned MultiLit lessons. MacqLit students had the opportunity to complete a student voice feedback form which gave the educators an insight on what's been working and what improvements can be made within the program to keep learning engaging and productive. The feedback was a success! What we learnt is that most students in the tutoring program are enjoying the program and achieving their individual goals they set mid term 3. Here's to another successful term of tutoring.

Well done MultiLit tutoring students!
Mrs Mav, Miss Cracker and Miss Laws



How you can help your child to read at home?

For older students who might misread a word and continue, wait until they get to the end of the sentence before stopping them. Sometimes the reader will realise their mistake because it doesn't make sense—and then self-correct—but they often need to get to the end of the sentence to realise this. We want readers to be able to read for meaning, and it's an important skill for them to develop. If we immediately stop and correct them again we undermine the development of this process.

- If they read on into the next sentence you may then want to ask them: "Did that make sense?"
- If they think it made sense, then ask them to read the sentence again. Sometimes they get it correct because they read more carefully this time.
- If they have misread a word for the second time, go back to the word and ask them to have a close look at it.
- If they recognise their mistake, read the sentence again with the correct word.
- If they cannot read the word, help them to break it up using the strategies above.
- If they still have trouble, provide the word and move on—but make a note of the word and have a look at it later on. Talk about the meaning of the word, perhaps it's a new word for them, there's an unfamiliar part of the word, or they don't know how to pronounce it.

STUDENT VOICE



Student Voice Schedule Term 4



Whittlesea Primary School

Week	Date, Time & Location
4	Wednesday 30th October, Session 5, Sensory Space
6	Wednesday 13th November, Session 5, Sensory Space
8	Wednesday 27th November, Session 5, Sensory Space
10	Wednesday 11th December, Session 5, Sensory Space





SCHOOL FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE:

KABOOM SPORTS & COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Money Raised so far...



\$4,289



**SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD
NOVEMBER 2024
9am-5pm**

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

WHITTLESEA FOODSHARE

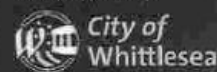
BEHIND THE WHITTLESEA UNITING CHURCH - FOREST STREET

TUESDAYS 11.00 am-2.00 pm
WEDNESDAYS 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

Centrelink qualification not required No appointment necessary

Enquiries: David Kleesh 0417 652 753
Les-Booth 0407 348 599

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ANIMAL FARM
BRING THE
FAMILY**



KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS TREE

EXTRAVAGANZA

SANTA & THE GRINCH

Community Carols from 7pm

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Christmas Tree Extravaganza 2024

DECEMBER 8TH - 21ST. OPEN DAILY 1PM - 8PM. GOLD COIN ENTRY

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Come and explore our enchanting Christmas wonderland where you will find great photo opportunities, visits from Santa & you'll get to vote for your favourite tree!





Let's Celebrate

International day of People with Disability

Join us to increase awareness and to celebrate the contributions of people with a disability in our community

Come along for a friendly morning gathering to celebrate the many and varied achievements of people with a disability. This event is a great opportunity to connect with the community, enjoy interactive demonstrations, and learn more about local activities and services.

When: Wednesday 4 December, 9.30am – 11.30am

Where: Whittlesea Community Activity Centre
57-61 Laurel St, Whittlesea

For more information visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events



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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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