



Issue 3 Friday 16th Feb 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 19th Feb – Whole School Community Assembly @ 9.00 am
- Monday 19th Feb- Breakfast Club @ 8am
- Friday 16th Feb – Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Round 2
- Tuesday 20th Feb – Foundation Information Evening (2024 Foundation Students)
- Thursday 22nd Feb- Whole School Evacuation Practice
- Wednesday 21st Feb – 4th Foundation Testing Day
- **Wednesday 6th March- Whole School Photos**



Key Dates



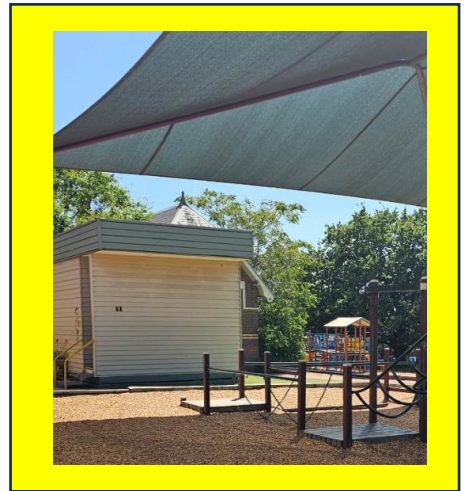
Principal's Report

How quickly has the first 3 weeks of school flown past? It was a week to remember as we certainly experienced a variety of weather conditions, as we had extreme heat, wind, rain, and a storm. I would like to send my best wishes to those families who had properties that were impacted by the storm on Tuesday afternoon. As a school, whilst we did lose the power for a short period of time, we remained relatively unscathed, with just our trees losing a few more leaves than usual.

Today the school had a visit from Lauren Kathage MP who is our local member of Yan Yean. Whilst it was a privilege to be able to show Lauren around our school as the new Principal, it was also nice to be able to meet her and talk to her about our school's direction and priorities. We discussed how she would be able to advocate for the school and hopefully, we can see some more infrastructure improvements in the future. As indicated above in our key dates, next Monday we have a school assembly and we will have a special guest, Mr. Rob Mitchell who is our Federal MP. We are very much looking forward to hosting Rob who will be presenting us with some new flags to proudly fly at the front of the school.

Coming school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things every day, so frequent absences for no reason can have a negative impact. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for learning begin with students coming to school every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no 'acceptable' number of days for missing school, as each day a student misses may affect their outcomes. Attendance patterns are established early, so if a child regularly misses days in the early years of school, they will often continue to miss classes in the later years.

When I arrived at school on Monday, it was such a fantastic way to start the week with all our playgrounds having the soft fall mulch topped up, ensuring that our playground is not only safe but also looks amazing. This was completed last Saturday morning, and I am sure that you would agree that with the sun shining in the background it made for some magical photos!



Lastly, we are required to provide our school community with our Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community. This is a Department of Education Requirement. Please see 'extract' below:

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or were permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice. Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy <https://whittleseaps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Photographing-Filming-and-Recording-Students-Policy-2023.pdf>, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 &/or Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365 &/or Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more privacy information, refer to Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents at <https://www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy-information-parents>

Enjoy your weekend,

Kaylene Kubeil
Principal





Assistant Principal's Report

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 3. Please ensure your child has their WPS logo hat for outdoor learning and play and a drink bottle, especially for the warmer days. This week our Year 6 students received their exclusive school uniform, and they look fantastic. We also had the Year 5 and Foundation 'buddies' program commences today, a wonderful way to end the week.



A reminder that Wednesday 6th March is SCHOOL PHOTO Day. Please ensure your children are on time to school and wearing full school uniform. Hair accessories should be white, navy, or yellow in colour and socks should be navy, black or white (no visible logos).

Did you can order your photos through Compass?

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Step 1: Using the hamburger menu in the bottom RH corner of the screen in the Compass app, select More. Then select Photo Ordering.

Step 2: Select 'Order 2024 Photographs'

Step 3: Select you package. If you would like to order a sibling photo, be sure to select **(Change to Sibling or Family Packs)** below your child's photo at the top of the screen.

Next Thursday, we have scheduled a whole school practice evacuation. This evacuation runs for approximately 15 minutes between 10.45 AM and 11.00 AM. During this time, the front office will be closed. Please schedule a drop off and pick up next Thursday around these times. During this evacuation, students will walk with their teachers to our primary evacuation site, the soccer pitch, and assemble in their classes. Once all staff, students, and visitors are accounted for, students will return to class for lunch.

We are looking forward to our first community assembly for the year, next Monday 19th February. We will be presenting our Year 6 leaders with their badges, as well as the Learning Legend awards. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Star of the Week

Foundation D Mikayla Di Mauro	Awarded to: Lincoln Tunks For: being persistent when learning to write the letter Aa.
Foundation G Jess Gordon	Awarded to: Mikayla Birthisel For: showing and extending her number knowledge during math this week. Great work Mikayla!
Foundation F Jess Fontana	Awarded to: Macey Jenkins For: Finding and sorting words that start with the letter A.
Year 1/2F Chantelle Fasone/Carli Scoberg	Awarded to: Tyler Fitzgerald For: writing a detailed sizzling start about his spaceship that was travelling to Lollyworld. Well done!
Year 1/2S Stuart Maxfield	Awarded to: Giosue Goci For: writing about his favourite part of the Toy Story 2 Sizzling Start and drawing a picture to match.
Year 1/2M Madison Merritt	Awarded to: Nate Rusic For: having a positive attitude towards his learning and writing creative sizzling starts. Fantastic!
Year 1/2B Jai Bowring	Awarded to: Austin Cullen For: Always trying his hardest and writing some amazing sizzling starts.
Year 1/2K Kate Storck/Sarah Pearce	Awarded to: Phoenix Callegari For: always challenging herself and coming to class with a positive mindset for her learning.
Year 3/4B Tracy Brooks	Awarded to: Summer Farrell For: her great work in literacy this week.
Year 3/4C Elise Cowdery	Awarded to: Lujayn El Jassem For: always asking for a new challenge and pushing herself to learn new skills. Well done Lujayn!
Year 3/4D Brad Dupuy/Sam McCormick	Awarded to: Ava Argote For: setting a great example for others and doing an awesome job creating sizzling starts in your narrative writing. Keep it up, Ava!

Year 3/4T Deanna Tuppen	Awarded to: Jake Beeston For: generating engaging narrative ideas from a picture prompt and creating a plan for it. Well done, Jake!
Year 3/4Z Zoe Dyer/Jacque Mondon	Awarded to: Jack Barnes For: generating new narrative ideas from a picture prompt! Great work Jack!
Year 5B Erin Barker	Awarded to: Jasmine Liddle For: challenging herself in her learning and doing her bet to improve her maths skills. Excellent work, Jasmine!
Year 5C Jacky Chen	Awarded to: Monica D'Amico For: Continually demonstrating classroom expectations and being a great role model for the class. Keep it up Monica!
Year 5M Bree McIntyre	Awarded to: Jade Murray For: creating/preparing presenting an excellent SVT speech. Well done on demonstrating courage when presenting.
Year 6A Bianca Avolino/Matthew Kirkright	Awarded to: Amelia Hughes For: doing her best to apply herself in her learning and asking questions when necessary!
Year 6C Hope Cummins	Awarded to: Joshua Burliegh For: being a fantastic role model in meeting our school expectations. Great work, Josh!
Year 6P Robert Pain/Betty Tzelepis	Awarded to: Gabby Conley For: showing a Growth Mindset by challenging yourself and extending your thinking in numeracy lessons.
PE Vanessa Montalti	Awarded to year: 34C For: demonstrating a positive growth mindset and for the way they cooperated in a team environment.
The Arts Nerida Ivory	Awarded to year: 5C For: following instructions and exhibiting a positive mindset towards Art.
STEM Leonie Gorski	Awarded to year: 34Z For: conducting Chromatography science experiments to discover that secondary colours are made up of primary colours.
Chinese Jessie Liu	Awarded to year: OG For: For amazing coloring skills and working quietly to try your best, you are all superstars! Miss Liu



Introducing our Foundation Team



Hi, my name is Ms Di Mauro and I am the proud teacher of Foundation D! I am very excited to be in Foundation this year and can't wait for all the exciting things we have planned. This will be my 3rd year here at Whittlesea Primary School, having taught Year 3/4 for the last couple of years. Before being a primary school teacher, I taught dance for many, many years, last year I was lucky enough to dance at Disneyland! I have a gorgeous chihuahua named Montana and am a big Collingwood fan.



Hello everyone! My name is Jess Fontana, and I am pleased to introduce myself to our community. This year, I will be a part of the Foundation Team at WPS. As a dedicated educator, I have had the privilege of teaching at our school for 10 years. Teaching isn't just a profession for me; it's my passion. I really enjoy witnessing the 'light bulb' moments when students grasp new concepts. I am excited to continue fostering a love for learning and making a positive impact within our community. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my children, going on adventures, and trying different foods.



My name is Jess Gordon. I have been an educator for 11 years and 2024 marks my 4th year at Whittlesea Primary School. Before joining WPS, I was an Early Childhood Educator in a local kindergarten. My passion is in the early years as I believe children develop a strong sense of identity and belonging through play and exploration. Our Investigation space is a wonderful place where our students can do this at WPS. We create space for students to develop their fine and gross motor skills, letter and number exploration and identification, imaginative play and collaboration with new peers during our 'Friendly Friday' sessions. I have two boys at home and a staffy named Missy. On the holidays we love to head away with our caravan. In 2022 we crossed the Nullabor to explore W.A.

INTRODUCING OUR SPECIALIST TEAM



Hi Whittlesea Primary School Community, my name is Vanessa Montalti and I am very excited to be joining the team as the F-6 Physical Education Teacher. I have been teaching for 10 years in both catholic and government schools. Prior to joining Whittlesea Primary School, I taught Physical Education at Melton South Primary School for 2 years. I am looking forward to sharing my passion for Health and Physical Education. I hope to teach the students how to make healthy choices; demonstrate a positive attitude toward fitness and show the students how living healthy can be enjoyable. I have always enjoyed playing sport. When I was at school, I played netball, basketball, softball and volleyball. I have a 1st Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo and I currently play Hockey and Volleyball for Latrobe University. I also occasionally play soccer with the Melbourne Social Soccer club. Outside of school and playing sport, I enjoy reading, cooking, travelling and yoga.



Hello, I am currently teaching PE boost but have over my last ten years at WPS been a classroom teacher in the junior, middle and upper years. I love teaching PE boost because it enables me to teach students about an active and healthy lifestyle and work on their social and emotional skills in a PE environment. When I am not at school I enjoy spending time being active with my own children, doing all sorts of craft and cycling around the neighbourhood.



Ni hao, I am Miss Liu. Before joining Whittlesea Primary School, I worked at two different public schools in Sydney as a Chinese teacher. This is my fourth year working at Whittlesea Primary School. I was born in a city called Nan jing, located in southern China. I have spent half of my life in Australia, mostly in Sydney, the Gold Coast, and Melbourne. I came to Australia as an international student when I was 16 years old, and half of my life has been in Australia, which feels just like home to me. On weekends, I enjoy spending time doing lots of different activities such as concerts, comedy shows, and catching up with friends to try different foods. I am a foodie.

SPORTS REPORT

Term 1 Interschool Sport Results

Round 2

WPS - GOLD A

All Gold teams had a BYE and so we trained today at school.

We worked on building strong relationships with the members of our team and we continued to practice and develop our skills.

WPS vs St Joseph's - BLUE B

WPS Cricket Boys: 35
WPS Cricket Girls: 66

Donnybrook Cricket Boys: 91
Donnybrook Cricket Girls: 114

WPS Teeball Girls: 15
WPS Teeball Boys: 6

Donnybrook Teeball Girls: 17
Donnybrook Teeball Boys: 16

WPS Basketball Boys: 10
WPS Basketball Girls: 10
WPS Basketball Mixed: 2

Donnybrook Basketball Boys: 8
Donnybrook Basketball Girls: 10
Donnybrook Basketball Mixed: 24



Don't forget - the upcoming Swimming Carnival
Bridge Inn North Swimming Carnival
on Tuesday 27th February
Good luck to our students who are ready to compete!





PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed



Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage



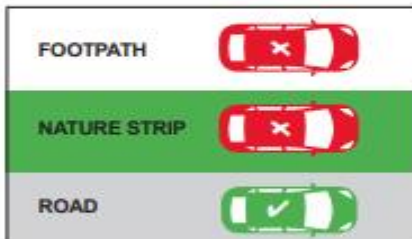
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings



- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths



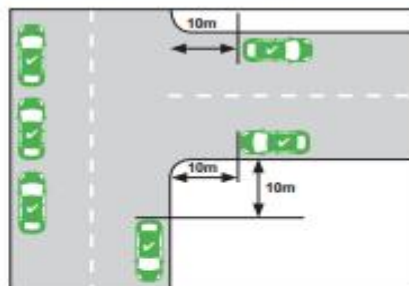
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



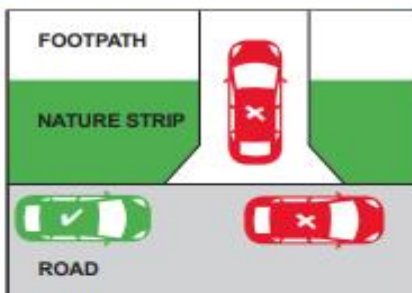
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to, stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

What can you do to stay safe

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

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