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Issue 4 Friday 23rd Feb 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 26th Feb- Breakfast Club @ 8am
- Friday 1st March – Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Round 4
- Thursday 26th Feb- Whole School Evacuation Practice
- Tuesday 29th Feb – Foundation Information Evening (2024 Foundation Students)
- Wednesday 28th Feb – 5th Foundation Testing Day
- **Wednesday 6th March- Whole School Photos**



Key Dates



Principal's Report

This week we started the week with a whole school assembly. We filled our gymnasium with students, teachers, and many family members and friends. The assembly was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate what has been a very positive and settled start to the year. At the assembly, I was able to share the role of school Principal with Ryker who is one of our Year 5 students. After collecting his 'golden tickets', Ryker was able to redeem these tickets and be our school Principal for the day. Throughout the day Rkyer was able to complete many 'typical' Principal duties, including checking in with staff and students, working from his desk, sending emails, and ensuring that everyone in the school was undertaking their 'best' learning.

At our assembly, it also provided us with the opportunity to present our school leadership badges to our school leaders. I was very proud to see our Captains representing the school in such a positive and professional manner.



A huge CONGRATULATIONS to:

- School Captains: Margaret, Giovita, Indiana and Dash
- Student Voice Captains: Jada and Sophie
- Dugat House Captains: Callum, Gabby, Willow, and Melinda
- Korangorangeet House Captains: Rhys, Emma, Stevie, and Ethan
- Dhulin House Captains: Asha, Noah, Harrison, and Sophia-Grace
- Bunjil House Captains: Mercedes, Aaliyah, Riley, and Ellie-Mae

At our assembly, we had a very specialist visitor Mr. Rob Mitchell MP, Federal Member for McEwen. It was an honour and a pleasure to have Rob come along and present us with a new set of flags that we are now proudly flying at the front of the school. Ryker was able to receive the flags from Rob and also able to raise them on our three flag poles. The Australian, Torres Strait Islander, and Aboriginal flags are all very important as they represent all peoples of our beautiful country and home.



Throughout the week our staff completed two nights of professional learning relating to logistics and the whole school's organisational structures as we continue to induct our many new members of staff. This week I was also involved in professional development as I attended the North-Western Victoria Region, North Eastern Melbourne Area Principal induction. During the session, a range of Department of Education staff focused on welcoming new school leaders to the Region and Area, providing information regarding Regional and Area structure and operations, supporting professional learning for new principals and smooth transition into the role, and supporting Principals to make connections with Regional teams and with each other. This was a very rewarding and informative day that I thoroughly enjoyed. It was also very interesting as they outlined the priority areas for 2024 in schools, which included increasing attendance rates, explicit instruction at the centre of strong teaching and learning approaches, working with students who need additional support including the implementation of the Tutor Learning Initiative, working together as part of a system-wide effort to increase Numeracy outcomes, and continuing to implement three key reforms in Senior Secondary, Disability Inclusion, and Mental Health.

2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Finally, in line with school governance, this week I communicated information regarding our school council. On Tuesday 20th of February, we hosted our final School Council meeting with our 2023 members. On behalf of Whittlesea Primary School, I would like to thank all School Council members for volunteering their time and sharing both professional and personal experiences in contributing to the operations of our School over the past 12 months. We have several members whose current tenures will conclude in March 2024. I would like to thank Kerrie Driver, James McAlley, Pam Studwick, Annette Carle, and Casey Brown.

With our 2024 School Council configuration, there are now a total of 7 vacancies:

- 3 vacancies on School Council for Parent Representatives
- 2 vacancies for Community Representatives
- 2 vacancies for Department of Education / Staff representatives.

Based on the current School Council membership the following positions and tenure durations are available for election this year:

- Parent Representative: 3 positions available, 2-year tenure
- Staff Representative: 2 positions available, 2-year tenure
- Community Representative: 2 positions available, 2-year tenure

Being part of the School Council is a great opportunity to participate, support, and engage with the positive learning experiences for the students and families of Whittlesea Primary School. It also gives you a wonderful insight into school governance, along with the strategic planning and direction of the school. We invite and welcome any member of our parent community who would like to re-nominate, self-nominate, or nominate another parent to contact the school office to collect the relevant nomination form.

Nominations will open on Friday 23rd of February and completed Nomination Forms must be submitted to the School Office by 4.00 pm on Friday 1st March 2024.

If we receive more nominations than the vacancies, a ballot will need to be held where each school family will have the opportunity to vote on the nominated candidates.

The timeline for this School Council election process is:

- Notice of Election -Thursday 22nd February 2024
- Call for Nominations – Friday 23rd February 2024
- Close of Nominations – Friday 1st March 2024 (4.00 pm)
- Ballot Paper Distributed (if required) - Monday 4th March 2024
- Close of Ballot (if required) – Tuesday 12th March 2024 (4.00 pm)
- Vote Count (if required) – Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Declare Ballot -Friday (pm) 15th March 2024
- AGM & First School Council Meeting (2024 School Council configuration) - Tuesday 19th March 2024



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of the above information or school council membership.

Kaylene Kubeil

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report

Hello everyone

On Monday we held our first community assembly for the year. It was great to see so many families join us as we welcomed the Foundation students, new staff, the Hon. Rob Mitchell, Member for McEwen and Principal for the Day, Ryker Sanders.

It was also the first official duty for our school captains and Dugat house captains. The captains met with our Student Initiative leader, Brad Dupuy, to develop the script and it was evident that they had all rehearsed over the weekend, leading the assembly with confidence. We also presented our student leaders with their badges, and we look forward to working with them throughout the year across various initiatives.



Margaret, Dash, Giovita, Indi



Jada, Sophie



Melinda, Callum, Gabby, Willow



Rhys, Emma, Ethan



Assistant Principal's Report



Ellie-Mae, Mercedes, Riley, Aaliyah



Noah, Sophia-Grace, Harrison

Are you bushfire ready?

In Term 4 last year, I spoke a lot about our schools preparedness for a bushfire scenario. As part of our DISPLAN procedure, our staff and students will undertake an evacuation practice on Monday 26th February. This will take place at 10.45AM. All staff and students will evacuate to the soccer pitch and return to their classroom just before 11.00AM for eating time.

If you would like additional information on ensuring your family and property are bushfire ready, why not drop in and speak to the community liaison officers at the Whittlesea Community Hub in Church Street, located next to Whittlesea Flowers and Bears. The hub is open between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Canteen Over Counter Sales

The canteen operates every Thursday and Friday, and students can purchase over counter items. These items should supplement a packed lunch, students cannot purchase hot food or lunch items over the counter. Students are encouraged to bring no more than \$2-\$3.

Lunch orders can be purchased through

<https://app.quickcliq.com.au/>

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Items	Price
Pretzels	10c
Wafer Biscuits	10c
Wafer Sticks	10c
Popcorn	\$1.00
Small Potato Chips	\$1.00
Large Potato Chips	\$2.00
Raspberry Straps	\$1.00
Cola Straps	\$1.00
Fruit Sticks	\$1.00
Wagon Wheels	\$2.00
Jelly Fruits	\$1.00
Cinnamon Donut	\$1.00
Zooper Dooper	\$1.00
Sour Zings	\$1.50
Moosies	\$2.00
Yogurt	\$1.00
Fruit of the Day	\$2.00
Frozen Orange	\$1.00
Frozen Pineapple	\$1.00

Star of the Week

Foundation D Mikayla Di Mauro	Awarded to: Zachary Foster For: trying his best when making the letter P out of pasta.
Foundation G Jess Gordon	Awarded to: Nash McKay For: showing respect to your peers and your learning space. Great work!
Foundation F Jess Fontana	Awarded to: Vance Ellis For: finding lots of words starting with P when participating in our word hunt. Great work!
Year 1/2F Chantelle Fasone/Carli Scoberg	Awarded to: Eoin Lord For: doing his best by actively participating in classroom discussions
Year 1/2S Stuart Maxfield	Awarded to: Shaun Edwards For: working hard on all of his classwork while also sharing ideas during class discussions.
Year 1/2M Madison Merritt	Awarded to: Hunter Gibson For: working hard to identify the number of syllables in words. Well done!
Year 1/2B Jai Bowring	Awarded to: Ethan Morris For: doing his best in all of our learning activities. Well done!
Year 1/2K Kate Storck/Sarah Pearce	Awarded to: Skylar Rowe For: having such a positive week and continuously displaying the school values in everything you do!
Year 3/4B Tracy Brooks	Awarded to: Emerson Fairchild For: building tension in her narratives.
Year 3/4D Brad Dupuy/Sam McCormick	Awarded to: Levi Oakley For: being kind to his classmates by helping them to do their best in Maths and making them feel included. Keep it up, Levi!
Year 3/4C Elise Cowdery	Awarded to: Peyton Clifford For: contributing to class discussions and helping others succeed by sharing her knowledge and ideas.

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Year 3/4T Deanna Tuppen	Awarded to: Maya Smith For: creating an engaging pebble, rock and boulder using show, don't tell and tightening tension techniques in writing.
Year 3/4Z	Awarded to: Nate Tunks
Zoe Dyer/Jacquie Mondon	For: doing his best all week and working with his peers to achieve success in the classroom! Great work Nate!
Year 5B Erin Barker	Awarded to: Jamison Dean For: using a sizzling start in his persuasive piece to catch his readers attention. Well done Jamison.
Year 5C Jacky Chen	Awarded to: Harrison Birthisel For: Being able to explain his persuasive text and fully embracing the feedback given to him. Good Job Harrison!
Year 5M Bree McIntyre	Awarded to: Eva Parker For: always trying her best in all class tasks, being kind to others and seeking help when needed.
Year 6A Bianca Avolino/Matthew Kirkright	Awarded to: Hugo Ranft For: being kind and inclusive to peers!
Year 6C Hope Cummins	Awarded to: Harvi Savino For: making such a positive start at Whittlesea Primary School and already representing our three school expectations at all times. Amazing work, Harvi!
Year 6P Robert Pain/Betty Tzelepis	Awarded to: Ethan Rowe For: doing your best during learning time. It has been fantastic to see you asking great questions about your learning and extending yourself in numeracy.

<p>PE Vanessa Montalti</p>	<p>Awarded to: 1/2S For: always showing respect by following the rules and expectations in PE. Well done!</p>
<p>PE BOOST Verena Smith</p>	<p>Awarded to: 1/2 K For: Working well together as a team, paying attention and supporting each other during our team challenge in the 'Pass the can' game.</p>
<p>Chinese Jessie Liu</p>	<p>Awarded to: Foundation D For: trying their best to cut the Chinese dragon lantern with their amazing cutting skills and assemble the lantern together. You are all superstars! Miss Liu</p>





WPS Learning Legends



Congratulations!



Meet Our Yr. 1/2 Team



Hi WPS! My name is Sarah Pearce and I am teaching 1/2K on Wednesdays this year. I have been teaching at WPS for 18 years. I am passionate about helping all of my students to be the best that they can be. My favourite subject to teach is Maths because we get to do lots of hands-on learning. I love to bring in my favourite books to share with my class. The Pig the Pug books are my favourite. I have three girls of my own, as well as a dog named Harvey. I love to read, spend time with my family and friends, and go to lots of theatre shows and concerts.



Hi! I'm Kate Storck, this is my first year teaching at Whittlesea Primary School and even more exciting, my first year as a teacher! I am 12K's classroom teacher Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's. On a Wednesday I am focusing on my studies as I am still currently in my fourth year, studying my Bachelor of Education. I am quickly finding that teaching is my passion and I am excited to see how I grow and develop as a teacher. While I'm not at school I love spending time with my family, reading and painting, however during footy season all my spare time goes to watching Carlton play. 😊



Hi, my name is Miss Merritt and I am very lucky to be the teacher of 1/2M. For many students and families I will be a familiar face as I have followed this cohort up from Foundation! This is my fifth year here at Whittlesea Primary School and I am excited to continue with these students on their learning journey. In my spare time I love to read books, watch movies, eat out at yummy restaurants and catch up with my friends. These holidays I was very lucky to travel to Japan where I visited lots of interesting places, including Mount Fuji, and met lots of different animals like otters and deer!



Hello, I am Carli Scoberg and this year I am teaching Art to the 1/2s on a Wednesday, and I am 1/2F's classroom teacher on a Thursday and Friday. I began teaching at Whittlesea Primary in 2015. I have taught many of you before, either in the classroom or in art. I love seeing the sense of achievement and excitement that students have when they achieve something they have been working so hard to achieve. At home I am kept very busy by my one year old daughter and three year old son. In my free time I love to swim and listen to music.



I have been teaching for 11 years and have been at Whittlesea Primary for eight years. I love building relationships with students for them to thrive and succeed in their learning. My family includes my husband, my 2-year-old daughters named Harley & Jet named Lyla, and two loyal German. They all keep me very busy! In my spare time, I love to go to the beach and listen to music. I barrack for the Richmond Tigers.



I have been a teacher at Whittlesea Primary School for the past 7 years and have taught Year 1 to Year 6.

I love being able to make strong relationships with students, learning about their hobbies and interests and over the years have learn about many topics that I had never heard of.

I have a very supportive family, a wife and three wonderful sons, Rylee is an apprentice furniture maker and my twins, Logan and Ethan are both completing Year 12 this year.

I am a huge Doctor Who fan and have an interest in the paranormal, but most people know that I am an OK drawer.



Hi, my name is Jai Bowring and I am part of the 1/2 team. I am very excited to be at WPS this year as it is my first year as an educator! Applying some of my skills from University, learning heaps of new skills, and being a part of the community is something I am looking forward to. With four weeks under my belt, it's been a wonderful experience getting to know my students and getting set up for a great year ahead. The first thing that you'll quickly get to know about me is I love sports. I regularly play Tennis in my free time and love watching the footy. Go Roos! Last year I was lucky enough to away to Europe with my partner, learning different cultures, history and trying amazing food. Travelling is something that I always enjoy, and I look forward to doing more in the future.

SPORTS REPORT

Term 1 Interschool Sport Results

Round 3

WPS vs St Mary's- GOLD A

WPS Cricket Boys: 118

St Mary's Cricket Boys: 90

WPS Cricket Girls: 115

St Mary's Cricket Girls: 82

WPS Tee ball Girls: 21

St Mary's Tee ball Girls: 21

WPS Tee ball Boys: 20

St Mary's Tee ball Boys: 15

WPS Basketball Boys: 8

St Mary's Basketball Boys: 32

WPS Basketball Girls: 5

St Mary's Basketball Girls: 8

WPS Basketball Mixed: 5

St Mary's Basketball Mixed: 32

WPS vs MERNDA PS - BLUE B

WPS Cricket Boys: 25

Mernda PS Cricket Boys: 129

WPS Cricket Girls: 95

Mernda PS Cricket Girls: 145

WPS Tee ball Girls: 15

Mernda PS Tee ball Girls: 7

WPS Tee ball Boys: 21

Mernda PS Tee ball Boys: 9

WPS Basketball Boys: 8

Mernda PS Basketball Boys: 40

WPS Basketball Girls: 0

Mernda PS k Basketball Girls: 28

WPS Basketball Mixed: 0

Mernda PS Basketball Mixed: 22

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!





Mental Health & Wellbeing

at Whittlesea Primary School

Dear Parents & Carers,

As another week comes to a close. I have been watching students as they settle in to routines within their classroom environments.

I felt this was now a time to touch on the importance of *routines* and how they *positively affect* children and their brain development.

Keeping the same and general routines can help to make your child's world feel stable and predictable. It helps to strengthen brain connection and build confidence as they know what to expect in certain situations.

I found some key information re: *The Importance of establishing Routines* on the [Raising Children Network](#) and felt it was invaluable to share with families.

Happy reading & have a safe and restful weekend.

Amy Carter
MHIPS Leader



Routines

Family routines set out **how families organise themselves** to get things done, spend time together and have fun. Routines help family members know who should do what, when, in what order and how often.

Why routines are good for children

Routines can be good for children for several reasons...

Safety, belonging and relationships

Routines can be part of an organised and predictable home environment, which helps children and teenagers feel safe, secure and looked after. And a predictable family life can also help children cope during development changes like puberty or life events like the birth of a new child, divorce, illness or a house move. Also, routines built around having fun or spending time together foster a sense of belonging and strengthen family relationships.

Skills and responsibility

Having chores as part of family routines helps children and teenagers develop a sense of responsibility and some basic skills like time management. These are skills children can use for life. And when children can do their parts of the routine with less help or supervision, it also helps them become more independent.

Health and wellbeing

Routines can help younger children to learn healthy habits, like brushing their teeth, taking medicine regularly, doing physical activity, or washing their hands after using the toilet. Daily routines help set our body clocks too. For example, bedtime routines help children's bodies 'know' when it's time to sleep.

Why routines are good for parents

Routines take some effort to create. But once you've set them up, they have many benefits:

- When life is busy or difficult, routines can help you feel more organised and in control, which lowers your stress and anxiety.
- Regular and consistent routines can build your confidence as a parent.
- Routines help your family get through your daily tasks more efficiently and free up time for other things.



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NAGAMBIE'S COOLEST FESTIVAL
SAT 24TH FEB 2024, 10AM - 6PM
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SAT 24 FEB 2024



EVENT PROGRAM



9AM - 4PM

JACOBSONS OUTLOOK
BLAYNEY RESERVE
BUCKLEY PARK

GO NAGAMBIE MARKET

Browse stalls from local and travelling vendors selling fresh produce, arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, food and a whole lot more.



9AM - 4PM

BLAYNEY RESERVE,
BOARDWALK

PRIMARY ART

Celebrating the wonderful creativity of young individual student's skills and artworks, at this years festival.

10AM - 4PM

FORESHORE,
BLAYNEY RESERVE,
BUCKLEY PARK,
JACOBSONS OUTLOOK

TICKETED EVENT

WACKY WATER PLAY & GO ADVENTURE STAY & PLAY

Morning, afternoon or 'All Day' Platinum tickets available. Ticket options give you access to on water activities from Wacky Water Play to Go Adventure Nagambie's pedal boats, Hobie's, canoes and kayaks. Onland your ticket gives access to our bungee Trampoline, rock climbing wall, laser tag and more.

11AM - 12PM

LAKE BOWL

TICKETED EVENT

SWIM PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW
12:15PM - 12:30PM
ROWING CLUB FORESHORE

NAGAMBIE WATERWAYS CLUB 2 PUB SWIM

Now one of the festival's favourite community-based events. Choose from the 1.1k or the 600m open water swims. Both swims take place in the bowl of lake Nagambie. We suggest purchasing entry tickets online - gonagambie.com.au/NOW



12PM - 1PM

BUCKLEY PARK WEST ENTRY
THROUGH TO BOARDWALK

MITCHELTON BOARDWALK RUN

Run, walk, jog, or even skip the 2km route from Buckley Park to the newly constructed boardwalk.



EZY SAILING

12PM - 3PM

JACOBSONS OUTLOOK JETTY

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRIBUTE

12:45PM - 1PM

ROWING CLUB FORESHORE

COSTA COMMUNITY CANOE CHALLENGE

1PM - 2PM

ROWING CLUB FORESHORE

TAHBILK WINE GREAT GRAPE STOMP

2:30PM - 3:30PM

BLAYNEY RESERVE

GO ADVENTURE GOULBURN GALLOP

3:30PM - 4:30PM

BLAYNEY RESERVE

BEER AUTO & KELVINGROVE VILLAGE FLOATING GOLF SHOOTOUT

4PM - 5:30PM

BLAYNEY LANE BOARDWALK - LAKE BOWL



NAGAMBIE BREWERY STARS DOWNUNDER

5:30PM - 6:30PM

LAKE BOWL