



Issue 10 Friday 19th April 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 22nd April- Breakfast Club at 8am
- Thursday 25th April- Anzac Day- NO SCHOOL
- Thursday 9th May - Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 10th May – Mothers Day Afternoon Tea
- Wednesday 22nd May- Whole School Athletics



Key Dates



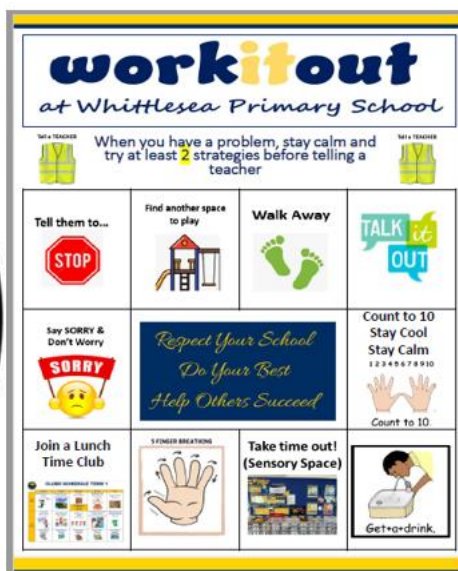
Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2.

This week it was wonderful to see so many of our families engaging with their children's teachers at our Parent Teacher Student Conferences. As our progressive reports were posted at the end of last term, these conferences were an opportunity to have 'deeper' discussions about each student's learning and educational outcomes. On the progressive reports, you would have noticed that we have paid particular attention to learning dispositions. Learner dispositions are very important as they have an impact on a child's overall ability to learn and progress. Dispositions develop alongside and in conjunction with children's acquisition of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and understanding. Research has told us that when students have the disposition of what it is to be a 'learner', it builds the foundation for students to be lifelong learners and take more risks in their learning. It is interesting when we speak with students about what makes a good learner that often they talk about 'someone who gets all the answers correct', but in fact, a good learner is someone who Stays curious and open-minded and is receptive to new ideas, perspectives, and experiences. Good learners explore new topics and subjects and are willing to challenge assumptions and beliefs, ask questions, seek answers, and never stop learning.

We have continued to make improvements around the school and this week the classes on the northern side of the Early Learning Centre were very pleased to see the installation of reverse cycle air conditioning and heating. This has brought much excitement to Ms. Stork and Ms. Fontana's classes. I have even heard that these new units are being named so I am very much looking forward to hearing what they will be referred to. Over the holiday break, we also continue to do some work around the yard. As posted on our school Facebook page we have restored the stairs from our mid-level up to the basketball court and A block. They are not quite finished yet as an additional safety rail is still to be installed to ensure that students traveling up and down these stairs are doing so in a safe manner. Also in the holiday, the school has been completely sprayed, and as many spider webs as we could see were removed. It has been communicated to many that many little 'spider families' were not very happy with the spraying and quickly wanted to relocate. This was long overdue, and I know I feel much better knowing that many of these 'little crawling friends' are no longer calling WPS home.

This week I had a student forum with our Year 6 leaders. The research tells us that when students have a voice at school they are three times more likely to experience self-worth, five times more likely to experience engagement, and five times more likely to experience purpose in school. These students were fantastic and gave me so much input, feedback, and suggestions. We will be working with all our Year 6 students and their teachers which will help us have some special events and activities. These will be planned and communicated as soon as finalised.



Work It Out @ Whittlesea – is being launched next week!
This reminds students about the strategies to work it out safely in the yard

Last term, it was observed that in some of our classes, we do have some students who are not showing our school-expected behaviours – Respect Your School, Do Your Best and Help Others Succeed. On behalf of our school, we will be looking at some adjustments to how these are reinforced in our classrooms. As we know, all actions have consequences, whether these are positive or negative consequences, based on positive or negative actions. We are currently in the process of developing our *Consequence Continuum*. This will be a visual reminder of when students do not show our expected behaviour and how each student may (or may not) move along the continuum. As a school, we are trying to explicitly teach and show that when we have respectful interactions with teachers and peers, it enables a more positive and productive learning environment. When this is not able to occur due to the actions or behaviour of some, then there should be appropriate consequences in place. This is not punishment or retribution, but more a way of regulating, being restorative, and resetting what it means to be a positive contributor to a Whittlesea Primary School classroom and yard.

Lastly, our new Toilet Block installation which was planned for Friday of next week, has now had to be rescheduled. Vic Roads has communicated with the Victorian School Building Authority, that there are regulations prohibiting the transportation of heavy loads on the day following public holidays. Whilst this is a little disappointing, it does give us some extra time to relocate as many of our indigenous plants and garden features as we can. We are hoping to maintain our archway and some of the front features of the garden, but these will also be managed by the team from the building authority as to what can stay and what we will have to move.



Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

ANZAC DAY APPEAL

SUPPORT US IN HONOURING OUR HEROES

Whittlesea Primary School proudly supports this years
ANZAC DAY APPEAL.

**Before and After School
First break**

Outside the Heritage building near the soccer pitch.

DATES

Friday 19th April
Monday 22nd April
Tuesday 23rd April
Wednesday 24th April

The cost of items ranges between
\$2.00 - \$5.00

Some items of higher value
will be available
CASH ONLY

Assistant Principal's Report



Hello Everyone

It is hard to believe that this is only week one of Term 2, it has been so busy! The students have returned to school refreshed and ready for learning and we have a number of upcoming events that the students are really looking forward to.

Wednesday's adjusted day provided the perfect opportunity for students, parents and carers to get a progress update from teachers. These interviews are particularly important as they provide feedback on key learner dispositions and student learning goals for the remainder of the term.

This year, Whittlesea Primary School will once again, proudly support the ANZAC Day Appeal.

Our Year 6 leaders are selling badges before and after school and during first break next week in the lead up to ANZAC Day. You will find them in front of the Heritage building near the soccer pitch.

On Thursday 25th April, Whittlesea Primary School will join with the broader Whittlesea community at the ANZAC Day march to the Arch memorial and soldier's memorial. If you would like your child to march with the school, please consent to the Compass Event and meet at the Whittlesea Bowling Club, Church Street at 2:00PM. Step off will commence at 2:30PM. If your child is being collected by another parent or walking home at the end of the march, please see me on the day and provide written permission. Parents/carers are invited to walk with their children.

We are excited to announce that this year School Council has approved a Mother's Day stall. A variety of items will be available for students to choose from, and the cost is \$5.00. The event is now available to view on Compass. The stall will be held on Thursday 9th May and a catch up will be held on Friday 10th May for students absent on Thursday. Students will visit the stall with their class group and teacher to choose their gift. The school will raise a small amount of money from this event, and it will be used in conjunction with the colour run money to repurpose the area behind the cubbies near the staff carpark.

On Friday 10th May, from 3:15PM – 4:00PM, our staff will host a Mother's Day/Special Person afternoon tea in the gym. We hope to see you there!



The Whole School Athletics event, originally scheduled for Friday 26th April, has been rescheduled for Wednesday 22nd May. Planning is well underway, and the event will look very similar to previous years with more information to be shared including a Compass event (consent and bus cost) and invitations for parent helpers in the coming weeks.

There are multiple factors that have led to this event being rescheduled. As many of you are aware, our new toilet block will be arriving shortly. We had hoped to schedule its installation on the day of the athletics next week when there are no students and staff onsite. Unfortunately, due to the public holiday on Thursday, Vic Roads prohibit the haulage of such large buildings on Victorian roads. We are liaising with the relevant authorities to align the delivery with the Wednesday 22nd May. The rescheduled date will also give the incoming PE teacher an opportunity to be involved in this whole school event.

Finally, I would like to remind our families to review *'What's On at Whittlesea Primary School'* in the newsletter for upcoming events. See you at Breakfast Club on Monday morning.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊



Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal



Mother's Day Stall

Celebrating all mum's, carers, grandma's
and special persons

9th-10th May

Thursday 9th May
Foundation to Year 6

Friday 10th May
Make up day for absent students

\$5 per gift (pre-paid via Compass)

If you would like to purchase more
than one gift, please contact the office
on 9716 2140, before making any payment.



Star of the Week

Foundation D Mikayla Di Mauro	Awarded to: Lacey Reischel For: Learning the 5 vowels and the sounds they make.
Foundation G Jess Gordon	Awarded to: Sadie Griffiths For: counting collections one by one during our domino addition. Great work!
Foundation F Jess Fontana	Awarded to: River Dimech For: having a positive start to the term and working as part of a team to record sounds in words. Well done!
Year 1/2F Chantelle Fasone/Carli Scoberg	Awarded to: Chiara Kabalan For: an amazing start to term two in 1/2F. Well done!
Year 1/2S Stuart Maxfield	Awarded to: Rilee Clifford For: being an honest, caring classmate and working hard on all of her work.
Year 1/2M Madison Merritt	Awarded to: Saxon Deveson For: stretching when writing and recording most of the sounds in words. Well done!
Year 1/2B Jai Bowring	Awarded to: Caleb Ritcher For: Listening really well on the floor and completing many learning tasks. Well done!
Year 1/2K Kate Storck/Sarah Pearce	Awarded to: Charlotte Cusinato For: an amazing start back into the classroom, showing our school values of respecting others.
Year 3/4B Tracy Brooks	Awarded to: Abigail Blake For: writing a great narrative with lots of interesting ideas.
Year 3/4D Brad Dupuy	Awarded to: Charlie Stewart For: demonstrating awesome thinking skills in Maths by solving addition problems in multiple ways. Keep it up, Charlie!

Year 3/4C Elise Cowdery	Awarded to: Tink Kolotelo For: making such a positive start at WPS and being a respectful and kind classmate.
Year 3/4T Deanna Tuppen	Awarded to: Tyler Williams For: Being resilient in maths by overcoming challenges to complete amazing addition learning in every session! Well done, Tyler!
Year 3/4Z Zoe Dyer/Jacque Mondon	Awarded to: Thomas Petrevski For: being a kind classmate and helping others succeed throughout the school. Well done Thomas!
Year 5B Erin Barker	Awarded to: Zoe Elsey For: her persistence when working towards her writing goal in using correct punctuation. Well done, Zoe!
Year 5C Jacky Chen	Awarded to: Ryker Sanders For: Completing his narrative writing with persistence and effort. Good Job Ryker, keep it up!
Year 5M Bianca Avolino/Alex Box	Awarded to: Paige Frappa For: being polite, caring, and helpful to her new teachers!
Year 6A Matthew Kirkright	Awarded to: Harry King For: Trying your best and asking a lot of questions to improve as a learner
Year 6C Hope Cummins	Awarded to: Jesse Osborne For: always meeting our school expectations and being an outstanding role model. Well done, Jesse!
Year 6P Robert Pain	Awarded to: Riley Tanoai-McMaster For: showing the expectation of 'Do Your Best' during writing sessions. Well done on putting great detail into your narrative this week Riley!
PE BOOST Leonie Gorski	Awarded to: 1/2F For: identifying the skills we attempted in PMP, eye/hand coordination, eye/foot coordination, and balancing.
Chinese Jessie Liu	Awarded to: 34D For: sharing your amazing holiday stories as well as trying your best to challenge yourself in Chinese online quizzes.
ART F-2 Leonie Gorski	Awarded to: OD For: exploring coloring techniques to shade the shapes, that they created using their symmetry skills.



Introducing our Admin Team

Hi everyone, My Name is Angie and I'm thrilled to be the Business Manager at Whittlesea Primary School.

I've had the privilege of working at both Coburg High School and was a Business manager at another local primary school over the last few years and are excited to take a position at Whittlesea. When I'm not at school , you'll often find me on the sidelines of soccer and cricket grounds across Melbourne, cheering on my two sports-loving boys- Jace year 9 and Kade year 7. We are a soccer/cricket loving family and are heavily involved with sporting clubs

Adding an extra dose of joy and chaos to our daily routine is Oscar, our lovable Labradoodle. His playful antics never fail to brighten our days and remind us to embrace the simple joys of life.

I look forward to meeting and chatting to you when you pop into the office.



Miss Angie

Hello, I'm Rachel, the new Office Administrator at WPS. Transitioning from a decade-long career in real estate to the school environment excites me greatly. I live with my Fiancé & my daughter Analise, who is embarking on her final year of high school, alongside our two furry companions, Rocky and Mia. I love coffee... ALOT, and find solace in baking, fishing, watching movies and cherished moments with my family during my downtime. Embracing this new journey, I eagerly anticipate building connections with both the students and parents of WPS, fostering a supportive and welcoming community.



Miss Rachel

Hello, I'm Jacoba, and you might recognize my friendly face from my presence around the school over the last year. I'm part of the Administration team and Facilities in our School Services, ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Before my tenure with the Department of Education three years back, I had a fulfilling career in the medical industry. Helping others has always been a passion of mine, and I find great satisfaction in doing so every day. Outside of work, my husband and I cherish family time with our two children and two dogs, often heading out in our caravan for adventures and fishing trips (hoping for a good catch!). I also enjoy catching up with friends, exploring markets, sipping coffee, and enjoying quiet days at our new home.



Miss Jacoba

My name Mandy Willis. This year you will find me in one of the libraries or first aid.

I started at Whittlesea Primary School in 2008 working in the uniform shop, then in 2009 I helped out in classrooms as student support and have had many roles since then.

When I'm not at school I love reading, gardening, renovating and visiting my family in Tasmania.



Mrs Willis

Learning Legends

(Term 1 - 2nd Assembly)



CELEBRATION

Introducing our Tutors



Miss Kim

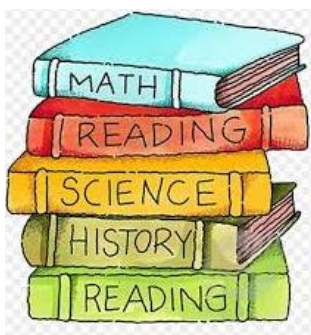
Hello! I'm Kim Mavrogiannis (Mrs Mav). I commenced here at Whittlesea Primary School in Term 1 2024. I have a few roles here at Whittlesea Primary school, Literacy Initiative Tutor, EAL and Education Support.

I have spent time in different careers throughout my adult life, as an Adult Educator, Disability Support, and a successful Business owner. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in primary education for the past 5 years and it brings me immense joy supporting children to learn, increase confidence and grow.

I have a huge Maltese family and I'm one of 23 grandchildren. I spend most of my summer break on the Murry River with my extended family and enjoy the summer BBQ's and boating.

Outside of work, I really love spending time with my husband and 2 daughters, volunteering at local community clubs, services and most of all watching AFL (Go Pies!).

My philosophy to life is when life gives you 100 reasons to cry show life you have 1000 reasons to smile. If you see me out in the yard and I haven't had the pleasure to meet you personally already, please don't hesitate to stop me and say hi.



Miss Jenny

Hi everyone, my name is Jenny Caiulo and I have been an ES for 27 years. I moved from Western Australia in 2019 and I am loving the cooler weather and beautiful lush green landscape here in Victoria.

This term I will also be working as a Tutor to offer literacy support to students, which is a passion of mine.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time exploring new places around Victoria with my husband and our gorgeous Standard Schnauzer Izzy.

I am also a big Fremantle Dockers fan.

Introducing our MiniLit Tutors



Miss Jess



Miss Sarah

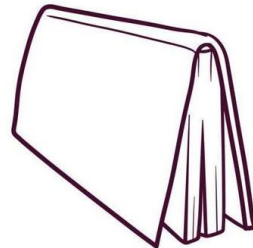
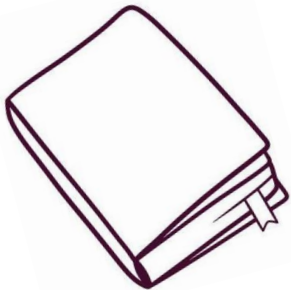
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Hello to our Whittlesea Primary community, we are Jess and Sarah and we are the tutors running the MiniLit program with the Year 1 and 2's this year!

We are passionate about teaching literacy and have loved getting to know all our unique students throughout term 1. MiniLit consists of 6 different skill points that develop students reading and writing abilities through small group intervention.

In our spare time we love being at the beach or anywhere in nature, we love to cook and many of our students do mistake us as sisters.

We love getting to know our students and make learning fun and unique to each individual student. We can't wait for what 2024 has to bring for us and our students at Whittlesea.



Classroom News.....

Follow Your Dreams




School ended for Term 1 and my adventure began, YLS Where's Wodger (my 4-Year-Old Quarter Horse) and I were travelling to Tamworth to compete in the Australian Quarter National Championships. Two solid days of travelling, camping overnight at Mossvale Show Grounds and both of us arrived very tired.

The days were long, up at 5:30am and bed at midnight, but what a fun and exciting experience!

I voiced the concerns that other people had constantly shared with me to the students at Whittlesea Primary School, and they gave me the following advice...



WINNER

Concern	WPS Solution
People stated that I was too old to compete at National Level.	You are never too old to try Never doubt yourself We believe in you Mrs Gorski
It is too far to travel	Stop over-night, eat healthy food and have a good night's sleep before driving
What if I don't win? 	Who cares, you are competing at a National Level. We will be proud that you are trying, winning is just a bonus. Remember to it is OK to FAIL F irst A tttempt I n L earning  Congratulate every rider 
People say awful things about my horse or me	Ask them to Stop, as it is not respectful Walk away Find my friends Spend time with Wodger, he always loves me
If I win	Congratulate every competitor Acknowledge every person that congratulates me, give them my full attention.
	Always remember you are representing Whittlesea Primary School .

Wodger and I won three National Titles, such an honour, such a thrill and it reaffirmed that hard work and dedication allows us to achieve amazing results. Don't worry, Wodger followed our Schools Expectations (Do your Best, Respect your School and Help others Succeed).

Thank you everyone for supporting me to follow my dream...

Cheers Leonie Gorski



Community Leaders 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Community Leaders. Students who will be participating, on their assigned day will not have to wear uniform and can come in casual clothes. Below is the list of students for Term 2 Week 2 😊

Mackenzie DOW	22nd April
Madison VAN WEENEN	22nd April
Millie BRANDER	23rd April
Mitchell CAIN	23rd April
Nate CHARLES	24th April
Riley TANOAI-MCMASTER	24th April
Beau BATEMAN	26th April
Chaz MACKENZIE	26th April



A purple butterfly with black markings on its wings, positioned to the left of the main title.

Nature Discovery Walk

FREE
EVENT

Sunday 5 May

Harvest Home Recreation reserve
10am – 2pm

Park at Epping Soccer Stadium, enter via Harvest Home Road, Epping

Enjoy a walk amongst the majestic trees of Epping North Conservation Reserve and learn about nature. Along the trail children can do nature activities and get a stamp for their nature passport, learning about the trees and the animals that live here.

KIDS
ACTIVITIES

- ANIMALS OF OZ
- ECO EXPLORERS
- BRING COINS FOR A BARBECUE



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TOURNAMENT

25th April

ANZAC DAY

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



LEST WE FORGET

Anzac Day