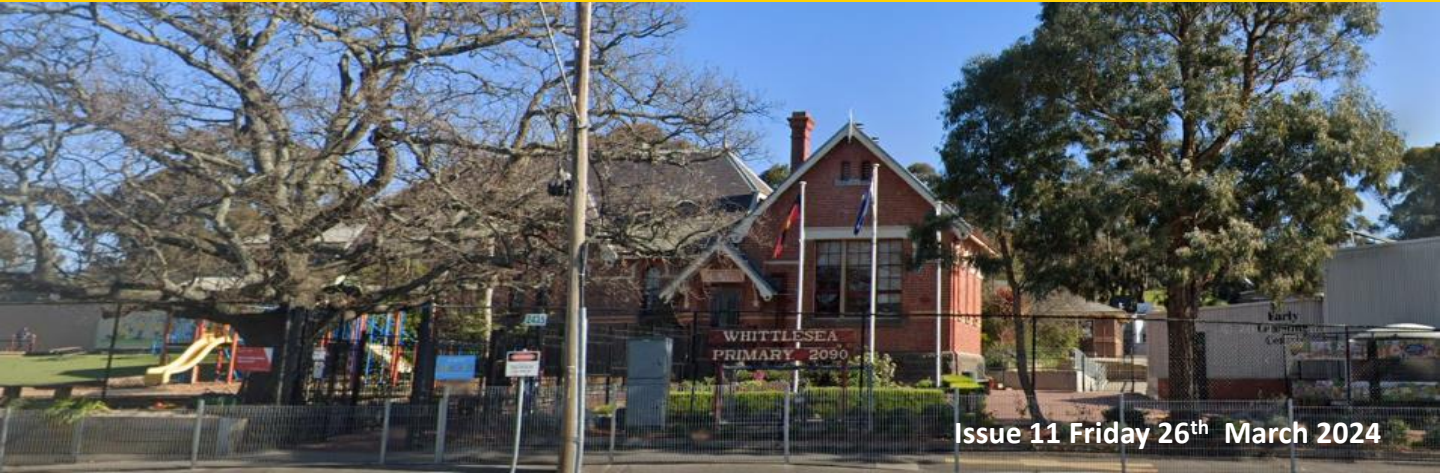


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Upcoming Events :

- Monday 29th April- Breakfast Club at 8am
- Thursday 9th May - Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 10th May – Mother's Day Afternoon tea 3.15pm – 4.00pm
- Friday 3rd May- Inter School Sports
- Wednesday 22nd May- Whole School Athletics



Key Dates



Principal's Report

This week has been a wonderful week to reflect on what has been a very positive start to Term 2. We celebrated ANZAC day this week and it was lovely to see so many of our Year 6 students who were out in the yard selling badges. I would like to thank our families who supported this wonderful cause who purchased these and made donations. Ms. Gittos has provided an update in her report regarding the ANZAC day ceremony. We are very proud of all our students and how they represented the school.

This week the staff participated in professional learning about the High Impact Wellbeing Strategies (HIWS) The HIWS are 7 evidence-informed strategies developed in partnership with Monash University. They have a significant effect on student wellbeing. These HIWS empower school staff with the knowledge and skills to build student wellbeing and improve outcomes for all.

HIWS related to building relationships		HIWS related to safe and inclusive classroom environments		HIWS related to building student capability		
1: Build relationships with students	2: Facilitate peer relationships	3: Establish and maintain clear classroom expectations	4: Support inclusion and belonging	5: Foster student self-efficacy	6: Engage students	7: Promote coping strategies and facilitate referrals

The HIWS complements existing and developing school processes and practices. They are most effective when integrated with other mental health and wellbeing initiatives. On Wednesday evening we looked at the first 4 strategies and we plan to look at the next 4 next week. The focus for the term is student engagement.

I have briefly mentioned in a previous newsletter that we have received a GOLD SWPBS award. This is a wonderful achievement and as the incoming Principal I would like to acknowledge that this has been several years of dedicated work in this space, since starting the journey in 2017. Whilst this is the case, and with the many changes we have had at the school both in terms of staff and students, we will continue to review and refine whole school processes. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are introducing the *Consequence Continuum*. Along with this, we are looking at our SWPBS class displays to streamline and simplify the process so that the information is more accessible to all students from Foundation to Year 6. This is an exciting piece of work as it will form the basis for setting our classroom climate well into 2024 and beyond.



We understand that technology is now a factor in our everyday lives and for students this is often always the case. I would therefore just like to remind all our students and families about mobile phones not being used in school. We do kindly ask that once a student enters the school grounds mobile phones are put away, and as stated in the Department of Education Policy phones are handed to the teacher at the start of the day so they can be placed into secure storage. At the end of each day, phones are returned to school. Phones are a very valuable item and can also be used for many different purposes, such as searching on the Internet and/or taking photos/videos, so students who bring phones to school must use them ethically and respectfully way.

We have our Mother's Day Stall and Afternoon Team coming soon and I am very much looking forward to catching up with Mums, Grandmothers, and other special people who help and support our students to be who they are. Please see Compass regarding the pre-purchasing of gifts at the staff. All gifts are \$5 each and if any family would like to purchase more than one gift due to your family circumstances, then please just give the office a call.

You may have noticed that we have been completing more improvement works around the school, which is showcasing our 'Respect Your School' expectation. The staircases that lead to our oval, Year 5 and Specialist classrooms are all being checked to ensure they meet industry regulations. New capping will also ensure that these are safe and will hopefully avoid any slips and/or falls.

Lastly, we are expecting our new school toilet block to be installed at the school on Wednesday 22nd May, which is the same day as our upcoming Athletics Carnival at Meadowglen Stadium. Whilst this date is the day the block arrives, we will have to wait for the surrounding ramps and landscaping to be completed, as well as the connection of services such as water and electricity. The toilet will be placed towards to the back of our Indigenous Garden, so you may see some of our plants and features being relocated. We are trying to keep as much of our garden as possible and we are also looking at developing another space that will acknowledge our indigenous plants and some artwork from our students.

Kaylene Kubeil

Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

Yesterday, Whittlesea Primary School commemorated the 109th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers, in Gallipoli, Turkey, during World War One on 25th April 1915. Thank you to students and families who participated in the ANZAC Day march in the Whittlesea township. A contingent of over 40 proud Whittlesea Primary students marched along the streets of Whittlesea, paying their respects to those who have served our country. We also had a number of our students represent, marching with the Whittlesea Scouts and Whittlesea Eagles Football Club. Our school captains did a wonderful job leading the march. My gratitude extends to Mrs Willis and the many parents that supported throughout the afternoon.



Also, a big thank you to our school and house captains for the work they did raising money for the Whittlesea RSL sub-branch. This year we raised \$752.75. An amazing effort and much needed funds for our veterans and their families.

Just a reminder that our Mother's Day stall is now only weeks away. A variety of items will be available for students to choose from, and the cost is \$5.00. The event is available to view in Compass Events. We have already had 195 students pay and consent for this event! 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. Also, don't forget our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 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. The rescheduled date will also give the incoming PE teacher an opportunity to be involved in this whole school event.

Don't forget Breakfast Club this coming Monday, followed by a whole school assembly in the gym at 9.00AM.

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
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Star of the Week

Foundation D Mikayla Di Mauro	Awarded to: Holly Cummings For: drawing diagrams to help work out addition equations.
Foundation G Jess Gordon	Awarded to: Stanley Russ For: sharing new information about seeds during your reading groups. Well done!
Foundation F Jess Fontana	Awarded to: Levi Matthews For: creating and solving addition equations in Maths this week.
Year 1/2F Chantelle Fasone/Carli Scoberg	Awarded to: Eden Webber For: doing her best in writing a detailed narrative about something that was 'found'
Year 1/2S Stuart Maxfield	Awarded to: Peyton Joynson For: always being a smiling and caring classmate and achieving a great result with her writing.
Year 1/2M Madison Merritt	Awarded to: Ellie Carr For: using punctuation correctly in her 'Found' narrative. Well done!
Year 1/2B Jai Bowring	Awarded to: Emily Pratt For: Creating an amazing story in your writing moderation. Well done!
Year 1/2K Kate Storck/Sarah Pearce	Awarded to: Charlotte Cobb For: your amazing work and resilience in your writing narrative 'found'. Great job Charlotte!
Year 3/4D Brad Dupuy	Awarded to: Nella Kessler For: doing a fantastic job at using descriptive words to paint a picture of the setting in your writing. Keep up the good work, Nella!

Year 3/4T Deanna Tuppen	Awarded to: Elizabeth Maher For: gaining confidence to complete her reading work and challenging herself to extend her work too!
Year 3/4Z Zoe Dyer/Jacquie Mondon	Awarded to: Leirian Waters For: doing his best when writing and working through maths challenges! You are a great member of 3/4Z!
Year 3/4C Elise Cowdery	Awarded to: Joseph Perinovic For: writing like author Roland Harvey by using descriptive words and facts. Your writing about the colosseum was fantastic!
Year 5B Erin Barker	Awarded to: Dakota Love For: being an excellent team player inside and outside of the classroom and always helping her friends to succeed. Excellent work, Dakota!
Year 5C Jacky Chen	Awarded to: Alex Kolotelo For: settling quickly into his new classroom during the first two weeks of term. 5C is very lucky to have you as a classmate. Keep it up Alex!
Year 5M Bianca Avolino/Alex Box	Awarded to: Nate Griffin For: being an excellent role model in 5M and always doing his best to focus on his learning!
Year 6A Matthew Kirkright	Awarded to: Emma Lord For: continuing to help others succeed during lessons. Well done Emma!
Year 6C Hope Cummins	Awarded to: Noah Bateman For: consistently exceeding our school expectations and approaching every situation with maturity. Well done, Noah!
Year 6P Rob Pain	Awarded to: Jada Smith For: Being a kind and supportive member of our classroom. Thank you for consistently showing our school expectation of Help Others Succeed.
PE BOOST Verena Smith	Awarded to: OOG For: Everyone challenged themselves in PMP trying to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible during balloon volleyball - well done!
STEM Hugh Wilson	Awarded to: 3/4T For: fantastic work in our STEM expectations and going beyond in their coding skills. Great work, 3/4T
Mandarin Jessie Liu	Awarded to: Foundation D For: Fabulous work in Mandarin and your best efforts in Chinese. You're superstars, Foundation D.
ART Leonie Gorski	Awarded to: 1/2K For: developing a plan for their 'Hidden Objects' picture, applying their skills to create a detailed drawing.



AMAZING!

Introducing our Education Support Team



Ms Jo

Hi, my name is Ms Jo.

I have been part of the WPS team for 6 years. I really enjoy working with all the students across all year levels and helping them succeed in their learning. Outside of work, I love keeping fit, reading and going out fishing in my boat at Lake Eildon. I'm also a Collingwood fan! Go Pies!



Ms M

My Muriel Minkjan (Ms M). I've been at Whittlesea Primary School as an ES for almost 7 years. I have enjoyed getting to know all the students and their siblings over the years and seeing them grow and develop. I especially enjoy working with students in intervention programs such as the Phonological Awareness Program and the Language Support Program. When I'm not at school I love reading, camping, and coaching my daughter's netball team.



Miss Jackie

Hi everyone, I'm "Miss Jackie". I am new to WPS this year and am loving it. I am enjoying getting to know the wonderful staff, students, and their families. This is my 5th year as an ES. I am passionate about helping children to be the best they can be and achieve their full potential with their learning. I believe it is important to support children to believe in themselves and their ability to learn, no matter what their background or ability is. School can be challenging for some students so I'm always looking at new ways to help them learn and enjoy themselves whilst doing it. I have a great sense of humour which works well to help keep students engaged and have a bit of fun whilst at school. I want kids to love school life and feel safe and happy whilst there. When I'm not at work I am undertaking a Bachelor of Educational Studies, to become a Primary School Teacher. I am a mother of 6 beautiful children and my husband is a Year 6 Teacher. I love being with my family and friends and enjoy camping, dinners, exploring new parts of Victoria, and going to the footy to watch Carlton win.



Miss Bec

Hello, I'm Rebecca Cameron (Ms Bec). I am one of our wonderful ES staff. This is my 6th year at Whittlesea Primary School. I have been involved with the school since 2007 with my children attending many years ago. I love working with the students and helping them succeed. In my spare time, I love to paint and draw and go on family holidays in our caravan. I am also a big Rugby League fan (Melbourne Storm) and in summer I love watching the cricket



Mrs G

Hi, I'm Anjie. The students know me as Mrs G!
I first came to Whittlesea Primary School at the beginning of last year, doing my first year in a school. I have an Integration Aide qualification and previously worked for Riding for the Disabled for 4 years with my horse Jerry (who was a volunteer). I have 24-year-old twin daughters; one is a Prep Teacher and the other is at Medical School. At home I have 2 horses, a cat and a dog. 😊



Miss O

Hi everyone, my name is Jordyn and this is my first year as an Education Support staff member at Whittlesea Primary. I'm also currently studying my Bachelor of Education and am lucky enough to spend 4 days a week assisting the students at WPS. Most of my time is spend among the grade 3/4 classes although I've had the privilege of floating through all year levels and meeting lots of different faces. When I'm not at school or studying I like to dive into a good book or TV series and spend time with my family dog Dave! I look forward to building stronger relationships with the staff and students and contribute to 2024 being a great year!



Ms Aimee

Hello, my name is Ms Aimee and I've been a member of the E.S team for nearly 2 years. I enjoy my role working with all the kids and like seeing them learn and grow. My hobbies include Face Painting and attending lots of different sports with my kids.



Miss Renee

Renee is currently enjoying some well-earned long service leave – we cannot wait to see her again very soon (Week 4)



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Monday 3rd June 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 19th June 4.30-5.30PM

TERM 3
Thursday 25th July 4.30pm-5.30PM
Wednesday 28th August 4.30pm-5.30PM

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 3 😊

Riley BURKE	29 th April
Shelby FARRELLY	29 th April
Sophia-Grace BEATTIE	30 th April
Stevie MCKECHNIE	30 th April
Will BASSETT	1 st May
Willow MCCORMICK	1 st May
Soraya THOMAS	2 nd May
Kruz EDWARDS	2 nd May
Danny BUX	3 rd May
Evie SPYROPOULOS	3 rd May



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10am – 2pm

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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.

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