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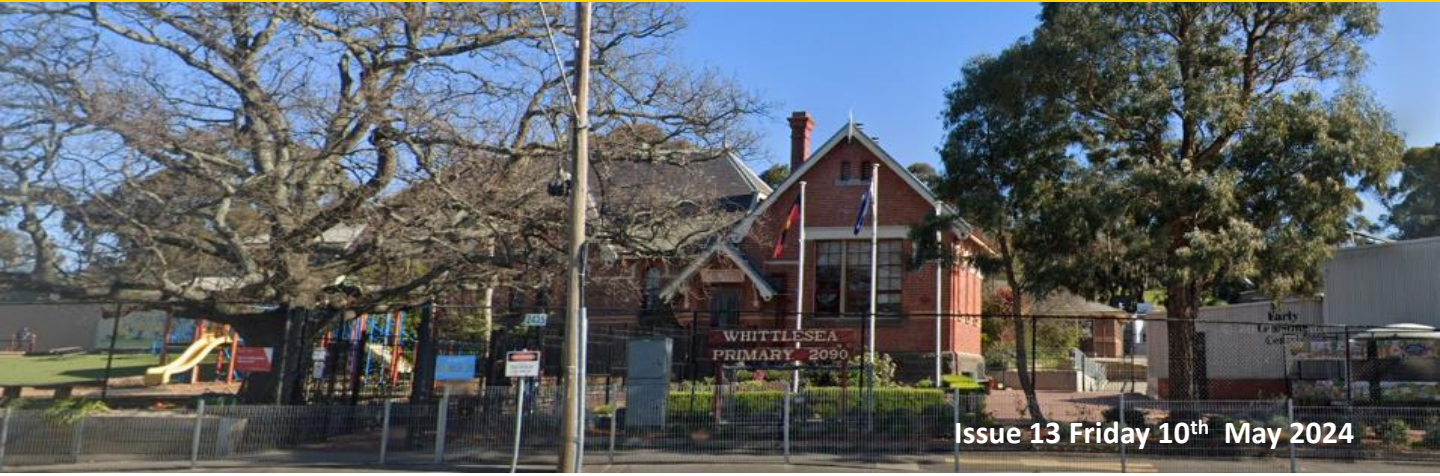
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Issue 13 Friday 10th May 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 13th May- Breakfast Club at 8am
- Monday 13th May- Foundation RACV Safety Talk
- Tuesday 14th May- Bridge Inn Cross Country
- Friday 17th May- Interschool Sports



Key Dates



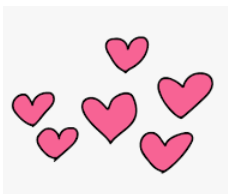
Principal's Report

It has been another very exciting week as we start to see the preparation work taking place for our new toilet block with the construction of temporary fencing around the area. Whilst this is going to cause disruption and inconvenience in the short term, the long term is going to be very worthwhile. I understand that some community members are concerned about our Indigenous garden and how much the toilets are going to impact this. We are endeavouring to save as much of our garden as possible. Plants are being relocated to the garden area just outside 5B and 5C classrooms (portable).

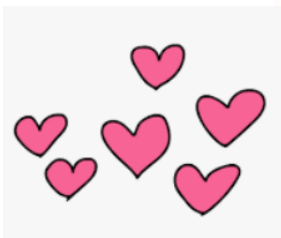
We are also looking at putting in some stonework and/or stepping stones that will have an indigenous theme that we are hoping to co-create with our students. If any of our indigenous families would like to offer suggestions for this space, we would love to work with you. Just contact the office if you are interested.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Whittlesea Network School's Principal Conference in Geelong. Whilst it is always not ideal to be out of school, the professional learning that takes place does provide an opportunity to reflect on the work that we are doing and assess future directions. The main themes for the conference were how schools are focussing on Attendance, Aboriginal Perspectives, Disadvantaged Cohorts, Improving School Data (particularly in Literacy & Numeracy), and how schools can support these groups, particularly through Equity funding. The first day of the conference focussed on school-based implementation and how Principals can drive school-based improvement and empower leadership teams to run effective meetings with a range of protocols including – Rapid Action Plans, Data Capture Cards, and 'Scrum' check-in tool. On the second day, one of the presenters was from 'The Demographics Group' and he spoke to us about how *'Demographic trends and how these influence and impact education'*. This was a fascinating insight into how the population has changed over the last few years, how we are choosing to live, and where families are moving in and out of. The impact of the COVID years was a feature of his presentation and how as a society this time has changed the way we live and work. In terms of the impacts on our network, he explained that the Whittlesea LGA is experiencing significant growth, one of the highest in Victoria as families are choosing to shift away from more built-up areas and avoiding the daily traffic snarls that are becoming more apparent in areas of higher density housing. It is interesting to see if his predictions of growth in our area do equate to a rise in school enrolment. We will wait and see.

Lastly, I would like to wish all our Mums, Grandmothers, and Specialist People in our lives, a very special Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. We had our Mother's Day Stall we had over students purchase item/s through the stall. I hope you like your gifts, which is a small token of appreciation for all that you do. We also celebrated today with an afternoon tea which I hope was enjoyed by those that attended. It was very nice to come together as a community.



Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

This week, the construction works commenced in readiness for the new toilet block. It is exciting to see how quickly the changes have come into effect, with part of the pathway removed to accommodate the sewage and drainage required for the install. The students still have access to their classrooms however the entry to the school from Plover Way is now through the double gates behind the skip bins. Due to the works taking place, and the install scheduled for Wednesday 22nd May, there is limited parking available in the staff carpark. We ask that families seek alternate parking for drop off and pick up over the coming weeks to allow staff to park their cars in the morning. We also advise that the embankment running along the school in Plover Way is a NO STANDING ZONE and is enforced by Whittlesea Council. To avoid council fines, we encourage you not to park here. We have contacted Whittlesea Council to request for leniency due to the works taking place however we are yet to hear back regarding this. Once we know more, we will communicate this to families.

On another note, we thank you for the respectful and safe use of the Church carpark. We appreciate the Church opening the carpark for our families to use. We encourage our families to use the grass and pathways to walk to and from your cars rather than through the middle of the driveway. This is a matter of safety for both students and parents.

Yesterday, a group of eager Year 6 students travelled to Greensborough Hockey Club with St. Marys to compete in the Bridge Inn District Hockey 7's Gala Day. Our school competed against four district schools in a fantastic display of competition and sportsmanship. For some of our students, this was a chance to build on their skills from last year, however, for the majority, this was a new experience and a challenge that were looking forward to.

The boys started well, holding off St. Josephs to a nil all draw. In their second match, they wove their way through the St. Mary's boys, trumping them 1-0. The penultimate match was a close one. Our boys had a strong start, leading Hume 2-0 at the half time changeover. Despite leading in the second, they drew 2-2 at the final whistle. In their last match of the day, the boys came out firing, scoring 5-0 against Mernda Park, a terrific result.

Our girls team gave it their all. They were competitive from the beginning however they went down in their first game against St. Josephs 0-1. Despite another close match against St. Mary's in the second, the girls conceded again 0-1. By the third game, the girls had hit their stride, and their team plays were showing huge improvement. Hume were leading in the dying minutes of the second half when some excellent passing and fancy footwork saw our girls score to tie the match 1-1. In the final game, spirits were high and the team oozed determination. With regular interchanges to keep their legs fresh, the girls scored, again with only a minute to spare, winning their match against Mernda Park.

Well done to both teams. The girls placed third in their competition and the boys placed equal first however took out second place on a count back of goals (WPS 7- Hume 9). We are waiting to hear if our teams will go through to division but regardless, they were great ambassadors for our school.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone that supported our Mother's Day stall. This is the first Mother's Day stall we have held in 8 years, and we are so pleased with how smoothly it has run. Often, the measure of success of any event in a school can be measured by the excitement and looks on the students faces and if the shopping sprees I witnessed are anything to go by, you are going to see some very excited and very pleased with themselves' faces on Mother's Day when their share their surprises with you.



To all of our Mums, Grandma's, Nan's, Nonna's, Aunties, Sisters and special people in our students lives, have a wonderful day with your families this Sunday 😊



Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal

Introducing our

PE Teacher



Hello my name is Mrs Northridge and I am the new PE teacher here at Whittlesea Primary School.

I have been teaching for 16 years and really enjoy having fun with the students while playing games and working on different sports, skills and sportsmanship.

I enjoy playing basketball and watching both the NBL and the NRL.

I love spending time with my family and friends on the weekend.

I am really looking forward to getting to working here at Whittlesea Primary School and getting to know all the students.



Teacher



Hello Whittlesea Primary Community, my name is Sarah Carpenter and I am the Art teacher for grade 3-6. I am looking forward to creating an environment that provides opportunities for students' to showcase their creative ideas, through inspiration from numerous artists both past and present, as well as from diverse cultures and mixed media.

I have been teaching in a classroom setting for over 10 years and am currently working here at Whittlesea three days a week and 2 days at another school. Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family going on outdoor adventures, drawing, painting, photography, travel, and watching sunrises/sunsets.

Star of the Week

Foundation D Mikayla Di Mauro	Awarded to: Mason Gaff For: sequencing events in the story Herbet and Harry.
Foundation G Jess Gordon	Awarded to: Rei Stahl For: listening to and writing the sounds you can hear to support your detailed illustration of Belinda the cow.
Foundation F Jess Fontana	Awarded to: Penny Withoos For: reading our SATPIN CVC words. Well done!
Year 1/2F Carli Scoberg/Amanda Pascoe	Awarded to: Ally Dawson For: doing her best on all learning tasks this week. Well done Ally!
Year 1/2S Stuart Maxfield	Awarded to: Charlotte Skoda For: working well during all her lessons and making some great achievements.
Year 1/2M Madison Merritt	Awarded to: Kade Bux For: placing three-digit numbers on a number line accurately. Well done!
Year 1/2B Jai Bowring	Awarded to: Hunter Jones For: Completing many learning tasks and creating lots of great stories.
Year 1/2K Kate Storck/Sarah Pearce	Awarded to: Shenae Magro For: your amazing effort in your code testing!
Year 3/4B	Awarded to: Hunter Saw For: making positive choices in class. Well done Hunter!
Year 3/4D Brad Dupuy	Awarded to: Verity Cain For: doing a fantastic job in Maths. You are always willing to have a go and try your best to explain your thinking. Keep it up, Verity!
Year 3/4T Deanna Tuppen	Awarded to: Nate Williams For: pushing himself in his writing by publishing an engaging Roland Harvey inspired piece of work.
Year 3/4Z Zoe Dyer/Jacque Mondon	Awarded to: Jack Carle For: writing a descriptive writing piece about the Murray River. Well done Jack!
Year 3/4C Elise Cowdery	Awarded to: Samantha Fisher For: challenging herself in maths by using different strategies to solve subtraction problems.

Year 5B Erin Barker	Awarded to: Lincoln Trafford For: creating an interesting and engaging sequel. Excellent work, Lincoln!
Year 5C Jacky Chen	Awarded to: Angelissa Perinovic For: being persistent with her maths, and continually seeking help and trying different strategies. Good Job Angelissa!
Year 5M Bianca Avolino/Alex Box	Awarded to: Jett Webb For: being focused and asking clarifying questions about his inquiry project, to ensure he is doing his best!
Year 6A Matthew Kirkright	Awarded to: Melinda Gittos For: An amazing "Little Orange Riding Hood" story. Well done!
Year 6C Hope Cummins	Awarded to: Rhys McLaren For: challenging himself to independently take on extension tasks in maths. Well done, Rhys!
Year 6P Rob Pain/Leonie Gorski	Awarded to: Nicole Baxter For: successfully focusing on her learning, confidently sharing her ideas and thoughts with the class.
PE Hayley Northridge	Awarded to: 6C For: Fantastic participation during your PE lesson this week. Keep it up!
PE BOOST Verena Smith	Awarded to: 12 B For: Working really well as part of a team and supporting each other.
STEM Hugh Wilson	Awarded to: 5B For: fantastic approach to your learning and expectations this week! I'm super proud.
STEM Hugh Wilson	Awarded to: 34C For: fantastic approach to your learning and expectations this week! I'm super proud.
Mandarin Jessie Liu	Awarded to: 12M For: Your amazing work to learn the days of the week in Chinese and your effort to say them correctly without worrying about making mistakes! You are all superstars!
Art	Awarded to: 5C For: Putting in your best effort and showing resilience to complete your Yayaoi Kasuma creations.





Thanks you for the kind donations from..



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 5 😊

Eden	TOSEVSKA-VELJANOVSKI	13 th May
Ethan	CARTER	13 th May
Eva	SMITH	14 th May
Harry	WINTER	14 th May
Jamison	DEAN	15 th May
Jasmine	LIDDLE	15 th May
Jagger	HAYWARD-MURPHY	16 th May
Jada	SMITH	16 th May
Adeline	JOHNSON	17 th May
Aran	WILD	17 th May





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to apply
Free to
attend!**



Have you applied for Kindergarten in 2025?

Kinder is **FREE** for all children

Places available for both
3 and 4 year old kindergarten

For further information or to apply visit
whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder



National 20-26 MAY 2024
Volunteer
Something for Everyone **Week**

**Defibrillator Launch,
CPR Training
& Morning Tea**
Church St, Whittlesea

Join us to meet your local
Paramedics, CFA and
Police for FREE Pop-Up
CPR training

DETAILS:

- **Tuesday 21st May 2024**
- **10am—12noon**
- **AMCAL Pharmacy**
Cnr Church & Walnut St
- **CPR training & morning tea**

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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