

Primary Post

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Upcoming Events :

- Monday 27th May- Breakfast Club at 8am
- Tuesday 28th May- State School Spectacular
- Wednesday 29th May- District Girls AFL
- Friday 31st May- Interschool Sports
- Friday 7th June – Student Free Day



Key Dates



Principal's Report

What a huge week 6 it has been.! I want to acknowledge that this week is National Volunteer Week, so I would like to send a 'shout-out' to all our parents and family members who give up their time to support not only Whittlesea Primary Schools but also all the local groups and sporting codes in the wider Whittlesea community. In most communities, community events and associations would simply not be able to take place if it were not for volunteers. With this in mind, I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers who regularly help at Interschool Sports and Breakfast Club, and those have more recently supported our Mother's Day events, as well as the House Athletics Carnival on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, we saw the arrival of the new toilet block on our school site. While this is an exciting stage, it's important to note that we still have several tradespeople working in the area. We anticipate the final inspection to take place next week, with students potentially being able to use the facilities from Wednesday or Thursday. We plan to hold an official opening later in the year, a significant event to acknowledge all those involved in making this project a reality.



As we head into the colder days, it is timely to talk about school attendance and sickness. Whilst we do not say – *It is Not OK to Be Away*, I do want to remind all our families that if your child is unwell, then a day of rest will often help them recover faster and, therefore, miss out on less school in the long run. We still do have a supply of masks that families are more than welcome to access at the office. However, the Department of Education has let us know that they will no longer be supplying Rapid Antigen Tests for COVID-19.

This week, the Minister for Children tabled the 5-Year Legislative Review of the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) and the Victorian Government’s response in Victorian Parliament. The 5-year review, required by law, recognised education professionals for their ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing and safety of Victorian children and highlighted the excellent progress being made against the recommendations of the two-year review 2. The review also recognised the combined efforts across schools and other workforces to ensure professionals who work with children have the confidence, knowledge, and tools to support child wellbeing and safety best and help improve outcomes for children and young people in Victoria.

The Child Information Sharing Scheme aims to help all Victorian children live safe and healthy lives by improving how information is shared by certain professionals working with children and families. It was introduced after a series of reviews found a need for more information sharing was a significant barrier to effective and timely support for families and children. By using the Child Information Sharing Scheme, schools can share and request vital information with other authorised organisations, such as other schools and early childhood services, maternal and child health services, Victoria Police and child protection to:

- get the full picture of a child’s circumstances
- support children at key transition points
- identify issues or risks for children and families sooner
- ensure children receive the best support possible across services

In terms of a staffing update, I would like to advise that one of our Education Support staff, Jennifer Caiulo has accepted a position at Norris Bank Primary School. Jennifer will commence next week, and on behalf of the school community, I would like to wish her all the best as she moves into this role. Alex Box of 5M (2 days a week) has resigned from her position due to ill health. We wish Alex all the best for her future endeavours. We are currently in the process of recruiting additional Teachers and Educational Support staff, however the state is still facing extensive teacher shortages.

Lastly, I would like to remind all our families about how information is communicated at Whittlesea Primary School. We have our new school website and our school Facebook page, which complement Compass. Compass is our central communication platform, so I encourage everyone to ensure that you can access this. For most of us, this will be done via our mobile phones. If anyone has any issues using or accessing Compass, please come to the office or call us; they will be able to support you and ensure it is all working for you.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

There has certainly been a lot of action at Whittlesea Primary School this week. I'm sure you will all agree, it's been quite the journey to get our new toilet block onsite and on Wednesday this week, it finally happened. For the best part of three to four years, school leadership and school council have been working hard behind the scenes, initially receiving a minor capital works grant in December 2021 and then earlier this year when Kaylene met with the Hon. Lauren Kathage MP, member for Yan Yean, to explore opportunities to replace the existing toilet block with something new, modern, and hygienic. The addition of this new facility aligns perfectly against the profile of the existing classrooms and once the access and surrounds have been made safe, students will have full use of this toilet facility.

In addition to this improvement, the indigenous garden will be redeveloped and part of what has been removed will be relocated to an area near the basketball courts. We thank you for your patience, finding alternate parking and access points into the school during this time with the installation due for completion in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, while things were in full swing in Whittlesea, approximately 400 students and staff boarded multiple buses and headed down Plenty Road to Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium in Epping. The weather was glorious for our whole school athletics event, as students from Years 3-6 rotated through their track and field activities, commencing at 10:00am. Our F-2 students began arriving from 11:15am and they were keen to get amongst the action. While the Year 3-6 students stopped for lunch, they cheered on the F-2 students as they ran their sprints before regrouping for rotations in the centre of the field. DUGAT were victorious on the day, with Callum, Gabby, Willow, and Melinda proudly holding the coveted Athletics House Cup. Special mention to Bunjil for coming second this year, a tremendous feat.



Yesterday, we celebrated Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The staff enjoyed a scrumptious assortment of cakes and muffins, as we reminisced over the athletics carnival the day before. We viewed the drone footage of the track and field events as shared with families on the WPS Facebook page and we relived the excitement of the Teacher Race, with Mr. Jai Bowring (12B) taking out the official title of '100M Teacher Sprint Champion' for 2024.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend with your family 😊

Rae Gittos/Matt Kirkright
Assistant Principal Team

Star of the Week

Foundation D	Parker Saw	For her positive attitude in the mornings and always being kind to all.
Foundation G	Mackenzie Chapman-Munson	For her amazing growth in her code knowledge. Great work!
Foundation F	Mia Dodemaide	For her persistence when ordering numbers to 20. Well done Mia!
Year 1/2F	Natasha Loidl	For her ability to encourage others and asking relevant and interesting questions to students about their Inquiry Presentations. Well done Natasha!!
Year 1/2S	Hunter Halley	For his ability to achieve great results in the past couple of weeks 'Quick Maths' class activity.
Year 1/2B	Baylah Crocker	For her ability to be a great team player during Athletics and doing her best in all learning tasks. Well done Baylah!
Year 1/2K	Mia Bassett	For her effort and persistence in your weekly spelling tests.
Year 3/4W	Dylan Studwick	For showing lots of improvement in his work and focus this week. Well done Dylan!
Year 3/4D	Audrey Cusinato	For great sportsmanship at Athletics Day by encouraging your friends to do their best. Keep it up, Audrey!
Year 3/4T	Henry Charity	For wanting to do his best learning in maths, stepping up to a challenge, trying something new and inputting into class discussions. Well done, Henry
Year 3/4Z	Aleah Scott	For persistence when solving for perimeter in maths this week! Great work Aleah!
Year 5B	Savannah Bassett Woodcock	For great sportsmanship at Athletics Day and giving her all at every event! Great work, Savannah!
Year 5C	Ben Fitzgerald	For resilience in maths finding the correct fractions. Keep it up Ben!
Year 5M	Braylen Flynn	For applying himself to utilise his learning time and do his best learning!
Year 6A	Annie Watson	For participating in class discussions and challenging herself in all her learning tasks.
Year 6C	Mercedes Marcu	For a growth mindset and positive attitude throughout the week, which resulted in an impressive result in her reading assessment. Well done, Mercedes!
Year 6P	Nate Charles	For successfully focusing on his learning and sharing his computations in Mathematics with the class.
PE	3/4T	For excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. You all worked hard in both the batting and fielding component of the game. Great work!
PE BOOST	Foundation F	For excellent remembering when catching to have eyes on the ball and arms in catch ready position.
STEM	6C	For a fantastic effort in your learning, behaviour and effort last week in STEM! Well done!
Mandarin	34Z	For showing school values and participating actively in Chinese lessons, you are super stars!
Art	3/4B	For your best effort and completing your turtle projects and then independently moving onto the new project. Well done 3/4B

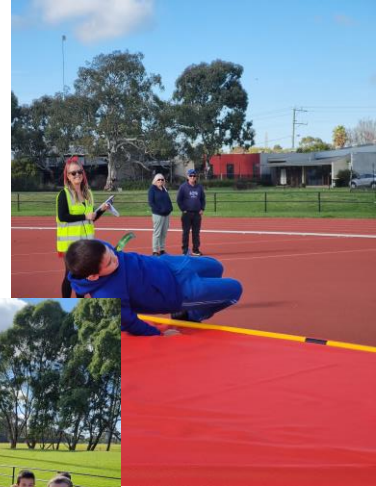




House



Athletics Carnival




SPORTS REPORT

Term 2 Interschool Sport Results

Round 4

GOLD A - ST. MARYS vs. WHITTLESEA (AWAY)



AFL Boys/Mixed	St. Marys	27	Whittlesea	19
Netball Mixed/Boys	St. Marys	1	Whittlesea	4
Netball Girls	St. Marys	1	Whittlesea	8
Soccer Boys	St. Marys	3	Whittlesea	4
Soccer Girls	St. Marys	1	Whittlesea	4

BLUE ASHLEY PARK vs WHITTLESEA (AWAY)



AFL Boys/Mixed	Ashley Park Primary	2	Whittlesea	17
Netball Mixed/Boys	Ashley Park Primary	10	Whittlesea	2
Netball Girls	Ashley Park Primary	9	Whittlesea	6
Soccer Boys	Ashley Park Primary	11	Whittlesea	0
Soccer Girls	Ashley Park Primary	10	Whittlesea	0



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 6 😊

Archer	HOLMES	27 th May
Audrey	CUMMINGS	27 th May
Isla	WITHOOS	28 th May
Ben	FITZGERALD	28 th May
Charlotte	SUSANOF	29 th May
Harrison	BIRTHISEL	29 th May
Hunter	MCKAY	30 th May
Baylee	WALKER	30 th May
Joseph	PERANOVIC	31 st May
Lachlan	ABBOT	31 st May

L E A D E R S H I P



COMMUNITY NEWS



2025 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

For all prospective families, including Foundation 2025

SCHOOL TOURS

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Contact 97 16 2140 for more information

TERM 2

Thursday 2nd May 4.30-5.30PM

Tuesday 14th May 4.30-5.30PM

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

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Celebrate
World
Environment
Day

A 3D rendered character of the Lorax, a small, orange, furry creature with a large, bushy yellow mustache and hair, standing with its arms outstretched.

Dr. Seuss'
The
LORAX
Movie night

Friday 7 June
6PM – 9PM

Plenty Ranges Arts &
Convention Centre

Get ready to embark on a colourful journey through the fantastical world of Truffula Trees and quirky characters, all while learning lessons about the importance of conservation and protecting our environment.

It's a night of family-friendly fun, with activities for the kids, prizes, food and drinks followed by The Lorax film.