



Issue 15 Friday 31st May 2024

Upcoming Events :

- Monday 3rd June- Breakfast Club at 8am
- Thursday 6th June- Winter Wonderland
- Friday 7th June- Student Free Day
- Monday 10th June- Kings Birthday- NO SCHOOL



Key Dates



Principal's Report

Term 2 (Week 7) is seemingly flying past, very fast. This week, as a school community, we celebrated Reconciliation Week. As taken from the Reconciliation Australia website:

What is Reconciliation? At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much if not more, effort. In a just, equitable and reconciled Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children, and the length and quality of a person's life will not be determined by their racial background.

The vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance, race relations, equality and equity, institutional integrity, and unity.

Students participated in various tasks and learning activities across the school, supporting Reconciliation Week. Thank you to Ms Carter, who has overseen this week and encouraged all students to be aware of what this week means to all indigenous peoples. A highlight of these was the work that Ms Dandie and Ms Carpenter completed during their Art lessons. These are now displayed in our front office area.



On Thursday this week, I completed a final inspection and handover of our new toilet block. It looks impressive, and it seems like it was meant to be. From the building landing on our school site last Wednesday, 22nd May, the trades have completed a week of hard work to get it to the stage where we are just about ready to open it up for the students to use. We will be ready to go after a few minor tweaks and adjustments. It is anticipated that we will have the toilets open next week. At the whole school assembly on Monday, 3rd June, we will be reminding students of the school's expectations when using and being around the toilets at our school.



Another improvement that has taken place is near the front of the TheirCare portable. Widening these paths will support better wheelchairs (& People/Pram access) to move more safely around our school buildings. We will try to match the colour as best we can, as it looks a bit 'patchy' now. In addition, we have used this opportunity to increase the drainage from this area. I have been informed that this section of the school can collect water so that this new drainage will prevent rainwater from pooling at this intersection.

Lastly, I would like to share a message from the Department of Education about how to '*Stay well this Winter*'. Influenza (flu) symptoms can quickly hit and last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from the flu. Keeping our school community well Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.



Flu vaccinations - Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of flu complications and are eligible for free vaccination through the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster - The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above. Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness. Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

Enjoy your weekend,
Kaylene Kubeil
Principal

A yellow rectangular banner with black text. The text reads: "PRE FOUNDATION TERM 3 2024", "Foundation students enrolling at WPS for 2025", "ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3", "ENROLMENT FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE or contact 9716 2140 for more information", and "Sessions available on either Monday or Tuesday 1:50PM-2:50PM". There is a faint circular logo in the background.



Assistant Principal's Report



Hello everyone

On Wednesday this week, 24 of our Year 5 and Year 6 girls travelled to Waterview Recreation Reserve in Mernda with Mrs Northridge to participate in the AFL Girls Football Gala Day against other Bridge Inn North District schools. The girls played a total of 7 games. They won 3, lost 3 and had a draw. We came third on the day, which was an amazing effort. It was a great day, and the girls all rotated through various positions and displayed great sportsmanship. We'd like to extend our thanks to Shane McKechnie who helped umpire on the day.



Being the last day of Autumn, we'd like to remind student and families about the beanies that we have for sale at the office. Students can purchase both House beanies and Whittlesea Primary School beanies for \$15. They are a great way to keep little heads warm as we enter the colder months. All per all items of uniform, we strongly recommend labelling these beanies so that they can make their way back to their owners if left in the yard or classroom.



Just a reminder too, about riding bikes and scooters to school. School policy states that bikes and scooters must be walked once you enter the school grounds. Students can leave their bikes and scooters outside the ELC (Plenty Rd end) or at the back of the gym near the Senior Library. We realise it is tempting for students to ride or scoot in the school grounds; however, they pose a considerable risk to parents, carers and children in the yard. We also strongly encourage the wearing of properly fitted bike helmets for students riding bikes or scooters. It is law in Australia to wear a helmet when riding a bike or scooter. Recent figures suggest that wearing a helmet reduces the risk of a head injury by 51%.

Next Thursday 6th June is our whole school Winter Wonderland where students can come to school in pyjamas, Oodies, dressing gowns and anything that keeps them warm. It's still a week away but the forecast is for 12-degrees so we have certainly picked a perfect day for it! Students just need to remember to wear appropriate footwear suitable for playing the in the yard and visiting toilets. This means no slippers, Crocs or thongs. We cannot wait to see all the rugged-up students!



Regards,

Matt Kirkright and Rae Gittos
Assistant Principal Team



Star of the Week

Riley Dodemaide	Foundation D	For demonstrating his sound knowledge when decoding CVC words.
Macie Ring	Foundation G	for demonstrating your sound knowledge when reading our decodable text, 'The Pit'. Great work!
Quinn Cosstick	Foundation G	For demonstrating great speaking and listening skills when presenting your 'All about me' poster for Inquiry. Well done, Quinn.
Jacob Towt	Foundation F	For showing a big improvement in using his sound knowledge to read new words. Well done Jacob!
Kaylee Brear	Year 1/2F	For joining in on all class activities and giving every every task a red hot go! Well done Kaylee!
Ollie Merrett	Year 1/2S	for showing an eager and proud attitude when presenting his inquiry presentation about the 'Superman Event' coming to Whittlesea.
Cruze Coomber	Year 1/2M	For improving the number of sight words he can recognise. Well done!
Harrison Hodges	Year 1/2B	For demonstrating great listening skills and engaging in all learning tasks. Well done Harrison!
Lincoln Baxter	Year 1/2K	For demonstrating the school values and putting effort into your learning with your new nove in the classroom. Keep it up!
Eden Murphy	Year 3/4B	
Oakley Saw	Year 3/4D	For working so hard on your reading in class. It has been great to see your confidence improve. Keep it up, Oakley!
Ariyaman Yahyaie	Year 3/4T	For always working hard in maths to complete the learning and is willing to try and try again until he finds the correct answer. Well done, Ariyaman
Ciera Rowe	Year 3/4Z	For demonstrating enthusiasm within the classroom and consistently doing her best. Great work Ciera!
Aliyah McCawley	Year 3/4C	For trying her best in writing and using the PEEL structure to write her paragraphs. Well done!
Eden Tosevska Veljanovski	Year 5B	For demonstrating our school expectations and showing kindness and respect to your classmates. Well done, Eden!
Necati Altundas	Year 5C	For writing a well thought out summary of the Rabbit Proof Fence. Good Job Necati! Keep it up!
Axel Webb	Year 5M	For having a respectful attitude and understanding of Reconciliation Week, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their history!
Ellie-Mae Willoughby	Year 6A	For creating an amazing reconciliation week poster that is eye-catching.
Tyrone Folder	Year 6C	for completing tasks independently and extending himself in mathematics. Well done, Tyrone!
Kruz Edwards	Year 6P	For competing all his learning to a high standard and confidently seeking out support when necessary.
3/4B	PE	For your fantastic teamwork during our P.E session. The way you all showed support to each other was amazing.
1/2 M	PE BOOST	Great bouncing the balls today during our PE boost session and helping each other succeed!
5M	STEM	For excellent improvement in your work ethic and the start to some amazing games!
12M	Mandarin	For your fantastic effort in learning Chinese in class. You are all super stars!
1/2S	Art	For demonstrating fantastic listening skills and enthusiastically creating unique artworks.



Congratulations

Introducing

Mrs. Fiona Dandie

Hello! My name is Fiona Dandie. I am excited to join the team at Whittlesea Primary School as a Learning Specialist. I will be working in Art with the F-2 students, and I am also part of the Wellbeing Team.

I have been a teacher for 24 years, working in both Art and Wellbeing for over 10 years. My Wellbeing focus at Whittlesea will be supporting the diverse learners in our community and submissions for the new funding model; Disability Inclusion Pathways (DIPs).

I am a mum with two teenage children and understand the challenges that parenting neurodiverse children can bring.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or are in need of support.



National Reconciliation Week

27 May - 3 June



SPORTS REPORT

Term 2 Interschool Sport Results

Round 5



GOLD A - Hazel Glen vs. WHITTLESEA (Home)

AFL Boys/Mixed	Hazel Glen	32	Whittlesea	26
Netball Mixed/Boys	Hazel Glen	12	Whittlesea	1
Netball Girls	Hazel Glen	10	Whittlesea	7
Soccer Boys	Hazel Glen	7	Whittlesea	2
Soccer Girls	Hazel Glen	2	Whittlesea	1

BLUE Donnybrook vs WHITTLESEA (AWAY)

AFL Boys/Mixed	No Game		Whittlesea	
Netball Mixed/Boys	Donnybrook	19	Whittlesea	0
Netball Girls	Donnybrook	1	Whittlesea	11
Soccer Boys	Donnybrook	6	Whittlesea	0
Soccer Girls	Donnybrook	1	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 😊

Ivy	MILLER	3 rd June
Kaleb	CLARK	3 rd June
Lewis	BORDIGNON	4 th June
Monica	D'AMICO	4 th June
Necati	ALTUNDAS	5 th June
Nevaeh	REDPATH	5 th June
River	TOULSON	6 th June
Zachary	LACKOVIC	6 th June



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

Respect Your School | Do Your Best | Help Others Succeed



WINTER WONDERLAND

Pyjama Dress Up Day

When: **Thursday 6th June**



Dress up ideas: pyjamas, dressing gowns,
oodies, earmuffs, beanies etc.

Appropriate footwear must be worn
(no slippers or crocs)



A B H U G Z R T K I A



FOUNDATION ALPHABET CELEBRATION

*You are invited to the Foundation alphabet
parade and celebration assembly.*

WHEN: FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

WHERE: 9AM GYM

*Come and celebrate with our Foundation
students as they celebrate having learnt all
of the 26 letters of the alphabet and the
sounds they make.*

U

G Z

X

R

T

N

G Z

R

X

X

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.