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## **Michael Kent - PRINCIPAL**

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest newsletter.

I hope you and your children have settled back into term with positivity. It has been great to see so many learning activities being provided to our students each day.

Thank-you to all the parents whom came along yesterday to support the student led conferences. I also extend a huge congratulations to the students whom did an amazing job at sharing their work and their learning goals. These conferences are a significantly important aspect of our learning program and also for the students to be able to articulate their learning processes. Developing our students' ability to reflect on their learning is a consistent element of classroom programs. It was wonderful to have parents and carers come to the school to share in this experience. Thanks also to the staff for their involvement and ongoing commitment to personalising the learning goals and learning experiences for all students.

## *Thank You*

Whilst these conferences a great way to share learning and to touch base with parents; I am reminded of what a great community we have at WHPS. I want to thank all our students and parents for their efforts in supporting the learning process but also for supporting the school as you do. WHPS is a great place to learn, thanks to the efforts of our amazing students, our wonderfully supportive parents/carers, and of course our fantastic staff team.

The efforts of students and the support of you, our parents, is greatly appreciated by myself and the whole staff. It is wonderful to work in education, but to do this within a community of people whom value learning and value the connection to the school, is a privilege. Parenting is the most challenging of roles but also one of the most rewarding. So, thank-you to all our parents for the fantastic job you do in providing for your children, supporting them and allowing them to be their best at school, at home and wherever they be. As your children grow, learn and evolve; the instilled values will support them to find their best. The relationship between home and school is pivotal to embedding these values. SO, thank-you for your support!

## **2023 Term 2**

- Monday 31st July  
Grade 4 Camp
- Monday 31st July  
Harry Potter  
Lunchtime Trivia
- Tuesday 1st August  
Prep 100 Days Celebration
- Wednesday 2nd August  
Fire Ed Prep
- Monday 7th August  
Curriculum Day  
**STUDENTS ARE NOT  
REQUIRED AT SCHOOL ON  
THIS DAY**
- Tuesday 8th August  
World Cup Extravaganza
- Wednesday 9th August  
Fire Ed Prep  
&  
2024 Prep Playdate #2
- Thursday 10th August  
Grade 1 Dinner  
&  
Canteen Special Food Day  
SUSHI DAY
- Monday 14th August  
National Science Week
- Wednesday 16th August  
Grade 5/6 visit to  
Montmorency Secondary  
College
- Thursday 24th August  
Book Week Dress Up Day

## **2023 Term Dates**

**Term 1: January 31 – April 6**

**Term 2: April 24 – June 23**

**Term 3: July 10 – September 15**

**Term 4: October 2 – December 20**

We are very fortunate to have such a dedication staff team here at WHPS. Our teachers do an amazing job everyday in providing a great place for our students to strive and thrive. Supporting the social, emotional and educational needs of the students is always of priority for the dedicated staff team. The care and commitment of our teachers is credit to them and strength of our school. Along with our amazing teachers, I am reminded everyday of just how fortunate we also are to have a dedicated, committed and highly capable team of Education Support staff.

We also acknowledge the massive contribution that our ES staff have on our students and our school. The dedication of the WHPS ES staff is amazing! Their ongoing support and dedication enhances our school in so many ways. Supporting our educational programs, supporting individual students, developing and facilitating support and extension programs, enhancing school wide events, operating our office and supporting our overall success is greatly appreciated by the staff and no doubt appreciated by our whole school community. On behalf of the students, parents and teaching staff, I say a HUGE thank-you to the whole of our ES staff! We are so privileged to have your dedication and commitment with us every day.

Kylie, Kay, Jacqui, Ben, Kathryn, Kathryne, Mel, Katie, Alison, Terry, Cara! We're lucky to have you all. Thank-you.

### Curriculum Day

Please be aware of the **upcoming curriculum day to be held on Monday 7th August**. Staff will be using this invaluable time to focus on curriculum development and teaching and learning strategies. Students are not required at school on this day. TheirCare will be running a program on this day for any families requiring supervision.

### Prep 100 Days

We congratulate the Prep students on reaching their milestone of 100 days of school. This will be celebrated next week with some fun and exciting activities and incursions on Tuesday August 1st!! Well done to all our superstar Preps!!.... and a BIG thank-you to the Prep team for their ongoing support of our youngest learners!



### Year 4 Camp

We are excited to be heading off to camp with our year 4 students next week. On Monday and Tuesday our 4's are heading to Lady Northcote camp for an overnight adventure! Fingers crossed for some kind weather.

### Special Food Day

Don't forget our Sushi Day that will be held on Thursday 10th August. Please ensure all order forms and payments are returned by Friday August 4th. Thanks to Cara for organising this for our students.



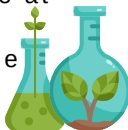
### Science Week

National Science Week is only a few weeks away! National Science Week is celebrated around Australia and will be running from the 12th to the 20th of August.

Here at WHPS we will be celebrating National Science Week in two ways. Firstly, we will be running the WHPS Science Competition again this year. The topic for this year's competition is innovation. Can you construct the ultimate paper plane? Draw a plan of a self-sufficient farm? Build a model of a wind turbine? Design a rocket that runs on renewable fuel? Invent a robot that solves a problem? Design eco-friendly packaging for a product (e.g. packet of chips)? Or use items from your recycling bin at home to build a trap for non-native bees? All entries for the WHPS Science Competition are to be prepared at home and delivered to the Science Room once completed. There are fantastic prizes for the best Prep, Grade 1 / 2, Grade 3 / 4 and Grade 5 / 6 entry. Entries close on Friday the 11th of August.

Secondly, the Grade 5 & 6 students will be presenting the Science Fair, which is very exciting and only happens every two years. All students in Prep to Grade 4 will have the chance to attend the Science Fair on Thursday the 17th of August and see all the amazing experiments the Grade 5 & 6 students have been conducting here at school.

I am looking forward to a fabulous Science Fair and the winners of the WHPS Science Competition will be announced at Assembly during National Science Week. Good luck!



### Year 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival

Wow, what an amazing day for all our year 3-6 students at the recent athletics carnival. It was wonderful to see the students participating for their houses and encouraging each other so enthusiastically!

### School Concert

We are excited to be welcoming back our school concert!

Please note that in order to accommodate everyone our 2023 school concert will be split over two nights.

Students with surnames beginning with letters A - J will perform on Tuesday 5th September

Students with surnames beginning with letters K - Z will perform on Wednesday 6th September.

Both concerts will be held at Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre. (35 Ferres Blvd, South Morang VIC 3752)

Further details regarding ticketing, costuming and timings will be coming home shortly.



## NAPLAN

For those students whom participated in the NAPLAN tests in 2023, **the individual student reports for these tests are available for collection at the office.** Please call past and collect your child's NAPLAN results.

## WHPS Writing Program

As you are aware all students in Years 1-6 are involved in our 'VCOP – Big Write' writing program. As an integral part of this program students are required to have conversations with people at home around a weekly topic focus. These conversations allow students to articulate their thoughts, gain other perspectives and prepare for their writing session back at school.

This is based on the notion that: "if you can't say it, you can't write it"

We need to encourage the development of language and listening skills to develop student's writing abilities. Your child will come home with a new topic each week. This will inform you of the genre of writing and the topic.

We ask that you talk to your child about this topic to help them with the content of their writing the following day.

To help you get the most out of their BIG TALK homework, we suggest that you:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in BIG Talk homework (not just the adults!!!)
- Switch off the TV! Try to ensure this is dedicated talking and listening time.
- When giving your opinion, use 'because' to explain why you think what you do.
- Ask others around the table to give their opinions, using 'because' also.
- Ask your child his/her opinion and have them use 'because' to explain their reasons.
- Link to the past and future – talk about things you remember from when you were a child and how they differ now, and ... project forward to how things may be different in the future.

**DON'T WRITE ANYTHING DOWN!** Not only are we improving oral language, but we are also improving memory links.

### VCOP

VCOP is focused teaching of:

**V** = Vocabulary

Teaches a wide range of WOW words (ambitious vocabulary)

**C** = Connectives

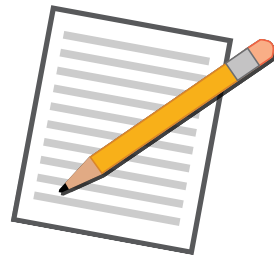
Teaches a wide range of words and phrases for connecting thoughts, ideas, sentences, etc.

**O** = Openers

Teaches a wide range of ways of opening sentences, including sequencing words, linking words and phrases

**P** = Punctuation

Teaches a wide range of punctuation, including power punctuation.



Enjoy your weekend ahead.

Warm regards,

Michael



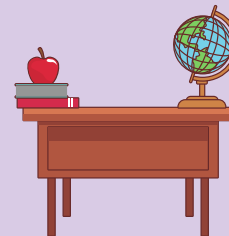
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**Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort !!**



# ***ACROSS THE AP'S DESK.....***

Tony Ryan - Assistant Principal



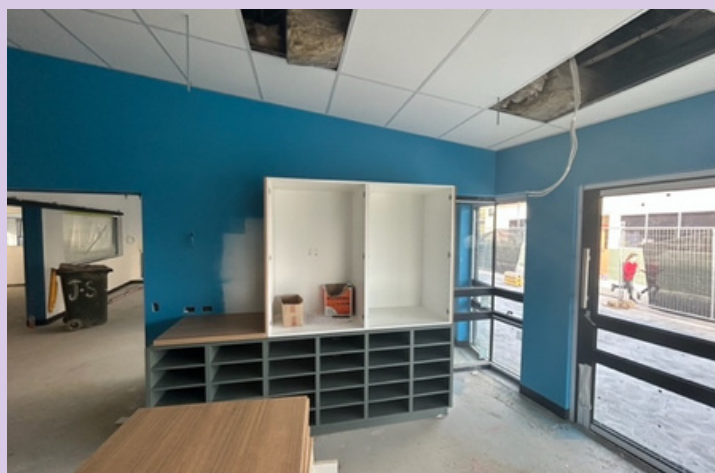
Hello WHPS Community,

I hope everyone has had a positive week and the portfolio interviews on Thursday provided an insight into the progress your child is making towards their learning goals. Our students and teachers put a lot of work into presenting the portfolios and it is a great way to share in their learning journey.

## **Building update:**

Our building project continues to gather momentum. Increasingly the outside landscaping and concreting works is continuing to take shape. Inside the building, the painting of classrooms continued, and much of the cabinetry required has begun to be installed. It's exciting to see the fit out of classrooms and every week our anticipation builds towards the date that the school receives the building.

One thing to make our community aware of is that Yarra Valley Water have determined that the water services to the school need to be upgraded as part of our building development. This will mean that in the weeks ahead there are likely to be some traffic management implications around the school on Henry Street as these works are carried out. We are working with our builders to try to limit the impacts of this on the community as much as possible, but some disruption may be inevitable. We will keep the community posted as to how and when these works develop.



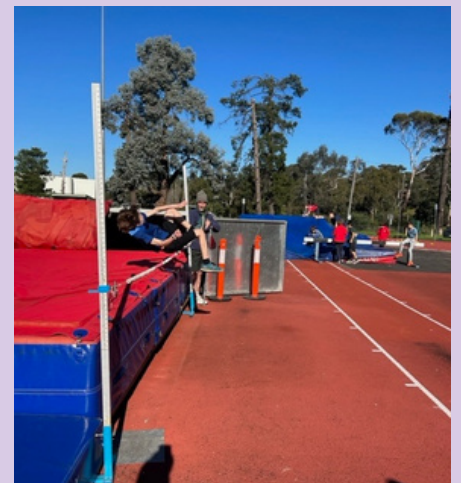


### **Athletics:**

Our WHPS Years 3-6 Athletics Day was held last week at Willinda Park Athletics Track. After a very chilly start, the weather turned on a magnificent day for our students as they run, hopped, jumped and threw their way around a number of events across the day. It was great to see the enthusiasm in which they participated and the encouragement they gave each other, cheering on their mates. A big thank you to our staff and parent community for their assistance in supporting the running of the day. Also a big thank you to Miss Massa for her organisation and coordination of the day.

Our students will continue to focus on athletics in the sport and PE program in the coming weeks and Miss Massa will be announcing the WHPS District Aths team to be competing at the District Athletics Carnival.

Our Prep-2 Grade students are also enjoying a focus on athletic events currently and we are eagerly looking forward to the P-2 Athletics day to be held at school on Wed the 30th of August. Mrs Esposito is taking a key role in coordinating this day and we look forward to hearing more details in the weeks ahead.



### **Grade 4 Camp:**

Our grade 4 students are excited about their upcoming camp to Lady Northcote Adventure Camp next week across Monday and Tuesday. This is the same camp that our Grade 3 students attended last Term and it promises to be a great experience for our students. I'm also looking forward to getting down to camp and seeing our students challenge themselves and have great fun with their mates.



I hope everybody has a great weekend and week ahead and we get some sunshine in the mix to warm the winter bones.

Tony

# DIVISION NETBALL

On July 26 the mixed netball team (Alfie Marini, James Eade, Jo Denton, Joshua Dworkin, Raf Seymour, Ruby Holliday, Tom Stevens, Zac Sloan) went to Macleod Netball Stadium to play division. We played our first game at 9:15 against Heidelberg Primary School. It was a close game but unfortunately we lost 5-9. We waited 24 minutes (which felt like 3 hours) to play our next game. It was against St Bernadettes. In this game we didn't play as well and lost 5-16. We stayed to watch the final match between Heidelberg and St Bernadettes. It was a very close game with St Bernadettes edging out at the end to win 12-11.



**Tom Stevens:** It was fun in both games because it was a great experience

**Zac Sloan:** Although I didn't play half of the regular games, those final two games were the best of them all I believe.

**Raf Seymour:** I had lots of fun but I think that we could've done more training.

**Ruby Holliday:** I personally had a tone of fun and we played our hearts out.



## Comments from the team

**Alfie Marini:** It was an exiting and new experience for all of us and we played really well.

**James Eade:** It was really hard and we found a match far out of our reach and struggled to keep up. We all had a lot of fun and although we got a bit upset after the match. I heavily suggest you all to try the game and have fun doing so.

**Jo Denton:** I think we played great together. We could've improved on our passing, although there were some great, clean passes that helped us get goals. Overall, I think we all tried our best and kept pushing even though it was hard. Thank you so much to our amazing coach Miss Clay for all her support along the way.

**Joshua Dworkin:** It was SUCH a fun experience but I think we could've played better in the second game.



# MEET THE SEMESTER TWO JUNIOR SCHOOL COUCLIL REPRESENTATIVES

Amy Clay and Ellen Close

**Name:** Miss Clay

**Teaching Grade:** Grade 5C

**Favourite thing about WHPS:** the awesome and passionate students!

**What I wanted to be when I was growing up:** Journalist

**Some of my hobbies include:** Netball, Ice Hockey and walking my golden Benson

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** working with all the amazing students to help improve our school.



**Name:** Miss Close

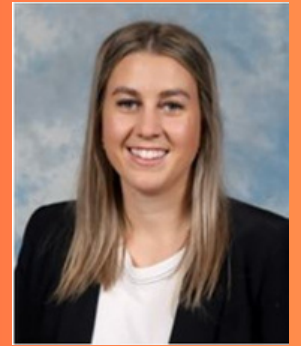
**Teaching Grade:** Grade 1C

**Favourite thing about WHPS:** the people in our community!

**What I wanted to be when I was growing up:** a hairdresser

**Some of my hobbies include:** Netball (a lot of it), eating delicious food & hanging out with family & friends.

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** getting to know our JSC leaders and making change across the school.



## Grade 1

**Name:** Mina Stubley

**Nickname:** Mina

**Favourite things about WHPS:** Learning and helping others

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Teacher

**Some of my hobbies include:** Reading and dragon statues

**Someone I look up to:** My step mum

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Helping the school



**Name:** Arlo Keys

**Nickname:** Arlo

**Favourite things about WHPS:** PE

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Cricket player

**Some of my hobbies include:** Cricket

**Someone I look up to:** Jadon

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Getting my badge



**Name:** Lily Eames-Mayer

**Nickname:** Lil

**Favourite things about WHPS:** Play around

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Teacher

**Some of my hobbies include:** Reading

**Someone I look up to:** Mum

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Getting my badge





**Name:** Jude Cumberland  
**Nickname:** Jude  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Getting my badge  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Climber  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Playing freeze tag  
**Someone I look up to:** Cassius  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** To do fun stuff



**Name:** Akash Rupank  
**Nickname:** Akash  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Playing on the oval  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Footy player  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Going on a bike ride  
**Someone I look up to:** Miss Close  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Doing fun stuff to the school



**Name:** Lily Fernandes  
**Nickname:** Lil  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** The monkey bars  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Swimming teacher  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Swimming  
**Someone I look up to:** Mia  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Helping the school



**Name:** Lennox Koufalias  
**Nickname:** Lenny  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Lunch  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Scientist  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Drumming  
**Someone I look up to:** Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Getting my badge



**Name:** Edward May  
**Nickname:** Eddy  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Writing  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Singer  
**Some of my hobbies include:** going for walks and playing  
**Someone I look up to:** Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Making the school better



## Grade 2

**Name:** Raj Jindal  
**Nickname:** Raj  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** PE  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** NBA Superstar  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Basketball  
**Someone I look up to:** My brother  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Assembly



**Name:** Samuel Rowe  
**Nickname:** Sam/Sammy  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** the footy oval  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** stunt man  
**Some of my hobbies include:** basketball  
**Someone I look up to:** my mum  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** making the school a better place



**Name:** Llywelyn Edwards  
**Nickname:** Llyw  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Library  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Spy  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Reading  
**Someone I look up to:** Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Getting my badge



**Name:** Hannah Hunter  
**Nickname:** Han  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Friends  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Cheerleader  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Drawing  
**Someone I look up to:** Thea Moore  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Assembly



**Name:** Alice Enkelmann  
**Nickname:** Ally  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** The playground  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Acrobat  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Dancing  
**Someone I look up to:** My Mum  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** changing the school because it could improve



**Name:** Amelia Lines  
**Nickname:** Milly  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** My teacher  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Teacher  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Reading  
**Someone I look up to:** My Mum & Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** improving our school.



## **Grade 3**

**Name:** James Cunningham  
**Nickname:** Jimmy  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Everything  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Soccer Player  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Soccer  
**Someone I look up to:** My Mum and Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** improving the school.



**Name:** Sadie Apelgran  
**Nickname:** Sades  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Friends  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Zoo Keeper  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Swimming and gymnastics  
**Someone I look up to:** My Mum and Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:** Grace Wang  
**Nickname:** Gracie  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** My Friends  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Engineer  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Reading and talking  
**Someone I look up to:** My Mum  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Helping to improve the school.



**Name:** Toby Johnson  
**Nickname:** Toby  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** PE  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Youtuber  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Sport and Ice skating  
**Someone I look up to:** My Parents  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Getting my badge.



**Name:** Hazel Kitingan  
**Nickname:** Hazel  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** That you get to do fun things.  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Vet  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Swimming  
**Someone I look up to:** Adelaide (my sister)  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Making the school more sustainable.



**Name:** Otis Mathews  
**Nickname:** Otis  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** Seeing my friends  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** AFL Player  
**Some of my hobbies include:** Basketball and footy  
**Someone I look up to:** Kobe Bryant  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** Improving the school and getting my badge.



## Grade 4

**Name:** Daniel Li  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** how people show STRIVE  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** veterinarian  
**Some of my hobbies include:** reading, riding my bike  
**Someone I look up to:** the teachers at WHPS  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** improving the school





**Name:** Henry Aitken

**Nickname:** Hen

**Favourite things about WHPS:** that we have P.E

**When I grow up, I want to be an:** AFL player

**Some of my hobbies include:** football

**Someone I look up to:** my parents

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** getting my badge



**Name:** Lucy Aalders

**Favourite things about WHPS:** the nature and kindness of everyone

**When I grow up, I want to be an:** interior designer

**Some of my hobbies include:** playing games and gymnastics

**Someone I look up to:** my sister

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** speaking at assembly and making the school a better place



**Name:** Shira Kremer

**Nickname:** Shakira

**Favourite things about WHPS:** the teachers

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** Singer or Spy

**Some of my hobbies include:** basketball and fighting

**Someone I look up to:** Taylor Swift and my friends

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:** Will Beattie

**Nickname:** Wilbur

**Favourite things about WHPS:** the kindness

**When I grow up, I want to be an:** electrician

**Some of my hobbies include:** playing basketball

**Someone I look up to:** my mum

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:** Charli Sullivan

**Nickname:** Cha Cha

**Favourite things about WHPS:** making new friends

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** lawyer

**Some of my hobbies include:** netball

**Someone I look up to:** Evie (my sister)

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** getting my badge and sharing new ideas



## **Grade 5**

**Name:** Benjamin Greenhalgh

**Nickname:** Ben

**Favourite things about WHPS:** DLC, P.E and maths

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** zookeeper

**Some of my hobbies include:** basketball and reading

**Someone I look up to:** my brother and sister

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** getting my badge and helping the school



**Name:** Siena Morgan  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** P.E  
**When I grow up, I want to be an:** interior designer  
**Some of my hobbies include:** swimming and basketball  
**Someone I look up to:** my mum and dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:** Lucas Marasco  
**Nickname:** Luckie  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** sports program  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** carpenter  
**Some of my hobbies include:** mountain biking and chess  
**Someone I look up to:** Nana, Grandad, Mum and Dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping others



**Name:** Tara Rowe  
**Nickname:** Taki/Tars  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** the leadership opportunities  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** scout leader  
**Some of my hobbies include:** cub scouts  
**Someone I look up to:** my brother  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** announcements at assembly



## Grade 6

**Name:** Uchral Boldtumur  
**Nickname:** Urie  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** very kind teachers  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** chef  
**Some of my hobbies include:** soccer  
**Someone I look up to:** my mum and dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:**  
**Nickname:**  
**Favourite things about WHPS:**  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:**  
**Some of my hobbies include:**  
**Someone I look up to:**  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:**



**Name:** Seth Grace  
**Nickname:** Grace  
**Favourite things about WHPS:** having fun with my friends  
**When I grow up, I want to be a:** bus driver  
**Some of my hobbies include:** watching TV and sport  
**Someone I look up to:** my mum and dad  
**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping other people



**Name:** Oliver Charlesworth

**Favourite things about WHPS:** the kind teachers

**Some of my hobbies include:** maths

**Someone I look up to:** my mum and dad

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school to become a better place for everyone



**Name:** Dane Hollyoak

**Favourite things about WHPS:** my friends

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** writer

**Some of my hobbies include:** skating, going for walks

**Someone I look up to:** Napoleon, Winston Churchill

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** helping the school



**Name:** Amy Coleman

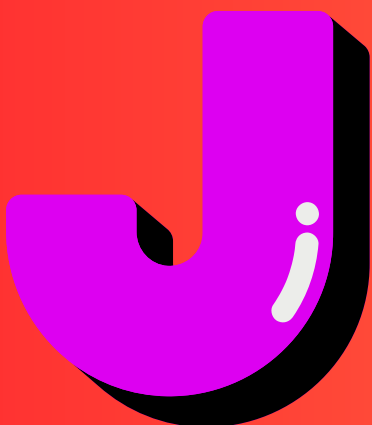
**Favourite things about WHPS:** the way everyone is so flexible and the library

**When I grow up, I want to be a:** kindergarten teacher and author

**Some of my hobbies include:** writing, reading,

**Someone I look up to:** my dad

**As part of JSC I am most excited about:** working with the teacher sand making announcements at assembly



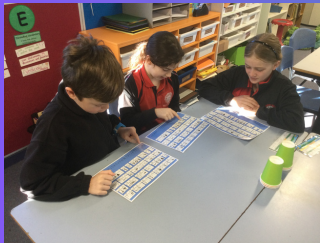
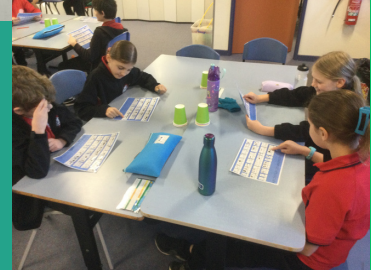


# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 5/6

## READING

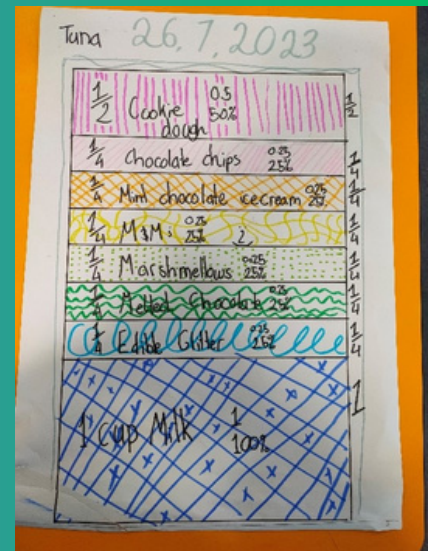
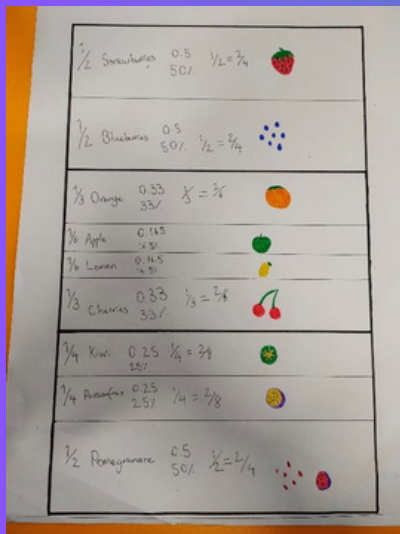
We are starting Book Club in 5/6! Students have been practising different roles when analysing books, such as Predictor, Clarifier, Questioner and Summariser. This assists the students with analysing texts from different perspectives and be able to comprehend texts on a deeper level.

We have also been practicing our spelling by using the Sound Mats. This useful tool helps us to identify which phoneme is appropriate when we are spelling new words.



## MATHS

During week 3 the grade 5/6 cohort have been learning about fractions. The students have applied their knowledge of fractions to develop what they believe is the recipe for the most marvellous milkshake to ever exist. Everyone loved experimenting with the various ingredients to include in their milkshakes. The students are excited to turn their designs into the real deal next week when they create their milkshakes.



## WELLBEING

In Wellbeing this Term the grade 5/6's have continued embedding the Zones of Regulation practices into their daily routines. Every time they come into the classroom, they have an opportunity to reflect on their current zone (red, yellow, green or blue). By taking the time to think about how they are feeling in the moment, the students then can consider what strategies they can use in order to move back to the green zone (optimal learning zone). Recently, all classrooms got an exciting delivery of sensory tools! They are used throughout the day along with their physical/mental strategies (moving our bodies or taking deep breaths). We are so excited to have this as a part of our daily program!



# News from your Library

HAVE YOU...

- Brushed up on your Harry Potter Trivia for this Monday lunchtime?
- Entered your books in the PRC Portal ?
- Watched the Seesaw video message from our 2 Author/Illustrators?
- Started to get your Book Week costume organised?



Join us in the Library this Monday at lunchtime to celebrate the birthday of the wonderful Boy Wizard Harry Potter  
Great prizes up for grabs and lots of fun is guaranteed for everyone!



## Congratulations

Victorian  
premiers'  
reading  
challenge

to the **70** Book-Lovers who have already **completed** the **PRC** for 2023!

**Our Prep team:** Mila W, Hana H, Harry B, Ruby H, Finn J, Gabrielle C, Leila D, Aria S, Charlie E, Elinor H, Ned T

**Our Gr 1 team;** Quinn O, Bodhi D, Josephine M, Jude C Max W, Agastya B, Mivaan R, William V, Nina A, Elsie A, Ivy M, Hannah F, Mina S, Alice B, Melody H

**Our Gr 2 team:** William H, Xavier W, Ava P, Marcus S, Alice E

**Our Gr 3 team:** Kai M, Yaami P, Toby J, Ella D, Ruben E, Adelaide S, Theodore H, Nandan N, Ernest L, Leo H, Amelia D, Serena W, Grace W, Matilda K, Edwin C, Oliver D, Grace W

**Our Gr 4 team:** Isobel B, Ivy P, Penny A, April T, Lili H, Derin D, Penny A, Madeleine M, Daniel L,

**Our Gr 5 team:** Tsabel J, Monica S, Jenaya E, Jasmine Y, Logan R, Siena M

**Our Gr 6 team:** Kristian C, Joanne D, Zoe D, Tuna D, Aerynn G

There are still **47** days to go and lots of **great prizes** are up for grabs!

So jump online and register all your wonderful books now.

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions about logging into your child's PRC portal with their unique username and password, which was sent home to all students in Term 1.

Please email me at [kathryne.radcliffe@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kathryne.radcliffe@education.vic.gov.au) if you need any help!

School: Watsonia Heights Primary School	2023 challenge in progress	
Campus: All Campus	148 days Start 01 Mar, 2023 End 08 Sep, 2023 43 days left	
513 Eligible students	513 (100 %) Students registered	70 (13 %) Students completed
Books		
494 (14%) Added	3102 (86%) Finished	3596 Books Read
		0 Books to Review
		0 (0%) Books to verify
		3102 (86%) Verified books

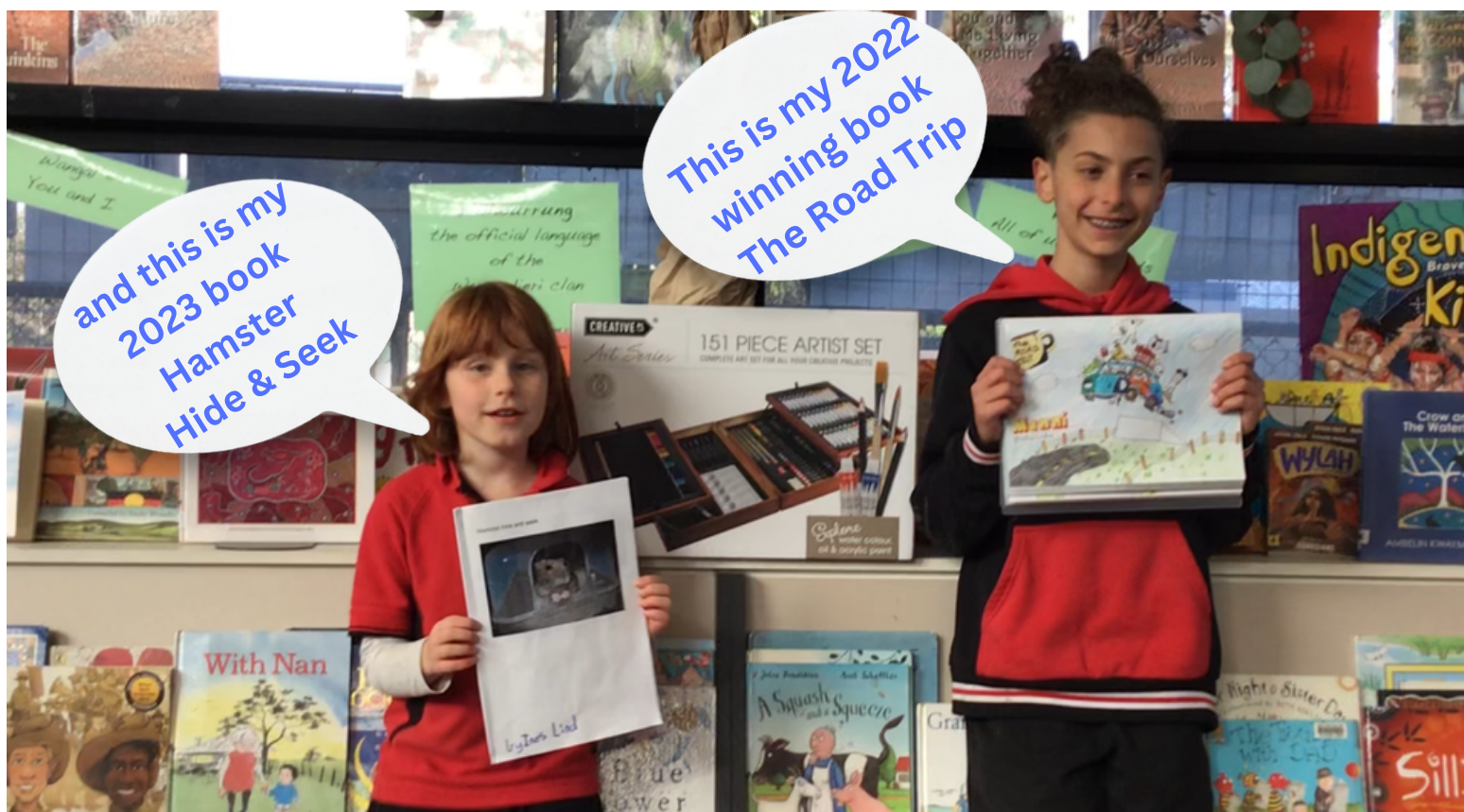


# News from your Library

These 2 wonderful **Author/Illustrators** below have made you a special **Seesaw** video message about the

## 2023 PICTURE STORY-BOOK OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

So jump into your **Seesaw** messages and take a look at what they are so excited about!



**YIPPEEEEEEE**  
**ONLY 26 SLEEPS**  
**UNTIL DRESS-UP DAY!**



# *Congratulations* Student Of the **WEEK**

**Week 1**




**Inessa, Odette, Ethan, Harvey, Sophie, Sienna, Carter, Joshua, Akash, Arman, Piper, Jacob, Riley, Fleur,**

**Week 2**



**Minnie, Sidney, Flynn, Ava, Edie, Mabel, Emmett, Albie, Bonnie, Preston, Cooper, An, Anton, Amelia, Jay, Daniel, Jackson, Darcy, Rory.**

*Congratulations*

 **national science week 2023**  
SCIENCEWEEK.NET.AU 12-20 AUGUST 2023

# **WHPS Science Competition**

## **INNOVATION**

POWERING FUTURE INDUSTRIES



**Entries due by Friday 11 August 2023.**

**Great prizes for the winners in the Prep, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4 & Grade 5/6 categories.**

**Please bring your entry to the Science Room.**

**Winners will be announced on Friday 18 August at Assembly.**



# LET'S JUMP, BOUNCE & PLAY!



**Join us for a family fun day at  
Inflatable World Doncaster!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Saturday, 12 August 2023

4.30PM - 6.30PM

**Help us raise funds for Lower Plenty Kindergarten!**

**\$25/child 2yr+ (Adults FREE)**

Includes:

- Return pass
- 2hr exclusive venue hire
- Popcorn & Fairy bread
- Unlimited cordial/water

That's \$40+ value!

**Plus more fun on the day!**



**Scan the QR Code to book**





In the spirit of reconciliation the TheirCare Watsonia Heights acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

## Clubs

Do you see a club you would enjoy? Come and try it out after school one day!

## Afternoon Tea

We have been trialing some new healthy snacks during after school care. This trial allows us to see what students are currently enjoying and how we can change the menu to suit all.

## Mr. Grey

We have welcomed a new class pet, he is a fish called Mr. Grey. While he settles in please make sure that we don't knock the table or touch the glass of his tank cause we don't want to scare him.

## Week 1 - Winter Week

This Week we introduced our new room pet Mr. Grey, a Black Moor Goldfish designed to help us learn responsibility and develop our understanding of animals and their environment in our environment club.

We decorated our room with our winter crafts making snowmen and snowflakes to make a blue winter window. The students found it challenging to stick the snowman head to the body but powered through.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Monday Cooking Club**

**Tuesday Sport Club**

**Wednesday Environment Club**

**Thursday Craft Club**

**Friday STEAM Club**

## Week 2 - Future Leaders

This week students enjoyed learning about themselves and who they want to be when they are older. We explore themes relating to careers, personalities and what we want the future world to look like. Our favourite activity was getting students to draw who they want to be in 20 years time.



**Before School:** 7:00AM - 8:45AM  
**After School:** 2:30PM - 6:00PM  
**Holidays:** 7:00AM - 6:00PM

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