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December 18, 2014

Dates to remember:

Return to School 2015

Wednesday, January 28

Pupil Free Day, Teachers return to school

Thursday, January 29

Year 1 to Year 6 students begin Term 1. 9am

Monday, February 2

Prep students begin Term 1. 9am

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News

Wonderful Year of Achievement at Whittington

"Well Done" to all students, parents, teachers and volunteers for an amazing year at our school. In 2014 SWPBS built a positive change in the 'feel' of our school that visitors sense as soon as they enter. We 'kicked goals' in all areas—e.g. Sport, Music, and academic achievement—and in turn this led to a HUGE improvement in how the whole community thinks about our school.

Whittington Primary is Going Places - look out 2015!!

Staffing Changes

We are saying a sad farewell to Pauline Tournier, who is taking well-earned retirement. Pauline has been a popular, hard-working and effective Aide at Whittington over the last 4 years. Pauline will be missed, particularly by the children, but we wish her all the very best in the future. Jenny McMahon, will return to Whittington as her replacement after a year at Grovedale.

Our wonderful Amy Shirley is 'expecting' and will take Maternity Leave at the end of Term 1. We have been fortunate to hire Jordan Harding as her replacement and very happy that he will start from the beginning of the year. Jordan comes to us from Ashby Primary. He has a young family and experience in teaching, Graphic Art and Banking. We welcome - Jordan to our school.

Volunteers Morning Tea

We had a huge roll up on Tuesday morning for our Volunteers Morning Tea. Thankyou to everyone who attended and everyone who helped in any way during 2014. It is the team that makes the difference!

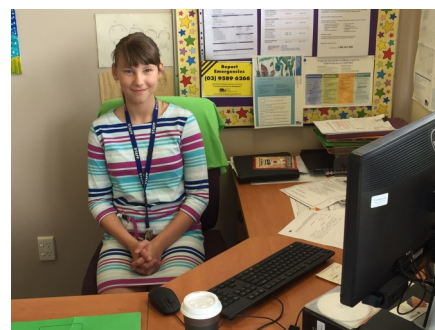
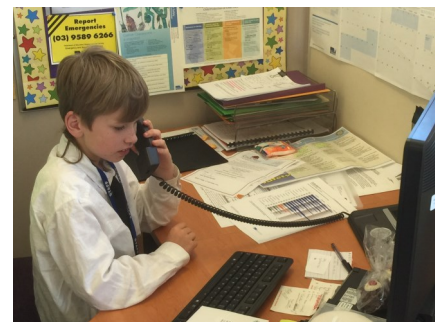
Principal for a Day

Last week Tre Wilson sat in the Principal's chair for the day. Mr Wilson had a great day and did a fantastic job.

Today we had Principal Joy in charge (Amie Hudson), who enjoyed everything about her day. She kept talking about "Girl Power" - what does that mean????

Market Day

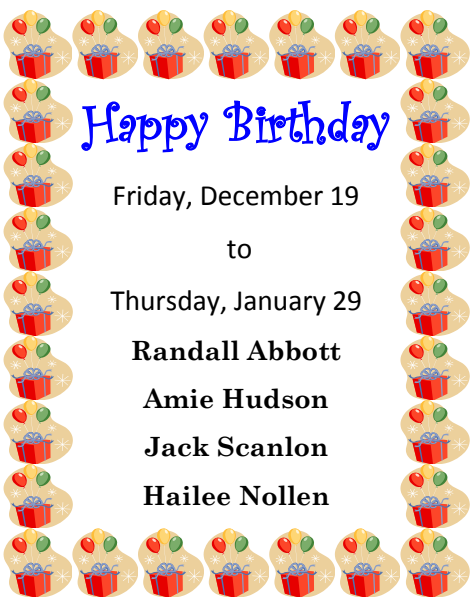
As we go to press, the first Whittington Market Day is getting underway. We will report on the day next year.



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Newsletter





Happy Birthday

Friday, December 19

to

Thursday, January 29

Randall Abbott

Amie Hudson

Jack Scanlon

Hailee Nollen

House Points

Troop House won the shield with Amie and Nick collecting the award.



Attendance Award

Shanae and Melaine received the Attendance cup on behalf of grade AS.



Super Student Award

Grade AS all received this award. Well done.



Super Student Award

Congratulations to Trey Beggs, Jack Scanlon, Kylie Ashman Howell and grade AS for receiving this award.



You're a Star Student Award



Tyson, Jayda, Hunter, Anthony, Nick, Kassie and Hope all received certificates at assembly for being a Star.

Principal's Award

Last week, Principal Wilson selected Myra Loader as the winner of his Principal's Award for being consistently kind and helpful in the schoolyard to other students.

Mr Speight selected Kaylah Halmshaw for a year of improvement.

Kaylah and Myra are showing the benefits of taking on our three school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.



Grade 6 Graduation Awards

Citizenship Jasmine Bell & Lachlan Gerdes-Illes

Faye Gardner Improvement Timothy Payne

Academic Excellence Emily Jensen

Leadership Lachlan Gerdes-Illes & Holly Cammaroto

Sport Lachlan Gerdes-Illes, Jeremie Gonzales & Jack Speed

Term 4 Achievement Award

Grade HD Amelia Nollen

Grade KC Sandy Khun

Grade JM Hailee Nollen

Grade KL Hunter Blackwell

Grade AS Dylan Lahrmann-Clery

Big Day Out

The Whittington Big Day Out at Barwon Valley Fun Park was a huge success with all children having a fantastic day. Well done to all children for impressing all who saw us with our good manners and responsible, respectful behaviour.

Thanks to all parents who managed to make it down to join in and watch. You seemed to be enjoying yourselves too!

Huge thank you to Leopold Lions for their continuing support of this program by supplying the Bus and the BBQ lunch.