



# News

## Issue 14

May 14, 2015

### Dates to remember:

#### **Friday, May 15**

Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Wednesday, May 20**

Linking Learning Transition Lunch

#### **Thursday, May 21**

Prep Dental Visit 2.30pm

#### **Friday, May 22**

Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Friday, May 29**

Soccer Round Robin  
Eltham High School Band  
Assembly 2.30pm

### **Principal**

**Mr Barrie Speight**

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## Minister's Visit

On Wednesday, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, Mr James Merlino again visited our school. We were very privileged to have another visit from Mr Merlino and are grateful for his interest in the success of Whittington Primary School. Mr Merlino responded to a request from our local State Parliament member Chris Couzens to come for a discussion about the needs of the school and the Whittington Community.

The discussions were very positive:

- Mr Merlino expects the build to start within the next 12 months.
- He appreciated the value of the school and our work with the community.
- He can see the benefits of re-establishing services in a community hub.

We are very much looking forward to the future of Whittington Primary School.

## Prep & Yr. 1 Parents Special Activity & Lunch

Next week on Wednesday, we are having a special event for Prep & Year 1 parents and carers. If your child is in HD with Mrs Devereaux or KC with Ms Charman, you're invited to visit the classroom at 12.15 for some fun activities and then stay for a BBQ lunch. A free coffee van will also be here. Your child will bring home an invitation in the next few days and we hope to see you all there.

## National Volunteer's Week

This week we say thankyou and express our appreciation to all of our wonderful volunteers for their ongoing support. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who give up their own time to support the students at our school. At Whittington, volunteers help in many different areas including the breakfast and lunch programs, gardening club, brass and strings programs, the school council and a variety of different reading groups.

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to get more involved at school, please call in and speak to the ladies at the front office. We greatly appreciate any support that people offer.

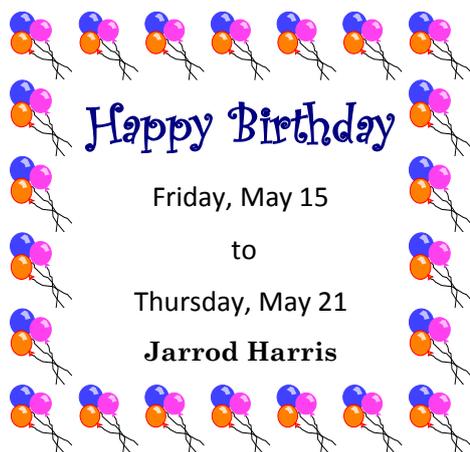
## Kinder Visit

Yesterday, all of the children and staff visited from Early Learning & Family Centre @ Apollo. The kinder children had a great time playing in the Early Years room and the playground. The children also enjoyed some fun activities and a shared lunch with the prep children. The visit was the first of many activities to help the kinder children prepare for a smooth transition to school next year.

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# Newsletter





## Entertainment Books

As a small fundraiser, our school is selling Entertainment Books. The book has thousands of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers at local restaurants and attractions for children and families.

They are \$55.00 each and can be purchased as a book or for your phone. Please tell your friends and family. They are available at the school office.

## NAPLAN Testing

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 have been doing the Literacy and Numeracy tests, this week known as NAPLAN.

Please remind your children that ***it was not possible to 'fail' these tests!*** They are just to provide extra information about your child's learning.

## Super Student Award



Congratulations to Samantha Abbott, Ryan McDonald, Blake Fairfield and Steven Gerdes-Illes for being the Super Students. Congratulations also to Chance Dallenger who was absent on the day.

## Star Student Award



Congratulations to all the Star Student award winners for last week.

## House Points

Tyson and Nikita collected the shield for Troop House.



## Attendance Award

Grade JM had the best attendance for the week

## Mother's Day Breakfast

On Wednesday morning, the school, in partnership with City Learning & Care and the Bellarine Living & Learning Centre, hosted another fantastic Mother's Day Breakfast. Despite the wet and chilly weather, many students and families enjoyed a fresh bacon and egg roll from the BBQ, some juice and fresh fruit. We thank all the staff, volunteers and the wider community for their participation in another successful event. We hope that all of our mums had a lovely Mother's Day last Sunday.