

*Each striving for the peak*

HELLO!



## Principal's Report

Dear Whitfield State School Community,

### Term 3 – What a ripper!

As another successful term draws to a close, I continue to be incredibly proud of our school and our students for their achievements. This ripper of a term has seen outstanding sporting and arts performances, great academic results, All Abilities Sports Day, NAIDOC Week and our PACE Day – Colour Explosion being just some of the activities.

It is such a privilege to be the Principal of this wonderful school and experience the fun and learning that occurs alongside our children and staff every day. A big thank you to our many parents, staff and friends, who have helped and supported us through these events - without your assistance these occasions could not have occurred.

### Minister and Director-General Visit

#### \$13 Million Performing Arts & Music Centre Confirmed

We were thrilled to welcome the Queensland Minister for Education and the Director-General for Education to our school recently for an exciting announcement – a \$13 million Performing Arts and Music Centre, scheduled for completion in 2027.

Our student leaders proudly guided the visitors on a tour of the campus, highlighting our vibrant learning spaces. The Minister met with P&C parents to discuss the design and long-term vision for the new facility, ensuring it reflects our school community's aspirations.

Guests enjoyed a special assembly with outstanding performances from our school choir and the talented dancers of the Peak Shining Star Dance Academy. They also observed first-hand the engaging reading and learning activities happening every day in our classrooms.

This announcement marks a transformative investment in our students' creativity and future opportunities. We can't wait to see this dream take shape and look forward to sharing updates as the project progresses toward its 2027 opening.

### Important Update: Halloween Celebrations – Thursday 30 October

Following a recent review of the event risk assessment for the P&C Halloween Disco, I have reluctantly made the decision to not hold the evening Halloween Disco event this year. This step is in response to recent and repeated unauthorised-entrant security incidents at the school and the impact and behaviour of non-school attendees at past events.

As our community would expect, student safety remains our highest priority.

It is, of course, also important to our school that children don't miss out based on issues external to the school. Therefore, we are excited to host a special Halloween Fun afternoon during school hours on Thursday 30 October. Students are welcome to come dressed in their favourite costumes on the day and enjoy:

- Music with Crazy Bron as our guest DJ – funded by the P&C.
- Face painting and a variety of other festive activities

Thank you for your understanding as we put safety first while ensuring our students continue to be involved in memorable and fun events. We can't wait to celebrate with our students during this fun-filled event!

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## Diary Dates

TERM 4	
6/10	King's Birthday Public Holiday
7/10	First day of Term 4
15/10	Prep Vision Screening commences
17/10	Year Four recycling Visit
20/10	P&C Meeting, 6pm LRC
21/10	2026 Prep Enrolment Interviews
22/10	<b>Arts Night</b>
23/10	Principal Tour
30/10	P&C Halloween Fun Day
31/10	Day For Daniel – Wear Red
5/11	Prep Experience Morning
5/11	Camp Australia Parent Information Session
11/11	Remembrance Day
28/11	2026 Student Leaders Announced
3/12	APEX Arts Awards
4/12	APEX Elevate & Create Awards
4/12	APEX Sports Awards
5/12	Annual Student Awards Ceremony
5/12	Year Six Luncheon
9/12	2025 Talent Quest

 View the current menu  
**Tuckshop Menu**

 **SCHOOL WATCH**

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Please report all student absences via the Absence Line: (07) 4034 7366 or Email: [WSSstudents@whitfieldss.eq.edu.au](mailto:WSSstudents@whitfieldss.eq.edu.au)

## Principal's Report (continued)

### New Outside School Hours Care Provider

With the current Outside School Hours Care Provider lease finishing this year; our school was required to undertake a full tender process to consider OSHC providers. Over the past few months, with the support of the Department of Education and the school's P&C, a tender and evaluation process was conducted, our school has selected Camp Australia as the new provider of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). From all services that submitted a tender, Camp Australia offered the strongest proposal to meet the evolving needs of our school and its children.

We extend our sincere thank you to PCYC for their dedicated service and care over the past nine years. Their contribution has been greatly valued by our families and staff.

A comprehensive transition program is underway to ensure a smooth handover; plenty of information will be communicated to families. The official transition date will be at the commencement of the summer vacation period. At the commencement of next term, parents will receive instructions on how to enrol for OSHC services next year. Camp Australia will host a parent information session at the LRC on Wednesday 5th November to answer any questions from parents and caregivers; keep an eye out on more details to come.

**About Camp Australia:** Camp Australia is a nationally recognised OSHC provider offering engaging, safe, and fun programs before and after school. Families can learn more or register their interest at

[www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au).

We are excited to begin this new partnership with Camp Australia and look forward to the fantastic opportunities this change brings for our students and community.



### 2026 Enrolments Continuing

Over the last few weeks, we have had several Principal tours and enrolment interview days in preparation for next year. The strong enrolment levels are affirming that our school's reputation for providing a great school for children is well established. Please remember that if you, your family or friends intend to enrol children for next year, then getting applications in as soon as possible is important. I look forward to welcoming plenty of new students and families to our school community at the Prep Experience morning on Wednesday 5th November 2025. Please ensure that if you intend on participating that you pre-register as limits on this day apply.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday – school resumes **Tuesday 7th October**.



Until next time,

Yours in schooling

**Mr Matt Thompson**  
Principal

**Whitfield State School**
Prep 2026

## Prep Experience Morning

### Wednesday 5 November 2025

Come and experience Prep the "Whitfield Way".  
Parents who have already applied for enrolment will receive an invite to this exciting event.

- ✓ Get a sneak peak of what Prep learning is all about.
- ✓ Ensure a smooth transition into Prep.
- ✓ Help your child feel confident for their first day.
- ✓ Invite only - Have you handed in the enrolment form?





## Reminder

*Please update the following information with the front office if anything has changed:*



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

## From the Front Office

# Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Invoice

**Friendly reminder that all SRS Invoices are now due.**

Payments can be made via the BPoint link on the invoice or in person at the school administration building. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Courtney at the office if you wish to discuss payment plan options.



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## 2026 Prep Enrolment Interview

Once you have lodged your enrolment forms, our enrolment officer will contact you to arrange an enrolment interview. Enrolment Interviews will be held on the following days:


- Tuesday 26 August
- Tuesday 21 October
- Thursday 20 November



## 2026 Instrumental Music Program

Early next term, we'll be holding an Instrumental Music Information Session and sharing details about the 2026 Program and Recruitment

**Keep an eye on your inbox and Facebook for updates**



## SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY

Students are invited to attend school in free dress on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Thanks to the P&C, Crazy Bron will hold a disco at the CAWMPEF for students to attend with the class

Don't miss out on this spooky celebration!




## Arts Night

Parents, carers and extended families are warmly invited to a relaxed afternoon showcasing our talented students' artwork and performances.

Join us in the CAWMPEF on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5:00pm to 7:00pm, where you can:

- Stroll through the student art exhibition
- Enjoy a variety of live performances
- Sip a beverage from the P&C stall
- Connect with fellow families and staff

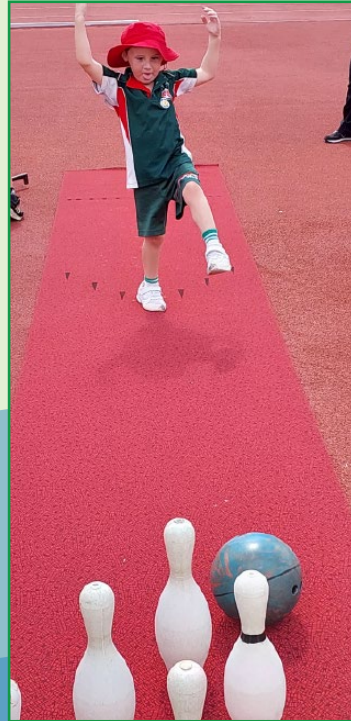
We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the arts in our school community!



## IEC

### All Abilities Sports Day

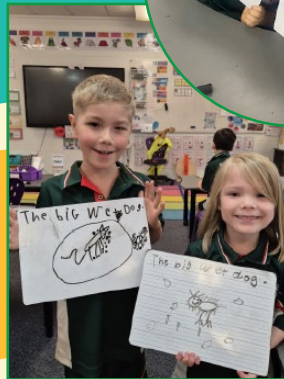
All Abilities Sports Day involved students from 22 schools across the region participating in 14 different sports/activities.



## Prep

### 100 Days Brighter

The Preppies were straight back into it after the mid-year break, picking up where they left off in Term 2. Week 1 had us all celebrating 100 Days Brighter and what a colourful and exciting day it was! This term, Preps have been recount telling for literacy and continuing to expand on sentence writing. For numeracy, all five Prep classes are beginning to look at measurement, starting off with capacity by exploring different ways to describe how full/empty a container can be. We are so proud of each and every Prep student!



## Prep (continued)

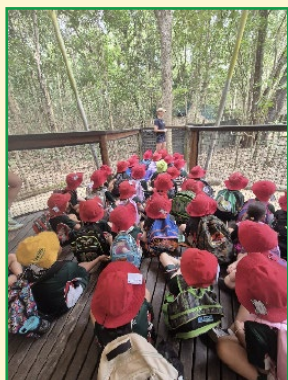
### Hartley's Crocodile Adventures

What a wild day! All five Prep classes had an absolutely amazing time on our excursion to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. We saw so many incredible animals and learnt lots of fascinating facts.

The students were lucky enough to pat some reptiles, get up close with the wallabies, explore the reptile enclosure and even enjoy their very own private crocodile feeding show – and while one of the big crocs (nicknamed Hagrid) gave the handlers a challenge, they managed to keep him in line... just!

The boat ride was a real show stopper! From lost feeding sticks to a cheeky croc that wouldn't let go of the pole, PE and PC ended up getting dragged around the lagoon – a story to tell!

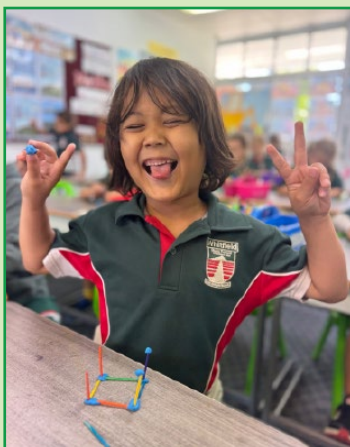
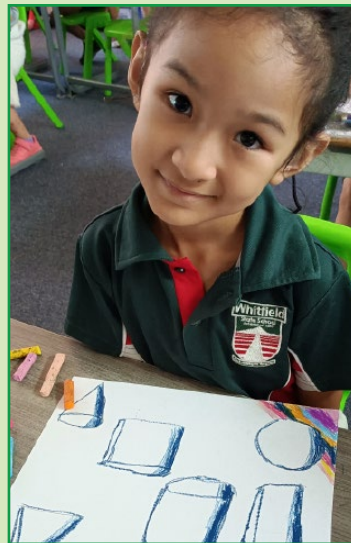
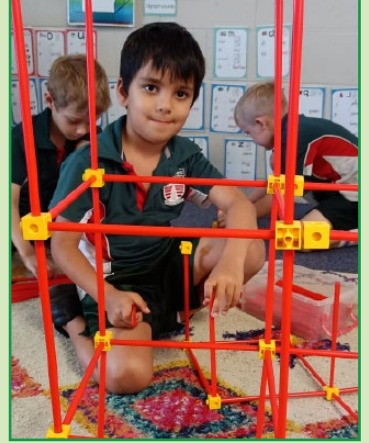
It was a fantastic day full of adventure, laughter, and unforgettable moments.



## Year One

### Mystery Shapes in Year One

Year One students are learning about 2D and 3D shapes this term. They have made, described, compared and classified shapes and objects. Here are some of the amazing shapes they have made involving creative activities like shape hunts, mystery shape, building with blocks and creating shape art. Learning about shapes is fun and memorable.



## Year One (continued)

### Kuranda

Year One went on a magical adventure to Kuranda on the Historical Scenic Railway. We were amazed with the sights, sounds and animals we saw. Enjoy the photos!



## Year Two

### Cairns Aquarium



## Year Three

Thank you to all the Year Two, Three and Four students and teachers for a successful Book Swap for 2025 in celebration of Book Week! Students enjoyed searching through the piles of pre-loved books to take away to a new home to be enjoyed. Some even came back in the catch up session to collect more books to make sure they had used all their tokens!

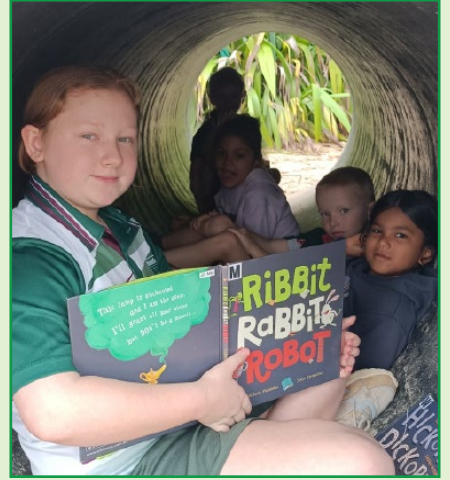
Again, thank you for your kind donations and efforts in making this successful!

**Miss Gallen**



## Year Four

### Buddy Reading



## Year Five

This term, 5W took the classroom outside and explored fractions and capacity using measuring cups and spoons in one of our playgrounds. Students loved solving mathematical challenges by experimenting with different combinations of measuring cups to reach the capacity target. Students were also challenged in the classroom with estimating and measuring the mass of a range of objects using scales.



## Year Five (continued)

### Year Five Camp

Year Fives participated in problem solving and team work whilst practising Whitfield's RRRs at this year's camp. All staff and leadership were so proud of their outstanding behaviour:



## Year Six

### Year Six Camp

Year Six students had a great time at camp last! They got to participate in low ropes, bouldering, a snake talk, photography, and build their friendship skills. We had so much fun working in our teams and challenging ourselves throughout the week. Thank you so much to the staff at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre and the WSS teachers, teacher aides, and helpers for making this camp so awesome!



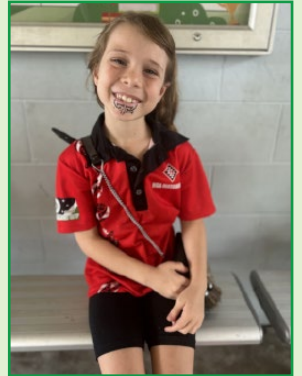
## Indigenous Leaders of the Future (ILF)

Our Indigenous Leaders had an awesome day at the Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament! Our students got to be a part of a mock government process and share their views about their community. Some of the topics covered in the speeches they wrote included after school tutoring, Indigenous dance programs, school sport support, Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum, and celebrating the contributions of Indigenous Australians. They had a great day, and we are so proud of how they represented Whitfield State School.



## NAIDOC

### Cultural Dress Day



### Award Recipients



## NAIDOC

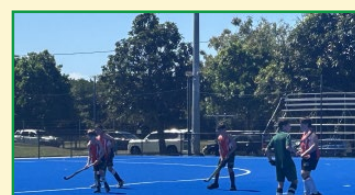
### Rotations



## Sport

### A Big Day Out at the BDO Hockey Carnival

On Tuesday 19th August, over 30 Whitfield students took part in the BDO Hockey Carnival, fielding four teams on the day. For many, this was their very first-time playing hockey, with only a small handful of students having previous experience in the sport. It was fantastic to see how quickly everyone picked up the game and many students were surprised by how much fun hockey is. A wonderful day was had by all.



### Fowler's Cup Netball Carnival

On Friday 22nd August, Whitfield entered three teams into the Fowler's Cup Netball Carnival. Our Competitive Girls Team played their hearts out, our Mixed Team were true growth champions, and for the first time ever, we entered a Boys Competitive Team. The boys went through their pool undefeated and narrowly lost the final against St Gerard Majella. A huge thank you goes to our parent helpers for their support on the day – we couldn't do it without you! A fantastic display of teamwork and determination was shown across all teams.



### Whitfield Shine at TCC and Peninsula Track and Field Carnivals

On Sunday 24th and Monday 25th August, ten talented athletes from Whitfield proudly represented our TCC District at the Peninsula Track and Field Championships. Each student gave their best effort across a range of events, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, dedication, and school spirit. Congratulations to all students involved for representing Whitfield State School with pride!



## PEAK Dance Academy

Our Shining Stars had the best time performing as part of the Trinity Bay SHS Annual Dance Night again this year! We were thrilled to perform on the CPAC stage again and see some of the amazing performances from the Trinity Bay dance students. Thank you so much to the Performing Arts team at Trinity Bay SHS.



## International Student Program

Term 3 is always an exciting time at Whitfield, as it aligns with the Chinese and Japanese holiday period — a perfect opportunity for families to enrich their children's learning with a short-term study experience in Australia. We're thrilled to share that over 40 international students joined our school community this term!

Whitfield is fast becoming a favourite destination for international travellers, with many families choosing to return year after year — and we can see why!

Our International Student Program offers an immersive cultural exchange where students can build global friendships, share stories, and learn from one another in a vibrant school setting.

But that's not all! In addition to our short-term enrolments, we were excited to host a 2-day study tour group from Taiwan. This whirlwind visit was packed with learning, laughter, and plenty of cross-cultural sharing.

Let's continue to make our new friends feel welcome and celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make Whitfield such a special place to learn and grow.



## P&C

### A HUGE Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers!

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who generously gave their time and energy to help with our Father's Day Stall and Pace Day!

These events are a key part of the fabric of what makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and play and they genuinely can't happen without the help of volunteers.

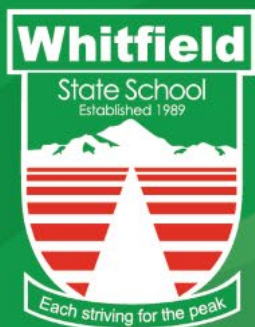
We would really love to see more of our wonderful school community become involved by volunteering to help with P&C events and activities. If you have even just an hour to spare or skills to share please reach out to us at [pandcwhitfieldstateschool@gmail.com](mailto:pandcwhitfieldstateschool@gmail.com). We would LOVE to hear from you!

Wishing everyone a wonderful school holidays, see you at our next P&C Meeting on **Monday 20th October** at 6pm in the LRC.

**Eve Elliott-Smith**

**President - Whitfield State School P&C**





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## *Online Safety for Parents* Help your child manage their online time



### Stay engaged and encourage balance

- Keep an eye on the games, apps and devices your child uses.
- Balance online and offline activities. Online activities includes all screen time. Offline line activities can be drawing, reading, playing outside, listening to music or getting some exercise.
- Join in. Play games together as a family, or explore some joint online projects.
- Where possible, avoid limiting online time as a punishment as this approach may inflate its importance to children.



### Create a plan

- Work out the plan together with your child/ren in creating a family plan for leisure and entertainment time.
- Include age-based time limits, which websites that can be visited and online games that can be played. It could also include control of access to the internet or devices, perhaps with daily passwords revealed once family time, homework and chores are complete.
- A minor reduction each day or a '15-minutes to switch-off' warning can help the transition to a more balanced use of time.



### Set boundaries for device use in your home

**For example, your family plan could include rules like this:**

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- devices charged overnight in a place your child cannot access



**Please Remember School Rules Still Apply Online**

