Vision and Values
At White Hills Primary School we are committed to providing students with tools for lifelong learning. We foster a climate which enables students to be adaptable learners and contribute productively in our constantly changing society.

Calendar of Events

**Term 2 Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June**

**Week 1**
- Friday 19th April: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
- Friday 19th April: Grade 3/4 Botanical garden walk 10.00am
- Friday 19th April: Grade 3/4 camp deposits due today

**Week 2**
- Monday 22nd April: PMP Session 2.30pm-3.30pm
- Monday 22nd April: Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 22nd April: ANZAC Day Service 2.45pm
- Monday 22nd April: Parent Personal Training Session 9.15am
- Monday 22nd April: Zone Cross Country 9.30am
- Monday 22nd April: Newsletter to be distributed today
- Thursday 25th April: ANZAC Day Holiday
- Friday 26th April: Gr 5/6 Camp Deposit due today
- Friday 26th April: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm

**Week 3**
- Monday 29th April: Aladdin Performance Money due today
- Wednesday 1st May: School Photo Day
- Thursday 2nd May: Alpha Productions - Aladdin
- Thursday 2nd May: Grade 6 Leadership Conference
- Friday 3rd May: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm

**Week 4**
- Monday 5th May: Parent Club Meeting 9.00am
- Tuesday 6th May: Weeroona College Info Night 7.00pm
- Tuesday 6th May: Mother’s/Special Person Day Stall
- Friday 9th May: Gr 3-6 District Athletics Sports
- Friday 9th May: Football Program 9am-12.50pm
- Saturday 11th May: Preliminary Aerobic Final Geelong

**Week 5**
- Tuesday 14th May: SC Finance Meeting 7.30pm
- Tuesday 14th May: Footsteps Disco 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Friday 17th May: Bendigo Multi Instrumental Comps
- Friday 17th May: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm

**Week 6**
- Monday 20th May: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 20th May: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Monday 20th May: Open Day 9.00am-3.30pm
- Tuesday 21st May: Prep 2014 Info Morning 10.00-11.00am
- Tuesday 21st May: Prep 2014 Info Night 7.00-8.15pm
- Wednesday 22nd May: Grade 3-6 Division Cross Country
- Friday 24th May: Prep Grandparent’s Morning 9am-11am

**Week 7**
- Monday 27th May: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Tuesday 28th May: SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

**Week 8**
- Monday 10th June: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 10th June: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Monday 10th June: Bendigo Choir Competition
- Monday 10th June: State Aerobic Final Geelong

**Week 9**
- Monday 17th June: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 17th June: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Monday 17th June: Bendigo Choir Competition
- Monday 17th June: State Aerobic Final Geelong

**Week 10**
- Term 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September
- Tuesday 23rd July: Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd July: Music is Fun Band 11.30am-3.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd July: Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd July: Book Week performance
- Wednesday 24th July: School Production – Kids at Sea
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**School Photos**
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 1st May. Individual and Family order forms have been distributed TODAY. Please return forms and enclosed money on photo day

Please note the following:
- There will be no Photoshopping of absent children into class photos
- If children are ill on the day, they are not to be brought to school for the class photo. We cannot organise for a reshoot of a class photo
- Absent children will be followed up with individual photos on another day.

**School ANZAC Day: Next Tuesday**
We would like to invite friends and family members to attend the White Hill Primary Schools ANZAC day service. The service will take place on the grass out the front of the school on **Tuesday, 23rd April 2013**. If the weather is inclement, we will move to the big shed. The service will commence at 2.45pm and will be led by our student leaders. We would also like to encourage (with parental permission) students to bring along or wear any special medal, hats or artefacts significant to ANZAC day. Look forward to seeing your there.
Please note that due to next Thursday being ANZAC Day, our newsletter will go out on the Wednesday.

**Ground Works**
Over the school holidays the oval has been sprayed with a broad leaf herbicide to remove weeds. Removable football goal posts are being constructed and will be installed in coming weeks. This term we will begin a process of school community consultation regarding the development of the school’s grounds master plan. The master plan will be our guiding document for future works and improvements to the school grounds. Watch this space for upcoming information.

**Footsteps Dance Program: Begins Tomorrow**
The Footsteps Dance program begins tomorrow and continues for five consecutive Fridays. As per the school’s payment excursions/incursions policy, full payment was due yesterday. A student disco also takes place at the end of the program. Parents please note that this program is part of the school’s curriculum and all children are expected to attend.

**Bendigo State Secondary Schools: 2014 Enrolment**
In the near future information will be posted to grade 6 families to explain enrolment processes for Year 7, 2014. This information is being sent out by the secondary schools committee.
Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Once again we are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program and ask for your support by collecting the Earn and Learn points from the checkout operator and placing them on a Points Sheet. When sheet is completed, put it into a collection box at the school office or the Woolworths Epsom Village store. In 2012 we were able to claim a significant amount of educational equipment for classrooms. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Important Announcement by Public Transport Victoria

Passengers using buses in Bendigo from the first service on Friday, 12th April 2013, will need a myki to travel. For further information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Free Personal Training Sessions for Parents: Begins Next Wednesday, 24th April

In conjunction with Step into Life personal training, White Hills PS is offering parents three (3) complimentary training sessions, beginning next Wednesday, 24th April at 9.15am at the school. Bookings are essential. Not only can you have a positive effect on your own health and fitness but you’ll be leading by example for your own children.

If you would like further information on these initial sessions, please call Mick on 0458498292.

Open Day & Information Morning and Evening:

Open Day and Information Morning and Evening at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week. Open Day, on Tuesday May 21st from 9.00am – 3.30pm, is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to Prep teachers about the terrific programs available at our school. A morning Information Session will be held in the school library on Tuesday May 21st at 10.00-11.00am, and an evening session at 7.00pm – 8.15pm. These information sessions are especially designed for 2014 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or who have already chosen White Hills Primary. Childcare is available at both these sessions.

Promoting Our School

We have found that the best way to promote our school to new families is through you, our parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a Prep child for next year and has not chosen a school for their child, talk to them about our school and please invite them to attend the above information sessions. Perhaps you could come with them to help them feel more comfortable. Remember that you, our parents, are the best ambassadors for our school.

Religious Education

Religious Education for all children in Grades 1-6 commences this Term. The course used for Religious Education lessons is the approved Department of Education program that focuses on learning to work together and caring for each other. Thanks to our team of trained R.E. teachers who have volunteered their time to work with our students. If you do not wish your child to participate in this non-denominational program please inform your child’s class teacher, in writing, by next week.

For more information on the program please see Jan Ellis.

Teach Your Child to Bounce Back from Life’s Uncertainties: Part 3

A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate

Here are some ideas to get you started building resilience in your children.

SEE-SAW FEELINGS: Explain that our feelings are extremely changeable, like a see-saw. We can feel very up, very down and in between, all in the matter of a day or even an hour! Knowing that painful feelings don’t last forever is important. Make a point of asking your child about the best and worst things that happened in their day and how they felt about them. (This can work better than the traditional question “What did you do today?”) Regularly share with your child about your see-saw feelings too.

THOUGHT CATCHING: Children develop self-talking by 5 or 6 years. As adults we self-talk all the time. It is virtually impossible to switch off the running commentary in our heads. What flits across your mind at the times you feel worst? These first negative thoughts and give us a chance to evaluate them. They are not necessarily correct! For example. *How much is my fault? *What part was out of my control? *Is this setback permanent or can I do something to fix things? *Just because I failed at this activity doesn’t mean I will fail next time or at something else.

As they grow older, help your children recognise what automatic thoughts are and how to “catch them” and question them.

Early Childhood Services Survey

The City of Greater Bendigo is undertaking a review of its role in the planning, delivery and support of early childhood education and care services, including child care, preschool and playgroups.

As part of the community consultation process, a community survey is underway to give all residents of Greater Bendigo an opportunity to have their say – including people who use early childhood services, people with older children or people without children. The survey closing date has been extended to 21st April 2013. There is also an online discussion forum.

You can find further information and complete the survey online at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/ecsreview

Hard copies of the survey can be provided, and are available from City offices, Maternal and Child Health Services and CoGB Early Learning Centres.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
BOOK FAIR
The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the WHPS Library 2nd week back in Term 2. The Fair will be open for book sales before and after school from **Tuesday, 23rd April until Friday, 3rd May (2 weeks)** **Times:** 8.30am-9.00am and 3.30am-4.30pm
Purchases are cash/cheque and credit cards will be accepted.
Please support this Fair as the commission money goes to pay for a Book Week Performance in August.

**Mrs Christine Alexander**
Book Fair Coordinator

SOCIAL SERVICE
Anzac Day Badges
Student Leaders are selling the following badges: Anzac Pin (white) 50c & $2, Anzac Pin (blue/white) $1 (new), Anzac Pin (brown) $5, Wrist bands $3, Bag tags $4.

**Mrs Sue Baker**

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Premier’s Reading Challenge
We currently have 96 students enrolled in the PRC, 104 books have already been read and logged on, and 2 students have already completed the Challenge.
It is not too late to enrol. We are going to allow children to continue registering for the Premier’s Reading Challenge up until the end of this month. If your child is interested please come and see me before Tuesday the 30th of April.
Congratulations to Fletcher W and Tayah M. Both received books this week for being the first students to hand in their Premier’s Reading Challenge booklets.

**Ms Netherway**
Premier’s Reading Challenge Coordinator

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS
Multi Instrumental Bands
Please note that there is no band and choir next week due to Anzac day. We are rehearsing for the Bendigo Competitions later this term. Senior MI band will be competing on the 17th of May and the Choir on 21st of June. The venue is the Strathdale Hall in Crook Street.

Whole School Musical “Kids At Sea”
This year the musical “Kids at Sea” has been selected for our whole school musical and this is a bright and funny musical for the children to be involved in. The Grade 5 & 6 children will have the main roles including the chorus, singers and dancers as well as some off stage positions and the grades Prep to 4 will all have a scene and a song as a part of the show. Congratulations to all the children who were cast in main roles. The auditions were of a high standard and all the children who auditioned need to be congratulated.
As the Connect Church is not available this year as a venue, the decision has been made to use the Capital Theatre and the tentative dates booked for the three shows are the 26th to the 28th of August. All children in Prep – 4 will be placed in three performance groups and will perform for one of these evenings and the 5/6 will perform in all three performances. Please keep those dates free as it will be a spectacular evening showcasing the performing arts. As the Capital Theatre is slightly more expensive to hire we will need to increase the cost of the ticket sales, but they will still be very reasonable for a night’s entertainment.

Footsteps Dance Program
The Dance program starts this Friday and runs for five weeks. The children will all receive a 40 minute dance lesson with a variety of styles being taught by professional dance teachers. In week five we will be running the School Disco in the BJ Winzar Hall. This will be held on Thursday the 16th of May. The Preps to grade 2 attend from 6.00 to 7.00. The grades 3 to 6 attend from 7.15 to 8.30.

**Mr Wall**
Music/Drama Teacher
School Photos
To be held Wednesday, 1st May. Photo envelopes have been sent out today. Please return on photo day.

Mothers/Special Person Day Stall
Our Mothers/Special Person Day stall will be held on Thursday, 9th May. Every child is asked to supply a gift for the stall. Please supply new gifts to the value of $2.00.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program until Sunday 9th June
Start collecting stickers at the checkout. (Make sure you ask for stickers when you go through the self serve) Once the sheet is completed, it can be put into a collection box at the school office or in the White Hills Collection box at the Woolworths Epsom Village store. Blank sheets are available from the school office.

Old Mobile Phones
We are collecting old mobile phones, working or not. Please place them in the mobile phone box in our school foyer. The school receives $3.00 for every phone.

Next Parent Club Meeting
Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 8th May at 9.00am. (due to 1st May being photo day). We welcome all parents.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Parents Club Committee

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Footsteps Dance
The Footsteps dance program commences tomorrow, Friday, April 19th and will continue until May 17th. The Preps will attend this program in the Sport’s shed between 9.00-9.40 am. Please make sure your child is at school on time for the Footsteps dance program.

Grandparent’s Morning
As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend on Friday, 24th May, from 9.00am to 11.00am. Parents are asked to mention this date to grandparents/friends so they can be available for this special time. Invitations for grandparents will be sent home closer to the event.

Shoes For Preps
If you are buying new shoes for winter for your Prep child, please consider buying pull on shoes/boots or ones with velcro, so that children can put on their own shoes. Please remember to name your child’s shoes inside, as with the wet and muddy playgrounds the children are often taking off their shoes before coming inside. Think of this- 85 pairs of shoes, taken off and put on twice a day is a lot of shoe laces to tie if many children can’t put on their shoes by themselves.

Language Hint For The Week
Read standing up! Research shows that the amount of brain cells being stimulated doubles when we are standing rather than passively sitting. Parents should encourage children to stand beside them to read their books at night.

Pupil Of The Week
Congratulations to MooLerBwe M, Logan T, Tyler M and Katie L-N, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are enthusiastic and helpful in class and making lots of new friends with their great getting along skills. Well done!

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
PMP will commence on Monday, 22nd April, the second Monday of Term 2, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. These specialised sessions greatly benefit the Preps’ gross and fine motor coordination and concentration skills. However, parent/grandparent help is essential on a regular basis to ensure these small group tasks function effectively. Activities are organised by teachers, are explained to parents and are simple to operate. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help with this program. A roster was sent home to these parents this week. Any parent who would also like to help with P.M.P. is most welcome. Please see your child’s teacher to offer your help and receive a roster.
Grade 1/2

Students of the Week
1A – Roy M – For being an outstanding student with an outstanding work ethic.
1 CW- Bailey S – For his enthusiastic participation on Fairy Tale day.
1P- Jenna A- For bringing a spare costume on Fairy Tale day just in case someone forgot.
1S- Bethany K – For practising her spelling homework
2 BK- Savannah – For always wearing her smile.
2 R- Cameron E – For wearing an adorable bear costume on Fairy Tale day.
2W- Aimee J – For bringing her spelling book back every week.

Footsteps
Just a reminder that the Footsteps dance program starts this Friday and continues every Friday for 5 weeks.

Reading And Spelling
Please remember that children are expected to be reading their reader every night with their reading diary filled out. Also continue to complete spelling homework and return it to school each week.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Learning Portfolios
Could we please ask that all Learning Portfolios be returned to school by this Friday, with a positive comment regarding your child’s learning.

Botanical Garden Walk: TOMORROW, Friday 19th April
Tomorrow we will be walking to the Botanical Gardens as part of our unit of work based around Living Things. We will be leaving school at 10:00am and will return during recess, between 11:00 and 11:30. If you are available, we still require volunteers to join us. A note explaining what students need to bring was sent home earlier this week.

Homework
Students will receive a homework booklet tomorrow. It will be made up of a series of weekly tasks based around spelling activities and maths revision. We encourage families to work together to complete all tasks, and to see your classroom teacher if there are any concerns.

Footsteps Dance Program
Over the next few weeks students will be taking part in the Footsteps dance program. 3/4K will commence at 11:30, with the remaining 3/4 classes taking part in the 12:10 session.

Camps: Deposit due Tomorrow Friday 19th April
Just a reminder that tomorrow is the due date for your camp deposit of $40.00. We are still seeking additional helpers for both the Grade 3 and Grade 4 camps. See your classroom teacher if interested.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students who have not yet registered to take part in the challenge are being encouraged to do so. As our Student Reading Journals have a specific section set aside to record details there is little extra work required to participate.

Zone Cross Country: Wednesday 24th April
Well done to those students who ran in our school cross country today. Next Wednesday we will be walking to the Bendigo Race Course to take part in the Zone Cross Country. We will leave the school at 9.30am and should return around 12.30pm. Students who are running in the 11 year age group will attend the event with the students in Year 5. In order to help make this event successful we require parent volunteers to walk with us and assist with supervision.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Camp Deposits due Friday 26th April
A reminder that parents should of received a note last term outlining some of the important information about this year’s grade 5 and grade 6 camps. This note outlined the dates the camps will be held, the total cost as well as a non-refundable deposit amount of $40.00 and a slip that must be returned indicating whether your child will be attending or not. Both the attendance slip and the non-refundable deposit are due back to the office by 5.00pm Friday 26th April 2013. This is extremely important as both are required when booking numbers for the buses there and back and when consulting with the camps about activities and food that will need to be supplied when we are there.
**Lit Circles Novels**

Lit Circles is a great program which is run in the 5/6 area, students choose from a wide selection or novels and work together in groups ranging from 3 – 7 in each. Each group reads the same book from the selection and each Friday, in class, they discuss facts about the book and things they may not understand, after which they complete an activity designed to help them better understand what they are reading. It is therefore important that these books are taken care of as they need to be returned in a good condition to allow other groups of children to read them later. So far this year several students have lost their Lit Circle book and therefore had to pay to replace them. Please ensure students are taking care of these books at home so that others don’t miss out.

**Homework**

Parents this is just a note to inform you about homework in the 5/6 area as we are getting a lot of students either handing work in late or not at all. Homework will vary based on the classroom and teacher, however each grade will have a worksheet of either English or maths that is due weekly (see your child’s classroom teacher to find out their due dates for set homework). EVERY child participates in Lit Circles and therefore has to complete their reading before each Friday in order to complete chosen activities and participate in discussions within their group, this is very important. Any extra homework that is sent home is work that has not been completed in the given class time. Your support with this and reminding your child to complete set homework would be greatly appreciated.

**Regional Cross Country**

Regional cross country will take place at the Bendigo race course **Wednesday 24th April**. Classroom teachers will be walking their students to the course after recess and as we have large numbers of grade 5 and 6 students if you are available to help walk students to and from the course please see your child’s classroom teacher, the help would be greatly appreciated.

**Footsteps Dance**

Footsteps dance is a great program where dance teachers outside of our school come in and teach students various dance moves and steps ranging from partner dancers to solo dances like Michael Jacksons Thriller. This program will be starting this Friday 19th April 2013. There will also be a disco after the 5 weeks dance program to practise the moves that have been taught.

**ANZAC Day**

This year White Hills Primary School will be having their ANZAC Day service on **Tuesday, 23rd April**. The service will commence at 2.45pm on the front lawn of the school, if the weather permits. If the weather is unkind on this day the service will be held in the shed. We invite family members to attend if they can, to share in this significant event and also encourage students to wear any medals or artefacts significant to ANZAC day.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

- **Friday, 19th April**: Katie Clark
- **Tuesday, 23rd April**: Claire Brown
- **Friday, 26th April**: Anne McCrabb

**2013 Opening Times**

Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am – 9.35am

**Team Leaders**

Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

*Orders can be left at the office anytime*

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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

- **Thursday, 18th April**: Samantha Franklin
- **Thursday, 25th April**: Anzac Day Holiday

*Please arrive 2.30pm*

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**SICK BAY ROSTER**

- **Friday, 19th April**: Beth Tamblyn
- **Friday, 26th April**: Leah Browell

*Please collect linen from the office*

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Friday, 19th April**: Maree Tresize
- **Friday, 26th April**: Tabatha Boyd
- **Wednesday, 24th April**: Brent Monro
- **Friday, 26th April**: Nalarika Zain
- **Thursday, 25th April**: Deb Button
- **Friday, 26th April**: Anne McCrabb
- **Friday, 26th April**: Dianne Egan

**Banana Milk now available.**

**Popcorn only available on lunch order days – order with lunch and collect from canteen**

**Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm**

All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag, (**NO ENVELOPES**), one per child please.

Lunch bags are available for 10 for 60c or 10c each, with lunch orders and will be sent home.

**Urgent Reminder**: If you are unable to assist with canteen duty, please arrange a swap or inform the office so that a replacement helper can be arranged.
BOLD Group: Tonight 18th April
This group is suitable for parents and carers of children who learn differently or are struggling with their education. The group aims to support parents/carers by:

- Providing educational and topical information which can then be discussed in a supportive and safe environment.
- Allowing parents/carers to share success, hardships, concerns and experiences with others in similar positions.
- Inviting professionals to share with the group about community resources.

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month  Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm Location: Bendigo Neighbourhood House, 21 Neale St, Bendigo (corner of Hodgkinson St)

Cruden Farm Family Fun Charity Fundraising Day
To be held on Sunday 28th April 11.00am-4.00pm 60 Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin. Supplying all kinds of food, fair games, live music, car show and Australian Carriage Driving Society.
You are supporting the Mental Health Foundation if you support this day.

Bendigo Autism Asperger Group Free Autism Awareness Event (BAAG)
Thursday, 2nd May 9.30am-12.30pm at Junortoun Baptist Church Auditorium 757 McIvor Rd Junortoun. This event is open to anyone with an interest in or affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders including Asperger’s Syndrome. Guest Speaker – Dr Wendy Lawson. If you have any questions email BAAG at info@bendigoautism.org.au

Catholic College Bendigo Open Day
Families of students in Year 7 2014 are invited to visit us on Open Day, Sunday 5th May 12.00-2.30pm at LaValla, McIvor Highway Junortoun. Join a student led tour, look around and chat to our staff and parents. For enquiries phone 54493466.

Catholic College Bendigo Year 6 Transition Day
A Transition day is held to experience life as a Year 7 student. Year 6 students are invited to attend for Transition on Monday 27th May 2013. If you are interested in your Year 6 child attending, you must register by contacting Mrs Trish Martin, College Registrar on 54493466 or email tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au to obtain a Registration Form.

Bendigo Family Nature Club Indigenous Perspectives of Country
Guided by Bambi Lees children, with their families, will be viewing local indigenous heritage sites. Indigenous perspectives of country is a day of learning about local traditional indigenous resource management. Please note this event requires a number of hours of walking and use of “bush” toilets.
When: 9.30 am – 2.00 pm, Sunday 21 April, 2013
Where: map and details provided on registration
Registration & Info : bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 54440678
Cost: Nothing, it’s free
This event is made possible through the collaboration of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group Tamara Marwood
info@tamaramarwood.com
www.tamaramarwood.blogspot.com

HIPPY Program
I think most of you know about the HIPPY program that St Luke’s runs for families of preschoolers on the west side of Bendigo. We are getting very positive results for helping kids start school with good parent backing. We have 8 spots left for 2013. If you would like to find out more about this program, contact Heather Brown 54301200 or 0457901745 E h.brown@stlukes.org.au | www.hippyaustralia.org.au

Hot Shots is a Modified Tennis Program for 5 to 10 year olds
Provides kids the opportunity to learn the game in a fun and social environment. The program details are as follows:

Hot Shots Tennis Term Program
The BTA will deliver an 8-week term program of Hot Shots Tennis, with the first class starting TONIGHT, Thursday 18th April. Participants attend one 40 minute session per week, which will take students through the basics of tennis and match play.

Times:

- **Tuesday** 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 23/4/13
- **Wednesday** 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 24/4/13
- **Thursday** 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 18/4/13
- **Saturday** 9.00am – 9.40am, 9.40am – 10.20am & 10.20 – 11.00am starts 27/4/2013

Cost: $80 for the 8 week term

Bookings: Contact the Complex on 5442 5744

We will also hold a FREE come and try of the program this Saturday 20th April from 9am – 9.40am and 9.40am – 10.20am. Bookings are essential.
Hidden Creatures Animation Workshop
This is an opportunity for students to work with Paul Fletcher, creator of the Hidden Creatures display, and is open to residents of the City of Greater Bendigo, aged 10-12. As places are limited, we are asking children to draw and describe their own imaginary creature. From these entries we will select the 12 participants (please note the creature students draw will not be the creature they create in the workshop.)
For an application form, or further information about this workshop, feel free to contact Rohan Phillips, 54346478
E r.phillips@Bendigo.vic.gov.au | W www.bendigo.vic.gov.au
Please note, entries must be received by 5pm next Monday 22nd April

Muppets on Wheels Family Portrait Weekend: 27th & 28th of April.
Hello my name is Belinda Arscott and I am part of a Bendigo team called Muppets on Wheels. We are a group of 4 riders participating in the 2013 The Ride to Conquer Cancer. If you have not heard of the Ride to Conquer Cancer this is a 200km bike ride that is held over 2 days. We will ride from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula and back the next day. The money we raise to participate in this event goes directly to the Peter Mac Cancer Center. Last year Muppets on Wheels raised a grand total of $12,000 for this great cause and this year we have increased our goal to $20,000. As part of our fundraising efforts we are holding a
Where: Rosalind Park
When: 27th & 28th April
Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm
For more information, please phone Belinda Arscott 0422325582 / 54484866
bindaandpaul@bigpond.com www.facebook.com/muppetsonwheels

Eaglehawk Basketball Association Junior Players Required
Boys and Girls under 14 on Wednesday nights 5.30pm $2.00 per game, $15.00 VBA Insurance at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre, YMCA Napier St Eaglehawk. If you are interested please contact Dianne 54483396 AH

Bendigo Easter Festival Participation

Congratulations to our students who participated in two aspects of the Bendigo Easter Festival.

The following students ran in the Junior Dragon Mile:
Jake H, Mia B-W, Darcy G and congratulations to Erin H who won the girls’ Grade 4 & under section.

As part of a pilot project, some of our Grade 3, 4 & 5 students are learning Mandarin (Chinese) in a partnership with the Confucius School at Bendigo Senior Secondary College.