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 4
Friday 10th May
Gr 3-6 District Athletics Sports
Friday 10th May
Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
Saturday 11th May
Preliminary Aerobic Final Geelong
Saturday 11th May
Energy Breakthrough BBQ - Bunnings 11am

Week 5
Monday 13th May
No Student Banking Today
Tuesday 14th May
Gr 3 & 5 Naplan - Language
Wednesday 15th May
Gr 3 & 5 Naplan - Reading
Wednesday 15th May
Star Gazing Night - WHPS Oval 7.30-9pm
Thursday 16th May
Gr 3 & 5 Naplan - Numeracy
Thursday 16th May
SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 16th May
Footsteps Disco 6.00pm-8.30pm
Friday 17th May
Band - Bendigo Multi Instrumental Comp
Friday 17th May
Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
Friday 17th May
Return Year 7 enrolment info today

Week 6
Monday 20th May
Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 20th May
SC Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday 21st 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
Tuesday 28th May
Catch up Photos Approx 12.30pm

Week 8
Wednesday 5th June
Parent Club Meeting 9.00am
Wednesday 5th June
Division Volleyball Comp
Thursday 6th June
Gr5/6 Major Excursion Payments due

Week 9
Monday 10th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Monday 11th June
Gr5/6 Major Excursion
Wednesday 12th June
Division Hockey and Soccer Comp
Thursday 13th June
SC Finance Excursion

Week 10
Monday 17th June
Gr 1 Major Excursion - Melbourne
Monday 17th June
Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 17th June
SC Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday 18th June
Gr 2 Major Excursion - Melbourne
Friday 21st June
Choir - Bendigo Choir Competition
Saturday 22nd June
State Aerobics Final Geelong

Week 11
Tuesday 25th June
Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 26th June
Reports Go Home Today
Thursday 27th June
Family Movie Night
Friday 28th June
Last Day Term – 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September

Monday 22nd July
Headlce Check Day
Tuesday 23rd July
Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th July
Division Football
Thursday 25th July
Division Netball
Friday 26th July
Music is Fun Band 11.30am-3.30pm
Monday 29th July
Headlce Check Followup
Tuesday 30th July
Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
Friday 2nd August
Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 22nd August
Book Week performance

Principal’s Report

Measles
There’s been a reported case of Measles in the school this week. Infected children are to be excluded from school for at least 4 days after onset of the rash.

No Student Banking: Monday, 13th May
There will be no student banking on Monday, 13th May. Banking will resume on Monday 20th May.

EFTPOS Facility - Now Available
An EFTPOS payment facility is now available at the school for the convenience of parents. Opening times are 8.30am – 4.00pm.

Terms of use:
- Minimum transaction fee is $10.00
- NO Cash Out facility
- For the payment of school fees and uniform shop
- NOT available for canteen lunches

NAPLAN Testing Next Week: Grades 3 & 5
The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a series of tests conducted nationally for students in Grades 3 and 5.

Tests will be conducted on the following days:
- Tuesday, 14th May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday, 15th May - Reading
- Thursday, 16th May - Numeracy

Parents will receive a report of their child’s results later in the school year. An information brochure has been sent home to families today.

Footsteps Disco: Gold Coin Donation
The school disco will be held in the BJ Winzar Hall next Thursday, 16th May. We ask that parents drop their children off safely and then leave, as this encourages children to develop their independence and social skills. The children will be fully supervised by staff during the entire evening.

At the conclusion of the disco, parents are to collect their children from inside the hall. For safety reasons, children will not be allowed outside to meet their parents. Teachers will supervise them in the hall until they are collected by parents. Times are as follows:
- Grades 3-6 students are to enter via the rear door of the brick area, as this will allow the Prep-2 students to exit via the front hall door.
- Grades Prep - 2, 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Grades 3-6, 7.15pm - 8.30pm

Children can bring a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going towards our School Aerobics teams.
School Council Meeting
The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May at 7.00pm. Would all school councillors please attend.

Return Year 7 Enrolment Application by Friday, 17th May
Information for parents of Grade 6 students regarding 2014 Year 7 enrolment processes for Bendigo Junior Secondary Colleges was posted to families a number of weeks ago. The material included a Year 7 Application Form and details regarding your child’s neighbourhood secondary school and explanation of the Bendigo Placement Policy. Parent information evenings in the four Bendigo Junior Secondary Schools were held last night. This information was sent out by the local secondary schools organising committee. A reminder that the Year 7 enrolment application needs to be returned in the self-addressed envelope by Friday, 17th May.

Somers Camp
There is an opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students to participate in Somers Camp. For further information, please contact Bev Harvey, Assistant Principal, on 54430799 before next Thursday, 16th May.

District Athletics
Good luck to our students competing at the District Athletics at the Flora Hill Track this Friday. Parents are reminded that because the school is covering the cost of bus transport and entry into the athletics, this compensates for the Footsteps Dance session they will miss at school.

Appropriate Clothing in Colder Weather & Dress Code
We have noticed with the change in weather that some children are not coming to school warmly dressed. A reminder that it is a parental responsibility to ensure your child is warmly dressed in school uniform. Children should also be wearing plain lace up or Velcro footwear/sneakers as per the school’s uniform policy and dress code. Spray on hair colouring is also inappropriate. Your support in these matters is appreciated.

Food Allergy Awareness Week: Next Week
We have a number of students and siblings within our school community that suffer from food allergies. Indeed these allergies can be so severe, they are life-threatening. Visit the campaign website at http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/ or wear nail polish on one finger next week, to represent the 1 in 10 babies born with allergies.

Catch up School Photos: Photographer Contact Details
Leading Image will return on Tuesday, 28th May from 12.30pm onwards to run catch up photos for those who missed out on the day. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the photographers directly, Leading Image School Photos, on 1300084586. If you missed out on placing a photo order, there will be another opportunity to do so when the photos come back in approximately two weeks.

Aerobics Teams
Best of luck to our school aerobics teams who will be competing in Geelong this Saturday. The girls have put in a lot of work to perfect their routines. Thanks to Jaclyn Smith, Sam Knudsen, Hayley Kirk and Alison Sartori for all their efforts and to parents for their ongoing commitment.

Term 2 Curriculum Plans: Information for Parents
Term 2 Curriculum Plans for Grades Prep-6 are available on the school website. This information gives you an overview of what is being taught during Term 2 and can be downloaded from the school website under the Curriculum tab, or by following this link http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum

Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life’s Uncertainties. Part 6
A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate
Here are some more ideas to get you started building resilience in your children.

Problem Solving
When we intervene too much in our children’s problems we send a message “you can’t handle things”. Remain supportive and interested but let your child think through the situation on his own. Begin when they are pre-schoolers. If he gets stuck provide guidance but not answers.
* Encourage him to think of different possible explanations why this problem has occurred.
* Help him to explain the event optimistically and to come up with several solutions.
* Check in with him about whether the chosen plan is working or does he need to try another way.
* Don’t be over critical of first attempts. Keep your eye on the process rather than the outcomes at first.
* Compliment every effort to approach problems well.

Storytelling
Use stories about yourself or other family members or point out the resilient words and actions of characters in stories as you read to your child.
Skills For Life
We can’t always change the situations in which children find themselves, but we can change how they think about it and how they act. You can find “teachable moments” every day that naturally demonstrate and reinforce these skills mentioned over the past six weeks to your child in real ways. Once learned, your child will be armoured against failure and rejection for life. Bad things will continue to happen but you will have taught your child how to persevere and bounce back in the face of any setback.

Turning Fitness Into Fun
*Whenever a favourite show is on, have each child plan and lead an exercise during the breaks.
*Turn on some upbeat music and dance.
*Take a pair of dice, pick an exercise—star jumps, push-ups or sit-ups—and roll the dice to see how many of the moves to do.
*Blow up balloons and see how long your kids can keep them afloat by hitting them with different parts of their body.
*Be silly. Run like a gorilla. Walk like a spider. Stretch like a cat.

Education Week Activities
Education Week is from Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th May. See below for an outline of activities occurring at our school and in our education community throughout this week.

Education Week Open Day: Tuesday, 21st May
Open Day and Information Morning and Evening at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week on Tuesday, 21st May 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.

Education Week Information Sessions Morning and Night: for 2014 Prep Parents
A morning Information Session will be held in the school library on Tuesday, 21st May from 10.00am to 11.00am, and an evening session from 7.00pm to 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.

I would like to wish all our mums and special people a very Happy Mother’s Day on the weekend.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

GRIP STUDENT LEADER CONFERENCE MAY 2013

Last Thursday the Student Leaders and House Captains travelled to Ballarat to take part in the Grip Leadership Conference.
There were over 200 students there from lots of different schools. We got to meet some of them through different get-to-know-you activities. The presenters were informative, entertaining and welcoming.
While we were there this is what we learnt about leadership:
One thing we learnt was the heads, shoulders, knees and toes song could relate to leadership. Heads being for thinking of others, shoulders for carrying the load for others, knees are moving forward and toes are for balancing responsibilities.
Another thing we learnt was to make sure everyone was included in something during the year. They don’t have to be really important but they are still events that little and big kids would probably love to be involved in.
Also being a leader doesn’t mean your responsibility is so big you have to stop doing everything else you’re helping people with. For example, just because we are student leaders doesn’t mean we stop doing school work for we are still students at our school.
The House Captains and Student Leaders are going to try and use the new things we have learnt by planning a lot more things that can benefit our school and trying to pay more attention to everyone else in the school.
Overall we had a really great time and thank you to Mr Jenkyn for driving our bus and Miss Millard for supervising us the entire time.
Written by Grace F & Jacob O on behalf of the Student Leaders and House Captains
AEROBICS

Congratulations to such a successful dress rehearsal on Tuesday. Everyone had nothing but great things to say about how wonderful you all are!!! All your hard work is finally paying off. Parents remember be at school at 6:45am this Saturday, 11th May for a 7.00am departure to the prelims in Geelong.

All squad members must:

- Wear appropriate underwear, with tights over underwear and their leotard over that (with straps down – so that it’s easier to go to the toilet)
- Wear school uniform t-shirt, dark track pants and a zip up/button up jacket
- Wear sneakers (not their aerobics shoes) and competition socks
- Leave jewellery at home (earrings such as studs or sleepers are acceptable)
- Wear a light covering of foundation – please ensure it looks fairly natural – we will touch it up if required.
- Tie hair in a high pony tail and in a neat, very secure bun. If you have hairspray or gel, please slick it down.
- Clip/shape toenails prior to the prelims to ensure they don’t tear the stockings (they are expensive to replace).
- Remove any nail polish from fingers.
- Do not wash their hair on the Friday or Saturday as it makes it much more manageable when it is a touch oily.

Students will need to bring:

- Drinks (a water bottle), sufficient snacks and lunch.
- Combs/brushes, hair ties and hair pins (they will be given their scrunchie at the venue).
- Money for our stop at McDonalds (it will be a quick stop for a snack).
- A pillow for the bus trip is recommended.
- Performance sneakers (in a plastic bag with their name on it please).

Not long now girls, good luck!

Ms Jaclyn Smith
Aerobics Co-ordinator

PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Mothers/Special Person Day Stall: Thank You
Thank you to the families who have donated and bought gifts at our stall and many thanks to our Parent Club volunteers who give up their time to conduct these events for our school. We raised a total of $1044.00, $844.00 to go towards our grounds upgrade and $200.00 will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program: Finishes 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. This is a great way for the school to obtain new equipment.

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.

Movie Night Coming Up: Monsters University
Thursday, 27th June at Bendigo Cinemas, which will be screening “Monsters University”.

Coming up Colouring Competition, $1.00 per entry – Student Leaders will distribute colouring pictures in June.

Chocolate Fundraiser
Chocolates will be handed out on Friday, 28th June

Next Parent’s Club Meeting
Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 5th June at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Parents Club/Fundraising Committee
**MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS**

**Multi Instrumental Band/School Choir Competitions**
As mentioned last week, the Senior MI band will be competing on **Friday, 17th May** and the Choir on **Friday, 21st June** at the Bendigo Eisteddfod Competitions Strathdale Hall in Crook Street. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend and watch the performances. We will need some parental assistance with the movement of instruments to and from the venue and also on and off stage.

**Footsteps Dance Program Disco**
A reminder that the School Disco (which is a part of the ‘Footsteps’ Dance Program) will be held in the B.J. Winzar Hall on **Thursday, 16th May**. The Preps to Grade 2 attend from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, and the Grades 3 to 6 attend from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. Parents are asked to drop their children off at the door and then to return at the designated time to collect their children from inside the hall. The disco is run by the same dance instructors who conduct ‘Footsteps’ with the school staff assisting with supervision. **To assist with the fundraising for our school Aerobics/Hip Hop teams, we are asking children to bring a gold coin donation. Please support these teams with your generosity.**

**Whole School Musical “Kids At Sea”**
The dates for the production are **Monday, 26th Tuesday, 27th and Wednesday, 28th August**. All children in Prep – 4 will be placed in three performance groups and will perform on one of the evenings with the 5/6 students performing in all three performances. Parents will be notified about which performance group their children are in. Please keep these dates free as it will be a spectacular evening showcasing WHPS Performing Arts. With the increased cost of hiring the Capital Theatre price for tickets will be increased, but will still be very reasonably priced for a night’s entertainment. Cost for tickets are $12.00 adults/secondary students and $6.00 children. All tickets must be booked through the Capital (phone bookings, online booking or in person) Tickets will go on sale at the end of **May**. Please wait for confirmed dates through the newsletter before approaching the Capital.

Mr Wall  
Music/Drama Teacher

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**ART NEWS**

**Art Awards**
- Prep F: Excellent patterns and shapes to create wonderful peacock feathers
- 1/P: Fantastic cutting and pasting skills
- 2/BK: Fabulous modelling with paper mache
- 3/4K: Making suitable seating choices when in the art room
- 3/4H: Excellent origami skills
- 6/R: Excellent effort at sketching facial features using a variety of greyleads

**Kody (5/S) attended a “Hidden Creatures” Animation Workshop. He created this 3D model creature called Tirips. Well done Kody!**

5/P Working on their Self-Portraits
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps

Water Bottles
Even though the weather is becoming cooler it is still necessary for your child to bring their water bottle to school, so they keep hydrated and ready to learn.

Language Hint For The Week
Keep on reading aloud to your child long after he or she has learnt to read. Many children love the cosiness and relaxation of sitting with parents rather than reading alone. Find a chapter book that is exciting to the child and get into the habit of reading a chapter a night aloud.

Prep Chickens
Next week we are hatching chickens at school and will be busy caring for them and watching them grow. You are welcome to come and see them in the Prep wet area but please ensure that toddlers (and adults) do not touch the incubator or remove the cover off the brooder box.

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 this week.

Footsteps Dance Program
The Footsteps Dance Program will continue until 17th May. The Preps attend this program in the Sport’s Shed between 9.00am-9.40am. Please make sure your child is at school on time for the Footsteps Dance Program.

Footsteps Disco
Our Footsteps Disco will be held on Thursday, 16th May in the school hall, from 6.00pm-7.00pm. This night will be carefully supervised by teachers. All children must be dropped off and picked up from the outside hall door. Parents are asked to come inside the hall to meet their child and tell a Prep teacher when they have collected their child. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Money raised will go towards our Aerobics/Hip Hop Team.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Children can still join the Premier’s Reading Challenge this week. If you have lost your child’s form please see your child’s teacher for another. This challenge involves you reading chosen books to your child, something you already do. Only 20 of these books need to come from the Premier’s list and the others can include favourite stories, your child’s reader and books that are read to your child in class. Teachers will send the list of books read in class to Ms Netherway to be logged onto your child’s listing on the computer. This challenge finishes in August so all children could easily complete it and receive a certificate from the Premier as well as improving their reading skills.

PMP
P.M.P. will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30 pm.

Pupils Of The Week
Congratulations to Kaylen B, Seannah B, Chloe G and Oliver L, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are organised, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!
Congratulations to our students of the week

Grade 1/2
Our Place In Space
As part of our Integrated Unit ‘Our Place In Space’, we have organised a STAR GAZING evening. On **Monday, 13th May** members from the Bendigo and District Astronomical Society will visit our school to set up large telescopes on the oval and present a naked-eye tour of the sky using laser pointers. This will provide an opportunity for our students to learn more about astronomy and see the wonders of the sky first hand. We hope to view the moon, clusters of stars and clouds of gas in space where new stars are being born. We may even get a glimpse of Saturn. We suggest students and their families arrive about 6.30pm. The cost is $5.00 per family. Money **must** be sent to school prior to the event and handed to the class teachers. **No money will be collected on the night.**

If it is too cloudy to allow clear viewing of the night sky, families will be contacted by note and a back up date of **Wednesday, 15th May** has been organised.

Reading & 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

Students Of The Week
3/4G – Olivia B for always tackling tasks to the best of her ability. Excellent effort!
3/4W – Analysse B for her perseverance with difficult tasks and always having a go. Great work!
3/4N – Ashlyn F for the impressive contributions to discussion and problem solving work.
3/4H – Zane W for his impressive maths and subtracting with regrouping. Well done.
3/4K – Jakob W for always working hard, following instructions and trying his best.

Aerobics Comps
On behalf of the 3/4 Unit we would like to wish all our Aerobic Teams good luck for Saturday. All the teams looked great during dress rehearsal on Tuesday.

Take Home Readers
We have recently purchased a number of new take home readers for the 3/4 area and are seeking volunteers to help cover them before they can be placed in reader tubs. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are able to assist.

Home Reading Routines
Just a reminder that there is an expectation that Reading Journals are to be filled in on a daily basis by all students, and returned to school every day. We also ask that all families comment in the Journal at least once a week.

Jumpers
With the colder weather beginning to sneak in we would like to remind students to come to school dressed appropriately. We also ask that all Jumpers are clearly labelled.

NAPLAN Tests
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) tests will commence next week. All students around Australia in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in 4 tests over 3 consecutive days. The schedule for Grade 3 and 5 students next week is:

**Tuesday, 14th May 2013** Language Conventions and Writing
**Wednesday, 15th May 2013** Reading
**Thursday, 16th May 2013** Numeracy

Middle School Teachers
Students of the Week
5/S Hsernay S for improving his reading fluency and comprehension. Keep it up Hsernay.
5/B Olivia S for the consistent effort she puts into all work tasks. Well done Olivia.
5/P Zac R for his ability to listen carefully and pick up the different sides taken in some persuasive topics.
5/T Cassie S for her improved spelling and hard work in class.
6/R Amber S for her extra organisation to remember to bring things in from home.
6/M Jake H for always being prepared to share his work in Lit Circles sessions.
6/G Jayden W for his excellent attitude and effort in the book fair.

Learning Portfolios
We are already in week 4 of this 11 week term and classroom teachers and students are already thinking about work samples to display at the end of the term in students Learning Portfolios. Just a reminder that these important documents need to be returned as soon as possible. If you haven’t already commented, please take the time to reflect on your son or daughters hard work and send it back.

Sovereign Hill Major Excursion
To coincide with our Integrated Studies Unit on Australian history this term, students in Grades 5 and 6 will be heading on a Major Excursion to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on Tuesday, 11th June 2013. The cost of this excursion is $40.00 and must be paid to the office by Thursday 6th June 2013. Please ensure payments are made before this date as no late payments will be excepted, as final booking will have been locked in.

Cooks and Kids
‘Cooks and Kids’ is a project that aims to promote the message that cooking and eating healthy food is easy, economical and fun. This Program will involve Primary and Secondary students from Lightning Reef Primary School, White Hills Primary School and Weeroona College Bendigo, as well as leading chefs from local restaurants. This opportunity is being offered to 34 selected Grade 6 students who will compete in teams of 2 to mimic a dish that is cooked by a chef from one of the participating local restaurants. ‘Cooks and Kids’ will be made in the form of 6 episodes of a television show that will be screened on Bendigo IPTV to ensure as many Bendigo families can benefit from the project as possible. The cooking will take place in the new kitchen classroom at Weeroona College on Mondays starting from the 13th May 2013. Good luck to those students in Grade 6 representing White Hills Primary School.

Camp Deposits
A reminder that camp deposits were due by 5:00pm Friday, 26th April 2013. If you have not paid the deposit or returned your attendance slip please ensure you do so as soon as possible. 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.

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Senior School Teachers
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee AGM & Annual Dinner
The Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee invites you to the School Chaplaincy AGM & Annual Dinner ($25) on Friday, 31st May 2013, 6.00pm for 6.30 pm at Kangaroo Flat Sports Centre, Mackenzie St. West, Kangaroo Flat.

- Items from Students
- Reports from our Chaplains
- Feature: Panel of Chaplains and others

Bookings with payment by 24th May please. Any enquiries to Ray Harvey on 544217329 Samuel Court Spring Gully 3550 (cheques payable to ‘Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee’).

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.

Connecting Country Carers
The sixth Rural Conference for families and carers of people with mental illness will be held on Saturday, 1st June from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Bendigo Pottery Function Centre, 146 Midland Hwy Epsom. Guest speakers and interactive workshops will be featured throughout the day. Cost $10.00 carers and $20.00 workers, which includes morning tea, lunch and resources. For more information or to register for the conference please contact Marlene on 54481000.
Priority will be given to carers from the Loddon Campaspe Southern Mallee region.

Host Families Needed In June/July
In June-July we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.
All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education and regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.
If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can call our office on 1300135331.

White Hills Junior Football Club
The U9 team still has a couple of spots left in the team for the 2013 season. If your child is interested in playing, or you would like further information, please contact the club at: whjclub@gmail.com
**Parent Support Group**

*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)

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Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. **This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends** - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

**To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:**

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.