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 5
- Thursday 16th May: SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm
- Thursday 16th May: Footsteps Disco Prep-Gr.2 6.00-7.00pm
- Friday 17th May: Band - Benalgo Eisteddfod M. I. 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
- 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 10th June: Gr6/6 Major Excursion
- Wednesday 12th June: Division Hockey and Soccer Comp
- Thursday 13th June: SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

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 Eisteddfod Choir Comps
- 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: Headline 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: Headline Check Follow-up
Tuesday 30th July: Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
Friday 2nd August: Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 22nd August: Book Week performance
Monday 26th August: School Production – Kids at Sea
Tuesday 27th August: School Production – Kids at Sea
Wednesday 28th August: School Production – Kids at Sea
Friday 30th August: Father’s Special Person Day Stall

Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 20th December

Wed 9th – Fri 11th October: Grade 3 Camp Currambene
Wed 9th – Fri 11th October: Grade 4 Camp Derby Hill Maldon
Wed 9th – Fri 11th October: Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island

Principal’s Report

School Photos-Distributed Today

School photos have been distributed to students today. Any queries/questions are to be made direct to the photo company Leading Image on 1300084586. Please note that parents who made separate orders will need to collect photos from the office or contact the school to arrange distribution.

Footsteps Disco Tonight: Gold Coin Donation

The school disco will be held in the BJ Winzar Hall tonight. 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 Prep - 2, 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- 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 3-6, 7:15pm - 8:30pm

Children can bring a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going towards our School Aerobics teams.

Energy Breakthrough Sponsors

We are grateful to the following companies for the sponsorship of our Energy Breakthrough team. Please support these companies who support our school.

- Fairbrother P/L $200.00
- Hickman’s Bus & Truck Driver Training $100.00

Thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their time to help with the BBQ fundraiser last Saturday morning at Bunnings’, $1040.00 was raised, well done.

School Contacts: Next Three Weeks

I will be on leave for three weeks, beginning Monday, 20th May. Please direct all inquiries to Bev Harvey, who will be the Acting Principal during my absence.

EFTPOS Facility - Now Available

An EFTPOS payment facility is now available at the school for the convenience of parents for the payment of school fees and uniform shop.

Opening times are 8.30am – 4.00pm. Terms of use:

- Minimum transaction fee is $10.00
- NO Cash Out facility
- NOT available for canteen lunches
School Council Meeting: Next Monday
The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May at 7.00pm. Would all School Councillors please attend.

Education Week Activities: Next Week
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: Next 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 next 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.

Help Us Kick Goals: Fundraiser
Thanks to 3BO FM, the Bendigo Advertiser, BLS Financial and ICD Media, our school will be given all the proceeds from the auction of two tickets for the Medallion Club for Etihad Stadium and two tickets for the AFL Members Reserve area for games played at the MCG during rounds 15 and 16. You can get behind this great fundraiser by bidding on these games at: www.helpuskickgoals.com.au

Round 15
Friday, 5th July – Carlton vs. Collingwood (MCG)
Saturday, 6th July – North Melbourne vs. Richmond (ES), Geelong vs. Hawthorn (MCG)
Sunday, 7th July – Melbourne vs. Sydney Swans (MCG), Essendon vs. Port Adelaide (ES)

Round 16
Friday, 12th July – Collingwood vs. Adelaide Crows (MCG)
Saturday, 13th July – Carlton vs. St Kilda (ES)
Sunday, 14th July – Western Bulldogs vs. Essendon (ES)

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.

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.

Tips For Helping Your Child
From an article by Professor Martin Seligman. Writer of “What You Can Change, What You Can’t.”

*Every night for a week help your child write a list of three things that went well that day and why.
*Work out yours and your child’s greatest strengths and aim to use one of these each day.
*Help your child to find something that gives them the sense of being so engaged that time flies.
*Doing things for others gives a longer lasting sense of wellbeing than personal gratification and possessions.
*Give thanks. Make a gratitude list and thank someone who has helped you. Depressed people look inwards. Teach your child to focus outwards.
*Parents pass on their own explanatory style to their children. How do you respond to adversity? Do you imagine the worst and play the same negative tape over in your mind? Are you resilient and bounce back?
*Foster a sense of curiosity about life. This can be lost as we age.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Expression of Interest for Fundraiser Helpers
We have been approached with the opportunity to deliver phone books but in order to do this and make it worthwhile we would need quite a few helpers. If you can help, please leave your name and contact details at the office by Wednesday, 22nd May.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program: We have 7,260 points so far....
Keep 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 leave it in the 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. We are fundraising for equipment for the Art room & Maths areas. Please make sure there are ONLY 60 stickers on each sheet, stickers to go inside marked boxes.

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
On Thursday, 27th June Bendigo Cinemas 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 Competition - Tomorrow
The Senior Multi Instrumental Band will be competing at the Bendigo Eisteddfod Competitions Strathdale Hall in Crook Street tomorrow Friday, 17th May. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend and watch the performances. We need some parental assistance with the movement of instruments in the venue and on and off stage so if you can help please see Mr Wall. All children need to be at school by 8.50am. We wish them all the best.

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 Grade 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 have had to be increased, but will still be very reasonably priced for a night’s entertainment. 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
**ART NEWS**

**Art Awards**
- P/K Wonderful watercolour painting using very fine brushes to create delicate patterns
- 2/R Creating paper pulp textured faces
- 3/4G Great pattern work and mixing well with grade 3/4N during Art time
- 5/P Fantastic self-portraits and great working habits!
- 6/M Beautiful listening skills, wonderful enthusiasm and magical origami flowers

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preps**

**ABLEs Assessment**
The Prep teachers are assessing the Preps for an Education Department assessment research project this week and next week. Last Wednesday permission notes for this project were handed out but many have not been returned. If you will allow your child to be part of this project can you please return the note tomorrow or if you have misplaced the note, send a note giving permission to your child’s Prep teacher. *Thank you.*

**Footsteps Dance Program: Last day tomorrow**
This program will finish tomorrow. Preps attend this program in the Sport’s shed from 9.40am to 10.20am.

**Grandparents’ 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 were sent home last week.

**Language Hint for the Week**
Have a supply of paper, cards, envelopes and pens in a special box to encourage your child to write letters to friends and relations. The more opportunities children have for writing for a reason the more skilled they will become.

**Prep Chickens**
Our chickens have hatched and we have some very cute babies to care for and watch 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.

**Footsteps Disco Tonight**
Our Footsteps Disco will be held tonight in the B.J. Winzar 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 Teams.

**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 **Ella Mc, Mark T, Sierra P and Keely N**, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. *These Preps are organised, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!*
Grade 1/2

Level 2 Students of the Week
1/A Sonny M for a great start to Grade 1. Well done mate!
1CW Sophie M for her wonderful attitude to learning and always helping others.
1/P Sorcha M for her friendly, happy nature. Always kind and caring towards others.
1/S Oliver B for doing wonderful work on Rosie’s walk.
2BK April N for being a friendly, caring member of Grade 2.
2/R Mason L for amazing improvements in his effort and work habits.
2/W Jorja E for helping a classmate who is on crutches to get her pencil case every morning.

Grade 1 & 2 Major Excursion
Melbourne - Imax Theatre & Museum
Grade 1 - Monday, 17th June 2013
Grade 2 - Tuesday 18th June 2013
The Grade 1 and 2 student have the opportunity to travel to the Melbourne Museum to see a ‘Bugs Alive Exhibition’ and then to the IMAX Theatre to see ‘Bugs 3D’. This is a major excursion in preparation for our next term ‘Up the Garden Path’ unit.
The cost is $38.00 per student.
A note will be coming home soon with all information.

Jumpers
As the cold weather is settling in more jumpers are being taken on and off during school. Please ensure your child’s clothing is named to prevent a mix up and lost jumpers.

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 Nick D for his wonderful attitude to learning and approaching all tasks with enthusiasm.
3/4W Jay S for his improvement in writing and enthusiasm during class discussions.
3/4N Tyler C for his concentration during Guided Reading and Guided Writing tasks.
3/4H Riley C for his improved work ethic and improvements in reading.
3/4K Lachlan G for his commitment to reading and always trying his best.

Take Home Readers
We are still seeking volunteers to help cover our new reading books. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you able to assist. Families are more than welcome to take home a few at a time.

Brain Food
It is positive to note the number of students making use of ‘Brain Food’ by snacking on fresh fruit throughout the morning. It is important that breakfast, lunch and snacks are also nutritious, as this enables students to maintain energy levels throughout their days learning.

Middle School Teachers
UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
5/S Lewis D for always completing his work to a high standard and within the set time frame.
5/B Callum H for his improved work ethic and his ability to use persuasive devices in his writing.
5/P Bridget R for her excellent commitment and ability to learn her lines for production.
5/T Callum S for making a big effort to improve his skills in all areas.
6/R Ryley B for his enthusiastic approach to creating an advert for a mining product.
6/M Connor M for the improvement in the presentation of his work.
6/G Alana G for her enthusiastic approach to her role as a library monitor and her help with the Book Fair.

Learning Portfolios
We are already in week 5 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. Parents are reminded that these important documents need to be returned to your child’s class teacher 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.

Netbooks
Just a reminder for parents that all students must bring their netbooks to school fully charged each day. We are finding that many students are coming to school with netbooks half charged and therefore do not last the full day. Students will receive a warning letter outlining that if this behaviour continues their netbook will have to stay at school. Please ensure your child is getting into a good routine of plugging their netbook in of a night time, ready to start the next day.

NAPLAN Testing
NAPLAN has come and gone, this is a message to all Grade 3 and 5 students… well done and great effort all round. You all tried your best and are to be congratulated. The results for NAPLAN come out around the start of Term 4, so parents stay tuned.

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 accepted, as the final booking will have been locked in.

Cooks and Kids
On Monday, 13th May, ten of our Grade 6 students had the opportunity to be a part of a program called ‘Cooks and Kids’. We travelled to Weeroona College to participate in a ‘Master Chef’ style online cooking show. There were five teams consisting of two Grade 6 students from WHPS and one Year 10 student from WCB who was their team’s captain. Each team prepared and cooked a main dish - Chicken Parmigiana with pan fried potato wedges, with the guidance of the guest chef Brendan Tuddenham. The series will comprise five episodes, with a winning team being chosen by the guest chef at the end of each episode. Over all 34 students from WHPS will be participating in this internet cooking series over a six week period. This week’s winners were Lani C and Skye-Anne. The two girls will now go on to compete in the grand final which will be held on Monday, 24th June. All of the students involved had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed the cooking experience. The series will be available to watch online shortly after the grand final in June.

Mrs Jaime Gray
Senior School Teachers
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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 6.30pm 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’).

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.

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: whjfclub@gmail.com
Host Families Needed
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.

Bendigo Neighbourhood House offers Tutoring
The Bendigo Neighbourhood House at 21 Neale St Kennington offers After School Tutoring and Homework help for students from Prep – Year 10. If your child needs to improve in reading, spelling or maths, call Michael on 0413116096 for information and details.

THE RING WAGNER ANIMATED at the Bendigo Capital Theatre, tonight 17th May at 8.00pm
A show for families. Video animation, a mythological story; gods, giants, dwarves, humans, fire, water, air and earth creatures (The Lord of the Rings was based on it), live classical music soundtrack, three live singers (no microphones). Adapted in English from Richard Wagner’s The Ring of the Nibelungen. Time from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Book on 54346100, tickets $16.00 for school students, teachers with a group of ten students – free. On-line booking http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?agency=CAPITAL_BENDIGO&organ_val=22358&pid=7416413

More detailed information
This video animation, a fantastical story told by the compelling voice of Melissa Madden Gay, a live musical sound-track conducted by David Kram - and three superb classical voices (Mylinda Joyce, Jason Wasley, Lucas de Jong). What better way to introduce a family to one of the greatest operatic experiences ever! The Ring, Wagner, Animated was voted in the top five of over 930 productions at the Adelaide Fringe Festival (The Advertiser, 28 February, 2012). Designed for families, MTO’s re-imaging combines exciting animation inspired by Japanese animé created by Leigh Ryan, the passion of three opera singers and an abbreviated Wagner score created by Musical Director David Kram and performed by wind band and the Bent Leather Band – who combine sarrusophone and ambisonic in-the-moment surround sound. More information about the show – and teachers’ materials – at www.morethanopera.com

Message from grandparents who saw the show in Beaufort, Victoria
It was our grandchildren who were in the audience for Saturday’s performance. They are two boys and one girl aged 13, 12 and 10. As Wagner's The Ring was the first experience of this kind for these kids, as their Granny sitting behind them I am qualified to rate the kids’ attention to the performance. They neither bashed each other on the arms, nor did they push, shove, kick or talk! I think they know a lot about. They all commented on the musicians. We too enjoyed the performance. I was quite excited by it, never having seen anything similar before. This was a marvellous achievement for yourselves and for Beaufort. Well done, MTO!