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 8
- Monday 3rd June: Gr 6 Kids & Cooks 9.00am-11.30am
- Monday 3rd June: Parent Club Meeting 9.00am
- Wednesday 5th June: Division Volleyball Comp
- Thursday 6th June: Gr 5/6 Major Excursion Payments due

Week 9
- Monday 10th June: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Tuesday 11th June: Gr 6/6 Major Excursion
- Wednesday 12th June: Division Hockey and Soccer Comp
- Thursday 13th June: SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Week 10
- Monday 17th June: Choir to perform at assembly
- Monday 17th June: Gr 1 Major Excursion - Melbourne
- Monday 17th June: Gr 6 Kids & Cooks 9.00am-11.30am
- 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 Comp
- Saturday 22nd June: Skate Aerobics Final Geelong

Week 11
- Monday 24th June: Kids & Cooks 9.00am-11.30am
- Tuesday 25th June: Student Led Conference-Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 26th June: Student Reports distributed
- Thursday 27th June: Family Movie Night
- Friday 28th June: Prep Grease Day
- Friday 28th June: Last Day Term – 2.30pm Dismissal

Term 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September

Monday 22nd July: Headlice 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: Headlice Check Follow-up
- Tuesday 30th July: Getting Ready for School 7.00pm
- Friday 2nd August: Jeans for Genes Day
- Monday 5th August: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 19th August: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Wednesday 21st August: Zone Basketball
- Thursday 22nd August: Book Week performance
- Monday 25th August: School Production – Kids at Sea
- Wednesday 26th August: School Production – Kids at Sea
- Friday 29th August: Father’s/Special Person Day Stall
- Friday 2nd September: Art Show
- Monday 5th September: Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
- Monday 12th September: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 20th September: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 20th September: Last Day Term – 2.30pm Dismissal

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
- Monday 14th October: Regional Athletics
- Tuesday 15th October: 2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-12.00pm
- Wednesday 16th October: Divison Softball
- Thursday 17th October: 2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-12.00pm
- Monday 21st October: Head Lice Checks
- Monday 21st October: SC Meeting 7.00pm
- Thursday 24th October: Division Tennis

Principal’s Report

Student Led Conferences: Pupil Free Day

The Student-Led Conference Day will be held on Wednesday, 25th June. Please add this Pupil Free Day to your calendar or diary. The Student Led Conferences are an important chance for your child to practise their speaking skills in a non-threatening environment.

Our new system this year involves online bookings. Please ensure you read the note that will be sent home on Monday carefully to secure a time slot. There will be resources available at school for bookings, should parents not have access to the internet at home.

It is expected that every student in the school attends a Student Led Conference.

Parents are reminded that children do not attend regular classes on this day. Children will only attend for their allocated conference time.

Student Reports and Learning Portfolios

Your child’s mid-year student report will be distributed in their Learning Portfolio on Wednesday, 26th June. If you have not yet returned your child’s Learning Portfolio to school, please do so promptly.

New AFL Goal Posts

Our new AFL Goal posts have been installed this week. A huge thank you to Tim Crawford, and his team from Crawford Earthmoving, for the fantastic job they did in preparing and installing the footings for the posts. We look forward to students enjoying them through football season.

Working With Children Checks

For those parents who want to apply for a Working with Children check for future camps, excursions, etc. follow the link below as you can now apply online.


Keeping Our Children Healthy

A study in Australia has shown that at least 1 in 5 primary school children are overweight, this is attributed to a number of factors, including:

*Children are greatly influenced by media advertisements about fast food and nutrition.
*A large portion of their lives revolves around sedentary activities involving computers, game consoles, DVDs and television.

An increasing number of children do not get sufficient regular exercise. It is recommended that children are involved in active playtime for at least one hour per day. While any physical activity is beneficial, the one hour is seen as the minimum for there to be any notable effect on the health of children.
**Appropriate Clothing in Colder Weather**
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.

**Getting Ready For School Nights**
Our popular Getting Ready for School Nights will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd July** (*Math and Social*) and **Tuesday, 30th July** (*Language*). These nights are designed to assist parents of children to start school next year in preparing their children for school. The nights run from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Prep rooms with childcare being available both nights. Further information concerning these nights can be obtained from Mrs Ellis.

**2014 Prep Students: Enrol Now**
All Prep students for 2014 should be enrolled at their preferred school by **Friday, 28th June 2013**. Parents must supply the school with the following documents for full enrolment:

- **A completed enrolment form** (available from the school).
- **A copy of your child’s birth certificate** (the school will photocopy the original for you).
  
  Birth certificates can be ordered from the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
- **A copy of your child’s immunisation certificate** (the school will photocopy the original for you).
  
  This document is issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, on completion of their 4 year old vaccine.

You are encouraged to enrol your 2014 Prep child **NOW**.

Please see school office staff for details. Follow this link for further information:


**Prep Transition**
Next term Prep teachers will be visiting pre-schools to get to know the children enrolled at our school for 2013. If you have not yet completed your enrolment form we ask that it be returned to the school office by 30th June, so that your child can be visited. Parents or older siblings can pick up enrolment forms from the school office or Mrs Ellis.

**Bosquet St Parking – Be Aware**
Parents are asked to be extremely cautious during drop off and pick up times at the Bosquet Street Parking area. You are asked to meet your child/children at the crossing and walk them to your car. Students must cross at this supervised crossing. Parents are asked to constantly check for children when reversing and be aware of where they are at all times.

**Signing in – Green Slip Introduced**
Please note that parents/guardians must sign in your child/children at the office when arriving late to school, and collect a green slip to hand to the class teacher which informs them that they have been signed in.

**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)

Have a great week.

Ms Bev Harvey
Acting Principal

**Canteen News**
A reminder that lunch orders **MUST** be handed into the classroom or office **by 10.30am**. Orders received after this time cannot be processed as the order has already been placed with the bakery. This may result in your child receiving something that they didn’t order.

Also, if your child is **signed out of school between 10.30am and lunch time, (1.30pm)** their lunch order **cannot be refunded** as the food has been ordered and or cooked and our suppliers still need to be paid.

We appreciate your support.

Helen Williams
Canteen Manager
**First Aid News**

**Anaphylaxis**
As many of you would be aware, the medical profession is observing a growing number of children who have severe allergies and develop an allergic reaction to some food items. This year we have several children attending our school who are extremely allergic to peanuts/nuts and/or eggs. This does impact on how we manage this very specific condition at school.

The reaction to peanuts/nuts, in particular, can cause an anaphylactic shock. This allergic reaction is triggered by eating as little as 1/200th of a peanut, and in some cases, just touching the plastic wrapping of a peanut butter sandwich, eating food containing peanut oil, handling an empty box that may have had traces of nuts (e.g. cereal boxes) or touching the spot where nuts or the plastic wrapper have been.

**This allergic reaction can be life threatening, and the reaction is immediate.**

People who have an anaphylactic reaction may experience symptoms which include a rash, flushed face, swollen mouth and eyes, vomiting, breathing difficulties, stomach pains and loss of consciousness.

For this reason, we ask that children do not bring peanut butter sandwiches, nuts and nut products to school.

This may appear severe, but if your child had a life threatening condition, you would appreciate this type of request being put in place for your child.

As a result of severe allergies, it also impacts on things like art activities, where certain empty boxes will not be able to be used, as when you read many boxes it states “May contain traces of nuts.” This is therefore a high risk to people with allergies.

We would also appreciate you reinforcing with your child, as we do here at school, that children do not share food or make ‘swaps’, as many children have the potential for allergic reactions to a range of things, eg, food additives, nuts, eggs, dairy products etc.

If you have any queries, please contact me on 54430799.

Šabina Riordan
First Aid Officer

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**PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Program:** We have 12,600 points so far....

Keep collecting stickers at the checkout; **make sure you ask for stickers when you go through the self-serve too.** Once the sheet is completed, you can leave it 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.

**This year our points will be used 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.

**Family Movie Night - Monsters University**

On Thursday, 27th June Bendigo Cinemas will be screening “Monsters University” Family Movie night for White Hills Primary School.

A **Colouring Competition** will be held in June. $1.00 per entry – Student Leaders will distribute colouring pictures soon.

**Chocolate Fundraiser**

Chocolates will be distributed on Friday, 28th June 2013. **Please notify the office if you do not want chocolates sent home.**

**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’s Club Meeting**

Our next Parents Club 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

**Congratulations to our birthday children**
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

School Production: Hawaiian Costumes Needed
Does anyone have any Hawaiian shirts which the school could borrow for our school production? Can you please leave them at the office ASAP with a name and class pinned to it so that they can be returned at the completion of the production.
Thank you.
Costume Coordinator
Mary Mitchell

Choir Performing at the Eisteddfod Competition
The school choir will be competing in the Primary Schools Choral Section at the Bendigo Eisteddfod Competitions on **Friday, 21st June**, where they will perform 3 songs. As a practise for this occasion the choir will perform at assembly on Monday, 17th June.
Students will receive a permission notice shortly, please sign and return the form to their class teacher.
We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Kathy Veitch assisting us with our choral training every 2nd Thursday morning to assist the students to learn the difficult parts of some of the songs. Choir practise is on Thursday mornings at 9.00am sharp with additional practises required at lunchtimes leading up to the competitions.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

ART NEWS

Grade Art Awards
Prep E for being great listeners, fantastic workers and awesome cleaning up kids!
1/P for modelling paper mache faces using icecream lids and bottle tops, great effort!
3/4N for fantastic paper mache bowls
3/4W for amazing paper mache skills
3/4G for wonderful listening and packing up kids!

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Grandparents’ Morning
The Preps had a wonderful day last Friday spending the morning with their grandparents. We read, sang, danced, created and ate with each other, but most of all we had fun.

Pupils of The Week
Congratulations to **Teeka Y, Jayden E Jayden W-C and Teagan T**, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. *These Preps are enthusiastic in class and making lots of new friends with their great getting along skills and are trying hard to be organised and ready for learning at school. Well done.*

Language Hint for the Week
When hearing your child read and they have difficulty working out a word, encourage them to look at the starting letter, the sound it usually makes and then look right through the words for parts they might know that could help them. It is important that children are given time and encouragement to try to work out words themselves rather than being told the word by others straight away.

Grease Day
The Prep Grades will be holding Grease Day on **Friday, 28th June**, the last day of Term 2. Look out for whizzy dresses, denim jackets and jeans to wear on this great day. Last year’s Prep parents may be able to help you. More details will be sent home with the potential Olivia Newton-Johns and John Travolta’s closer to the big event. Go Grease Lightning!

PMP
P.M.P. will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30pm.
Grade 1/2

Level 2 Students of the Week
1/A Taylor C for amazing improvements and amazing work! Very impressive!
1/CW Ian C for his outstanding map of the classroom.
1/S Ronan for reading with confidence to the whole grade.
1/P Dylan T for a fabulous space power point.
2/BK Caden G for trying really hard to finish her piggy bank poster.
2/W Aiden P for using his initiative to fix a problem in class.

Star Gazing Night
A BIG thank-you to everyone who attended our star gazing night! We had over two hundred people come and explore the night sky with us. It was a great night.

Learning Portfolio’s
If your child’s learning portfolio is still at home please return it as soon as possible as we are starting to fill them with work samples.

Some Grade 2 ‘Planet’ Poems
My Very Energetic Monkey Juggled Stars Under Neptune
By Siobhan

My Very Excited Monkey Jumps Straight Under Neptune
By Abbey

My Very Excited Mum Just Sat Under Neptune
By Makayla

Grade 1 & 2 Major Excursion: Imax Theatre & Museum Melbourne
Grade 1 - Monday, 17th June 2013 & Grade 2 - Tuesday 18th June 2013
The Grade 1 and 2 students 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 was sent home on Tuesday. If your child was absent, please see your child’s teacher to collect permission form.
Money and notes must be returned by Wednesday, 12th June – not the 12th May as indicated in the permission note sent home last week.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
3/4G Nathan K for making great choices in class and contributing to our class discussions.
3/4W Alex C for always working his hardest and being a leader in our classroom.
3/4H Heidi S for always being a positive contributor to our classroom atmosphere.
3/4K Ma Nay S for his great work with his spelling and maths. Well done!

Bike Ed – Advance Notice
During Term 3 we will commence our Bicycle Education Program. Students will be required to bring a road worthy bicycle to school for one day a week throughout the term. More information will follow later in the term. Confirmation of exact dates will be in next week’s newsletter.
To help run this program effectively we require a number of helpers to supervise various activities (riding skills are not essential). At this stage we are planning to run the program on a Monday and Tuesday between 12.00pm and 1.30pm. If you are able to help on one or both of these days, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Lateness
Over the past few weeks we are noticing more students arriving after 9.00am. Could families please ensure students are in class by 8.50am each day, as this helps students with their daily routine, and gives them a chance to exchange readers and catch up with classmates before the day commences. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if there are concerns with this area.

Middle School Teachers
UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

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 to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on **Tuesday, 11th June 2013 for their major excursion.** 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 final booking need to be made.

Integrated Project
This week Grade 5 and 6 teachers will be introducing this terms project with our unit on Australian history. In this project students will be required to choose 6 separate activities to plan, draft and complete a good copy ranging from writing a letter home explaining what the wars like to conducting an interview with a historical figure. All activities have been designed around information and lessons taught within the class. Parents are advised that all good copies for this project are due *Friday, 21st June 2013*. We have had issues in the past with many students not using their time wisely in class and therefore not handing their work in.

Senior School Teachers

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Please collect linen from the office

COMMUNITY NEWS

Potential Heritage Listings
The City of Greater Bendigo is asking for your wealth of knowledge about the places in the White Hills area. We are asking for any information you may have about places of potential heritage significance and I’d really appreciate if you could circulate my request for information amongst your friends and networks. You can find the information sheets (no stamps required) for download or you can fill them out online at [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/WHEBHeritageStudy](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/WHEBHeritageStudy). I do have sheets already printed if you’d like me to send them to you – just let me know.

Please note, we’re asking for this information by 31st May, and your assistance is really appreciated.

Kind regards, Danniele Orr Heritage Planner, Strategy Unit, City of Greater Bendigo on 54346125, fax 54346200 or Email d.orr@Bendigo.vic.gov.au

Loddon Mallee Preschool Association
Do you have a child who is eligible for kindergarten in 2014? Central Enrolment Services are accepting applications **NOW**! Get your forms in before **30th June** to be included in the first round of allocations.

For assistance you can: **Call:** 54431229 or email: enrolments@lmpa.org.au Or speak to a staff member at any Kindergarten or Day Care Centre for further details please refer to our website [www.lmpa.org.au](http://www.lmpa.org.au)

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.*