**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.

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### Calendar of Events

**Term 2 Monday 15th April - Friday 25th June**

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**Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 20th December**

| Wed 9th – Fri 11th October | Grade 3 Camp Currumbene |
| 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 | Division 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 |

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**Principal’s Report**

**Visit to China**

Last week I visited the city of Suzhou in China with ten other Bendigo principals. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen our ties with schools within the Suzhou Industrial Park Education Bureau. Suzhou is a city of 6 million people with many high-tech industries. The Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) is an ultra-modern, architecturally designed part of the city that is being built by Singaporean and Chinese consortiums. There are high-tech industries and high rise apartment blocks for families, all surrounded by beautiful parklands. Each neighbourhood has a school which has been built to accommodate 2000-3000 students, even though the neighbourhood itself may not have yet been constructed.

Our Sister School in SIP is Jinji Lake School, which has been built for 2500 students. It opened in September 2011 with 400 students. When I was there last week they now have 1500 students! As you can appreciate, there is a massive amount of housing construction going on in the SIP. Indeed the whole of China seems to be undergoing a construction boom!

Our students who have been learning to speak Mandarin (Chinese) have been communicating via Skype and email with their Chinese buddies at Jinji Lake School. I met with the principal and English coordinator at Jinji Lake to discuss further enhancements to the current program and opportunities for student and teacher exchange. You will remember that last year we hosted four (4) Chinese students from Suzhou within our school community in term 4.

We are living in what is described as the ‘Asian Century’ and it is critical that we provide our students with a global perspective and ensure they are ‘Asia literate’. China is our country’s largest trading partner. Increasingly many Australians are working in China for businesses exporting products or providing expertise. It is important that our students have the skills and knowledge to live and work in the Asian Century. We are excited by these future opportunities for our school community.

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**School Council Meeting**

A School Council meeting will be held on **Monday, 17th June** at 7.00pm. Environment and Curriculum subcommittee meetings will be held from 6.30pm-7.00pm. All School Councillors are asked to please attend.

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**Transition for 2014**

Next term Prep teachers will be visiting pre-schools to get to know the children enrolled at our school for 2014. If you have not yet completed your enrolment form we ask that it be returned to the school office as soon as possible so that your child can be visited. Parents or older siblings can pick up enrolment forms from the school office or Mrs Ellis.
**Student Illness**
Whilst we encourage students to attend school every day, please do not send children to school if they are feeling unwell.

**Student Led Conferences: Pupil Free Day**
The Student-Led Conference Day will be held on **TUESDAY, 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. The note explaining the new online booking process went home Monday of last week.
*Please ensure you book online this week to secure a time slot that suits you and your family.*
Parents are reminded that children do not attend regular classes on this day. Children only attend for their allocated conference time.

**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.

**Monsters University Movie Tickets**
Information was sent home last week. Please fill out the ticket order slip and return with money in a school payment envelope and drop into the post box at the school office by **Wednesday, 26th June**. See Parent Club News.

**Student Reports and Learning Portfolios**
Your child’s mid-year student report will be distributed in their Learning Portfolio on **Wednesday, 26th June**.

**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 your child’s 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: [http://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/70/New-Preps-2013](http://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/70/New-Preps-2013)

**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.

**Raising Boys Well**
2. Blend in. Boys don’t like to stand out from the crowd. Try not to embarrass them in front of their friends.
3. Limits and boundaries work best with boys.
4. Boys need reasons to learn. Link learning to their interests, such as reading books about sport.
5. They are wired to be active and boisterous, so be prepared to be a busy parent in their early years.

**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](http://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.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
Congratulations to our birthday children.

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

Choir Performing at the Bendigo 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. In preparation for this occasion the choir will perform at assembly on Monday, 17th June. Students will receive a permission note this week, parents are asked to please sign the form and return their class teacher the next day. Choir practice is held on Thursday mornings at 9.00am sharp and during the lead-up to the competition we are also having some lunchtime practices.

Whole School Production Update
This Friday all children in grades Prep to 4 will receive a note advising of their performance group and the night they will be performing, which you will require so that you can begin purchasing tickets. Tickets are available through the Capital Theatre only and can be booked in person, over the phone or online.
If you have children in Grades 5/6 they will be performing each night unless they are front-of-house or backstage in which case they have an assigned night that they are working. If your child has been involved with either technical assistant or set construction they have already completed their tasks so it is expected that they will make themselves available on one of the nights to come and support and see their friends performing in the production.
A costume notice will be sent out early next term. Please note that due to the wonderful efforts of a small band of mothers a great deal of the costume items have been sourced and only a small amount of costume items will be required to be brought from home (these should be items you already have).
Finally, some of the grade 5/6 leads have been working hard on their lines but I would ask parents to assist with this if your child is struggling. All leads will be required to know their lines by the first day of term three. If they do not appear to be making an effort with this they may be replaced in their role.

Kids at Sea Ticket Sales
Ticket sales will go live at the Capital from Wednesday, 19th June. Cost for tickets are $12.00 for adults/secondary students and $6.00 for children.
Please note that if you have small children who will be attending with you they must have their own seat.

Music Is Fun Band Performance
The Music Is Fun band will be attending the school on Friday, 26th July to give two performances. This group has been attending our school for a number of years and on each occasion has given a sensational concert. The children will be learning a number of songs in preparation for this concert.
The cost of this event for children who have not paid their performances item is $8.00.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

Schoolaerobics Wildcard & State Finals 2013
Saturday, 22nd June
The finals are approaching and the excitement is building! Please ensure you have organised your own transport for the finals as we will not be taking a bus to Geelong. The venue is The Arena Geelong - 110 Victoria Road, North Geelong, VIC 3215.
The finals schedule is:

Wildcard Finals – Morning Session
The Groovy Bunch – Session 2 @ 9:05am
The Little Rockers – Session 3 @ 9:25am
Salt and Pepper – Session 4 @ 9:45am

All team members will need to arrive at the venue at least 45 mins prior to the commencement of their session. The wildcard presentations are scheduled for 10:55am. If you were a participant in the Wildcards, you are obliged to stay at the venue until the presentations as your team may receive a wildcard into the premiership finals in the afternoon. If you only participate in the afternoon session, you are not obliged to stay for the presentations. We will let you know the results if you miss them on Monday. The State Finals presentation is approximately 7:00pm.
A note will be coming home to outline requirements for each competitor on the day.
PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program: Has now finished
Please return stickers to the office asap to make your purchases count. Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of this program, the latest count totals 32,340 a great effort.

The wish list for the Art room has been filled and we will also be able to acquire some equipment for Maths areas.

Family Movie Night - Monsters University: Thursday, 27th June
Tickets are now available for our Family Movie night at 6.30pm of 'Monsters University’ at the Bendigo Cinemas.
Ticket: Adult $13.00, Children $11.00, Combo (small popcorn & drink) $7.00.

Monsters University Colouring Competition $1.00 per entry – Student Leaders are currently distributing colouring pictures to classrooms. First Prize only – Prep, Gr 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 Areas. Entries close Monday, 17th June. Winners announced at Assembly on Monday, 24th June.

Proceeds will go towards our school grounds master plan upgrade.

Chocolate Fundraiser: Can You Help?
We are asking for helpers to assist with the sorting of chocolates on Thursday, 27th June, please be in the hall by 9.30am. 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, 17th July at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.
Parents Club/Fundraising Committee

ART NEWS

Grade Art Awards
P/E for wonderful jungle designs using messy, creamy pastels!
1/S for great papier mache faces
3/4K for magnificent designed bowls and improved listening!
5/S for creative papier mache cows
6/R for very clever painting on their 3D papier mache animals

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Hint for the Week
Read to your child. Whether you’re flicking through a cookbook, or reading the newspaper, find ways to involve your child. Praise your child for asking questions and encourage them to seek the answers through resources such as the local library and the internet.

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

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!
Grade 1/2

Student Led Conferences
Please ensure if your child is in level two, that you select their home room teacher when making an appointment time e.g. 2/R Select Miss Ray.

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.

Grade 1/2 Melbourne Excursion to the Imax Theatre/Museum:
Grade 1 – Monday, 17th June & Grade 2 – Tuesday, 18th June 2013.
Students will be required to be at school no later than 7.45am as buses will leave at 8.00am sharp.
The children need to bring:
- Play lunch, lunch and drink/s in a disposable container (e.g. plastic bag, prima etc.) that has been clearly named. Please pack play lunch in a separate bag to lunch.
- Comfortable walking shoes (please ensure students wear full school uniform, and all clothing is named).

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Bike Ed: Parent Helpers
We are still seeking volunteers to assist with our Bike Ed program on a Monday and Tuesday between 12.00pm and 1.30pm next term. If you are able to help on one or both of these days, please see your child’s classroom teacher. More information will follow regarding session times and bicycle requirements.

Student Led Conferences
Thank you to those families who have already booked in.

Student Portfolios
Children are currently busy collecting samples of work to share with you. If your Portfolio is still at home, please ensure it is returned to school by the end of the week.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Sovereign Hill Excursion
Our excursion to Sovereign Hill went well, with all the students having a great time and immersing themselves in the experience and every activity they were able to be a part of. Grades 5 and 6 students went down into the Red Hill mine to experience what it was like to be underground. They participated in ‘Gold Fever’ where they were all characters in a re-enactment of a goldfield and they were able to witness the purifying of gold. All the students’ behaviour was outstanding with many comments being made by those who work at Sovereign Hill, well done grade 5 and 6 students on a great excursion.

Our Golden Past Project
The due date for this project is Friday 21st June 2013.
Students are given time in class to, complete this project.
We are expecting that one activity is fully completed and ready to be marked off each week. Please be aware that if your child has not completed his/her activity in the allocated class time he/she will need to finish it at home.

Student Led Conferences
A reminder that student led conferences are coming up Tuesday 25th June 2013. These conferences are important to touch base with your child’s classroom teacher, discuss any issues and most importantly to observe and discuss, with your child, their learning as they led the discussion with you.

Bookings close Wednesday, 19th June 2013 at 12 noon, please ensure you make a time to come in and see your child’s teacher.

Senior School Teachers
COMMUNITY NEWS

‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop
How can you think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family?
How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you!
Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals.
Our presenters are parents or siblings of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.
Details for ‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Bendigo
Date: Thursday 20th June 2013 Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: The Lotus Conference Room, McIvor Motor Inn
45 McIvor Road, Bendigo 3550
Cost: $20 per person – members* $40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included
Places are limited so be quick to book at: http://trybooking.com/44600 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

Bendigo Family Nature Club: You’re Invited To A Bush Picnic!
Next Sunday the 16th of June join us for a bush picnic - with damper and billy tea - bring your bike! 10am start
To register & more info reply to this email - bendigonatureclub@gmail.com
This event is made possible by the wonderful collaboration between the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group.

My Jet Junior Holiday Program
Calling all footy lovers from ages 6 – 15
DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY? WANT SOME REAL FUN?
A 3 day program focusing on Footy, Venue: My Jet Oval (Wade St)
Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July 8.30am – 5pm
Featuring: Ever Popular Round Robin Footy Carnival/Skill Clinics with BFL Players
Footy Trivia Quizzes & Crosswords/Nutrition & Lifestyle Component/Show Bag
Registration Forms available at gosquare@gsfnc.com.au or ph. 0420938138 or 0488183511. All Facilitators Accredited