Welcome
A warm welcome to all our new and existing students and parents, we wish you all a very happy and productive year.

New Staff
We welcome the following new staff to White Hills PS:
Mrs Jeanine Fitzgerald P/J, Ms Anne Sarjeant, Mrs Sally Coburn ICW, Ms Kristy Williams 2/W, Ms Kaitlyn Gedye 34K, Mrs Jann Watson 34W, Mr Tevor Trewartha 5/T, Ms Jaime Coburn 1CW, Ms Kristy Williams 2/W, Ms Kaitlyn Gedye 34K,

Welcome to Denise, our new crossing supervisor
Denise was previously the crossing supervisor at Maple St Primary School, until its closure, and she is looking forward to meeting the students and families at WHPS. Please make her feel welcome by introducing yourself and saying hello.

Parent Helpers Letter
Each year we ask that parents help out when and where they can and where they can within our school. A request for helpers form was sent home with the book lists.
Please return by next Monday, 4th February to enable us to make up rosters. Thank you to those who have returned their forms.

Doors Open at 8.50am
Classroom doors are opened at 8.50am for children to set up for the morning class. We ask that children do not enter prior to this time as teachers are preparing classes or meeting with parents.

Calendar of Events

Term 1 Tuesday 29th January - Thursday 28th March

Week 1
Friday 1st February Canteen Opens
Week 2
Monday 4th February Return Parent Helper Form

Week 3
Monday 11th February Student Banking begins today
Tuesday 12th February Gr 1/2 & 5/6 Info Night 5.10pm
Thursday 14th February Statewide Stopwork
Thursday 14th February SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Week 4
Monday 18th February SC Environment/Curriculum6.30pm
Monday 18th February SC General Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday 19th February Prep & 3/4 Info Night 5.10pm
Thursday 28th March Out of Uniform Day
Thursday 28th March Term 1 ends - 1.30pm dismissal

Term 2 Monday 15th April to Friday 28th June

Principal’s Report

AEU Industrial Action
The Victorian Government and Australian Education Union (AEU) are yet to successfully negotiate a new Workplace Agreement. The AEU has advised schools that members will take protected industrial action (under the Fair Work Act) that will include banning work that occurs outside a 38 hour paid week and which relies upon the goodwill of staff. AEU members will also take part in a 24 hour statewide stopwork on 14th February.

As parents will be aware, our staff work well beyond their paid 38 hour week, completing many unpaid additional hours to ensure we provide a high quality curriculum and educational opportunities for our students.
The bans will have an impact upon our school that will include:

- hours of attendance by staff
- scheduling of parent-teacher meetings, school social events and information sessions
- extra-curricular activities and excursions conducted outside of school hours

These activities and events will need to be scheduled within the paid working week.
I thank families for your patience with these matters and hope that an agreement between the parties is speedily resolved.

Grade Information Evenings
Information evenings will be held at the following times:
Grades 1/2 & 5/6 – Tuesday, 12th February, 5:10-6:10pm
Grades Prep & 3/4 – Tuesday, 19th February, 5:10-6:10pm

Student Banking: CBA Dollarmite Accounts
Please note that Student Banking will commence from Monday 11th February. Please leave your deposit book at the office by 9.00am. Any Prep or new parents wishing to open a Dollarmite account should see the office staff for the required forms.

Newsletter Online: Your Email Address Required
The newsletter is posted online each week on a Thursday. Hard copies of the newsletter are NOT sent home.
You can subscribe through our website at www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au or fill out a parent email form (available at the office if you have not already notified us), and we’ll complete the process for you. Every Thursday you will receive an email notifying you that the newsletter is available on the school’s website. Click on the email link to access the newsletter.

Children’s Medication
Please return updated medication if your child requires it during school hours. All medication is to be kept at the office.

Staff Car Park
Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. Many parents and children walk through this area to access the building. For children’s safety we ask that you not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children. Your support in this matter is appreciated.
Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)
Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected. The only batches affected are as follows: Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179 Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

Crossing the Road: Children & Parents Use the Crossings
For your child's safety we ask that all children crossing the road at the back of the school wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road to their parents. Parents should come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult. Similarly, we ask that at the front of the school ALL CHILDREN & accompanying parents use the designated school crossing to cross the road. DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE – this is not a controlled pedestrian crossing.

School Assembly
School assemblies take place at 9.00am on Monday mornings. Parents are encouraged to attend. Assemblies form an important role in embedding our school culture and provide opportunity to bring our students together, recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and disseminate information to our school community. We look forward to seeing you at assembly.

Thanks
Thank you to the Costigan family and Scott Bawden and children for removing felled trees from our school oval. Thanks also to Stewart Scoble and his father. The oval is being prepared for relocating our cricket pitch so it can be used for junior cricket. Our school has an arrangement with the City of Greater Bendigo for joint use and maintenance of the oval. In Term 4, 2012 the oval was re-sown with couch grass and has been watered with recycled water over the holiday period.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Welcome
Welcome to all our new little Preps who have settled in so well. We thank all our parents who have prepared them beautifully.

Grade 1/2
Welcome Back!
A big welcome back to all staff and students in the Level 2 Team. We give a special welcome (or welcome back) Miss Kristy Williams, Mrs Sally Coburn and Miss Anne Serjeant who have joined (or re-joined) the team. We are thrilled to have them on board and are looking forward to a great year together.

Classroom Supplies
Please make sure all of your child’s belongings are named and brought to school. Many parents have kept “spare” items at home, however, we prefer to keep them at school so they are on hand as soon as they are needed. If students have any left over at the end of the year, they will be sent home. Don’t forget that students will need a reader bag, a library bag and an art smock; many of these will be able to be re-used from last year. Many students were also missing their hats and will require them until 1st May, as per the sun smart policy.

Reading Helpers
We LOVE having parents come in to help us with reading! Both Grade 1 and Grade 2 will be having reading sessions at 9:00 every day, except Monday. Please come in and hear a few kids read – it helps to ensure children are able to read, one on one with an adult, every day.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome
We welcome all our new students who have started this week and welcome back to our existing students. We trust you have had a restful break and are ready for a positive productive year ahead.

Middle School Teachers
**UPPER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to all of our new Grade 5 and 6 students for 2013, we have an exciting year planned and are looking forward to meeting new families and renewing acquaintances with existing families.

**Information Night**
The Grade 5 and 6 information night is scheduled to be held from **5.10pm until 6.10pm on Tuesday, 12th February**. The information session has to be held at this earlier time due to the industrial action relating to teachers working within a 38 hour week.

**Netbooks**
Parents of Grade 5 students will need to attend one of the scheduled compulsory netbook information sessions on:
- Tuesday, 12th February, 4:40pm, BJ Winzar School Hall
- Friday, 15th February, 9:10am, BJ Winzar School Hall
- Tuesday, 19th February, 4:40pm, BJ Winzar School Hall

Look out for a detailed letter that has gone home to Grade 5 parents today. Grade 5 students are not able to bring their netbook home until both parent and child have attended a compulsory information session, signed a user agreement and paid the $100 netbook fee.

Grade 6 students will bring their netbooks home shortly.

**Senior School Teachers**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

*Canteen commences Tomorrow, Friday 1st February*

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*Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm*

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

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

**Urgent Reminder:** If you are unable to assist with canteen duty, please arrange a swap or inform the office so that a replacement helper can be arranged.

Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**2013 Opening Times**

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

**Second hand items** are available to buy at the uniform shop. Please note that any unsold 2nd hand uniforms will be given to families in need or used in sickbay if not sold after 3 months.

**Team Leaders**

Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

Orders can be left at the office anytime

**SICK BAY ROSTER**

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*Please collect linen from the office*

**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

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Please arrive 2.30pm

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Ladies Wanted**

Bendigo Monday Ladies Netball Association is looking for players, teams or umpires to play in our Monday Morning competition at Bendigo Stadium during school terms, a free crèche is provided. All abilities catered for. Phone Marge 54437379

**Sharon Saunders Dance Co**

Classes start next week and we are especially looking for Preschool boys for a proposed 'Dance Dudes' class and ex dancers for an Advanced Adult class. We still have beginners Adult classes too! Please help spread the word. All information is on our website [www.sharonsaundersdancers.com](http://www.sharonesaundersdancers.com)