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 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September**  
*‘Kids at Sea’ – 4 weeks to go*

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- Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
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- Zone Basketball
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- Book Week performance

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### White Hills P.S Students Present

**‘Kids at Sea’**

At the Capital Theatre on Monday, 26th, Tuesday, 27th & Wednesday, 28th August 2013

All students from Prep to Grade 6 have been rehearsing their songs, dance routines and lines for 5 months for ‘Kids at Sea’. Book your tickets NOW.

**Tickets** are on sale at the Capital Theatre. For bookings contact the Capital on 54346100, office hours Monday-Friday 9.15am-5.15pm & Saturday 10am-1pm or book online at [http://www.thecapital.com.au/Whats_On](http://www.thecapital.com.au/Whats_On)

### Principal’s Report

**Whole School Production – “Kids at Sea”**

A letter was sent home to every family last week outlining arrangements for the Whole School Production on 26, 27 & 28th August at the Capital Theatre. Please ensure you read this letter and are aware of what is required of you and your child. We appreciate your support with these arrangements. Contact class teacher if you have any questions.

If you have not purchased your tickets, you need to get onto it now.

**Getting Ready for School Nights**

Our second Getting Ready for School Night will be held next **Tuesday, 30th July (Language)**. These nights are designed to assist parents of children starting school next year to prepare their child. The nights run from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Grade 6 rooms. Childcare is available in the Prep rooms. Further information concerning these nights can be obtained from Mrs Ellis

**Term 3 Curriculum Plans: Parent Information**

Term 3 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 3 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](http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/curriculum)

**Parent Opinion Survey: Random Sample**

The use of opinion data as a measure of school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be.

The Department of Education requires all schools to conduct annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, students and parents. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

As in previous years, the Department of Education selects a random sample of parents to complete a survey. Tomorrow Friday, 26th July randomly selected families will receive the Parent Opinion Survey. If you receive a survey, could you please complete and return it in the sealed envelope to the office before next Friday, 2nd August.
**Thanks**

My thanks to Kingsley Morse-McNabb and Steve Knight (parents) for their help yesterday in loading and delivering the choir risers from the Capital Theatre. The choir risers will be housed permanently at WHPS and will be used regularly for school events and performances.

**Furniture to East Timor: Grade 6 & Connection to Community**

In collaboration with the Bendigo-Maubisse Friendship Committee, yesterday our grade 6 students helped load a truck of our surplus school furniture to send to East Timor. This Committee, with the support of local Rotary Groups, the Department of Education and local schools, has carried out a range of projects to assist the Maubisse community. Maubisse is located in the central highlands of East Timor, 73kms south of the capital, Dili. Projects have included:

- Transporting 32 shipping containers of school furniture & equipment, clothing, household supplies and building materials
- Sending 33 teams of volunteers to build and repair numerous school and community buildings
- Constructing and establishing a house for volunteers to live in while in Maubisse
- Providing professional development for Maubisse teachers
- Erecting a playground sent from a local Bendigo school
- Purchasing a storage container for on-site use in Maubisse


**Borrowed Clothes**

Several children have been changed into dry clothes after they have slipped over in the yard. We ask that these clothes are returned clean to the school as soon as possible as our stock of spare clothes is very low. If anyone has navy winter trackpants they no longer need, donations are appreciated to increase our stock.

**Jets Gym Program**

All children will be attending weekly gymnastics sessions (four sessions in total) beginning the week of Monday, 19th August at Jets Gym in Golden Square. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. If you have not prepaid for Special Events, the cost is $26 per child. This program is part of the school’s curriculum and all children are expected to attend. Those families that have not prepaid special events have been sent a reminder notice. The $26 needs to be paid by Wednesday, 14th August. Late payments will not be accepted, as per the school’s excursion policy.

**Keeping Kids Safe Part 2**

From an article from "Parenthood" by Robin Barker.

**Using the Internet.**

Internet safety is now a major concern, particularly the possibility of children being lured and groomed by paedophiles on the internet. Other safety issues include cyber-bullying, children posting unsuitable personal images and giving out identifiable information to strangers. Here is an internet safety checklist from NetAlert.

* Talk to your family about the importance of staying safe online and the need to have an internet safety plan at home.
* Keep the computer in a public area of the house so it's easier for you to supervise.
* Make sure you have safety software installed on your computer. NetAlert can give you advise on what to choose. *Discuss the benefits and risks of going online with our children and reassure them that you're there to help if they get into trouble.
* Create an internet-safety contract with your children and set up house rules for internet use. Teach your children to make the right decisions and increase their responsibility levels as they get older.
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.

Prep Transition for 2014
This 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.

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.

- 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.

Compulsory School Uniform
We have noticed recently that many children are not wearing the correct school winter uniform. As stated in our School Council Uniform policy, correct school uniform is compulsory. This means children are to dress in only navy or pale blue shirts, navy pants without stripes and logos, and navy jumpers or jackets. The school uniform does not include leggings and tights that are not navy, coloured jackets and skivvies that are not navy or pale blue. If your child attends school out of uniform they will be changed into the correct school uniform using clean, spare clothes.
Children are allowed to wear beanies outside in the cold weather but they must be navy blue in colour, to comply with the School Council compulsory uniform. The Uniform Shop sells these items at very reasonable prices.

Help Us Kick Goals: Amount Raised
Our thanks to the Bendigo Advertiser, 3BO FM 93.5, BLS Financial, ICD Media and our local community for their fundraising support through the Help Us Kick Goals program. $630 was raised from sales of Round 15 and 16 AFL match tickets, which will be put towards the purchase of a new high jump mat. Please support these businesses that support our school.

Education Maintenance Allowance: 2nd Instalment closes Friday 2nd August
Eligibility date for the 2nd instalment of EMA is from Monday, 15th July. New parents to the school who are eligible, and existing parents who have now become eligible who weren’t at the beginning of the year, will need to apply before Friday, 2nd August 2013. Application forms are available from the office.

Please supply a copy of your healthcare card and driver’s licence with your completed application form.
If you are no longer eligible for EMA please contact the office so that the EMA system can be updated.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

ART NEWS

Grade Art Awards
P/F Excellent listening & work habits while designing trees
1/CW Creative and colourful jellyfish
1/S Beautiful bright jellyfish
3/4W Interesting fabric collages
5/S Awesome wire sculpting & great work habits
3/4G Great work with fabrics and great colour choice & design

Indigenous Literacy Day - ‘The Great Book Swap’
National Literacy and Numeracy Week will take place from 29th July – 4th August. As part of this event, our school will take part in ‘The Great Book Swap’ which raises money to buy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities. Students can be a part of over 20, 000 school children who are reading and swapping books for a gold coin donation. We will start collecting the books at the beginning of Term 3 up until the day of the official book swap, which will take place between Monday 2nd and Friday, 6th September during class library time. Books can be placed in a tub outside Mrs Gray’s classroom (Room 8).
Please ensure that donated books are still in good condition. We endeavour to raise even more money than last year and it would be great to see all students getting involved.

Mrs Jaime Gray
Congratulations to our students of the week

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

Whole School Production Update: ‘Kids at Sea’ (Countdown - 4 weeks to go)
A reminder to all parents and friends that the tickets for the show are now available through the Capital Theatre and can be booked in person, over the phone or online.
All families of grades Prep to 4 have been sent a notice advising you of your child / children’s performance group and which night they will be performing, (add this date to your diary / calendar). This information is required to enable you to purchase your tickets through The Capital Theatre.
Please note that if you have small children who will be attending you must purchase them a seat. It is highly recommended that if you have very small children who may become unsettled during the show, that you to make alternative arrangements for them. Please remember that as the senior children have been rehearsing for six months it would be a great shame if the show was spoilt for everyone because of disruptions that could have been avoided. We would like everybody who attends to have the opportunity to hear and enjoy the performance.

- Tickets Sales: Bookings at The Capital Theatre, cost $12.00 for adults/secondary students and $6.00 for children. Bookings can be made in person at The Capital, over the phone on 54346100 or online http://www.thecapital.com.au/Whats_On
- Grades 5 & 6 students in the show will perform each night.
- Front-of-house or backstage students have an assigned night that they are working.
- The technical assistants or set construction crews have already completed their tasks so it is expected that they will come and see their friends performing in the production on one of the nights.
- Costumes - a costume notice will be sent out next week, please check bags to find this important notice. Due to the fantastic efforts of a small band of mothers a great deal of the costume items have been sourced or made leaving only a small amount of costume items required to be brought from home (these should be items you already have). An amazing effort with 530 students involved. These costume items will need to be brought to school in a strong, named plastic bag and given to the class teacher by Friday, 9th August. It is essential that these items are returned by this date.

Music Is Fun Band Performance – TOMORROW for Grades Prep-6
The Music Is Fun Band will be attending the school TOMORROW Friday, 26th July for two performances for students from Grades Prep - 6. This group has been attending our school for a number of years and on each occasion has given a sensational concert.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Next Parent's Club Meeting
Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 7th August at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

Helpers Needed for Whole School Production & Student Art Show
Please let the office know if you are able to help with costumes for the production or the framing of art work for our Art Show.

Chocolate Fundraiser: Overdue
Thank you to the families that have returned their chocolate money. Please note that all unreturned money and or chocolates are NOW OVERDUE. We have 103 families outstanding, which equates to $5,150.00. Please return asap so we can finalise this fundraiser.

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.

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

Congratulations to our students of the week
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Whole School Musical – please read Music / Drama News

Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Mia S, Keeley A, Taylah and Rahya Z, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’. All these Preps are enthusiastic in class and showing organisational skills at school.

Prep Reading
We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.00am and 9.30am on any school day. We have several wonderful helpers who often stay at school until after 10.00am to ensure all children have been heard reading. With 73 children to hear read every morning and our readers getting longer we would really appreciate extra help so that our present great helpers don’t get worn out.

Australian Animals
We ask that each child brings a small (about 6cm tall) toy Australian animal to school by the end of August. We will use these to make our animal environment in a shoe box at the end of the term. Suitable animals include Yowies or small clip on animals. Please bring your animal to school in a named plastic bag so we can safely store them.

Shoes for Junior School Children
With the wet weather, in an attempt to protect our carpets, children with muddy shoes have been removing their shoes when they come to school, after recess and lunch times and placing them on a trolley near the door. This requires teachers to tie children’s shoelaces several times a day. If your child is unable to tie their own laces and you need to buy them new shoes please consider purchasing pull on boots or shoes with Velcro that your child can put on and take off by him or herself. Please name all shoes.

Language Hint for the Week
When you are reading your child a bed time story ask questions about the book you are reading like-
“Can you tell me about the story from the picture?”
“What do you think will happen in the story?”

PMP
PMP will be held on Monday, 29th July. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2:30pm on this day. Due to rehearsals being held in for the school hall for the whole school production and our Gym time being moved to Monday, P.M.P. will not be held in August and September. We hope that we will be able to hold P.M.P. in Term 4. Thanks to those parents who have offered to help this Term. We hope you will be able to help us in Term 4.

Term 3 Unit on Australian Animals
We will start our Term 3 unit of work on Australian animals by learning about possums. You may like to look for books, pictures, DVDs or information on the Internet about Australian animals and bring them along to school to share with us.
At the end of Term 3 the Preps will be making their own habitat for an Australian animal. Children will need a small, toy Australian animal about 5cm tall to go in their habitat. If you find one in the holidays please place it in a named bag and give it to your child’s classroom teacher ready for our creative work at the end of Term 3.

Grade 1/2
Whole School Musical – please read Music / Drama News

Level 2 Students of the Week
1/A Callum G for a terrific start at W.H.P.S. Well done champ!
1/CW Mikayla for her wonderful start at W.H.P.S.
1/P Mea J for working so hard on her reading.
1/S Harry B for trying hard to make his writing neat and tidy.
2/BK Kayne for being thoughtful for others.
2/R Alirah for working hard to be a good friend to everyone, all of the time.
2/W Bella B for being kind and polite to other students.

Learning Portfolios
Please send your child’s learning portfolio back to school once you have read it so that it is ready for the teachers to start adding work during Term 3.

Junior School Teachers
**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Whole School Musical – please read Music / Drama News**

Students have been working hard to perfect their performances for the production and are doing a great job. Please check which night your child/children will be performing so that you can secure your tickets from the Bendigo Capital Theatre. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Students of the Week - Congratulations**

3/4G Cohen for a very focused start to the term and completing all his learning tasks.
3/4W Analysse for working very hard and staying focused on her spelling tasks.
3/4N Anique for being a fantastic new addition to our classroom.
3/4H Chelsea for her hard work and resilience while working on her iMaths investigation.
3/4K Breanna for her improvement in her home reading and dedication to homework tasks.

**Camp Medical Notes/Payments**

Just a reminder that all students attending either the Grade 3 or 4 camp need to have returned their medical notes by this Friday, 26th July. Also camp payments need to be paid in full before Tuesday, 10th September.

**Learning Portfolios**

We are enjoying seeing many of the learning portfolios return to the classroom, however there are still quite a few yet to be returned. We would appreciate it if all learning portfolios could be returned over the coming week. Please include a positive comment regarding your child’s learning and achievements in the first semester. This can be recorded on the back page of your child’s report.

**Reading Journals**

Another reminder that all students are expected to not only read every night, but also document their reading in their reading journals. This is also to be signed by the parent or guardian who has listened to them read. Regular reading is important to help develop your child’s fluency and comprehension.

**Bike Ed**

Bike Ed has begun and we would like to thank all parents and students in 3/4G, 3/4W and 3/4N (Group 1) who remembered to bring along their bikes and helmets. Please remember to check that your bike is in safe working order and that your helmet fits securely in order to improve your child’s safety. If you notice any issues with your riding equipment please repair them prior to the Bike Ed session to ensure maximum learning time for all students.

We are also still looking for more parent helpers to assist us in running the Bike Ed rotations. If you are available to assist the Bike Ed sessions, please see your child’s classroom teacher. *Monday 11:30am – 1:30pm and Tuesday 11:30am – 1:30pm.*

Thanks again to all parents to have come along to help us run the program so far. Without your help this program wouldn’t be possible.

Middle School Teachers

**UPPER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Whole School Musical – please read Music / Drama News**

**Mother / Daughter Night**

A note has been sent home on Tuesday inviting mothers and daughters to attend an information session about the physical and emotional changes girls will undergo through puberty. White Hills Primary School does a 2 year cycle, one year is mother daughter night, the next is father son night to give each 5 and 6 student an opportunity to participate in these information session run by the school nurse.

Senior School Teachers
**UNIFORM SHOP**
Friday, 26th July       Anne McCrabb
Tuesday, 30th July     Katie Clark
Friday, 2nd August     Deb Button

**2013 Opening Times**
Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am – 9.35am

**Team Leaders**
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

Orders can be left at the office anytime

**SICK BAY ROSTER**
Friday, 26th July       Leanne O’Brien
Friday, 2nd August     Karen Costigan

Please collect linen from the office

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Friday, 26th July       Brent Monro
Tabatha Boyd
Anne McCrabb
Megan Darcy
Chelsea MacDonald
Deb Button
Paula Spivey

Wednesday, 31st July    Deb Button
Friday, 2nd August

Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm
All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag, **(NO ENVELOPES)**, one bag 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.

Popcorn only available on lunch order days – order with lunch and collect from canteen

Lunch orders MUST be handed into the classroom or office by 10.30am.
If your child is signed out of school between 10.30am and lunch time, (1.30pm) their lunch order **cannot be refunded**

Mrs Helen Williams
Canteen Manager

**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**
Thursday, 1st August  Bronwyn Bentley
Thursday, 8th August  Heather Veitch

Please arrive 2.30pm

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Do your children have asthma or allergies?

Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club? Do you worry about your children’s asthma when they are not at home? Learn practical strategies for helping your children to **live well with asthma** each day from **people who know.** Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below.

[forum.asthma.org.au](http://forum.asthma.org.au)

**Kindergarten Applications for 2014**

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

For assistance you can call: 54431229 email: enrolments@lmpa.org.au

**Balliang East Primary School Centenary Celebrations**

On **Saturday, 16th November** this year, my school is celebrating its Centenary. Calling all past students, teachers and parents! We need your help. Please contact us if you have any memorabilia or information about our school that could be used in our commemorative book which will be available for purchase on the day. Phone (03)53695148 or email **Balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au** to register your details.