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’ – 2 weeks to go**

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### Principal’s Report

**Reminder Notice of Performance Night**

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](http://www.thecapital.com.au/Whats_On)

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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.

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**Jetts Gym Program: Begins Monday, 19th August**

All children will be attending weekly gymnastics sessions (four sessions in total) beginning the week of 19th August at Jets Gym in Golden Square. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. 

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**Father’s Day/Special Person Stall: Friday 30th August**

Donations are now being collected for our stall. Please see the Parents Club news for further information.
Congratulations to our birthday children

Pupil-Free Day - Cancelled
Please note that the Curriculum Day previously advertised for 21st August has been cancelled.

Wet Conditions/Borrowed Clothes
Recently a lot of students have played/fallen in mud or water out in the yard during recess and lunchtime. The demand for a change of clothes has become too great and the sickbay has run out of track pants from size 6-10. If your 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. If you have any uniform at home that you could donate, please bring them in for spares.

It would be appreciated if you could support us by reinforcing with your children that they are to find appropriate areas to play in the yard and avoid the wet areas.

Staff Changes
We welcome back staff into various roles beginning next week. Mrs Jolene Travaglia will be replacing Mrs Sarah Wood in Grade 1/CW as Sarah goes onto family leave. Mrs Meagan Rosa will be taking Physical Education one day per week and Mrs Christine Connaughton will be providing literacy support across the 3/4 Grades.

Prep Transition for 2014
Prep teachers are now visiting pre-schools to get to know the children enrolled at our school for 2014. If you have not yet completed your enrolment form with a copy of your child’s birth certificate and immunisation certificate 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.

Setting Limits for Children
From an article from “Parenthood” by Robin Barker.
From the moment babies turn into toddlers and until late adolescence, setting limits for behaviour is a challenge for parents. It’s also something most parents find difficult and, at times, wish they didn’t have to do.

Yet despite the difficulties and fall-outs, firm and consistent limits give children of any age safety, security and confidence. Being raised by parents who set fair limits to their children’s behaviour (as well as their own), helps children develop self-control and, ultimately, control over their lives.

Limit setting refers to rules or boundaries that allow us to make rational decisions, to weigh up risks, to act responsibly and to minimise confusion. Limits or rules provide a structure to guide us in daily living-particularly children who are experiencing so much for the first time and have so much to learn...continued next week.

Compulsory School Uniform
We have noticed recently that several 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.

Hand Washing
With many of our children having colds at the moment we are encouraging all children to carefully wash their hands with soap and ask that you encourage them to do the same. The critical moments for hand washing with soap are after using the toilet or cleaning a child and before handling food.

Hand washing is a cornerstone of public Health. Hand washing with soap is among the most effective ways to prevent diarrheal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child illness and deaths. Hand washing can also prevent skin infections, eye infections, colds, flu and intestinal worms. Washing hands with water alone is significantly less effective than washing hands with soap. Proper hand washing requires soap and a small amount of water. Using soap works by breaking down the grease and dirt that carry most germs, facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaving hands smelling pleasant.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
**MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS**

**Whole School Production Update: ‘Kids at Sea’ (Countdown - 2 weeks to go)**

**Costumes**

*A reminder to parents that all children from grades Prep to 4 and 5 and 6 chorus / leads need to return their costume items by tomorrow Friday, 9th August with their costume items inside.*

We could also be in need of additional help with some small items of the costume, so if you have sewing skills and feel you can help please contact the school office.

Also, if you are having trouble with any of the items please return what you have and include a note to indicate what is missing and the school will see what it can do to fill the gap.

**Ticket Sales**

Please remember to purchase your tickets at the Capital Theatre. The tickets are starting to move quite quickly now, so if you haven’t already purchased them you will need to do as soon as possible. Please note that all seating is allocated seating.


Purchase your tickets as soon as possible so you don’t miss out!

**Performance Groups**

A second note with performance information has been sent home today (yellow paper) to inform parents what night their child is performing on. This was first sent out at the end of last term but some parents are still requesting this information so they can purchase tickets. Please ensure that this information is kept in a suitable place so you can easily find it.

- All children in grades Prep to 4 will be performing on one night only.
- 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.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

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**ART NEWS**

**Grade Art Awards**

P/E Amazing abstract mural
2/W Super colourful butterfly designs with very creative detail
3/4G Super dooper art workers with amazing sewing skills
3/4H Great art work, awesome listening and amazing packing up!
6/M Some incredible art work for our Art Show

Mrs Cadi Watchman & Mrs Monique White
Art Teachers

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**SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS**

**Jeans for Genes Day – End of Term**

This year we, as a school, are supporting Jeans for Genes Day and will be wearing our jeans on the last day of Term 3, Friday, 20th September, to support this cause.

Every dollar we raise will help Children’s Medical Research Institute find cures for genetic diseases affecting 1 in 20 Aussie kids.

Mrs Baker and Mrs Kilcullen are currently selling Jeans for Genes day coloured pencils for $2.00 in the Peter Davey building at every playtime. They are also available to purchase from the main office.

*Please support this very worthy cause and buy some great pencils!*

Mrs Sue Baker
Social Service Coordinator
Father’s Day / Special Person Stall – Donations required
Father’s Day is fast approaching and our stall will be held on Friday, 30th August. All families are asked to please donate a gift to the value of $2.00 per child, and drop them into the office ready for our stall.
Some gift ideas could be: Chocolates, socks, hanky’s, pens, notepads, mugs, tools, plants and we welcome any new ideas etc.
**Items must be new**, Please note that all gifts will be sold at $2.00.
*If you are able to help on the day of the stall, please contact the office.*

Chocolate Fundraiser: Now 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 50 families with outstanding money and or chocolates, which equates to $2,500.00. **Please return your money and or chocolates TOMORROW to enable this fundraiser to be finalised.**

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.

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.

**Next Parent’s Club Meeting**
Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the staffroom on **Wednesday, 4th September at 9.00am**. We welcome all parents.

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

Read for Australia
On Wednesday, 31st July, our school participated in ‘Read for Australia’ which is a literacy activity where people all over Australia simultaneously read a book to promote literacy and reading. Our whole school participated in a variety of activities across P-6 all centred on ‘Herman and Rosie’ by Gus Gordon. Students came up with some great responses to the activities and produced various creative pieces of work.

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preps**

**Whole School Musical Production ‘Kids at Sea’ – please read Music / Drama News**
**Reminder:** Please remember that the production is not far away and that your child’s costume needs to go to your child’s classroom teacher.

**Prep Wacky Wednesday**

“It all began with a shoe on the wall…That’s how Wacky Wednesday began!” Yes it’s coming again. Wacky Wednesday will be held on **Wednesday, 14th August**. The Preps are going to have fun by dressing up in wacky ways, having wacky hairstyles, clothes on inside out and back to front, pyjamas on, etc., the wackier the better. Please note that this special day is for Preps only. Children in other classes are to wear their school uniform on this day.

**Pupils of the Week**

Congratulations to Phoebe M, Elissa N, Lily L and Taj R, 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. With 83 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.

**Change to Prep Gym Day**

Due to the school production being held on Monday, 26th August the Preps will not have gym on this day. Prep gym days are now **Monday 19th August and the 2nd, 9th and 16th of September.**
Language Hint for the Week
Let your child hear lots of language by talking to them constantly; sing any song you can remember; or recite nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games. Play games with the things that you and your child can see on the page as you read, such as letters in your names, simple punctuation and sound combinations-ing, ch, sh, etc.

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.

PMP
Due to practice for the school production in the school hall and our Gym time being on Mondays, 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.

Grade 1/2
Whole School Musical Production ‘Kids at Sea’ – please read Music / Drama News
Reminder: Please remember that the production is not far away and that your child’s costume needs to go to your child’s classroom teacher.

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 Production ‘Kids at Sea’ – 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. Costumes need to be given to the classroom teacher by tomorrow, Friday 9th August.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to:
3/4G Carson for wonderful expression when reading and sharing his thinking.
3/4W Kyal for making the right choices towards his learning and working really hard this week.
3/4N Brynley for her excellent concentration and efforts across all areas of her studies.
3/4H Jackson for his improved concentration and spelling.
3/4K Kayla for making good inferences when reading and participating in group discussions.

Gym Program
We are looking forward to the gym program which will be commencing on Friday 23rd August. A reminder that payments need to be received before Wednesday, 14th August, to ensure your child’s participation in the program.

Camp Medical Notes/Payments
Parents are reminded that medical notes for all students attending either the Grade 3 or 4 camps should have returned their note to their class teacher. If you have not returned yours can you please return the form to your classroom teacher tomorrow.
Camp payments are to be paid in full no later than Tuesday, 10th September.

Bike Ed: Important information regarding Monday, 12th August
Parents are reminded that Bike Ed is cancelled on Monday, 12th August due to rehearsal for our whole school musical production of “Kids At Sea”. The program will resume on Tuesday, 13th August where students will complete the group ride to the Botanical Gardens.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support during this program, and in particular those parents who have been able to volunteer their time to assist with supervising various group activities.

Learning Portfolios
Thank you to those that have returned their Learning Portfolios. 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.

Middle School Teachers
Maths Competition

Congratulations to the following Grade 3-6 students who have been chosen to sit the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics assessment on Tuesday, 13th August. Through the University of NSW, ICAS provides an opportunity for students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in Mathematics. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting a child’s strengths and weaknesses. Students at WHPS were chosen based on their recent On Demand Mathematics results.

All students will receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

The students chosen to sit this evaluation are:

**Grade 3**: Dylan A, Jaksen L, Perry W, Jordan A, Ricki Lee W, Sam W, Liam M-Mc, Penelope H, Riley B and Eliza O’B.


UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

**Whole School Musical Production ‘Kids at Sea’ – please read Music / Drama News**

**Costumes**
A reminder to parents about bringing in your child’s costume, clearly labelled, to their classroom teacher by tomorrow as full dress rehearsals are starting this Friday.

**Student of the Week Awards**

**5/S Jordan McL** for settling into his new school and handing in all his work, keep it up!

**5/B Amy W** for her positive attitude towards her schooling, it shows in all the great work she has produced. Great work!

**5/P Tyla M** for his Lit Circle reading, so that he was able to contribute to the group discussion

**5/T Kaleb A** for regular hard work and consistent effort in class

**6/R Nekia T-C** for her interesting postcard about where she would visit for the Blurbs activity

**6/M Michael S** for trying really hard in Maths when faced with challenging equations

**6/G Teiah K-W** for her creative responses and excellent illustrations for her ‘Open Minded Portrait’

**Gym Payments**

There are still several students who have yet to pay for the Gym program. Payments of $26.00 are due by 14th August.

**Learning Portfolios**

A reminder to parents and students to bring their Learning Portfolios back as soon as possible.

**Lit Circle Books - Grade 6 (Bring book on Thursday)**

A notice to Grade 6 parents about Lit Circles: due to Lit Circles being moved to a Thursday until whole school musical production rehearsals are finished. Please continue to remind your child to bring their book on Thursday.

Senior School Teachers
**UNIFORM SHOP**
- Friday, 9th August: Nicole Logan
- Tuesday, 13th August: Karen Hawthorne
- Friday, 16th August: Anne McCrabb

**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, 9th August: Sally Collier-Clarke
- Friday, 16th August: Beth Tamblyn

*Please collect linen from the office*

**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**
- Thursday, 15th August: Leanne O’Brien
- Thursday, 22nd August: Kate Nichols

*Please arrive 2.30pm*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
- Friday, 9th August: Nicole Logan
- Wednesday, 14th August: Samantha Franklin
- Friday, 16th August: Catherine Hester

** 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 no later than 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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

*Bendigo United Cricket Club*

**Junior Registration Night on Friday, 16th August 2013 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms,**
Neale St, Kennington...Free B.B.Q. sausage sizzle at Harry Trott Oval...**Fees for 2013 are:**
- Under 9 to 17: $70.00 or Family (2 or more juniors) $120.00.
New and past players are most welcome; come and meet the coaches. Go to our website on www.bendigounited.com

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**Asthma tips for Parents and Carers this Winter**

Winter can be a hard time for people with asthma as could weather, coughs, colds and the flu can bring on more symptoms and attacks.

- The common cold is caused by a virus and it is important to try not to cough and sneeze near other people, and to wash hands properly to prevent passing on the infection. The flu is different to the common cold and can be a much more serious viral infection.
- People with asthma are recommended to have an annual influenza vaccination (the flu shot). Preventing the flu protects people with asthma, as those with asthma are often unwell for longer and have a much harder time recovering from the flu.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled; this will help them to bounce back quicker from a cough or cold and will help prevent asthma attacks when they are unwell.
- Some medications and herbal remedies that we use for colds and flu can make asthma worse. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist about any concerns you may have.
- Antibiotics are not normally prescribed for the common cold, or influenza, as these medications will not help a cold get better. Effective medications may include paracetamol and decongestants; however, seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist before purchasing them for your child.

For more information on the common cold, medications and references used in this article please see the Better Health Channel (State Government of Victoria) - www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and the NPS website - www.nps.org.au. Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800278462 or www.asthma.org.au.