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.

**Vision and Values**

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### Calendar of Events

#### Term 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September

**‘Kids at Sea’ – 10 days to go**

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### Principal’s Report

**Whole School Production**

Reminder Notice of Performance Nights

All children are involved in the whole school production of ‘Kids at Sea’. A second notice regarding your child/children’s performance night was sent home last week. It is critical that you do the following:

- Know the night your child/children are performing and ensure they arrive on time at the Capital Theatre.

  - Grade 5/6 leads should arrive at 6.00pm
  - Grades 1 to 4 arrive at 6:30pm
  - Preps arrive by 6:40pm
  - Production begins at 7.00pm.

- Purchase tickets from the Capital Theatre **now** to see your child/children perform on their particular night.

Please read Music/Drama News

- Your child’s basic costume items should now be with your child’s class teacher in a strong, named plastic bag. If you have not attended to these requirements please get onto them immediately. Your support is appreciated.

Contact your child’s class teacher if you have any questions.

**Jets Gym Program: Begins Next Monday**

Weekly gymnastics sessions (four sessions in total) begin the week of next Monday, 19th August at Jets Gym in Golden Square. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. Parents have been advised of the dates that their child/children attend gym. Late payments will not be accepted, as per the school’s excursion policy.

**Father’s Day/Special Person Stall:**

Donations are now being collected for our stall on Friday, 30th August. (Please see the Parents Club new).

**School Council Meeting**

The School Council Environment and Curriculum meetings are at 6.30pm followed by School Council on Monday, 19th August at 7.00pm. All School Councillors are asked to please attend.
**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.

Limit setting varies from family to family and child to child, and changes over time as children grow and develop. Despite variations in age and development, there are some limit setting basics that apply from toddlers to teenagers.

* Children should always know they are loved by their parents.
* Confidence is crucial. You are the parent and you are in charge.
* The importance of role modelling should never be underestimated. Live the way you want your children to live. Children will copy your behaviour.
* Limit setting should be clear and consistent, logical, developmentally appropriate and respectful of the child.
* While consistency is highly desirable, there’s a fine line between being consistent and being rigid. Limit setting needs constant adjustment and a degree of flexibility so that it doesn't become illogical and controlling.
* Have realistic expectations. Find out as much as you can about normal development, so you know if your expectations are reasonable for your child’s developmental stage.
* Look for reasons for sudden or exaggerated misbehaviour, such as illness.
* Offer choices where possible.
* Work out what is important and try to ignore all the irrelevant things. ... **continued next week.**

**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.

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. Classroom teachers have discussed this with children, duty teachers have been keeping a close eye on where children are playing, and damp areas of the school oval have been fenced off.

**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.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

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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. To participate students will be asked to make a gold coin donation on the day. 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

Congratulations to our birthday children
MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

Whole School Production Update: ‘Kids at Sea’ (Countdown – 10 days to go)

Costumes
Parents are reminded that all children from grades Prep to 4 and 5/6 chorus and leads should have returned their costume bag to their class teacher by now. The parents/teachers will be checking the items and if your child is in grades Prep to 4. The bag will then be returned to them to take home with a note inside saying that the items have been checked and that the children will be required to wear their costume items to The Capital Theatre on the night of their performance. Please make sure the costume is kept in a safe place ready for this.

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 so as soon as possible. Please note that all seating is allocated seating.
• 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 Purchase your tickets as soon as possible so you don’t miss out!

Final Note to Parents for Production Week
A special notice will be sent out next week with all the arrangements for production week listed on it. It will include details about:
• where children will need to be taken when you arrive at The Capital Theatre
• what time they need to be there
• any special arrangements with hair / make-up for the leads
• any other items that need to be communicated to parents.
Please keep a look out for that notice next week.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

ART NEWS

Grade Art Awards
P/E  Great feathers for ‘Phoebe’
1/P  Creative butterfly designs
2/R  Amazing 3D dragonflies made from socks
3/4K  Excellent quilling
5/P  Excellent work habits and creative artwork
6/R  Magnificent sewing

Mrs Cadi Watchman & Mrs Monique White
Art Teachers

PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

Father’s Day / Special Person Stall – Donations urgently required
Father’s / Special Person 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 for $1.00 and $2.00. If you are able to help on the day of the stall, please contact the office.

 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: Now Overdue
Please note that any unreturned money and or chocolates are NOW WELL OVERDUE.
It is disappointing to note that we still have 45 families with outstanding money and or chocolates, which equates to $2,250.00. Please return your money and or chocolates to the office TOMORROW. Notes will be sent home next week to those concerned.

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
Preps

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

Prep Major Excursion – Kyabram Wildlife Park

On Tuesday, 17th September all Prep children will visit the Kyabram Wildlife Park as part of our Integrated Unit “I Was Here First”. The bus will leave school promptly at 9.00am and return to school at approximately 3.30pm. Children will need to be at school by 8.40am on this day.

As the cost of our major excursion is not covered by the pre-payment of Special Events the total cost of our Kyabram excursion for all Preps will be $29.00. In line with our school excursion policy, this excursion must be paid for by Friday, 13th September. Late payments will not be accepted. Please do not send any money until the full details are sent home.

This excursion, as with our camping program, is designed to develop independence and resilience in our children. A permission form with final details will be sent home towards the end of August. Four parents will be able to assist us on this day and children will not be placed in a group with their parent. Under DEECD regulations no toddlers will be able to come on this excursion. Parents interested in attending are asked to see a Prep teacher. Parents coming must have a Working with Children Card. A volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a Working with Children Check with the Department of Justice. This card is valid for 5 years, transferable between volunteer organisations and free of charge for volunteers, it cannot be used for paid employment. The form can be obtained from the Bendigo Central Post Office and costs approximately $10.00 for a photo. For further information please see Mrs Ellis.

Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to Tammy F, Joshua C, Jack L and Seannah B, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’. All these Preps are enthusiastic in class and showing organisational skills at school.

Language Hint for the Week

When reading books together mention things like: the person who wrote the story - the author and the person who did the illustrations - the illustrator.

Prep Reading

We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.00am & 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.

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.

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.

Grade 1/2

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

Students of the Week

1/A Max M for wonderful ‘chapter book’ reading!
1 C/W Stephanie M for her excellent map after reading very carefully.
1/P Aymee R for a super star who always works hard and is kind to others.
1/S Joshua Mc for a great start at White Hills.
2/Bk Hunter W for working hard to complete a great procedure text.
2/ R Lilly P for her great attitude to school and for settling back into W.H.P.S really well. Welcome back Lilly.
2/W Jacob Mc for helping a fellow classmate that needed him.

Gym

Gym starts next week. Please remember to dress children in appropriate clothing for your child’s gym day. (runners, no dresses)
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

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

Students of the Week- Congratulations

3/4G Dylan for great independence during spelling and organising his materials.
3/4W Dakota for being a polite and helpful class member.
3/4N Coupe congratulations on the massive amount of writing completed this week.
3/4H Cody for returning to school to notify teachers and get help when another student had an accident on his bike. What a great friend you are Cody!
3/4K Jordan for getting his pen licence and always displaying a great work ethic in class. Well done Jordan!

Camp Medical Notes/Payments

Thank you to everyone who has returned their camp medical notes. Parents are reminded that all camp payments are required to be paid in full by 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 before Friday, 23rd August. 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.

Bike Ed – Group 2

The second group will begin the Bike Ed prac, this coming Monday, 19th August. Thank you to those who have already returned their permission notes and bike checks, however we are still waiting on some to be returned. Please remember to bring your bikes and helmets which have been checked, or make arrangements with your classroom teachers. We would like to thank all parent helpers who have assisted us in running the program so far, your support is greatly appreciated.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

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

Student of the Week Awards

5S Julian Langtree for playing fair and including all players on his team in kickball/platoon
5B Grace Bricknell for being nice and including friends during recess and lunchtime
5T Jordan Bonanno for consistent effort in class to improve his learning in all areas
6R Sarah Bateson for being able to organise herself with all that she needs for each lesson in the new working environment
6M Alex Hutcheson for the way she is trying to include more interesting vocabulary in her writing
6G Mikayla Power for completing an engaging and comprehensive information report on her house

Writers Festival

Last Friday, 28 students attended the Writers Festival held at the Capital Theatre. Students listened to a presentation about developing a character and involving history and prior experiences into a written piece. They listened to how these famous authors came up with their ideas and how they took them from just being ideas, into the real thing. They actively participated in each session, the student example below was created during ‘Postcards from the Past’ by Diane Wolfer. She asked students to write a postcard to someone, but first they had to put themselves in the position of someone involved in the war. Students were asked to think about popular names that were given to men and woman in those times, how they spoke to one another and even physically what their writing would look like. Students really got involved in this activity and took a lot out of the entire experience. Student example is by Lewis D

Maths Competition

On Tuesday 13th, August, 43 Grade 3-6 students participated in the UNSW Maths Competition. These students were chosen to take part in this annual event due to their On Demand Mathematics score in Term 2. We will find out next term what our results are.

Health and Human Relationships

Next week, Tuesday 20th, August, Grade 6 students will participate in Health and Human Relationships sessions. Leona Evans will come and talk to the Grade 6 students over 3 sessions about puberty etc. The session times are as follows: 9.00am- Miss Millard, 10.00am- Mr Ross and 11.00AM- Mrs Gray.
Dear John,

I am very honoured to call you my son for joining up and serving for our country. It has been very busy and a lot of hard work. Since you left it's just me and your little brother working full time at the farm. I hope your not bored because there is a lot to do when the horse is going bad. Because you get home. Do you know how well will need to get another one if it's dead?

From your father Peter

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Friday, 16th August  
Tuesday, 20th August  
Friday, 23rd August  

Anne McCrabb  
Kate Nichols  
Nicole Logan

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

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

*2nd Hand Uniform – If not sold within 3 months, uniform items will be passed on to the Chaplain for any children in need.*  
Orders can be left at the office anytime

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**SICK BAY ROSTER**

Friday, 16th August  
Friday, 23rd August  

Beth Tamblyn  
Andrea Wright

*Please collect linen from the office*

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**CAFE ROSTER**

Friday, 16th August  
Friday, 23rd August  
Wednesday, 21st August  

Jody Austin  
Catherine Hester  
Sally Collier-Claude  
Nicole Logan  
Brent Monroe  
Heather Veitch

*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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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

Thursday, 22nd August  
Thursday, 29th August  

Kate Nichols  
Samantha Franklin

*Please arrive 2.30pm*

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Comedy Night – Eaglehawk Hockey Club**

On Thursday, 15th August at 8.00pm at Golden Vine Hotel the Eaglehawk HC are presenting 5 comedians from Melbourne. Entry is only $10.00. Come along and have a fun humorous night out and support a local sporting club.

**White Hills Cricket Club Junior Registration Day**

**Friday, 23rd August, 2013** from 4pm – 6.00pm at the Scott Street Oval Clubrooms. Age divisions from Under 9’s through to Under 15’s. Contact the Junior Co-ordinators for more information, Rob Lowes roblowes35@bigpond.com 0439063348 or Tim Knapman tim@knapmanwebdevelopment.com.au 0409073798

**Bendigo Senior Secondary Celebration**

Bendigo Senior Secondary College/Bendigo High School Quadrangle Centenary is on **Saturday, 24th August, 2013** commencing at 1.00pm. Please contact Bendigo Senior Secondary School on 54431222 for more details.