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Principal’s Report

Condolences
We send our condolences Trevor Trewartha, his wife Gayle, and families on the loss of Gayle’s father, George Fordham recently. We offer our sympathy to Vern and Sue Wall and their families on the passing of Vern’s father, Athol Wall last week. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

TOMORROW: Father’s Day/Special Person Stall - Donations Urgently Required
The Father’s Day / Special Person Stall is TOMORROW Friday, 31st August. We have 420 gifts and with an enrolment of 533 students we are WELL short of what we need. ALL families are asked to please donate a gift to the value of $2.00 per child. Items must be new. All gifts will be sold at $2.00 each.

Students are reminded to bring a plastic bag to put their gift in and asked to enclose money in a named envelope and hand to class teacher for safe keeping.
Parent Helpers: Please arrive at 8.50am to help set up.

Sunsmart Policy: Hats On from Next Monday, 2nd September
All students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats, even when playing or participating in activities under our outside shelters. Our SunSmart Policy is based upon the Cancer Council guidelines that hats should be worn when UV levels are above 3 on the index (usually at the beginning of September in each year). We source this information from the following website: www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Bendigo_VIC.shtml

Hats off occurs when UV levels fall below 3 on the index (usually at the beginning of May in each year). The announcement for ‘Hats On’ will also be made at Monday’s assembly.
Please remember, no hat, no play and only school broad brimmed hats may be worn.

Prep Familiarisation Days
Our first Prep Familiarisation Day for children commencing school in 2014 will be held on Tuesday, 15th October and Thursday, 17th October, from 9.45am–11.45am. These visits will consist of stories, making activities and play sessions both inside the classrooms and in the outside play area. Children will be allocated one of these days to attend school so they can spend some time practising being Preps in readiness for next year. Remember to bring a hat because if the weather is fine we will be spending some time outside.

Our November Familiarisation Days will be held on Tuesday, 12th November and Thursday, 14th November from 9.45am to 11.45am. Notices with full details of our Familiarisation Days will be distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents early next term.

We ask that your child attends school on the allocated Familiarisation Day they receive, as children enrolled at White Hills Primary, will attend in smaller groups over the two days to help them feel comfortable in their new school environment. Please do not change your day to another session as this results in an imbalance of student numbers.

Second hand Uniform: Sales Policy
It is School Council policy that second-hand uniforms will only be accepted for re-sale under the following terms:

- All items must be clean and in good condition, with no fading, marks or tears
- Items must be from our Uniform Shop suppliers – PSW or LW Reid brands
- Items must have been purchased from the Uniform Shop within the past 3 months and evidence provided of purchase (ie. Uniform Shop receipt)
- If items left for re-sale are not sold within three months, they will be donated to the school chaplain, sick bay or charity.

Supervision of Children at Home on Social Media
It is a parental responsibility to directly supervise and guide your child in their use of social media sites and apps outside of school hours – if you allow your child access at all! Primary students do not have the maturity to use social media appropriately on their own. Our recommendation is that primary school students should not have a Facebook account and should be directly monitored by their parent if using any form of social media.

Facebook and other social media sites are blocked on our school’s network and students are not able to access it. If you allow your child to have a Facebook account or use social media at home, our school’s ICT Acceptable Use agreement outlines that students must be supervised by a parent at all times when using it. At school, we provide students with regular lessons on the appropriate use of technology and being cyber-safe and there are consequences for deliberate misuse.

In our experience, any social media issues brought to the school’s attention could have been avoided through adequate parental supervision and guidance of children. Consequently, the school should not have to deal with inappropriate use of social media by students outside of school hours.

However, please contact the school if you become aware of any inappropriate use of social media outside of school hours, as these incidents can have an impact at the school level, and families may require advice and support. If you have any concerns involving your child and social media, our recommendation would be that you take away your child’s access. Your support with the above recommendations is appreciated.

Art Show
Our next major school event will be our Art Show which will be held on Friday, 13th September from 3.30-6.00pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to view and purchase framed art work by their children. See further information below.
Term 4 Curriculum Days: Early Notice

The following pupil-free dates have been approved by School Council. Please add these days to your diary or calendar. Children **do not** attend school on these days.

- **Wednesday, 13th November.** Teachers will be working on student reports.
- **Thursday, 5th December.** Teachers will be working on the mathematics component of the new Australian Curriculum.

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.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the box located near the office. Most of these are un-named. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, especially jackets as the students tend to take them off while playing outside. If items are left in the lost property box for more than 4 weeks, it will be given to the sickbay or Goodwill.

Setting Limits for Children

From an article from “Parenthood” by Robin Barker.

**LIMIT SETTING:**
Children are happiest when they know what to expect from their environment and the people they share their lives with. Routines organise life into an efficient and convenient structure. Rituals are customs that have a social and emotional significance. Christmas, family reunions, Sunday visits to grandparents, etc are rituals that give a sense of shared experience and strengthen the bond between parents and children.

**Early School Age (5-8).** Children in this age group can reason more, are interested in how things work and explore the wider world with enthusiasm and excitement. However their view of life still centres around their parents and they still think and live mostly in the present. Routine and order is important, so help your child structure his/her day with a few consistent, clear rules. Removing privileges is an appropriate consequence of undesirable behaviour at this age. Consistent encouragement to finish tasks (household chores, homework, brushing teeth) is important, but try not to nag.

**Late School Age (8-12).** From 8 onwards, children start to question their parents’ opinions and values. They are increasingly influenced by peers. Smarty-pants behaviour is common especially towards parents. As children move towards 12, they should need less and less supervision to look after themselves and structure their days. Your job is not to wait on your child hand and foot, but to allow him/her time to look after him/herself. It is still important to know what children are doing and who they’re with and talk to them, eat with them, supervise TV and computer use, and make sure there is family time away from the screen.

Needed By Prep Rooms:

The Prep grades will be making bugs at the start of next term and require small water or soft drink bottles (500ml or less) to create their bugs. If you have any of these bottles please send them to the Prep rooms.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

First Aid News

Anaphylaxis

Could those families who have a student with Anaphylaxis please ensure their EpiPen is in date and they have an Anaphylaxis plan that is no more than 12 months old. **These plans must be signed by a doctor and handed in to Sabina at the office ASAP.**

Rubella

We have a confirmed case of Rubella at the school. Rubella — commonly known as German measles or 3-day measles — is an infection that primarily affects the skin and lymph nodes. It is caused by the rubella virus (not the same virus that causes measles), which is usually transmitted by droplets from the nose or throat that others breathe in. It can also pass through a pregnant woman’s bloodstream to infect her unborn child.

It’s a generally mild disease in children; the primary medical danger of Rubella is the infection of pregnant women because it can cause congenital Rubella syndrome in developing babies.

**Exclusion from school (Education Department regulations)** Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash.

**Signs and Symptoms** Rubella infection may begin with 1-2 days of mild fever (99-100°F, 37.2-37.8°C) and swollen, tender lymph nodes, usually in the back of the neck or behind the ears. A rash then begins on the face and spreads downward. As it spreads, it usually clears on the face. This rash is often the first sign of illness that a parent notices. The rubella rash can look like many other viral rashes. It appears as either pink or light red spots, which may merge to form evenly colored patches. The rash can itch and lasts up to 3 days. As the rash clears, the affected skin occasionally sheds in very fine flakes.

**Other symptoms of rubella** (these are more common in teens and adults) can include headache, loss of appetite, mild conjunctivitis (inflammation of the lining of the eyelids and eyeballs), a stuffy or runny nose, swollen lymph nodes in other parts of the body, and pain and swelling in the joints (especially in young women). Many people with rubella have few or no symptoms.
**White Hills Primary School**

**Art Show**
Friday, 13th September 3.30pm–6.00pm

Students are working extremely hard on their art work ready for the Art Show! This is the type of artwork that can be seen at the Show; come along and view the student’s masterpieces!

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**Gastro**

There have also been several cases of Gastro (vomiting) in the school. If you suspect that your child is unwell, please keep them at home until symptoms have finished.

*Education Department regulations state 24 hours after the last motion or vomiting has ceased.*

*Sabina Riordan*  
First Aid Officer

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**SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS**

**Jeans for Genes Day – Friday, 20th September**

A reminder that last day of Term 3 is a free dress day being “Jeans for Genes” Day. Children are encouraged to wear their jeans for a gold coin donation. Our contribution directly enables the dedicated scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute to continue finding cures for childhood diseases and genetic disorders, which affect 1 in 20 Aussie kids.

It’s not too late to purchase “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!*

*Mrs Sue Baker*  
Social Service Coordinator

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**PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Tomorrow - Father’s Day / Special Person Stall: GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED**

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**Parent Helpers:** Please arrive at 8.50am to help set up.  
*See Urgent Reminder Notice distributed to eldest children yesterday*

**Helpers Needed for Student Art Show**

Please let the office know if you are able to help with **framing of art work** for our Art Show.

**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.

**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 next **Wednesday, 4th September at 9.00am.** We welcome all parents.

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

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**Indigenous Literacy Day**

**The Great Book Swap**

As part the Indigenous Literacy Day next **Wednesday, 4th September**, 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 have started collecting books and will until the day of the official book swap, which will take place on Wednesday, 4th September. Books can be placed in a tub outside of Mrs Gray and Mrs Watson’s classrooms. We endeavour to raise even more money than last year and it would be great to see all students getting involved.

*Mrs Gray*
Whole School Production Update: ‘Kids at Sea’

Congratulations and Thank You to everyone involved.
Watch this space for more news next week.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher
Preps

Pupils of the Week

Congratulations Sienna C, Sophie D, Taj R and Zach M, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’. All these Preps are enthusiastic in class and showing organisational skills and persistence at school.

Language Hint for the Week

Be patient when hearing your children read and give them time to work out words. Five seconds or more is reasonable. After 10 seconds encourage your child to use the following strategies when they come across an unknown word: *What do you think the word is? *Look at the picture. *What does it start with? *Look right through the word for parts you know. *Read the sentence again and see what would fit in and make sense.

Prep Reading

Thank you to those parents who helped with hearing our Preps read last week. Your assistance was greatly appreciated by the teachers and children. If any parent or grandparent is able to help hear children read between 9.00am & 9.30am on any school day we would love your help.

Prep Gym Days

Our remaining gym sessions will be held on Monday, 2nd, 9th and 16th of September.

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.

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 name labelled plastic bag so we can safely store them.

Grade 1/2

Students of the Week

1/A - Taylah B for being a wonderful student both in the classroom and the playground.

1/CW - Jordan-Lee for her excellent effort with reading activities.

1/P - Rory for his big efforts and intelligent choices in the classroom.

1/S - Sean C for always joining in class discussions and sharing his wonderful knowledge.

2BK - Lily K for her quiet achievements.

2/R - Mason L for always looking out for the welfare of others. He always has a kind word or compliment to brighten someone’s day.

2/W - J’Kobee S for making a great start at W.H.P.S. Welcome to 2W!

Reminders

Gym Notes need to be returned. Students will not be permitted to attend their second session unless their note is returned. Grade 2’s are looking forward to Jetts Gym again tomorrow. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing so you can enjoy your sessions.

Learning portfolios should have been returned to your child’s home room teacher. If it has not been returned, please do so as soon as possible.

Junior School Teachers
**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Students of the week**

3/4G  Amanda for making a real effort with her homework.
3/4W  Riley for making smart decisions when it comes to his learning and working tough. Well Done
3/4N  Colin for his excellent behaviour and mixing well with all class members.
3/4H  Montanna for always helping others in the classroom and continuously completing work to a high standard.
3/4K  Brodie for his improved concentration in class and attitude towards his learning.

**Learning Portfolios**

As it is nearing the end of the term we are beginning to place work into our learning portfolios. If you have not yet returned yours to the classroom teacher please do so before the 6th of September. Please remember to 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**

Bike Ed sessions commence again next week on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has a suitable helmet and wears their helmet both during the Bike Ed program and when riding to and from school. We still require more parent helpers, if you are able to assist us in running the program please contact your child’s classroom teacher. Bike Ed session times are as follows;

- Monday 11.30am – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 11.30am – 1.00pm

**Production**

Well done to all students who participated in the whole school production. You all did a fantastic job and should be very proud of your efforts! Well Done Mer People!

**Jetts Gym**

We are looking forward to Jetts Gym again this Friday. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing so you can enjoy your sessions. Well done to all students who participated last week you all did a fantastic job.

Middle School Teachers

**UPPER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Student of the Week Awards**

5S Isaac Heriatge: for always contributing to class discussion and sharing his work with confidence.
5B Matthew Taylor: for asking insightful questions during our Skype session with Geoscience Australia. Well done Matt!
5P David Carter: for his consistent effort with EBT training
5T Tahlia Etheridge: for always working hard and completing tasks neatly.
6R Tyler Riddell: for improving the effort he puts into proof reading his writing.
6M Megan Weightman: for working well to improve her knowledge when working with fractions
6G Caleb Feather: for getting his homework completed on time.

**Skype Session with Geoscience Australia**

Last Thursday, 22nd August, Grade 5/6 students participated in a Skype session with a geologist from Geoscience Australia. Each grade had the opportunity to ask the expert a variety of questions about different hazards and natural disasters as part of our unit on Natural Disasters and how changes in the earth have vast affects around the world.

Senior School Teachers
Would like to thank you for having us perform at your school during Book Week. We had such a wonderful time playing to your kids and feel inspired by their singing, dancing, laughing, enthusiasm and amazing competition entries.

We also wanted to let families know that if kids are keen to keep listening to our music, 'Lightning Jack', 'Crazy 'bout you', and 'The Acronym Song' as well as our other original songs are available for download on iTunes.

A special thanks also to the teachers for their hard work and support :)

The Blurbs
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Friday, 30th August  Kate Nichols
Friday, 6th September  Mary Mitchell
Please collect linen from the office

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UNIFORM SHOP
Friday, 30th August  Anna Russell
Tuesday, 3rd September  Katie Clark

2013 Opening Times
Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am – 9.35am
Team Leaders
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday, 5th September  Beth Tamblyn
Thursday, 12th September  Wendy Clark
Please arrive 2.30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS
Huntly North Epsom Cricket Club Junior Registration Night
Friday, 30th August, 2013 at Strauch Reserve Huntly - 4.30pm to 6.00pm For Under 9, 11, 13 and 15 year old age groups.
We would like to welcome all new and current players, boys and girls to join our club for the 2013/2014 cricket season.
Registration Fees $60 (discount if paid on night)
For further information please contact Dallas on 0400 957 525

Central Victorian Cheerleading Academy Inc (CVCA)
The Central Victorian Cheerleading Academy Inc (CVCA) provides an inclusive, nurturing, safe and equal environment for the children and youth of our Region so that they may, through the sport of cheerleading, learn fun, fitness and friendship.
CVCA is innovative and setting firsts as we go!
As the first not-for-profit Cheerleading Academy in Central Victoria (located in Bendigo), we reinvest our profits back into our children and our Communities!
We are also proud to be the first Cheerleading Academy in Central Victoria to offer a special needs cheer program that enhances our general co-ed recreational and competitive cheer programs!
And we are the first Cheerleading Academy in Central Victoria to adopt the AASCF Cheerleading Student Levels Syllabus - a sequential training and reward system.
Come see for yourself the world of cheerleading and how it can inspire and benefit our children and our youth!
WHEN: Saturday, 28th September
WHERE: YMCA, Browning Street, Kangaroo Flat
TIME: 10am to 2pm
WHO: Boys and Girls from 4 years to 18 years.
For further information, please contact Mrs Melanie Burke on 0490146992 or email contact.cvca@gmail.com.

Bendigo Gem Club
The 2013 ‘Gemarama’ Annual Exhibition will be held at the YMCA Leisure Centre, Browning St, Kangaroo Flat on Saturday, 7th September 10.00am-5.00pm and Sunday, 8th September 10.00am-4.00pm. Entry Adults $5.00 and children under 16 Free if accompanied by an adult. Refreshments available. Gold Nugget Pendant for tender. Contact 54423691 for more information.

White Hills Science Club for Grade 6 students during School Holidays
Monday, 30th September to Wednesday, 2nd October from 9.30am – 12.30pm at White Hills Anglican Church Hall.
$15.00 Microscopes, lenses, astronomy, chemistry
Contact 54493742 for further information
For Grade 6 students