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**

**Week 28**
Friday 6th September
Gr 2-4 Gym Program

**Week 29**
Monday 9th September
P-1 Gym Program
Tuesday 10th September
Gr 3/4 Camp Payments due today
Tuesday 10th September
Gr 5-6 Gym Program
Wednesday 11th September
SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 13th September
Prep Major Excursion Payment Due
Friday 13th September
Gr 2-4 Gym Program
Friday 13th September
Last Day for Kids at Sea DVD Payments
Friday 13th September
W.H.P.S. Students Art Show

**Week 30**
Monday 16th September
Assembly Cancellation this morning
Monday 16th September
P-1 Gym Program
Monday 16th September
Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 16th September
SC Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday 17th September
Prep Excursion, Kyabram Fauna Park
Tuesday 17th September
Gr 5-6 Gym Program
Friday 20th September
Jeans for Genes Out of Uniform Day
Friday 20th September
Last Day Term – 2.30pm Dismissal

**Term 4 Monday 7th October-Friday 20th December**

**Week 31**
Wed 9th – Fri 11th October
Grade 3 Camp Currumbene
Wed 9th – Fri 11th October
Grade 4 Camp Derby Hill Maldon

**Week 32**
Monday 14th October
Regional Athletics
Tuesday 15th October
2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-12.00pm
Wednesday 16th October
Division Softball
Thursday 17th October
2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-12.00pm
Thursday 17th October
SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

**Week 33**
Monday 21st October
Head Lice Checks
Monday 21st October
Environment/Curriculum Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 21st October
SC Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 24th October
Division Tennis

**Week 34**
Monday 28th October
Head Lice Check Follow-up
Wednesday 30th October
Bendigo Cup Day Holiday
Mon 4th – Fri 8th Nov
Gr 1/2 Swimming
Tuesday 12th November
Gr 6 Camp payments due today
Wednesday 13th November
Pupil Free Day
Thurs 21st – Sat 23rd Nov
Pupil Free Day
Mon 25th – Wed 27th Nov
Prep Swimming
Wed 27th – Fri 29th Nov
Grade 6 Camp - Anglesea
Wednesday 27th November
Gr 5 Camp payments due today
Mon 2nd December
Prep Swimming
Tuesday 3rd December
Orientation Day
Wednesday 4th December
Prep Swimming
Thursday 5th December
Pupil Free Day
Friday 6th December
Grade 2 Sleepover-Discovery Centre
Tuesday 10th December
Weeroona College Awards Night
Wednesday 11th December
BSSC Awards Night
Wed 11th – Fri 13th Dec
Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island
Monday 16th December
Bendigo South East SC Awards Night
Tuesday 17th December
Eaglehawk SC Awards Night
Wednesday 18th December
WHPS Carols Night
Thursday 19th December
Grade 6 Graduation Night
Friday 20th December
Last Day Term-1.30pm dismissal

Principal’s Report

Sunsmart Policy: ‘Hats On’ Now

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). This information is sourced 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).

Please remember, no hat, no play and only school broad brimmed hats may be worn.

Art Show – Parent Helpers Needed

We are asking any parents within our school community to help set up on Thursday, 12th September at 3.30pm in the Sports Shed and throughout the day on Friday. Please leave your name at the office if you can help at these times and during the Art Show between 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Art Show Next Friday: Major Fundraiser

Our Art Show will be held next Friday, 13th September from 3.30pm-6.00pm in the Sports Shed. This will be an opportunity for parents to view and purchase framed art work by their children.

Entry is by Gold coin per family

All art work is for sale at $15.00 per piece
Cash Only

Refreshments for sale - cold drinks, coffee & snacks
Free Art activity table

Music
Art Raffle & Auction

Purchasing conditions

The $15.00 purchase price is payable before (at the office) or during the Art Show. Family members have first preference to purchase their child’s Art work. Other members of the community can purchase any unsold art work at 5:55pm at the conclusion of the Art Show.

Family members cannot take their purchased Art work home from the Show until 5:45pm or they can collect the Art work on the morning of Monday, 16 September from the school.

Your support is much appreciated.

End of Term Dismissal:

**Friday, 20th September 2.30pm**

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 20th September. We will have lunch from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, but due to DEECD regulations we are unable to dismiss students until 2.30pm. However, parents may collect children at 1.30pm if they wish, but they MUST be signed out at the office. Term 3 commences on Monday, 7th October.
School Council Meeting
The next School Council meeting will be held on **Monday, 16th September** at 7.00pm. Environment and Curriculum subcommittee meetings will be held from 6.30pm-7.00pm. All School Councillors are asked to please attend.

Assembly Cancelled: **Monday, 16th September**
As we will still be packing up from the Art Show in the sports shed from the previous Friday night, there will be no whole school assembly on Monday, 16th September.

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.

The Importance of a Good Night’s Sleep
As we are getting closer to the end of term we are finding many children becoming tired. For children to learn to the best of their ability it is important they get enough sleep. Different age groups require different amounts of sleep each night. 1-3 year olds need 12-15 hours, 3-5 year olds: 11-13 hours, 5-12 year olds: 9-11 hours and adolescents: 9-10 hours.

Avoid Sugary Drinks
For healthy bodies and teeth, children need to drink water and limit sweet drinks. Reduce sweet drinks including fruit juice and fruit drinks, soft drinks, flavoured mineral water, cordials, sport drinks, energy drinks and flavoured milk. **Tips to help your family drink more water every day:**
- Keep a jug of fresh water in the fridge.
- Provide water for family and friends with meals and snacks.
- Teach children to help themselves to water, but ensure they ask for other drinks.
- Provide a water bottle for your child for school, kindergarten, child care and physical activity.
- Make water available to everyone on family outings.
- A glass of unflavoured, low fat milk can be a healthy drink to protect teeth for children over two years old.
- Children don’t need sweet drinks. If you do buy sweet drinks, limit to a small glass and less than 1 to 2 times a week.

Term 4 Curriculum Days: **Early Notice**
The following Pupil-Free days 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, they will be given to the sickbay or charity.

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

German Measles
We have had further confirmed cases of German Measles at the school.

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

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.

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

Ms Sabina Rjordan
First Aid Officer

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday, 20th September
A reminder that last day of Term 3 is a casual dress day for “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

PARENTS CLUB/ FUNDRAISING NEWS

Art Show – Parent Helpers Needed
We are asking any parents within our school community to help set up on Thursday, 12th September from 3.30pm in the Sports Shed and throughout the day on Friday. Please leave your name at the office if you can help at any of these times and also during the Art Show between 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Father’s Day/Special Person Stall - Thankyou
Thank you to parents for your support. The Father’s Day / Special Person Stall raised $874.00. $200.00 has been donated to Prostate Cancer research and $674.00 into fundraising. Funds raised in 2013 are being put towards school ground improvements.

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 – 28 families still outstanding
Please note that any unreturned money and or chocolates are NOW WELL OVERDUE.

It is disappointing to note that we still have 28 families with outstanding money and or chocolates, which equates to $1,400.00. Please return your money and or chocolates to the office TOMORROW. Letters have been posted today to the families concerned.

Next Parent’s Club Meeting
Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 9th October at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.
Parents Club / Fundraising Committee
**MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS**

‘Kids at Sea’ Congratulations

Congratulations to all the cast and crew for a fantastic show performed over three nights. It was a great success and it was so enjoyable to see all the very excited children waiting to go on and perform for their parents and friends each night.

Thank you to school staff for all the work they did as a show like this cannot be performed without a huge effort from everyone.

Thank you to the parents for your support. We had around 95% of tickets sold for each night and that is outstanding.

Finally a huge thank you to the parents who assisted with costumes, sets and props. In particular I would like to thank Mary Mitchell, Sam Franklin and Nicole Logan for your outstanding assistance with the production.

**DVD Sales**

Parents are advised that copies of the DVD for each performance night are available for purchase for the very reasonable cost of $10.00 each. An order form has been sent home to each family today. Please return your order form with payment, (make sure you list what performance night you would like to purchase) to the office by Friday, 13th September 2013. **Please note that late orders will not be accepted.**

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preps**

**Pupils of the Week**

Congratulations Ashlen R, Rylee G, Sophie CH and all of Prep K, 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**

When speaking to your child limit the amount of language you give your child at once. As sentences get longer the message can get mixed up, is incomplete, and often doesn’t make sense. Children cope better when they are given shorter sentences to listen to.

**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 and 9.30am on any school day we would love your help.

**Prep Gym Days**

Our remaining gym sessions will be held on Monday, 9th and Monday, 16th 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 is $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.**

This excursion, as with our camping program, is designed to develop independence and resilience in our children. A permission form with final details was sent home last week. **For further information please see Mrs Ellis.**

**Australian Animals**

We ask that each child brings a small (about 6cm tall) toy Australian animal to school by next Monday. 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.

**Grade 1/2**

**Students of the Week**

1/A - Blake C for Outstanding reading! Congratulations moving into brown tub!
1 CW - Drew C for his excellent contributions during shared reading.
1/P - Jenna for her amazing reading.
1/S - Bethany for always being a happy, bright class member.
2/BK - Baileigh for a great improvement in presentation of her work.
2/R - Tahlia B for doing fabulous writing and trying her best.
2/W - Evelyn for bringing her spelling book back every week this term.
Reminders

**Gym Notes** need to be returned. Students will not be permitted to attend their second session unless their note is returned.

**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.

Some **Keyword Poetry from the Grade 2’s**

- Spotty, tiny ladybug crawling silently. Angeline
- Slimy, slow snail slithering laboriously. Trista
- Gooey, tiny slug shivering gracefully. Matthew
- Pretty, colourful butterfly gliding delicately. Millie
- Protective fat caterpillar munching noisily. Kurt

Junior School Teachers

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Students of the Week**

- **3/4G - Jayden** for always displaying great enthusiasm during spelling investigations.
- **3/4W - Megan** for her ability to complete maths cards in 1 minute with 100% accuracy. Well Done!
- **3/4N - Declan** for being an attentive student who always produces work to the best of his abilities.
- **3/4H - Olivia** for her concentration in maths, keep up the great work!
- **3/4K - Melissa** for always having a positive attitude towards her learning and being a friendly class member.

**Bike Ed – Lake Weeroona Ride (Monday, 9th September)**

On Monday, 9th September all of the Grade 3/4 students will participate in the Lake Weeroona ride with Policeman Ric. We will begin the ride at 11.30am and will be back at lunch time. We also require parent helpers to assist us in running this day, so if you are available please let your classroom teacher know. Remember to bring your bikes and helmets which meet the Australia Standards on this day. If your child does not have a bike, we have a limited number of bikes we are able to loan out for the day, however, please bring your own helmet. Also it is important for your child’s safety that they wear their helmets both during the Bike Ed program and when riding to and from school. We are looking forward to the ride and it is a great opportunity for students to practice the skills they have learnt throughout the program.

**Jets Gym**

We have all been enjoying our visits to Jets Gym and it has been fantastic to see all students developing their motor skills. We will be going again tomorrow, so please remember to wear appropriate clothes.

**Camp Meetings**

Today we held our first camp meeting where students were able to choose up to four friends they would like to share a room with at camp. We will be having two more camp meetings before the end of term and parent helpers are invited to come along to the information session on Thursday, 19th September at 9.00am to learn about what the camp entails and meet some of the students.

Also a final reminder to parents that the camp payments are due and MUST be paid in full by Tuesday, 10th September 2013.

If there are any issues, please approach your child’s classroom teacher.

Middle School Teachers

**UPPER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Student of the Week Awards**

- **5/S Hannah F:** for the great improvement she has shown when writing Information Reports, the explanation you now add is fantastic. Keep it up, Hannah!
- **5/B Hayley McL:** for her enthusiastic performance as a Sultana in Production. You spoke with confidence and a lot of expression. Well done, Hayley!
- **5/P Emma B:** for remembering to project her voice when sharing work.
- **5/T Sophie W:** for tremendous concentration and effort in class time.
- **6/R Jasper R:** for a concentrated effort during project time.
- **6/M Kyle L:** for an improved homework routine.
- **6/G Josh W:** for his fantastic effort and behaviour during Production.

**Production 'Kids at Sea’**

A big congratulations to our Grade 5 and 6 students who participated in the Production. All students performed beautifully each night and also behaved maturely each night at the Capital Theatre. Our Front of House and Backstage students did a fantastic job behind the scenes also. **Well done Grade 5 and 6 students!**

**Grade 5 Homework**

The Grade 5 teachers will not be handing out home work for the next 2 weeks. The Grade 5 students are expected to work on their projects at home which are due in on Friday, 13th September.
**Camp Payments**
A reminder to parents that payments for Grade 5 and Grade 6 camps are due **Two Weeks** prior to the start of the camps. Grade 6 Anglesea Camp: Wednesday, 27th to Friday, 29th November (Payment due Wednesday, 13th November). Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp: Wednesday, 11th to Friday, 13th December (Payment due Wednesday, 27th November).

As specified in our Camp and Excursion Policy, students will not be able to attend if payment is made after these dates.

Senior School Teachers

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**UNIFORM SHOP**
- Friday, 6th September  
  - Nicole Logan
- Tuesday, 10th September  
  - Kate Nichols
- Friday, 13th September  
  - 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

**2 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, 6th September  
  - SamFranklin
- Friday, 13th September  
  - Alison Andrea

Please collect linen from the office

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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**
- Thursday, 12th September  
  - Wendy Clark
- Thursday, 19th September  
  - Nicole Logan

Please arrive 2.30pm

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Fun Run: Sunday 3rd November 2013**
New inner city course, new distance, new medal for all participants, Early bird price – Students $25.00. Adults $35.00 if you register before Friday, 13th September. More information and to register [www.bendigohealth.org.au](http://www.bendigohealth.org.au) freecall 1800427353.

Help raise funds for equipment for our operating theatres at Bendigo Health

**Bendigo Tennis**
Interested in Tennis? Come along to a free trial lesson on Saturday, 12th October from 9.00am onwards, at Nolan St Bendigo, racquets and equipment supplied. Bookings essential on 54425744 or visit [www.hotshots.tennis.com.au](http://www.hotshots.tennis.com.au)

**Bendigo Little Athletics Season 2013/14**
Little Athletics involves a range of track and field events catering for children of all abilities aged between 5 and 15. Registration is on-line at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au) from now onwards and is compulsory prior to the start of competition. Athletes must have paid the registration fee, picked up a registration number and also provided proof of their date of birth before competing in Little Athletics for the first time.

**Wednesday, 18th September** on-line Early Bird registration fee of $95.00 per child closes. (Full fee of $120.00 applicable from this date onwards)

**Saturday, 21st September** Pick up registration number patch and pack from 9.00am at Athletics Track and provide proof of D.O.B. if registering for the first time.

**Friday, 11th October** Day 1 of Season starts for Under 9 through to Under 15 at 5pm

**Saturday, 12th October** Day 1 of Season starts for Under 6 through to Under 8 at 8.30am

**Saturday, 19th October** Day 2 of Season for all athletes – Under 6 through to Under 15

**Where** – Athletics Track, Retreat Rd, Flora Hill

**Cost** - $120.00 or $95.00 (early bird payment prior to 18th September.)

**Come and try days available.** These cost $5.00 per visit with a maximum of two visits for the season.

*For more detailed information email* bendigo@lavic.com.au. *For registration enquiries* registrarblac@hotmail.com or visit [www.bendigolac.org.au](http://www.bendigolac.org.au).
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 Microscopes, lenses, astronomy, chemistry sessions will be held from 9.30am – 12.30pm at White Hills Anglican Church Hall, for Grade 6 students only. $15.00. Contact 54493742 for further information.
White Hills Primary School

Art Show
School Fundraiser

Friday 13th September

Venue Sports shed from 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Gold coin entry

All art work is for sale $15.00 per piece

Cash Only

Refreshments for sale –
Cold drinks, coffee & snacks

Free Art Activity Table

Group Mural Auction at 4.30pm

Music

Art work can be purchased and
paid for prior to the show

Purchasing conditions: The $15.00 purchase price is payable before (at the office) or during the Art Show. Family members have first preference to purchase their child’s Art work. Other members of the community can purchase any unsold art work at 5:55pm at the conclusion of the Art Show. Family members cannot take their purchased Art work home from the Show until 5:45pm or they can collect the Art work Monday morning 16/9/13 from the school.

Please come along to support our school