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**

**Calendar of Events**

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

**Week 29**
- 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 Cancelled this morning
- Monday 16th September: P-1 Gym Program
- Monday 16th September: Gr 3/4 Bike Ed
- 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
- Tuesday 17th September: Gr 3/4 Bike Ed
- 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

**Week 35**
- Mon 4th – Fri 8th Nov: Gr 1/2 Swimming
- Tuesday 12th November: Gr 6 Camp payments due today
- Wednesday 13th November: 2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-12.00pm
- Thursday 14th November: SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm

**Week 36**
- Thurs 21st – Sat 23rd Nov: Energy Breakthrough

**Week 37**
- Wed 27th – Fri 29th Nov: Grade 6 Camp - Anglesea
- Wednesday 27th November: Gr 5 Camp payments due today

**Week 38**
- Mon 2nd December: Prep Swimming
- Tuesday 3rd December: Orientation Day
- Wednesday 4th December: Prep Swimming
- Thursday 5th December: Prep Swimming
- Friday 6th December: Gr 5/6 Return netbooks
- Friday 6th December: Grade 2 Sleepover-Discovery Centre
- Tuesday 10th December: Werroona 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

**Principal’s Report**

**Art Show Tomorrow: Major Fundraiser**

Our Art Show will be held tomorrow 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, 16th September** from the school.

Your support is much appreciated.

**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: Next 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.

**End of Term Dismissal: Friday, 20th Sept 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**.

**Canteen Lunch Orders**

Please supply a paper bag with your child’s order. School lunch order bags can be purchased from the office for 60c for 10 bags.

**Canteen and Uniform Shop Closed**

Please note that the Canteen and Uniform Shop will be closed next Friday, 20th September (the last day of term).
Prep Familiarisation Days
Our first Prep Familiarisation Days 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.**

Let Us Know if You Are Moving
If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2014 due to your family moving on, could you please advise the school as soon as possible.
Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at White Hills for 2014, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as we are already planning for next year.

Term 4 Curriculum Days
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.

Five Steps to Prevent Obesity in Children
1. A healthy lunch box of foods from the five food groups provides essential nutrients: breads and cereals, fruit, vegetables, meat and meat alternatives, dairy and dairy alternatives.
2. Avoid high calorie, high sugar, high fat and low fibre foods and drinks.
3. Limit the amount of money children are given to spend at school or on the way home.
4. Make sure afternoon snacks are nutritious, not just high in energy.
5. Encourage your child to do something active each day, such as a hobby, games or sport.
*Source: The Department of Health*

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.

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.

Mr Damien Jenkyn  
Principal

**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 on this day 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 – Friday, 13th September
See flyer on last page of newsletter.

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: Overdue - 26 families still have outstanding money / chocolates
This fundraiser finished on the 19th July and it is disappointing to note that we still have 26 families with outstanding money and or chocolates, which equates to $1,300.00.

Letters have been posted to the families concerned and your payment is required NOW.

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

DVD Sales FOR ‘Kids at Sea’: Last chance to order
A reminder to parents that the order forms and money for the ‘Kids at Sea’ DVD must be returned by the close of the school office tomorrow, Friday 13th September. Each of the three performances is available to purchase and the high quality recording is well worth the price.

Please remember that the school has engaged a professional photographer to provide these copies to parents and that the copyright license from Bushfire Press only allows for this. Parents who make their own copies are in breach of this license and it is the same as making pirated DVDs. Bushfire Press will be very vigorous in pressing charges against anyone making illegal copies.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Keyboard / Piano Lessons – Term 4
After much effort, I have been able to obtain the services of a new Keyboard teacher to take keyboard lessons starting next term on Friday’s. He will be taking shared lessons for most children and the cost is $20.00 per half hour lesson. Any children who were receiving lessons in Term 2 will have first option and then any new students will be considered. If you want your child to continue or start lessons please send a note to the office or give to Mr Wall by next Friday, 20th September so that a timetable can be arranged.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Pupils of the Week
Congratulations Harley M, Hannah J, Mikayla H and Tarkyn B, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’.
All these Preps are enthusiastic in class and showing organisational skills and persistence at school.

Prep Major Excursion – Kyabram Wildlife Park: Payment due by Tomorrow
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 TOMORROW Friday, 13th September. Late payments will not be accepted.

Language Hint for the Week
Encourage your child to dramatise favourite stories, fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Get out the dress-ups and props to put on a concert for family members.
Prep Gym Days
Our final gym session will be held on **Monday, 16th September**.

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.

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 Taylor Outstanding, fluent reading! What a super star!
1/CW Hannah for being a great leader during bug classifying
1/P Angus for being a friendly and polite class member who always tries.
1/S Sean for being a polite and friendly member of the class who always tries his best.
2/BK Leihla for great participation during gym.
2/R Matthew for his positive, hard-working attitude.
2/W Issy for trying hard to build her resilience.

Reminders
There is still one more session of gym left so please remember to wear appropriate shoes on your child’s gym day.
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.
Hats On: Its hats on time again! Please remember to bring your hat every day.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
3/4G Nicholas for trying hard to complete all tasks to the best of his ability.
3/4W Jemma for trying really hard to climb the rope ladder at gym. Great attitude.
3/4N Penny for her fantastic work and enthusiastic approach to her studies.
3/4H Bryce for a great start to White Hills P.S.
3/4K Jacob for his improvement in maths, particularly with his times tables. Well done!

Bike Ed: **Lake Weeroona Ride**
We would like to thank parents for their commitment to the program and getting bikes and helmets to school. All students did a fantastic job, demonstrating great behaviour and skills. It was great to be able to put the skills we have learnt over the term into practice. We would like to thank all parent helpers who came along for the ride, as well as all parents who were able to help throughout the term. Without the support of such parents we wouldn’t be able to provide a quality Bike Ed program. It is also important for all Grade 4 students to continue to practise their riding throughout the holidays in order to develop stamina for camp.

Learning Portfolios
Learning portfolios will be going home next week so please take the time to review what your child has been learning at school and include a positive comment about their work.

Art Show – Friday, 13th September
The Art show will be on tomorrow night, Friday 13th September from 3.30pm-6.00pm. There will be art work from all levels displayed and available to be purchased, as well as refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all there!
Student of the Week Awards
5S Mikeely S for an excellent start at White Hills Primary School
5B Dylan E for his improved concentration within the grade. Keep it up, Dylan.
5P Ali Q for the effort that she makes with her work.
5T Hayden M for working carefully in all areas of his learning.
6R Ta Na M for approaching all work enthusiastically and always wanting to find ways to improve the presentation of his work.
6M Laura C-C for the improvement she is making with her maths, always challenging herself to try tricky problems.
6G Harrison A for being such a positive, enthusiastic and hard-working gardener during Community Connections. Great to see!

Grade 6 Camp Payments
A reminder to Grade 6 parents about the due date for final camp payments for our Anglesea Camp. The final payment is due on November 12th. Payments will not be accepted any later than this date. Parents are encouraged to contact the school well before this date if they need to set up a payment plan.

Community Connections
Throughout Terms 2 and 3, Grade 6 students have been participating in redesigning our school gardens. Our final stage, which was planting the plants, occurred last Friday. All students have been highly engaged and enthusiastic about this project, as they have been ‘hands on’ throughout the whole process. We are very proud of our Grade 6 students for their involvement in recreating our gardens and look forward to seeing our gardens flourish.

Projects
A reminder to parents that the Natural Disasters project is due at 9.00am tomorrow Friday 13th, September. Students have been working really well so far, demonstrating their excellent organisational skills.

Senior School Teachers

Community Connections
Over the past few weeks the Grade six’s have been working hard to improve our school garden beds. They first ripped out all of the old plants that were either dead or not needed. Then a big pile of fertiliser was delivered and placed in the gardens. The next week a variety of plants were delivered. The plants were called Dietes Grandiflora, Cordyline, Box hedge and Dwarf Correa. All of these plants were planted that session. This big project has been the major project in Community Connections this term. Every session the six’s have been excited to start gardening. All of the grades six’s work hard every session and make a huge change to the gardens.

By Alana G, Lani C & Paw Bleh H
COMMUNITY NEWS

Strathdale Hockey Club Inc.
Synthetic Soccer Pitch at Bendigo South East College, Keck Street, Flora Hill. START DATE Tuesday, 22nd October (Registration Day: Saturday 12th October at 10.00am – 11.00am). TIME 4.30pm. For further information CONTACT Nicole Hood 0400833203 or EMAIL strathdalehockey@gmail.com WEB strathdalehockey.org.au

Ironbark Riding Centre
Once again Ironbark Riding Centre is offering a holiday program for all ages. Please contact us to book your place, Rebecca Gahan, 0427 084 437 (03) 5436 1565 Email: ironbarkhorses@hotmail.com Web: www.bwc.com.au/ironbark

Jets Gymnastics Bendigo
Jets Gymnastics Bendigo will be conducting our School Holiday program again in the upcoming September School Holidays. The program will be run at our Hattam Street Venue in Golden Square from 8.00am-6.00pm both weeks of the holidays excluding weekends. For further information contact us on 03 5444 1119 or visit www.jetsgym.com.au

YMCA Holiday Program
Holidays are approaching and the YMCA will be running 4 programs in the Bendigo and Castlemaine districts. For further information phone (03) 5445 8300

Mind Your Health
You are invited to a FREE community celebration for Mental Health Week 2013 on Sunday 6th October 11.00am-2.00pm at the Canterbury Gardens, Eaglehawk. Call Yasmin on 54301200 or Andrea on 54481100 to order T-Shirts or for more information.

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 freecall 1800427353. Help raise funds for equipment for our operating theatres at Bendigo Health

White Hills Science Club for Grade 6 students
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 Fundraiser

Art Show

Tomorrow Friday, 13th September

Venue Sports Shed from 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Entry - Gold coin
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 & paid for prior to the show.

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Please come along to support our school