**Vision and Values**

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.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Term 1 Tuesday 29th January - Thursday 28th March**

| Week 3 | Monday 11th February | Parent chat & Cuppa 9.30-10.30am  
| | Tuesday 12th February | Gr 5 Parent/Student Compulsory  
| | Tuesday 12th February | 1/2 & 5/6 Info Night 5.10-6.10pm  
| | Wednesday 13th February | Getting to Know You Walk 9.30am  
| | Thursday 14th February | Statewide Stopwork  
| | Thursday 14th February | SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm  
| | Friday 15th February | Netbook Info Session 9.10-10.10am  
| | Monday 18th February | SC Environment/Curriculum 6.30pm  
| | Monday 18th February | SC General Meeting 7.00pm  
| | Tuesday 19th February | Gr 5 Parent/Student Compulsory  
| | Tuesday 19th February | Prep & 3/4 Info Night 5.10-6.10pm  
| | Wednesday 20th February | Goal Setting Interviews 3.40-6.40pm  
| | Thursday 21st March | Goal Setting Interviews 3.40-6.40pm  
| | Wednesday 27th March | Parent Club AGM in staffroom 9.00am  
| | Monday 11th March | Labour Day Public Holiday  
| | Wednesday 20th March | School Athletics all day  
| | Thursday 21st March | Hot Cross Bun Day  
| | Thursday 28th March | Out of Uniform Day  
| | Thursday 28th March | Term 1 ends - 1.30pm dismissal  
| | Friday 29th March | Good Friday  
| | Term 2 Monday 15th April to Friday 28th June |  
| | Wednesday 1st May | School Photo Day  
| | Term 3 Monday 15th July to Friday 20th September |  
| | Term 4 Monday 7th October to Friday 20th December |  

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**Principal’s Report**

**Getting To Know You Walk**

New and existing parents are invited to participate in a walk to the Botanical Gardens, followed by a cuppa, leaving from our school office foyer next **Wednesday, 13th February 9.30am**.

**Grade Information Evenings: Begin Next Week**

**Information evenings will be held at the following times:**

- Grades 1/2 & 5/6 – Tuesday, 12th February, 5:10-6:10pm
- Grades Prep & 3/4 – Tuesday, 19th February, 5:10-6:10pm

Information for Goal Setting Interviews has been sent home by class teachers. See below for further details.

**Children’s Medication**

Please return updated medication if your child requires it during school hours. **All medication is to be kept at the office.**

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**AEU Industrial Action**

The Victorian Government and Australian Education Union (AEU) are yet to successfully negotiate a new Workplace Agreement. The AEU has advised schools that members will take protected industrial action (under the Fair Work Act) that will include banning work that occurs outside a 38 hour paid week and which relies upon the goodwill of staff. AEU members will also take part in a 24 hour statewide stopwork on 14th February. As parents will be aware, our staff work well beyond their paid 38 hour week, completing many unpaid additional hours to ensure we provide a high quality curriculum and educational opportunities for our students.

The bans will have an impact upon our school that will include:

- hours of attendance by staff
- scheduling of parent-teacher meetings, school social events and information sessions
- extra-curricular activities and excursions/camps conducted outside of school hours

These activities and events will need to be scheduled within the paid working week. Unfortunately, our annual Welcome Barbeque will not be held at this stage. I thank families for your patience with these matters and hope that an agreement between the parties is speedily resolved.

**AEU Full Day Stop Work: Next Thurs, 14 Feb**

The Australian Education Union has called upon its members to participate in a full day stop work action next Thursday, 14th February. This is in support of a new Teaching Award being negotiated with the Victorian Government. This stop work action will impact upon White Hills Primary School, however at this stage I cannot advise you which grades will be affected.

Parents will receive written notification on Monday, 11th February. In line with government policy, supervision will be provided for students who attend school on this day.

Please note that regular classroom programs will not operate & I encourage parents to consider alternative arrangements. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Student Banking: CBA Dollarmite Accounts**

Please note that Student Banking will commence from **Monday 11th February**. Please leave your deposit book at the office by 9.00am. Any Prep or new parents wishing to open a Dollarmite account should contact the office staff for the required forms.

**Staff Car Park**

Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. Many parents and children walk through this area to access the building. For children’s safety we ask that you do not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

**Naming Clothing**

Each year we have a large amount of lost property at school. **Please clearly name all clothing, including hats,** so items can be quickly returned to owners.
Compulsory Netbook Compulsory Sessions: Grade 5 Students & New Grade 6 Students
2013 Grade 5 parents and students (and new Grade 6 parents and students) will be required to attend a compulsory Netbook information session. The School Netbook Program will be outlined in the session and parents and students will sign an Acceptable Use Agreement.

Students will be able to take their Netbook home after attending a compulsory information session, payment of the $100 Netbook contribution has been received and the Acceptable Use Agreement signed. A copy of the agreement will be provided to parents. Several times and dates for the information session have been provided to allow all parents and students opportunity to attend.

- Tuesday, 12th February, 4:40pm, BJ Winzar School Hall
- Friday, 15th February, 9:10am, BJ Winzar School Hall
- Tuesday, 19th February, 4:40pm, BJ Winzar School Hall

SunSmart Policy: Hats On
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 around 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 around the beginning of May in each year).

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

2013 Education Maintenance Allowance
If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is $200 for Prep students and $150 for students in years 1 – 6.

To be eligible for EMA your Health Care Card must be valid on the 29th January 2013. Parent applications close on Thursday, 28th February 2013.

A copy of your current Health Care card and Licence is required for our records.

The Victorian State government has implemented significant changes to the EMA amount and how it will be paid in 2013. These changes mean parents at White Hills PS are not able to put their EMA payment towards the cost of the school Bookpack, student photocopying and computer requisites charges (Part A).

School Council has determined that if parents elect to sign over or direct their EMA payment to the school, these funds will be put towards the payment of Special Events, major excursions and camps (in this priority order).

How Much Is Too Much?
Keeping children active and engaged - without over scheduling them is the new challenge for parents. These tips are from Kathy Walker a Melbourne education consultant. * For preschoolers, one or two activities outside the home are enough each week. * For primary children, two activities are enough on top of school and playing with friends. * Encourage kids to play on their own. Have lots of cardboard boxes, playdough, dressups, Lego and construction toys to encourage their imagination. This is important for future learning, problem solving and initiative. * Encourage outside play too. Allow kids time to make up games and work on their own imaginations. * Avoid rushing to activities straight from school. Allow children some downtime at home. Don't undervalue the importance of just being at home. Value playing and mucking around at home without the TV or computer on. * For kids who show talent in a particular activity, allow them to focus on it. A single lasting commitment is better than a spread of lots of cardboard boxes, playdough, dressups, Lego and construction toys to encourage their imagination. This is important for future learning, problem solving and initiative. * Encourage outside play too. Allow kids time to make up games and work on their own imaginations. * Avoid rushing to activities straight from school. Allow children some downtime at home. Don't undervalue the importance of just being at home. Value playing and mucking around at home without the TV or computer on. * For kids who show talent in a particular activity, allow them to focus on it. A single lasting commitment is better than a spread of activities that can detract from academic achievement. From "The Age."

School Nurse Visit
Leona Evans, our Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school in March.

Prep Health Assessments: Prep children were given a form for parents to fill out in their Yellow welcome bag today. All parents of prep grade children are requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the Prep teachers by Friday, February 15th. This form must be filled out, signed and returned, regardless whether you wish your child to be seen by the school nurse or not.

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, toileting problems, behavioural issues or any parental concerns. Please collect a referral form from Mrs Ellis and return it by Friday, February 15th.

Children cannot be seen without a signed referral from a parent or guardian.

There is no cost for the service.

The School Nurse can be accessed at any time throughout the year.

Student Accident Insurance
The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.
Personal Items Are Not Insured
The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school. Parents, students and staff are reminded that personal items brought to school are at your own risk.

Doors Open at 8.50am
Classroom doors are opened at 8.50am for children to set up for the morning class. We ask that children do not enter prior to this time as teachers are preparing classes or meeting with parents.

Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)
Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected.

The only batches affected are as follows: Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179 Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799
The TGA advice has more information: http://www.tga.gov.au/safety/alerts-medicine-ventolin-asmol-121224.htm

Crossing the Road: Children & Parents Use the Crossings
For your child's safety we ask that all children crossing the road at the back of the school wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road to their parents. Parents should come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult. Similarly, we ask that at the front of the school ALL CHILDREN & accompanying parents use the designated school crossing to cross the road. DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE – this is not a controlled pedestrian crossing.

School Assembly
School assemblies take place at 9.00am on Monday mornings. Parents are encouraged to attend. Assemblies form an important role in embedding our school culture and provide opportunity to bring our students together, recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and disseminate information to our school community. We look forward to seeing you at assembly.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

Parking Information from City of Greater Bendigo
Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community:

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school. Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones. City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Getting To Know You Walk
New and existing parents are invited to participate in a walk and coffee to the Botanical Gardens leaving from our school office foyer next Wednesday, 13th February 9.30am.

Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 9.00am sharp in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Easter Raffle Fundraiser
Raffle tickets will be sent home early in March.

Hot Cross Bun Day
Hot Cross Bun Day is Thursday, 21st March. More information to come.
Welcome back to a new and exciting year. A number of programs will be available for children in various grades and these are: Grades 3 to 6 choir, Grade 3/4 Multi-Instrumental band (Junior band) and Grade 5/6 Multi-Instrumental band (Senior band) children in these grades have received an expression of interest form. If they have not returned them, they should do so as soon as possible as positions are filling fast. These groups are a very important part of the total school program and children will have the opportunity to learn aspects of music and performance as well as performing for the school and outside community. Please encourage your child to be a part of these groups if they show an interest. There is also a commitment element with these groups so please read the expression of interest forms carefully and discuss with your child/children.

Instrumental Music Program
In addition the school co-ordinates an instrumental program where children will have the opportunity to learn an instrument. The lessons are provided in class time (1/2 an hour) and professional teachers provide the tuition. The costs vary from instrument to instrument but are around $20-$27 per lesson. This year the school will be able to provide lessons in Guitar and Keyboard and possibly Drums and Violin (if enough interest). An expression of interest form has been distributed to eldest students from Grades 2-6 and extra forms are available at the office. Please return as soon as possible and before Thursday, 14th February to be considered.

School Production
Information about the Whole School Production for 2013 will be listed in the newsletter soon. Keep a lookout for this exciting event for 2013.

Mr Wall
Music/Drama Teacher

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Book club is about to start up again for 2013. This is a great opportunity to purchase the latest titles and encourage children to develop their reading and comprehension skills. If you are interested in participating in book club this year, please fill out the form below and return it in a labelled envelope to the office. If you were a member of book club last year, you are still required to fill out and return this form as the school continues to grow we need to re-establish our numbers.

ART NEWS

Colour mixing is fun! By Analysse 34 W
Colour mixing is messy! by Talayah 34 W
I made dark purple by mixing black and red! by Jacinta 34W

Mrs White and Mrs Watchman
Art Teachers

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Prep Assessment
As part of our Prep assessment program, some children and parents have been asked to attend school for a short time on Wednesday 6th or 13th February to complete Maths/Language assessments. This testing, lasting about half an hour, will be carried out in the Prep rooms and parents/ grandparents/ carers are welcome to quietly observe their child being tested. Please note that some children will not be required to attend these Wednesday sessions as they will be assessed on other days. If you are unable to come to your assessment time please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Prep Sandwiches
We ask that no child has peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches for lunch as we have several children in the school that have severe allergies to any nut products.

Prep Attendance
Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays until after the long weekend in March but if your child becomes tired on other days let them have a sleep-in if necessary and bring them to school at a later time. Some parents may prefer to pick up their child at lunchtime for a rest but remember to tell the class teacher and sign your child out at the office. If you have any concerns with your child at school please see your child’s teacher to arrange an interview time. Please note that for February the Prep children will be having their lunch at 1.00pm to allow them to have a playtime in the yard without the other grades. The children will return to their classrooms at 2.00pm for a quiet rest time before beginning afternoon activities.

Prep Information Bag
Prep children will soon be given a yellow bag containing materials for them to keep, and information to assist parents in understanding school programs. We ask that parents read the information produced by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and keep it for future reference. Would you please return the yellow bag to school, as it will be used to protect your child’s Learning Portfolio.
Prep Information Night
An information night explaining programs undertaken by the Preps will be held on Tuesday, 19th February, from 5.10pm to 6.10pm in the Prep rooms. All parents are encouraged to attend this night as the classroom learning programs and how parents can assist in their child’s learning will be discussed. Childcare will be available on this night.

Prep Parent Chat And Cuppa
We will hold a discussion and question time for Prep parents to give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s behaviour, development, separation from parents and ask questions about what is normal for a Prep child. This session will be held on Monday, 11th February from 9:30am to 10:30am in the staff room. Pre-schoolers are welcome. This will also be a time for parents to get to know each other over a cup of tea or coffee while learning about their child’s development.

Prep Reading
We would appreciate help with listening to children read between 9.00-9.30am on any school day. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come into the classrooms while parents & grandparents hear readers.

Transition Survey
Each year our school asks parents to complete a short survey to assist us in improving our transition program for Preps. This survey will be sent home next week and we would appreciate if as many parents as possible would complete it and return it to the school office or Mrs Ellis. Thank you.

School Starting Time
The school doors open at 8.50am. We ask that children do not come into the classrooms before this time as teachers are often out of the classrooms preparing for activities for the day and children will not be supervised. Entry for Preps is through the brick area next to the Prep rooms.

Prep Pancake Day Activities
On Tuesday, 12th February, we will be making pancakes at school for Pancake Day. Fred the pig, who has sleepovers at your house, just loves pancakes and often makes a big mess so we are asking for some brave parents to help us make lots of pancakes from 9.30 to 10.30am. If you can help, please see a Prep teacher for more information. Parents who can bring an electric frying pan for us to use on Tuesday are asked to name both the pan and cord and leave them in the staffroom on the Monday morning so that they can be safety tested. (Safety checks are a DEECD requirement.) We would also appreciate donations of lemons, jam, honey, etc to go on top of our yummy pancakes.

Kooka Visit
On Tuesday, 12th February, Kooka from the Bendigo Advertiser will be coming to our Prep classes to meet the children and take photos of each class for the Thursday Kooka page. If your child is afraid of Kooka could you please let your child’s teacher know so we can ensure they cope with this visit.

Hearing Children Read
One of the most important ways of developing children as readers is to hear them read and read to them daily. Parents can assist their children by listening to them read each day. The time you hear reading depends on your family activities. Some families hear reading in the morning when children are less tired, while others prefer the evening after tea, while some have their children read both evening and morning. Being read to from an early age is also essential for reading development. A love and interest in books grows from the special times before bed as parents or grandparent read to a child. Many people think that as a child gains fluency in reading, he or she no longer needs to read to an adult or be read to, however, reading out loud is important for older children too.

At school, children read to adults in a variety of ways. The class teacher hears children read their take home books and also hear each child read during and after weekly guided reading sessions. They also read to a parent/grandparent, who assists class teachers, while in class, children often read to their friends as they partner read and read information, reports and stories they have written. While listening to reading, teachers often take running records of children, noticing the strategies they use when reading. This assists teachers in planning future learning for students. During the year teachers use graded unseen texts with comprehension questions, to aid in the placement of children on reading levels. The understanding the children have of the text read is most important as knowledge of words and fluency is not a true test of children’s reading ability.

A love of reading is a special lifelong gift parents and teachers can give a child, so make reading an enjoyable, exciting and fun experiences for you and your child.

Prep Reading
We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.00am and 9.30am on any school day.

Prep Lunches
When placing lunch orders for Prep children please do not order too much food as it is often wasted. Party pies are much easier for smaller children to eat than large pies. Hot Dogs can also be ordered in bread rather than a roll. We suggest that a maximum of $1.00 be spent at the school canteen by Junior School children once a week as a special treat, as excess money is often lost or spent on friends. On Wednesdays and Fridays you are able to order and pay for over the counter orders with your child’s lunch order. These are then sent to the class with the lunches. This means your child does not need to handle money at the canteen.
Grade 1/2

Students of the Week
1A - Kristen T for a wonderful first week in Grade 1
1 CW - Jordyn-Lee B for a great start at her new school
1P - Aymee R for a fabulous first week in Grade 1. A great independent worker!
1S - Shae S for a great start at her new school and being so friendly
2 BK - Will R for always working so quietly to complete his work
2 R - Kurt M for making responsible choices about who he sits next to
2W - Blake Mc for cleaning the whiteboards without being asked

Congratulations to our Birthday Children

Level 2 Parent Information Night
We will be holding our information night for Grade 1 and 2 parents next Tuesday 12th February from 5.10pm- 6.10pm in the Peter Davey Building. We encourage all parents to come along as we will be presenting information about curriculum, special events, helping at home and answering any questions you may have.

Pencil Cases
We have begun sorting out students stationary and have taken out spare gluesticks, greylead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and scissors and put these in a names bag so your child can access these when they run out. Some students have kept their spares at home, we would ask parents to send along these spares so we can replenish them as needed.

Reader Bags/Library Bags/ Art Smocks
We have now started morning readers and specialists so all students need to have a reader bag, library bag and art smock. These are available from the school uniform shop or the ones your child used last year is fine. Please make sure these are clearly named and send them in asap. Thanks to those parents who have already brought these in.

Middle School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Homework
Students will receive their homework booklets tomorrow. These are made up of weekly tasks based around spelling and maths, and will come home every Friday and are expected to be returned to school the following Thursday. Parents are encouraged to work with their children and see the classroom teacher if there are any concerns.

Parent Information Evening
The Grade 3/4 information night is scheduled to be held from 5.10pm until 6.10pm on Tuesday, 19th February. The information session has to be held at this earlier time due to the industrial action relating to teachers working within a 38 hour week.

Goal Setting Interviews
Thank you to those families who have already returned their preferred interview timeslots. Times will be finalised shortly and sent home.

Students of the Week
3/4 G - Jayden W- for a very positive start to the school year.
3/4 W – Kimberley M – for an excellent beginning to the new school year. Well done!
3/4 N – The whole class – What an absolutely fantastic class. The best yet again!
3/4 H – Cody O – for an excellent start to his new school!
3/4 K – Jordan A – for his brilliant writing and hard work.

Middle School Teachers
UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
5/S - Kye T for his great start to the year and “Who Am I” piece.
5/B - Letesha B for being a great tour guide for her new classmates.
5/T – Zakery W for settling into his new school quickly.
5/P – Jackson V for settling into his new school.
6/G – Harry A for being a positive and helpful class member.
6/M – Kodi G for his input into class discussions.
6/R – Kobe G for his hard work to get things finished on time.

Goal Setting Interviews
Interviews are scheduled to be held on Tuesday 26th Feb and 5th of March. Please consider and discuss some learning goals with your child prior to your scheduled interview time.

Information Night
Parents interested in finding out more about school based activities this year are invited to attend our Grade 5 and 6 Parent Information night on Tuesday 12th Feb. The session starts at 5.10pm and concludes at 6.10pm. The session will be conducted in room 7 and 8.

Netbook Information Sessions
Parents of Grade 5 students (and Gr 6 students new to our school) are reminded that they need to attend a netbook info session before students are able to bring their netbook home. Details regarding the 3 sessions available were sent home on a separate note.

Senior School Teachers

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball
Jemma C and Brynley S on the Australia day week-end represented Braves gold under 12 team at the Bendigo Junior basketball tournament. Jemma and Brynley are heading to Wodonga Junior Basketball Tournament 2013 this week-end. They both are looking forward to representing Bendigo again.

Braves Gold U12 update-
Braves gold are working well together as a team showing an improvement on the score board where all player score at the Bendigo Tournament. 5 wins in a row!! Unfortunately the girls lost the semi final ending the tournament for Braves Gold. Well done to Braves gold on such a huge improvement this tournament.

Weet-Bix Triathlon
A reminder that the weet-bix triathlon is fast approaching. You can register for the event at weetbix.com.au. The event is on Sunday 24th February and registrations close Sunday 10th February.

ASTHMA/ANAPHYLAXIS NEWS

Spacers and Schools/Preschools: Reminder for Parents & Carers
Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.
Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a student does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Some schools/preschools may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.
Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer is always available to school/preschool staff. Please make sure your child always brings a spacer with them to school, or has one that stays at school.
New Look Asthma Care Plan
Please make sure that you have a new Asthma Management plan for 2013.
Check out the new look Asthma Care Plan for Education and Care services. These will replace the Asthma Foundation of Victoria School’s Asthma Action Plan and Children’s Services Asthma Action Plan. It is available as a free download at www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Anaphylaxis Plans
A new Anaphylaxis plan is required for each child for the start of the school year. A lot can happen and change in 12 months so please send them to the office ASAP.

For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or email schools@asthma.org.au

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 Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm
All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag. (NO ENVELOPES), one 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.
Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager

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

Second hand items are available to buy at the uniform shop. Please note that any unsold 2nd hand uniforms will be given to families in need or used in sick bay if not sold after 3 months.

Team Leaders
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

Orders can be left at the office anytime

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Girls Brigade
For your information, Girls’ Brigade is an international and interdenominational faith based youth organisation in 56 countries around the world. Girls from prep to year twelve may be members. Girls are offered challenging, rewarding and fun activities for which they earn badges, while exploring how God fits into life and all the things humans do. In their teenage years, girls have opportunity for leadership training and achieving the highest international youth award, the Queen’s Award, as well as the Pioneer Pin, the highest National award a girl can earn, and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me, Jenny McWilliam Captain 7th Victoria Bendigo Girls’ Brigade Phone: 54397557 Email: bendigoGB@gmail.com or check out the Victorian or National GB Websites - addresses http://www.gbvic.org http://girlsbrigadeaustralia.org

Fundraiser for School Chaplaincy
Film - Les Miserables at Star Cinema Eaglehawk, Thursday 21 February, 6.00pm light refreshments; 6.30pm screening. $16.00. Bookings and Payment to School Chaplaincy
C/- 175 Station St. Epsom 3551 by Monday 18th February
(Phone 5448 3912).

North Bendigo Junior Football Club
Registration Day (Sunday) 17th February 11am - 2pm at the NBJFC rooms. Any queries contact Tommy on 0417308490 or tpmicholson38@bigpond.com Looking forward to another fantastic year.
Bendigo Family Nature Club
Snapping in the bush: a summer afternoon of nature photography. Join the Bendigo Family Nature Club for shooting stills in the bush - bring along your camera and a hat Sunday 17th February from 4.5pm
For Registration and Information bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 5444 0678
This is a free event for you and the kiddies made possible by the wonderful people of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and Bendigo Sustainability Group

Free Come And Try
The BTA will hold a FREE a come and try day of Hot Shots on Saturday 2nd February, 2013. Three sessions will run from 9.30am, 10.00am and 10.30am with each session running from 30 minutes. Any students who are interested in coming to the FREE come and try are requested to book their space by contact the Complex on 5442 5744 or emailing info@bendigotennis.com.au

Bendigo East Baseball Club Come and Try Nights
The Bendigo East Baseball Club’s Come and Try nights for all ages of boys, girls and adults interested in playing Baseball will be at the Ken Wust Oval, Quarry Hill, on Wednesday the 6th and 13th of February at 4.30 to 6pm. A registration night for all previous and any new junior and senior players for the 2013 winter competition will be held on Friday the 15th of February from 4.30pm. For more details visit www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au

White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Day
White Hills Junior Football Club will be holding Registration Day on Sunday 10th February 2013 10am to 12noon and also on Wednesday 13th February 2013 5pm to 6pm at the clubrooms in Scott Street. The club will be fielding teams in the U9, U10, U12, U14 and U16 age divisions. Fees for the 2013 season have been set at: $105.00 for U9 & U10 players, $145.00 for U12, U14 & U16 players. Payment of fees on Registration Day would be appreciated. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kylie Hopkins Secretary 54483378

After School Care With Kelly Sports
Looking for something active for your kids to do afterschool? Come to a Kelly Sports program! Thursday afterschool 3.40pm – 4.40pm. Movement to Music & Super Summer Sports (Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball) ALL PROGRAMS CAN BE CLAIMED THROUGH FAMILY ASSISTANCE OFFICE. Enrol and pay online at www.kellysports.com.au/zone/bendigo Hurry don’t miss your spot! Don’t’ forget our TODDLER SPORTS Programs every Friday and Saturday! Kristi 0417 308 139

Ladies Wanted
Bendigo Monday Ladies Netball Association is looking for players, teams or umpires to play in our Monday Morning competition at Bendigo Stadium during school terms, a free crèche is provided. All abilities catered for. Phone Marge 54437379