**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.

**Calendar of Events**

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

**Week 30**
- Friday 20th September
- Friday 20th September

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

**Week 31**
- Wed 9th – Fri 11th October
- Wed 9th – Fri 11th October
- Wednesday 9th October

**Week 32**
- Monday 14th October
- Monday 14th October
- Tuesday 15th October
- Tuesday 15th October
- Wednesday 16th October
- Thursday 17th October
- Thursday 17th October

**Week 33**
- Monday 21st October
- Monday 21st October
- Monday 21st October
- Thursday 24th October

**Week 34**
- Monday 28th October
- Wednesday 30th October

**Week 35**
- Mon 4th – Fri 8th Nov
- Tuesday 12th November
- Tuesday 12th November
- Wednesday 13th November
- Wednesday 14th November

**Week 36**
- Thurs 21st – Sat 23rd Nov
- Week 37
- Mon 25th – Wed 27th Nov
- Wed 27th – Fri 29th Nov
- Wednesday 27th November

**Week 38**
- Mon 3rd December
- Tuesday 3rd December
- Wednesday 4th December
- Thursday 5th December
- Friday 6th December
- Friday 6th December

**Week 39**
- Tuesday 10th December
- Wednesday 11th December
- Wed 11th – Fri 13th Dec

**Week 40**
- Monday 16th December
- Tuesday 17th December
- Wednesday 18th December
- Thursday 19th December
- Friday 20th December

**2014**
- Thursday 23rd January
- Friday 24th January

**Term 1 Tuesday 28th January - Friday 28th March**
- Tuesday 28th January
- Wednesday 29th January

**Principal’s Report**

**End of Term Dismissal: Tomorrow 2.30pm**

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow **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**.

**It's A Boy!**

Congratulations to Sarah and Simon Wood on the safe arrival of **Patrick Harvey Wood**, a little brother for Amelia.

**Art Show Congratulations**

Thanks to students, staff and parents for your involvement and support of our inaugural Art Show. Special thanks to Monique White and Cadi Watchman (Art teachers), Wes White for supplying the fencing, parents who assisted for several days in the setting up of the show, and Stephen and Kaitlyn Gedye for the coffee van on such a cold afternoon! For our efforts we raised approximately $3,800.00 with some funds still to come in. A wonderful effort!

**Canteen and Uniform Shop-Closed Tomorrow**

Please note that the Canteen and Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow Friday, 20th September (the last day of term).

**Tree Removed: School Holidays**

The large peppercorn tree near the Prep playground was inspected this week by a tree expert and found to be hollow and dangerous. This tree has very large & heavy limbs overhanging the playground equipment and poses a safety risk to our children. Whilst we do not like to remove trees unless absolutely necessary, this particular tree has exposed roots which have also become a tripping hazard. The tree will be removed in the school holidays. This area, with additional shading, will also be redeveloped in line with the school’s grounds master plan.

**Delay to NAPLAN Results**

Individual student results for the NAPLAN 2013 tests were scheduled to be delivered to schools for distribution to parents from the week commencing 16 September. As you may have seen reported in the media, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) recently identified an error in the placement of national average indicators in Year 5 and 7 student reports. This required the reprinting of Year 5 and 7 student reports with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports. Please be assured that there are no errors related to the NAPLAN tests or scoring of student results. While this delay is unfortunate, it is important that results distributed to parents are accurate. Delivery of Victorian student reports to schools will now commence Monday, 7 October. ACARA has apologised for the inconvenience caused by this delay and its impact on students and school communities.
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 ambulance attendance/transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Grounds Master Plan: School Community Consultation
School Council and staff have been working with a landscape architect to develop a school grounds master plan that will be our guide for future school improvements and works. This grounds plan is now at a draft stage and we will be inviting school community comment in the first two weeks of term 4. You will be able to provide input in the following ways:
- Attend a parent briefing on Tuesday, 15th October at 5:30pm in the staff room.
- A display of the draft master plan will be set up in the office foyer, with a box provided for written input.
- A link to an electronic version of the draft master plan will be placed on the school website, with written input invited via the school’s email address.

Collated input will go back to School Council and the landscape architect for production of the final master plan. Once this plan is approved by School Council, we will begin prioritising and staging necessary grounds works.

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.

Head Lice – please check over the holidays
Over the holidays, we ask that all parents check their child/children’s head for head lice so we can lessen the number of children with head lice next term. Choose a time and day each week to check your child’s hair so you remember to do it, e.g. Friday afternoons or before washing your child’s hair. Checks are easier in the sunlight and it helps if you wear a strong pair of reading glasses to magnify the little critters. Check your child’s hair at least once a week and treat it if necessary, remembering that if one child in the family has head lice you will need to treat all your family. Reinfection occurs if the eggs are not carefully removed from the hair. This is best done by scraping your finger nails along the individual strands. If you find head lice/eggs in your child’s hair, a second treatment must be done a week later as eggs not killed and left will hatch causing reinfection.

If every parent in our school checked their child’s hair weekly, and treated their children over the holidays, head lice will be a lot easier to control at school.

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 preferably with the lid on (500ml or less) to create their bugs. If you have any of these bottles please send them to the Prep rooms.

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, 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 – Pupil Free 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.

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 – Tomorrow, Friday, 20th September
A reminder that last day of Term 3 is a casual dress day for “Jeans for Genes” Day. If children are participating by wearing their jeans on the day they are asked to please make 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

ART NEWS

Art Show: Thank You
A very BIG thank you to all the students, families and teachers who attended and purchased art work last Friday afternoon.
A very BIG THANK YOU to the parents who helped out with the framing of art work and all the organising they did for the Art Show, special mention to Mary Mitchell, Nicole Logan, Sam Franklin, Deb Button, Beth Tamblyn, Kim Engi and Caitlin Juniper.
Thanks also to the mums who helped set up and pack up, they all know who they are!
Without the support of ATF Fencing, our Art Show would not have been possible.
Thanks to Wes White for setting up the fencing and transporting it and to Sam Franklin for donating the beautiful raffle prizes.
Thanks to Bendigo City Framers for the use of 3 large easels which helped display our wonderful murals.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners: 1st - Machaela McGillivray, 2nd – Ruby Emerson, 3rd – Alexis Whyte

Art work can still be purchased this week and during the first week of term 4. Please pay at the office and collect from the art teachers. All art work is $15.00.

Thank you
Mrs Watchman and Mrs White

PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

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.

Chocolate Fundraiser: Overdue - 21 families still have outstanding money
This fundraiser finished on Friday, 19th July and it is disappointing to note that we still have 21 families with outstanding money and which equates to $1,050.00.
Parents have been notified by mail and phone calls have been made to the families concerned this week, your payment is required NOW.
This fundraiser must be finalised by Friday, TOMORROW as per arrangement with Mr Jenkyn!

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.

Thank you to everyone for your support this term. We wish you a fabulous holiday.
Parents Club / Fundraising Committee
MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

‘Kids at Sea’ DVD’s
DVD’s have arrived and will be distributed by tomorrow. We hope you enjoy watching the show again. I am very happy with the way the show has come up and our professional recorder has produced excellent copies.

As stated in last week’s newsletter no further orders will be taken, so please do not approach office staff with a request, as refusal may offend.

Parents are also reminded that they are NOT to copy these DVD’s as they will be breaching copyright by Bushfire Press.

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 on Friday’s next term. 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 tomorrow, so that a timetable can be arranged.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps
Thank You
A special thank you to the wonderful parents who have helped us in so many ways this term, we look forward to your continued support during next term.

We wish all our children and their parents a safe, happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school refreshed and ready for a busy final Term of learning for 2013.

Bird Sitting over the Holidays
If any family is able to care for Prep Ellis’ bird “Chirpy” over the holidays can they please see Mrs Ellis. Mrs Ellis is cat sitting a cat that loves eating budgies and can’t take Chirpy home.

Language Hint for the Week
Keep reading, writing and counting at home during the holidays. This is the time when children can slip back in their Language and Maths work and we suggest that you encourage your child to count, write numbers, read, visit the Library and write journals and letters throughout the holidays, to help maintain the excellent level attained so far by our pupils.

Tips for Reading to Children
* As part of a routine, read aloud daily for at least 10 minutes.
* Read three or four short stories daily. If your child loves a book, read it repeatedly.
* Various books are suitable, including picture and beginners’ ones, especially those with rhyme.
* Read with expression, feeling and animation.
* Let children laugh at and sing about words.

Term 4 Integrated Unit
Next term we will commence our unit of work on mini-beasts. If you find safe insects, cocoons, caterpillars, etc. at home could you please send them to school in a clear, plastic container for the Preps to observe.

PMP
PMP will recommence on Monday, 14th October, the second Monday of next term. Next Term’s PMP roster was sent home this week. We look forward to seeing our wonderful helpers at 2.30pm on Monday, 14th October
Grade 1/2

1/2’s Got Talent
We will be having Grade 1/2’s Got Talent in the Peter Davey building between 10.00am – 11.00am and 11.30am – 12.30pm. If your child is doing a performance please ensure they have their appropriate costumes, music etc. ready for the day.

Swimming: Helpers needed
We are looking for helpers particularly males, to assist with the Grade 1/2 swimming program. Helpers will need to have a working with children check. Helpers will not be required to get into the pool. Please see your child teacher if you are able to assist.

Reminders
Hats: It’s hats on time again! Please remember to bring your hat every day.
Please return learning portfolios to your child’s classroom teacher once you have read them and discussed them with your child.
Please continue to practise spelling and reading over the holidays!!

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Bike Ed
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and students who assisted and participated in our Bike Ed program. It was great to see the dedication you all showed to the program by bringing suitable bikes and helmets each week. It was fantastic to see the students develop and improve their Bike awareness and skills throughout the term and be able to put this into practice on the Botanical and Lake Weeroona rides. Congratulations to all students on their behaviour and efforts throughout the program, you all did a fantastic job!

Learning Portfolios
Student Learning Portfolios have been sent home this week, please take the time to look at and appreciate your child’s work throughout the term. We encourage you to write a positive comment regarding your child’s learning; this space is provided below the students PMI for Term3.

Camp
A reminder that the Grade 3/4’s will go on camp during the first week of term 4. We leave on Wednesday, 9th October and return on Friday, 11th October. Your child has received the ‘To Take’ lists so please take time over the holidays to pack and get organised for camp. We strongly recommend that Grade 4 students continue to build their bike riding stamina over the break.

Botanical Gardens Playground
Last Wednesday a group of 3/4 students were invited to take part in a discussion about the proposed new play area at the Botanical Gardens. The meeting was conducted by representatives of the City of Greater Bendigo council who displayed a set of plans inviting feedback from the children. There were some very creative ideas put forward and we are excited and looking forward to seeing the area develop over the coming months.

Class Supplies
Could you please take the time over the break to ensure your child has the correct equipment in their pencil case to help make a positive start to Term 4.

Holidays
We hope you all enjoy your holidays and get some well-deserved rest after such a busy term. We look forward to seeing some refreshed faces, ready to take on another busy Term.

Middle School Teachers

SPORTS NEWS

Netball
Please note that there will be no play during the school holidays.
First Week of Term 4, Wednesday, 9th October Grade 3/4s will be on camp, so won’t play and Grade 5/6s are on Court 8 beginning 4.55pm.

Bendigo Bank Fun Run
In support of the Bendigo Bank/Bendigo Health Fun Run being held on Sunday 3rd November, White Hills Primary has created a team to participate in the event. If you are planning on participating in the event then please join our team when registering (White Hills Primary School). We already have several staff registered and they would love to be joined by our wider school community. With your support White Hills Primary may be a chance to win the school cup section of the team prizes. This event raises money for Bendigo health who guarantee 100 percent of your entry fee will go towards purchasing new equipment for the operating theatres at Bendigo Health. - See more at:
http://www.bendigohealth.org.au/Bendigo_Health_Foundation_Fun_Run.asp#sthash.RICRUOWF.dpuf

La Crosse
A reminder that if your child is interested in the Lacrosse competition ran by the Bendigo La Crosse Club, forms need to be returned ASAP. If you require a new information sheet please contact Mr Scoble.
COMMUNITY NEWS

WEP are Looking for Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Brazil, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand, Canada and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

For more information contact Sylvia Kelly: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Online: http://www.wep.org.au

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 strathdalehc@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, 0427084437 (03) 54361565 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) 54458300.

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.

STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS
Family Railway Fun
MALDON STATION
Sat / Sun : October 5 / 6
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel
Animal Farm Model Railway
Clown on board Novelty Rides
Fun Games
Sausage Sizzle
Horse Cart Rides
JOIN THE FUN
From 10.00am
Great Family Day
PH : 54706658
www.vgr.com.au
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 Cricket Club
White Hills Cricket Club still has spots in the U11, U13 and U15 age groups for the upcoming 2013/14 season which begins on the 12th October. If you or anyone else you know is interested, please contact Tim Knapman on 0409073798 or Rob Lowes on 0439063348.

Do You Want To Play Cricket?
This is a call to all boys and girls who are interested in playing cricket. Sandhurst Cricket Club is currently seeking junior players in it’s under 9 and under 11 teams for the upcoming cricket season. If you were born after 1st September 2002 we have a position in a team for you. Sandhurst Cricket Club has accredited coaches in all levels to assist your child to become their best and enjoy the game at the same time. Please phone either Scott on 0418582785 or Shane on 0417151999 if you are interested or just wish to discuss the potential of joining one of Bendigo’s oldest cricket clubs.

Tutoring School Students
The Bendigo Neighbourhood House at 21 Neale St Kennington offers after school tutoring in Maths, Reading, Spelling and comprehension for students in Prep to Year 10. For further information please call the office on 54412515 during business hours and leave a message or phone Michael on 0413116096.

ORCA Kids Learn to Swim Program
We are now taking enrolments for Term 4 from 14th October – 20th December 2013
At the Bendigo East Swimming Pool, Stroke Development Program for School aged children (5yo – 14yo), Session times: 4.00pm, 4.30pm and 5.00pm Monday – Friday. Contact: Mel Dillon Manager, Email: orcaswimschool@yahoo.com.au

Kelly Sports Holiday Activities
Holiday fun for kids at the All Seasons McIvor Rd Strathdale on Tuesday 24th September and Tuesday 1st October from 12-2pm.
$10.00 (includes lunch) per child from ages 3-12.
Please Note: Parent or Guardian must book into the Bistro and be present at the venue during this time. Phone 54438166

'Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop - Planning & Advocating for Your Child & Family
Explore how you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family!
The Association for Children with a Disability is running a workshop near you. All families want their children to live happy, fulfilling lives with choices, purpose and friendship.
If you want to take the lead in planning, developing and achieving goals for your child with a disability (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you!
Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve goals for your child and family.
Our presenters, Diane McCarthy and Gina McAdam have many years of experience working in our Parent Support Team and are parents of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.
Date: Wednesday 9th October 2013 from 9.30am – 2.45pm at The Lotus Conference Room, McIvor Motor Inn, 45 McIvor Road, Bendigo. Cost $20.00 per person – members*, $40.00 per person – non-members or $30.00 per Family (2-3 Adults) Morning tea and light lunch included.
Places are limited so be quick to book at: http://www.trybooking.com/44600 or phone the office on 98182000.

Thank you to ATF Fencing for supporting our Art Show