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.

### Principal's News

#### Chinese Students at White Hills

Our five (5) Chinese students from Xinhai Primary School in the city of Suzhou arrived at our school on Monday. The students – Sherry, Selina, Tom, Michelle and Jerry have settled in well to their Grade 5 classes and will be with us for eight (8) weeks. They have been accompanied by their Chinese teacher, Angela. Angela tells me that the students are loving their Aussie school and home stay experience. My thanks to the Costigan, Etheredge, Bawden, Bourke, Dunne and Verbeek families for welcoming these students into their home.

#### School Council Meeting Dates

The next meeting of School Council will be held on Monday, 21st October at 7.00pm. Finance Meeting is on Thursday, 17th October at 5.30pm. Environment Meeting is on Monday, 21st October at 6.00pm. Curriculum Meeting is on Monday, 21st October at 6.30pm.

#### Bendigo Cup Day Holiday

**Wednesday, 30th October** is our local public holiday for Bendigo Cup Day. The school will be closed on this day.

#### Term 4 Curriculum Plans: Parent Information

Term 4 curriculum plans for Grades Prep-6 are available on the school website. This information gives you an overview of what is being taught during Term 4 and can be downloaded from the school website under the Curriculum tab, or by following this link: [http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum](http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum)
Chaplaincy Program Review
White Hills PS is fortunate to have a school chaplain as a part of our wellbeing team. The Chaplain at our school is funded through the Australian Government’s National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. Chaplaincy is a unique service that is of great value to our students, staff and parents, offering care and building the social skills of students. Our Chaplain works as an integral part of our Wellbeing Team, along with our Student Welfare Coordinator and School Nurse. Together they offer individual support, they plan and implement wellbeing programs across the curriculum and they participate in a broad range of school coordinated activities such as school excursions, camps, sporting events and assemblies. Student engagement in this program is of a voluntary nature. Each year our School Council seeks feedback from our school community in order to enable us to review and confirm support for the program. The Chaplaincy Program will be reviewed at our next School Council meeting on Monday, 21st October.

NAPLAN Results: Grades 3 & 5
Individual NAPLAN reports for Grade 3 and 5 students have arrived and have been sent home to families yesterday. The NAPLAN is the national testing program in literacy and numeracy conducted with all Grade 3 and 5 students. Included in the information sent home to parents is a cover letter, the student’s NAPLAN report and a NAPLAN information brochure. The brochure provides parents with an outline of the testing program and how to read the NAPLAN report.

Ground Works Over School Holidays
The large peppercorn tree near the Prep playground was removed over the school holidays as it was found to be hollow and dangerous. This area, with additional shading, will also be redeveloped in line with the school’s grounds master plan. The fence at the back of the oval was replaced with heavy gauge mesh to ensure it is strong and secure.

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 grades for 2014.

Grounds Master Plan

School Community Consultation
School Council has been working with Landscape Architect, Brendan Bartlett, to develop a school Grounds Master Plan that will guide future works and improvements to our school surrounds. Consultation has been undertaken with School Council members, school staff and the Department of Education to develop this draft. We are now seeking the input of parents and students in developing the final Grounds Master Plan. The draft plans are on display in the main foyer for parents to look at. Written input closes this Friday, 18th October and can be made in the following ways:

- The post box slot in the foyer.
- A link to an electronic version of the draft master plan is on the school website. Written input is invited via the school’s email address white.hills.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

The collated input will be presented to School Council and the landscape architect, Final Master Plan. Once this plan is approved by School Council, we will begin prioritising and staging necessary grounds works.

Prep Familiarisation Days
Our November Familiarisation Days will be held on Tuesday, November 12th and Thursday, November 14th from 9.45 to 11.45am. Notices with full details of our Familiarisation Days will be distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents next week. If you do not receive a note please contact Jan Ellis. 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 child to another session as this results in an imbalance of student numbers.

Factors Contributing to Children’s Resilience
1. The individual traits of the child, such as assertiveness, empathy for others and a sense of humour.
2. Relationships, including parenting, that meet the child’s needs, getting along with others and being accepted by their peers.
3. Community contexts, such as safety, security and routines, access to school and education and housing.
4. Cultural factors, such as affiliation with a religious organisation, clubs and groups and tolerance of different ideas and beliefs.

For workshops on developing children’s resilience, contact Resilience Australia on 94270407, or email info@embracethefuture.org.au

Exercise
If children learn to love exercise at an early age, they will be more likely to grow up having exercise as a part of their lives. Physical activity is critically important for bone health, preventing unhealthy levels of weight gain and self-esteem. Development and mastery of fundamental movement skills, such as throwing, catching, balancing, running and jumping, are important from a very
Congratulations to our Birthday Children

young age because this has been shown to be associated with participation in physical activity. Children who are highly active have better quality and longer sleep than inactive children.

10 ways to get kids active
*Limit television/computer/video games.
*Make activity safe-drink water regularly, wear good fitting shoes, warm up, cool down.
*Establish a routine and set a time aside each day for physical activity.
*Play with your children.
*Take advantage of incidental exercise-take the stairs, etc.
*Support your children’s sporting efforts.
*Buy gifts that encourage children to be active-balls, bats, and bike.
*Let your children choose the activity-dancing, bush walking, playground, bike ride, etc.
*If wet exercise inside-dance, play with balloons.
*Walk your children to school or part of the way if you live a distance away.

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.

2014 Term Dates
Thursday 23rd January Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Friday 24th January Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Term 1 Tuesday 28th January - Friday 4th April (Friday 18th April Good Friday)
Tuesday 28th January Teachers Commence
Wednesday 29th January Students Grades 1-6 Commence
Thursday 30th January Preps Commence
Term 2 Monday 22nd April – Friday 27th June
Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September
Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

Head Lice Checking
Head lice inspections will be held on Monday, 21st October. Please insure that all girls’ hair is in a basic pony tail for the day as parent helpers do not have the time to redo braids etc. Can parent helpers please confirm that they are available on the day?
Ms Sabina Riordan
Head Lice Coordinator

PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

Next Parent's Club Meeting
Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 6th November at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

Frog in the Pond Fundraiser
Your “Frog in the Pond” order form was handed out on Monday. All orders/money are due in by Friday, 24th October. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

Chocolate Fundraiser: Still Overdue
13 families still have outstanding money
This fundraiser finished on Friday, 19th July and it is disappointing to note that we still have 13 families with outstanding money which equates to $650.00.
Parents are reminded that (as arranged with Mr Jenkyn) your chocolate money was due in by Friday 20th September.

Old Mobile Phones
Please place your old mobile phones in the box in the 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
ART NEWS

Grade Art Awards
Prep E  Amazing abstract designs
1/S  Wonderful fabric roosters
2/BK  Creative “Don’t let the Pigeon drive the bus” paintings
5/P  Creative mask drawings
6/R  Excellent charcoal drawings

MUSIC/Drama NEWS

Keyboard / Piano Lessons – Term 4
A new Keyboard teacher has commenced taking lessons on Friday’s. Most children will participate in shared lessons; the cost is $20.00 per half hour lesson. We are now in a situation to invite new students to take keyboard lessons so if you would like your child to have lessons this term please send a note to the office or Mr Wall as soon as possible.

White Hills Idol
Auditions for WH Idol started this week and the auditions are being held during lunch time (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursdays) and children can either sing solo or as a duet. (two people) Larger groups will not be considered. They will continue next week if required. After auditions have been finalised the children who have made it to the next round (Semi-finals) will be notified. It is planned for the final to be held in the last week of school and will be held in the sports shed.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

Preps

Hint for the Week
*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.

Correcting Mistakes when Reading:
If the mistake does not make sense, lead the child to correct the mistake by allowing time to self-correct. If the child does not self-correct after about 30 seconds, ask him/her to reread, then, if the child does not notice the error, ask “Does that make sense?”

Prep Reading
We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.0am and 9.30am on any school day.

PMP
PMP will be held next Monday, 21st October. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm on Monday.

Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ who are participating well in class activities and are working hard to develop their resilience skills. Well done to Alexis W, Rahya Z, Mikayla M and Lachlan S.

Term 4: Integrated Unit
We have commenced 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.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep Swimming Program will be held on 25th, 26th and 27th, November and 2nd and 4th December, at the Eaglehawk Leisure Centre, YMCA Indoor Heated Pool. The program will consist of five 40 minute sessions based on the development of swimming and water safety skills and will be overseen by Aust Swim trained instructors. Students will work in graded ability groups to enable all skill levels to be specifically targeted. The swimming program is included in the pre-payment of Special Events. If you have not pre-paid swimming, or signed over your EMA to the school to cover Special Events, the cost of the swimming program is $49.00, which covers pool admission and lessons with trained instructors, equipment hire and bus transport to and from the venue each day. Please do not send any money until a special information note is sent home closer to the program commencing.
Grade 1/2

Swimming
Students in Grades 1/2 will be attending swimming lessons from the 4th to the 8th November. Notes went home earlier this week. If you haven’t received a note please see your child’s teacher. If you haven’t finalised your swimming payment please do so as soon as possible.

Students of the Week
1A- Lexi: for wonderful reading at home and at school.
1 CW- Erin: for her super, clever confident work in maths.
1P- Lachlan: For being a super organised and friendly member of our class.
1S- Harry: for doing a great job with his reading.
2 BK- Jayda: for a great narrative and for being a spelling whizz!
2 R- Cammyrn: for writing a super long story. Great confidence!
2W- Blake: for being kind and considerate of other people’s feelings.

Grade 1 Tea and Grade 2 Sleepover
The Grade 1 tea will take place on 21st November from 5.00pm-7.30pm and the Grade 2 sleepover will take place at the Discovery Centre on Friday the 6th December. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

School Supplies
A number of students have misplaced some of their school supplies, making some lessons very difficult when students don’t have pencils, glue sticks etc. Please ask your child what they are missing and send along these supplies to school.

Spelling Homework
At the end of last term a note went home about the importance of children completing their spelling homework weekly.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Camps
The grade 3’s and 4’s had a great time at both Camp Currambine and Derby Hill.
We would like to thank all the parent helpers who came and assisted us whilst on camp. It was great to have you on board and we hoped you enjoyed the experience.

Learning Portfolios
We hope you have all taken the opportunity over the holidays to look at your child’s portfolio and write a positive comment regarding their work from last term. Please return the portfolio to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Major Excursion
On 7th November the grade 3/4’s will be going on their major excursion to the Central Deborah Goldmines and Chinese Museum as part of our ‘Bendigo and Beyond’ integrated unit. We sent a note home earlier this week outlining the details for the excursion. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain knowledge of their local area and extend their understandings of how Bendigo was founded. It is an expectation that all students attend the excursion as the information gained from the experience will be used throughout the unit.

Students of the Week
All grade 3/4’s for their effort and behaviour whilst on camp!

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News
Welcome back to the start of term 4. We look forward to the many exciting things planned this term.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to these students:
5/B Zac S- for his improved organisation and concentration in class
5/S Kyle N- for always being a polite and respectful member of the class
5/T Kyle C- for representing Victoria at the Inline Skating Championships
5/P David C- for his thoughtful contribution to a team technology task
6/M Kodi G- for concentrating well on each task in class
6/R Amber S- for always trying to solve maths problems accurately
6/G Harry A- for being a supportive class member who willingly helps his classmates
Visiting Chinese Students
Welcome to the Chinese Students who arrived this week. We are very excited to have them here as we learnt so much from those that visited us last time. We are looking forward to learning more about their culture.

Camp Reminder Note
A note has been sent home with your child if you still have a significant amount owing on your child’s camp payment. Please attend to this as soon as possible as the due dates are fast approaching for both camps.
GRADE 6 – Tuesday, 12th November  
GRADE 5-Tuesday, 26th November

Division/Region Athletics
Congratulations to those students who competed in the Division/Region Athletics. They represented our school really well and looked great in the WHPS sports uniform.

Learning Portfolios
Students are reminded to return their learning portfolios to their classroom teachers as soon as possible with the parent sheet signed.
Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations Kyle
Grade 5/T student Kyle C is pictured proudly wearing his Victorian in Line Skating uniform and showing his mammoth 3rd Place medallion. During the recent school holidays he was a member of the Victorian U12 team who travelled to Queensland to participate in the National Championships. He scored 5 goals and made a huge contribution to the team being placed 3rd. He says he might become a Hockey professional one day! A fabulous result Kyle.

Division Athletics
Congratulations to Nicholas R, Jacob O, Kyle N, Erin H, Jack M, Dylan E, Kaden B, Julian L, Noah M, Shanai R, Hannah E and Tahlia E. These students all represented White Hills Primary at the division athletics on Monday, all performing very well in their given events. Conditions were cold early in the day with showers making each event that little more difficult. In the lead up to this event students participated in several sessions from technique to general fitness. In each session they always gave their best effort and this was reflected in their performances on the day.

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

Mr Stewart Scoble  
Phys. Ed Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

Giggle your way to good health
You may have already heard about Squash Vic’s innovative female-only learn to play program, affectionately known as ‘Hits & Giggles’. With many women from the Bendigo area having already completed a program, the ‘Hits & Giggles’ program is on again in October women providing more local women with the opportunity to learn the sport of Squash in a unique way.

Run over six weeks from Wednesday, 30th October, the Bendigo Squash Club ‘Hits & Giggles’ Program introduces women and girls to the sport of Squash in a supportive and judgement free environment that promotes a bit of fun as well as fitness. Participants will receive coaching designed to their fitness level and playing abilities all whilst in the company of like-minded women, helping to boost their self-confidence, self-esteem and form new friendships. For more information or to sign up in the Hits & Giggles program, visit www.squashvic.com.au.

MEET the LOCALS with Bendigo Family Nature Club
Sunday, 20th October 11.00am – 1.00pm  Free event
Hosted by the Wildlife Rescue Information Network this month the Bendigo Family Nature Club will be making friends with the wild life at Kennington Reservoir, and asking how are they going living in the bush right in the middle of an urban environment?

The WRIN is an organization dedicated to the the rescue and rehabilitation of native fauna found injured, sick or orphaned. All of its members are all volunteers.

This event is made possible through the volunteer support of the Bendigo Sustainability Group, Bendigo Field Naturalists and WRIN Registration: meetthelocals.eventbrite.com.au

Hockey Skills Program
Where: Oval at Epsom Primary School, Howard Street Epsom. Registration day Tuesday, 15th October at 4 pm. Tuesday, 22nd October is the start of 6 week program. The program concludes with a GALA DAY at the Hockey Centre in Ashley Street, Ironbark, Bendigo on Sunday, 1st December 2013. Cost is $25.00 if you already have own equipment; or $50.00 which gives you participation in the program and your own equipment pack including a t-shirt, sweat band, hockey stick, fold out goals and Certificate.
If you have any further questions, please email the Club at sandhursthc@gmail.com on call Kylie Evans on 0438 584664 or Sharon Welsh on 5444 0270 AH.

White Hills Bowls Club, Bosquet St White Hills
Come and Try Day 1.00pm Sunday, 20th October. This is an open invitation to members of the White Hills, Epsom, Ascot and surrounding communities to join in the fun of a “Come and Try Day”, experience not necessary. All family members welcome. Flat-soled shoes if possible. Bowls provided. Afternoon tea to follow
**Funloong Fun Day**
Free Community Event on Saturday, 19th October 11.00am – 2.00pm. For more information and competition details visit [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/funloongfunday](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/funloongfunday)

**Austswim Bendigo**
The next Austswim Course is being conducted in Bendigo on the following dates: Saturday, 26 October, 9.00 – 5.00pm and Sunday, 27th October, 9.00am – 4.00pm at Peter Krenz Leisure Centre, Napier St, Eaglehawk, cost is $388.00.

Austswim Re-Registration - If you gained your Austswim Certificate or re-registered in 2010 you need to re-register in 2013. You can do this by attending some theory and practical sessions during the full course. Ring to find out times when you will need to attend. Cost for update: $88.00. If interested contact Kate Nichols on fax 58312597 or Mobile 0427153591 or email kate@valleysport.net.au

**Marist Brothers Band**
Come & Try Day & Launch of the Marist Academy of Brass on Sunday, 27th October 2013 from 12.00pm-1.30pm at Marist Brothers Band Room & Catholic Education Office (Rear Entrance) 128 Hargreaves St, Bendigo (just down from Chapel St.)

Never played? Used to play? Always wanted to play? Well come along! All interested people welcome, young and old.

*For more information contact: Mark – 0407519517, John – 0407317956 or Sally – 0488679931*

**White Hills Junior Football Club Annual General Meeting**
The Annual General Meeting of the White Hills Junior Football Club will be held on Monday, 28th October 2013 commencing at 7.30pm at the clubrooms in Scott Street, White Hills. Everyone welcome.

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**Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure!**
The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They’re giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP.*

For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

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**Bags 4 Care**
*In coordination with St Luke’s Bendigo*

Bags 4 Care is a fundraiser run by students from Bendigo TAFE studying Youth Work.

We focus on children and young people living in Out of Home Care who quite often only have garbage bags or shopping bags to transport their only possessions.

We aim to receive donations of back packs, overnight bags, suitcases or gift cards that will be donated to children in St Luke’s Out of Home Care program.

Please inbox our Facebook page, “Bags 4 Care”, phone Emily on 0409552006, or visit St Luke’s website [www.stlukes.org.au](http://www.stlukes.org.au)