Calendar of Events

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Week 1

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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

For Sale: Surplus Netbooks Only $50 Each
The school has replaced a group of netbook computers. We are offering a number of Samsung N150 Plus netbooks for sale at $50.00 each. Contact the school asap on 54430799 if you are interested in purchasing one. At this price they won’t last long!
The specifications are as follows:
- Windows XP (base install, no extra software)
- Intel Atom N450 1.6ghz single core
- 2GB of Memory
- 160GB Hard Drive
- 3 x USB ports
- 1 x VGA port
- 100mb Ethernet port
- Webcam

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

Energy Breakthrough Fundraiser: Pizza Day Tuesday, 5th November
This will be our last fundraising effort for the Energy Breakthrough Teams before the big event in Maryborough on Thursday, 21st November.
Pizza orders are to be written on a bag with your child’s name, grade and choice of pizza topping, from the 2 available, and enclose the money in an envelope with the bag.
Pizza Toppings are: - Ham and Cheese or Ham and Pineapple
Cost: - $2.50 slice
Orders close on Friday, 1st November. No late orders will be accepted.
All orders are to be posted in the post box at the Office.
Thank you for your support.
Energy Breakthrough Teams

Prep Familiarisation Days
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 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 day to another session as this results in an imbalance of student numbers.
**School Sores (Impetigo)**

We have a confirmed case of school sores (Impetigo) in the school. If your child contracts school sores, you need to notify the school and they are to be excluded until appropriate treatment commences. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.

**How can Impetigo be prevented?**

- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth.
- Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch sores or pick their nose.
- Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection, including impetigo.
- Always wash your hands after touching sores or scabs and use gloves if possible when treating infected children.
- Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.


**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 Phase Now Closed**

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. The school community consultation phase has now closed.

The collated input has been presented to School Council and recommended changes have been approved at last Monday night’s meeting. The changes will be incorporated into the final Master Plan by the landscape architect. Once this plan is approved by School Council, we will begin prioritising and staging necessary grounds works.

**Lead By Example**

*From an article by Professor Geraldine Naughton, Sports Medicine Australia's spokeswoman on children's physical activity.*

Children learn a great deal from their parents. If you want your children to eat well and exercise then lead by example. Children learn to like what they are familiar with. The best thing we can do as a family is model good food behaviour and good eating habits. So if you eat well as a family, your children will learn that this is what we eat as part of our food culture. One of the biggest issues with eating is snacking especially on foods that are not healthy. The time a child snacks is as important as what they snack on. Snacking before main meals will obviously result in them not eating much of the meal prepared. After school is a good time to snack, but make it a healthy one which won't fill them up too much.

The story is the same for exercise. Children with active parents are more likely to be active themselves and if children are active from an early age it will help them enjoy a happy childhood and become healthier adults. It is suggested that parents plan for free and preferably outdoor active play every day and set limits on the time spent on less active behaviours (e.g. watching TV, using gameboys and computers.) Get into the game with your children. Get the whole family involved in a game of chasey or have races. Be silly. Let your children see how much fun they can have while being active. Put your kids in charge of choosing the activity of the day or week. Park further away from the shopping centre and walk some of the way, use the stairs instead of the lift or get up earlier and go as a family to walk the dog. But most of all, every activity should be fun. If children are enjoying themselves they are more likely to keep being active.

**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**

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Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
Walk to School in November

White Hills Primary School has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment, and their confidence.

Walk to School is free, it’s fun and there are fantastic prizes for schools up for grabs.


PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

‘Frog in the Pond’ order forms were sent home last week.

All orders / money are due TODAY.

NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

Chocolate Fundraiser: Still Overdue

5 families still have outstanding money

This fundraiser finished on Friday, 19th July and it is disappointing to note that we still have 5 families with outstanding money which equates to $250.00.

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.

Parents Club / Fundraising Committee

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

School Choir & Bands

Both the school choir and the Junior and Senior Multi Instrumental bands are practising hard for the Carols Night on Wednesday, 18th December.

I am also organising for the choir to perform at an elderly person’s home facility before the end of the year. Further details will be sent home as they become finalised.

Next Monday the Choir will lead the school in the song “Keep On” in preparation for the big event on Thursday, 31st October when the school will combine with many schools throughout Australia to sing the one song on the one day at the same time. It is hoped that over 600,000 students Australia wide will take part this year.

White Hills Idol

Auditions for WH Idol should be completed this week and the children who have made it to the next round (the semi-finals) will be asked to sing again. The finalists will have a number of weeks to choose and practise their song for the big event. It is planned for the final to be held on the Wednesday of the last week of school and will be held in the sports shed. The final will be 11.30am to 1.00pm and we are hoping to have some special judges again this year to judge the final. All family and friends are invited to this fun event.

Mr Vern Wall

Music / Drama Teacher
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 Keiden B, Di, Jade B, Jasmine H and Ebony H.**

**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.

**Hint for the Week**

The most important part of reading together is **enjoying** the book. Let children choose their own books and encourage them to talk about the books they have read.

**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 Reading**

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

**PMP**

PMP will be held next Monday, 28th October. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm.

**Grade 1/2**

**Students of the Week**

1/A **Sonny** for big improvements with his reading and his handwriting.  
1/CW **Akaisha** for her excellent work at home to complete her reading homework.  
1/P **Angus** for working hard to produce some terrific writing.  
1/S **Sarah** for always doing wonderful neat handwriting and completing her work on time.  
2/BK **Laquisha** for showing determination and enthusiasm towards her reading and writing.  
2/R **Madi** for persistence when she writes a narrative.  
2/W **Ebony** for building her confidence to tackle tricky maths problems.

**Swimming Program**

Students in Grades 1 and 2 will be attending swimming lessons from the 4th to the 8th November. If you haven’t received a note please see your child’s teacher. **Permission form, medical information and payment need to be handed to classroom teachers no later than 5.00pm Tuesday 29th October.**

**Grade 1 Tea and Grade 2 Sleepover**

The Grade 1 tea will take place on 21st November from 5.00pm-7.30pm. The Grade 2 sleepover will take place at the Discovery Centre on Friday, 6th December. More information will be coming soon.

**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.
**Middle School News**

**Major Excursion**
On **Thursday, 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.

Please ensure the permission note and payment is returned to school by **Thursday, 31st October**. Could you also note that this excursion is **not** covered by pre-payments, such as the swimming and gym programs.

**Students of the Week**
- **3/4G Sharni S** for a terrific start at WHPS. Keep up the positive attitude!
- **3/4W Kimberly M** for her great attitude to her spelling and greatly improving her Oxford words.
- **3/4N Anique G** for the fantastic improvement in her reading, writing, spelling and maths.
- **3/4H Jack Mc** for his improved spelling and consistently spelling most of the 400 Oxford words in his writing.
- **3/4K Liam K** for his improvement in his spelling. Well done!

**Learning Portfolios**
If you have not already done so, could you please return your child’s learning portfolio to school as soon as possible. Children have already begun to gather work samples for this term.

**Home Routines**
Homework will again be sent home each Friday, containing spelling tasks and maths revision activities. It is due back at school the following Thursday. Reading Journals are asked to be filled out each night and come to school every day. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher if there are any concerns in this area.

**Upper School News**

**Students of the Week**
- **5/S Jasper Bawden** for always making sure he is organised and ready to learn before the bell.
- **5/B Selina** for getting involved in team sports, buddies and platoon. What a great addition to our classroom.
- **5/T Hayden M** for coping so well with his broken arm.
- **5/P Lily B** for stepping in at the last minute to be in the Energy Breakthrough Team.
- **6/M Paw Bleh H** for the regular home reading routine she has for her Lit Circles
- **6/R Brea K** for the continued effort she puts into all her work.
- **6/G Jayden W** for the responsible attitude he displays when in and out of the room.

**Grade 5 & 6 Final Camp Payments**
Please be aware that the due dates for final payments are fast approaching for both camps. Please finalise these as soon as possible.
- Grade 6 – Tuesday, 12th November (total cost for Grade 6 camp is $260.00)
- Grade 5 – Tuesday, 26th November (total cost for Grade 5 camp is $267.00)

**Homework**
A reminder to parents that your child still has a weekly homework commitment, which includes reading their Lit Circle book and a worksheet or something similar.
- Grade 6’s handed out Thursday due a week later (Thursday)
- Grade 5/S and 5/B handed out Tuesday due a week later (Tuesday)
- Grade 5/P and 5/T handed out Wednesday due in the following Tuesday

**Pro Tour Tennis Excursion**
The Grade 5 and 6’s have the opportunity to go and be part of the crowd at the William Loud Tennis Tournament to be held at the Bendigo Tennis Centre.

The Grade 6’s will be attending on Tuesday 29th October and the Grade 5’s will be attending on Thursday 31st October. As well as being able to watch some of the top ranked Australian players they will also be taking part in a Hot Shots Clinic.

Your child will have written these details into their diary and will need a parent to sign their diary as a way of giving permission to attend this event. If you would like to walk down to the Nolan Street Courts with us please see your child’s classroom teacher.

**Learning Portfolios**
These are now overdue to be returned. Please find your child’s and return it to their classroom teacher ASAP.
**SICK BAY ROSTER**
Friday, 25th October  Rosemary Taylor
Friday, 1st November  Vicki Whyte

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

**Team Leaders**
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

**2nd Hand Uniform Items**
If not sold within 3 months, uniform items will be passed on to the Chaplain for any children in need.
Orders can be left at the office anytime

**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**
Thursday, 31st October  Kate Nichols
Thursday, 7th November  Samantha Franklin

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Friday, 25th October  Chelsea MacDonald
Friday, 25th October  Nicole Logan
Friday, 25th October  Anne McCrabb

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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 bag 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.

**Popcorn only available on lunch order days – order with lunch and collect from canteen**

**Lunch orders MUST be handed into the classroom or office no later than 10.30am.**
If your child is signed out of school between 10.30am and lunch time, (1.30pm) their lunch order cannot be refunded

**Mrs Helen Williams**
Canteen Manager

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**Grade 6 Graduation Bear or Footy**
Grade 6’s have received an order form giving them the opportunity to purchase either a graduation bear or footy which they can get people to sign. This purchase is optional.

Orders must be received by Friday, 15th November.

Senior School Teachers

**SPORTS NEWS**

**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

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**CMS Dance Worx 2013 Concert**
At the Capital Theatre Bendigo on Saturday, 9th November 2013 at 7.00pm, cost Adult $28.00, Pension/Student $23.00 and Children U14 $16.00.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
Art for East Timor
The Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee (BMFC) is conducting an “Art for East Timor” photographic, drawing and painting exhibition at Dudley House between the 8th and 13th of November. This event will be a significant fundraiser and will also serve as opportunity to highlight the work being undertaken in Maubisse and East Timor.

A number of local Bendigo artists have been magnificent in supporting this event by donating their own time producing art work that depicts the lifestyle and environment of the people of Maubisse and East Timor. These works will be available for purchase and the proceeds will go towards a number of projects earmarked by the committee for the purpose of improving the lifestyle of the Maubisse community.

The opening of the exhibition will take place on Friday, 8th November. This will be a pleasant social occasion culminating in a silent auction where people will have the opportunity to bid for the various art works. Your support by attending this exhibition will be greatly appreciated. Naidene Parry, On behalf of the Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee

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

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 promises 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 further information or to sign up in the Hits & Giggles program visit www.squashvic.com.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

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

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

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-Wayne Gretzky

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