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.

Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 20th December

Week 34
Friday 1st November - EBT Pizza Day Orders-last day
Week 35
Monday 4th November - Prep PMP 2.30pm
Mon 5th – Fri 8th Nov – Gr 1/2 Swimming Program
Tuesday 5th November – EBT Pizza Day - lunch
Thursday 7th November – Gr 3/4 Major Excursion
Thursday 7th November – 2014 Student Placement Request-last day
Friday 8th November – Prep Swimming-form due today
Week 36
Tuesday 12th November – 2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45-11.45am
Wednesday 13th November – Gr 6 Camp - final payment due today
Tuesday 14th November – Pupil Free Day
Thursday 14th November – 2014 Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45-11.45am
Friday 15th November – SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm
Gr 6 Graduation Bear/Footy orders due
Week 37
Monday 18th November – Curriculum & Environment Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 18th November – School Council Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 21st November – Gr 1 Tea 5.00pm-7.30pm
Thurs 21st – Sat 23rd Nov – Energy Breakthrough Event
Week 38
Mon 25th – Wed 27th Nov – Prep Swimming
Tuesday 26 November – Gr 5 Camp – final payment due today
Wed 27th – Fri 29th Nov – Grade 6 Camp - Anglesea
Wednesday 27th November – Grade 5 Camp-final payments due today
Week 39
Mon 2nd December – Prep Swimming
Tuesday 3rd December – Orientation Day
Wednesday 4th December – Prep Swimming
Thursday 5th December – Pupil Free Day
Friday 6th December – Gr 5/6 Netbooks-return to class teacher
Friday 6th December – Grade 2 Sleepover-Discovery Centre
Week 40
Monday 9th December – Prep Excursion to Kyabram
Tuesday 10th December – Weeronga College Awards Night
Wednesday 11th December – BSSC Awards Night
Friday 13th December – Prep Tea 5.00pm-7.00pm
Wed 11th – Fri 13th Dec – Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island
Week 41
Monday 16th December – Bendigo South East SC Awards Night
Tuesday 17th December – Eaglehawk SC Awards Night
Wednesday 18th December – WHPS Carols Night
Thursday 19th December – Grade 6 Graduation Night
Friday 20th December – Last Day Term 4-1.30pm dismissal

2014
Thursday 23rd January – Bookpack Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Friday 24th January – Bookpack Day 9.30am-1.00pm

Term 1 Tuesday 28th January - Friday 4th April
Week 1
Tuesday 28th January – Teachers Commence
Wednesday 29th January – Grades 1-6 Commence
Thursday 30th January – Preps Commence
Friday 18th April – Good Friday
Term 2 Monday 22nd April – Friday 27th June
Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September
Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December
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. 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.

When A Parent's Love Is Not Enough
Taken from an article published in "The Age", Oct 22nd, discussing the results of an ASG Student Social and Emotional Health report released recently by Melbourne University researcher Michael Bernard. "This report found that one-third of Australian children, in the study of 10,000 students from 81 primary and secondary schools nation wide, are feeling stressed about their lives. Parents can do a lot to help children cope with pressures, especially by having a positive relationship with their child, spending time with them, showing affection, listening and not using a negative tone of voice. Loving your child, Professor Michael Bernard says, is not enough. Parents cannot expect children to learn values such as trustworthiness or social responsibility without discussing them. It is important to talk to children about how to make friends and manage conflict, he says.
Parents must also communicate high but realistic expectations about school work and expected behaviour. They must praise children when they work hard and must consistently enforce consequences for unacceptable behaviour.
Children need to be given responsibilities and the right to make decisions. The child needs to be in charge of something. They also need to be involved in decisions about home rules, such as when to do homework and jobs they do. Parents must also support their child's interests. While some parents take this to the extreme driving their children to numerous activities, Professor Bernard says research shows that the parents of children with a poor sense of wellbeing often haven't helped their child to develop interests.
Parents must show an interest in their child's education, from asking them about what they are learning to getting to know the teachers, attending school events and possibly joining school committees. If the child is interested in a particular subject, the parent should try to provide extension activities.” Continued next week.

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

Energy Breakthrough Teams Fundraiser
Student Pizza Day (lunch)

Orders Close Today
This is 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 & Cheese and Ham & Pineapple ($2.50 per slice)**
Orders close today.

*No late orders will be accepted.*

Thank you for your support.
Energy Breakthrough Teams
Park the Car and Walk Together
Did you know that 60 minutes of physical activity every day is recommended for children? November is Walk to School month and a great time to start walking. The spring sunshine makes it easier to get out of the house and ditch the car. So next time you drive your kids to and from school, why not park the car a little further away from the gate and get in some extra activity? Park and Walk together today!

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.

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

ART NEWS

Art Awards
P/J Wonderful listeners and amazing workers in the Art Room
1CW Amazing farm collages
3/4G Top listening skills and fantastic work habits in Art!
3/4N Excellent paper mache skills
5B Creative and colourful tribal masks

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 a retirement home before the end of the year. Further details will be sent home as they become finalised.

White Hills Idol
Auditions for White Hills 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. The final will be held on the Wednesday of the last week of school in the sports shed, from 11.30am to 1.00pm. 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

Junior School News

Preps
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 Jack L, Macey B, Brodi D and Jimmy W.

Hint for the Week
Correcting Mistakes when Reading
If your child has difficulty in working out a word, look at the word and find familiar sounds and blends, such as “t” at the beginning and “ing” at the end.

Prep Reading
We would appreciate parent help listening to children read between 9.00am and 9.30am on any school day.
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 Austswim 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 for Special Events (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. A special information note was sent home this week.
Please return the YMCA child ability form to your child’s class teacher by Friday, 8th November to allow the swimming instructors to form swimming groups before the lessons begin.

PMP
PMP will be held next Monday, 4th November. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers, Sally R, Fran H, Lisa Y and Sheridan D at 2.30pm.

Grade 1/2
Students of the Week
1/A - Max for big improvements in reading.
1/CW - Sophie for her excellent attitude to all learning activities and for always treating others with respect.
1/P - Aleksia for excellent improvement in reading aloud with a beautiful story telling voice.
1/S - Emma for being a superstar reader.
2/BK - Siobhan for all her quiet achievements and friendly attitude.
2/R - Seth for amazing improvement in his spelling results.
2/W - Kahlia for showing excellent speaking and listening skills during class time.

Swimming Program
Students in Grades 1/2 will be attending swimming lessons next week Monday, 4th to Friday, 8th November. If you require any further information please see your child’s teacher.

Grade 2 Sleepover
Notes for the grade 2 sleepover went home on Monday. If your child didn’t receive one, please see your child’s teacher.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News
Student of the Week
3/4 G - Takara A – for putting extra effort into the presentation of her homework.
3/4 W - Kyal S – for working hard on his maths investigation and staying on task until he got it done. Well done mate!
3/4 N - Kayd A – for being polite and well-mannered in class
3/4 H - Aimee F – for being a good listener and always putting in 100%
3/4 K - Lara H – for making a great start to the term. Welcome back!

Major Excursion
On Thursday, 7th November the Grade 3/4’s will be going on their major excursion to the Central Deborah Goldmine and Chinese Museum as part of our ‘Bendigo and Beyond’ integrated unit. Payment and permission notes were due yesterday Thursday, 31st October.
We would still be very grateful for parent helpers. Please see you your child’s teacher if you are available on this day.
Learning Portfolios
A reminder that the student portfolios are due back at school ready to be filled up with Term 4 work samples. Please check if you have one at home and also make sure that you have commented on the work.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to the following students:

5/S Destiny A for her bright and bubbly nature; she always comes to school with a smile on her face.
5/B Jake M for improving his organisation and remembering to put his name on his work.
5/T Jordan L-P for settling in well to his new school and grade. Welcome Jordan.
5/P Jackson W for making an effort to produce neat book work.
6/M Michael S for continuing to be well organised so he can complete work on time.
6/G Jacob O’B for being a consistently organised and hard-working member of the class.
6/R Lili B for getting along well with others and being a happier student.

Pro Tour Tennis Excursion
This week the students headed down to the Nolan Street Tennis Centre to take part in a Hot Shots Tennis session and watch some quality Australian tennis players play in the William Loud Tennis Competition. All students enjoyed the experience of being able to watch tennis being played at such a high standard and ask a tennis player some questions. Their behaviour was great and this made it an enjoyable experience.

Pizza Orders – Last Day Today
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, as part of the Energy Breakthrough fundraisers students are able to order pizza slices for $2.50 to be eaten for lunch on Tuesday, 5th November. These orders are due TODAY.

Grade 6 Graduation Bear or Footy Orders
Order forms have been sent home with the Grade 6 students 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.

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 – due Tuesday, 12th November (total cost for Grade 6 camp is $260.00)
Grade 5 – due Tuesday, 26th November (total cost for Grade 5 camp is $267.00)

Camp Medical Notes
Grade 5’s and 6’s have both had their 1st camp meeting where general details of the camp were discussed and medical forms handed out. The Grade 6 forms are due back on the same date as final camp payments – Tuesday, 12th November. Another camp meeting will follow with clothing lists and final details to be discussed.

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

Learning Portfolios
These are now overdue to be returned. Please find your child’s and return it to their classroom teacher ASAP.

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

Milo In2Cricket Program Registration and Participation Afternoon
Milo Cricket begins on Wednesday, 6 November 4.30pm to 5.30pm, KWD Oval at Scott St. White Hills
Cost: $70.00 per participant (includes a Milo In2Cricket pack) for a 12 week program from 6th November to 18th December and 5th February to 5th March 2014.
Milo In2Cricket is ideal introduction to cricket for 5 – 9 year olds. Please bring a wide-brimmed hat and water bottle for the first session. Further Details contact: John Geary (0408 248282)

White Hills Kindergarten All Wares Market
White Hills Kindergarten invites you to an All Wares market on Friday, 8th November 7.00pm-9.00pm with over 30 stalls at Ted’s Shed, Holy Rosary Hall, Heinz Street, White Hills. Light supper provided. Entry by gold coin donation.

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 an 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

Tutoring Program available - for Aboriginal Children after school
Hi my name is Jade Hudson-Morgan and I am the new Positive Connection Children Worker at the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-Operative. I am starting up a tutoring program that aims to help young Aboriginal people with their educational needs in a
cultural manner. The programs goals are to help young Aboriginal people between the ages of 8 and 12 stay better connected to their education, culture and community. I enjoy very much working with young Aboriginal people and hope to assist them to remain connected to school, their communities and to their cultural identity. In doing so the program will see the engagement of school networks, families and the broader circles of support that will assist with academic success, build life skills, foster greater understanding of cultural heritage and achieve better employment outcomes in the future. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on (03) 54424947 and I will be more than happy to answer them. Thank you Jade Hudson-Morgan

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

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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