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.

Vision and Values

Principal’s News

2014 Student Placement Request Closed
Written placement requests from parents, based on educational and social factors only, closed at 4.00pm today – Thursday, 7th November. Naming of a preferred class teacher for 2014 was not part of this process.

Late written requests or verbal requests will NOT be considered.

The process of allocating children to grades is very complex, with teachers and coordinators spending many days developing class groups based on sound educational factors. Class teachers have already worked with children to nominate five (5) of their friends who they believe they would work well with. We endeavour to place them with at least one (1) of their nominated friends. We consider the following factors when determining grades: even distribution of academic ability within grades, separation of children who do not work well together, gender balance, interpersonal development, friendship groups, attitude, maturity, individual needs and behaviour.

Only this year’s letters will be considered, so do not rely on previous letters (or conversations) with the Principal or Assistant Principal from past years.

Parents should be aware that requests can place significant limitations on options for placement and there is no guarantee that a request can be met.

Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s allocated grade for 2014 on Thursday, 12th December.

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 their allocated Familiarisation Day, 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.

Pupil Free Day: Wednesday, 13th November
Next Wednesday, 13th November is a School Council approved curriculum day. Children do NOT attend school on this day. Teachers will be working on student reports. Thursday, 5th December is also a curriculum day. Teachers will be working on the mathematics component of the new Australian Curriculum.

Head Lice Program
A big thank you to all the mums who assisted with the Head Lice program this year. If you are interested in helping out in 2014, could you please let Sabina know in the office ASAP? The more volunteers we have, the quicker it is 😊
When a Parent's Love Is Not Enough: Continued...

Taken from an article published in "The Age", 22nd October, 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 nationwide, are feeling stressed about their lives. Parents through their own optimistic behaviour and self-acceptance can show children that they should not take life so seriously or personally. Professor Bernard says today's children need programs such as You Can Do It because they are more stressed than previous generations. He puts this down to parents having less time because they are working, children growing up faster and higher academic expectations.

The Report revealed that many students particularly struggled with the transition to secondary school. Many students did not feel they had the resilience to deal with peer group pressure and a new school structure when they constantly changed classes. But how can a parent talk to an upset adolescent about such issues? Professor Bernard says parents have to find that balance where they are firm with their children and earn their respect, while also being kind and listening to what is going on in their lives.

The good news from the report is that most children are happy most of the time. "That message gets lost. Young people today are OK because there are more routes to a destination."

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Congratulations to our Birthday children

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Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

Parent's Club Meeting

Our next Parents Club meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 4th December 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.

Up-coming Fundraising Event – Christmas Raffle

Parents Club / Fundraising Committee

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MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

White Hills Idol

Students who made it to the semi-finals will have their next audition for White Hills Idol this week. The talent is again making the selection very hard. We wish all the semi-finalists the very best. The students will all be singing the same known song and using a microphone. I hope to announce the finalists in the newsletter next week.

School Choir & Bands

Both the school choir and the Junior and Senior Multi Instrumental Bands are practising hard for the Carols Night at the end of the year. The Carols night is on Wednesday, 18th December.

As in previous years the Junior and Senior bands will play some music prior to the start of the evening.

It is also planned that the school choir will perform at an elderly person’s home before the end of the year, watch for further details when finalised.

Music Count–Us-In

Last Thursday the school sang the song ‘Keep On’ at 12.30pm and thus became part of over 1,250 schools and 550,000 children who all sang this song at the one time. Congratulations to all the students for their participation and parents may have seen it a featured in many of the news services on Thursday night.

The purpose of the exercise is to promote music education and its importance as a part of the curriculum.

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher
Parks and Playgrounds across Greater Bendigo

Did you know there are over 100 parks/reserves and 105 playgrounds across Greater Bendigo? Along with walking to school, get out and about and active this summer by visiting your local park or playground.

For a full list visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au and click on parks gardens and reserves under the leisure and entertainment tab.

The City of Greater Bendigo’s Summer in the Parks initiative makes the most of sunny days, balmy nights and the region’s great parks. The 2013/14 program is available at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

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 Lily L, Marcus B, Isaiah P-A and Sierra P.

Hint for the Week

Remember that getting meaning from print is what reading is all about. Talk about the book before and after you read it and discuss your favourite part of the story or new information you may have learnt from it. Often parents feel that their children should be reading at a higher level than what they have been placed by their teacher. By gaining confidence and fluency on an easier level assists children in developing understanding of what they are reading.

Sleep

As the year is getting busier we have been noticing some of our Junior School children are becoming very tired, resulting in lack of concentration, tears and grumpiness. It is suggested by researches that children of Prep age require up to 11 hours sleep a night to function at their best. Please encourage your child to be in bed at around 8.00pm (we know this is difficult with daylight saving) so they can be ready for learning the next day.

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, 11th November. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers, Kate N, Paula S, Caitlin J, Lani G and Sharon A at 2.30pm.

Grade 1/2

Students of the Week

1/A Lacey: for being positive, happy and hard working.
1/CW Bailey: for his excellent work in maths.
1/P Nathan: for being a happy and friendly class member.
1/S Alyssa: for being a responsible class member.
2/BK Savannah: for working hard in maths time.
2/R Cody: for outstanding results on his maths test.
2/W Jorja: for completing 230 nights of home reading.
Swimming Program
The swimming program is well underway with only one day left. Students have been displaying excellent behaviour and listening skills.

Grade 2 Sleepover
All grade 2 students have received their notes for the grade 2 sleepover. Notes and payment ($40.00) need to be returned to school by Thursday, 21st November. If you have signed over your EMA to the school, please check if the Sleepover has been covered.

Grade 1 Tea
All grade 1 students have received their notes for the grade 1 Tea. Notes and payment ($12.00) need to be returned by Monday, 18th November. If you have signed your EMA over to the school, please check if the Grade 1 tea has been covered.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Student of the Week
3/4G Jakobi H for always putting 100% effort into her work.
3/4W Latiesha M for working hard and putting 100% effort into her work.
3/4N Jessica K for achieving wonderful results.
3/4K Connor P for using excellent skills when researching the cultural influences of Bendigo.
3/4K Sam W for fantastic results in Maths.

Excursion to Bendigo
Our excursion to Central Deborah Mine, Talking tram and Chinese Dragon Museum was a wonderful experience for all involved. Please take the time to ask your child about their experiences today and what they did.
A huge thank you to the parent helpers who did a wonderful job today.

Thank You
Thank You very much to all of those parents who helped to cover the new readers. Your services are very much appreciated.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to these Students of the Week
5/S Tom for being confident in class to answer maths questions and completing his octable in record time!
5/B Amy W for her kind nature and excellent work habits. She is always on time with all her work.
5/P Denver C for his excellent fielding skills in sport.
5/T Brad V for his commitment to his learning tasks, which has resulted in excellent work presentation.
6/G Skye-Anne K-B for coming back after an illness and getting straight back into working hard with a smile on her face.
6/M Lani C for her outstanding effort and participation in maths.
6/R Ta Na Moo for outstanding participation throughout maths. Keep it up Ta Na.

Pupil Free Day: Wednesday, 13th November
A good day to hunt out your Learning Portfolio and return it to school and get your homework finished and handed in.

Walk To School – November
It is great to see so many of the students in Grade 6 taking part in the November walk to school. It is a program that runs for the month of November to encourage children to become more active. The students have recorded the distance from their house to school and whether they walk to and from school each day and at the end of the month they calculate the distance they have travelled. Please encourage your child to be involved, even instead of dropping them at the gate you drop them a few blocks away and they walk the rest, it all counts.

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) Students who have an outstanding balance received a note on Tuesday, 5th November detailing how much they still owe. A clothing list was sent home with each Grade 6 student on Monday, 4th November. A replacement clothing list can be found on the school website under 5/6 links.
Grade 5 – due Tuesday, 26th November (total cost for Grade 5 camp is $267.00) All Grade 5/6’s should now have received a medical note. Please return these to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. A replacement medical form can be found on the school website on the 5/6 links tab.
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.

Senior School Teachers

SPORTS NEWS

Bendigo Bank Fun Run
A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and participated as part of the White Hills Primary Team. Whether you walked or ran your contribution to our team and Bendigo Health was greatly appreciated. We look forward to taking part in the event next year and increasing our team numbers.

Mr Stewart Scoble
Phys. Ed Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 8th November
Catherine Hester
Jody Austin
Nicole Logan

Wednesday, 13th November
Kerri Newman
Karen Hawthorne
Deb Button
Beth Tamblyn

Friday, 15th November

Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm
(No envelopes)
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

SICK BAY ROSTER
Friday, 8th November
Leah Browell
Friday, 15th November
Sandra Saville

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday, 8th November
Mary Mitchell
Tuesday, 12th November
Kate Nichols
Friday, 15th November
Katie Clark

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, 14th November
Beth Tamblyn
Thursday, 21st November
Wendy Clark

Please arrive 2.30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Whipstick Ward Meeting
City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Councilors Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams invite all interested members of the community to attend the Whipstick Ward meeting in Bendigo on Monday 11th November.
The meeting will run from 7.00pm – 8.30pm in the Reception Room at the Bendigo Town Hall and will be an opportunity for residents to discuss a range of issues.

Zodiacs Netball Club
The Zodiacs Netball Club affiliated with the Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association will hold tryouts for 13 & Under (Year 7) on Sunday, 10th November on the outside courts (Curtain St) at Bendigo South East College, starting time 3.00pm. Please make sure you bring a drink bottle. For further information please email zodiacbgo@yahoo.com.au or contact President Liz Taylor on 0427430128

Congratulations to our ‘Students of the Week’

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Senior School Teachers
**White Hills Swimming Pool Season Tickets**

Season tickets are now available for the White Hills Swimming Pool by contacting Rosie Taylor on 0417164973 or 54483920. Please support your local pool as the money used to purchase your tickets stays and directly supports your local pool, however tickets can be used at any of the outdoor pools.

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**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.

**Milo in2CRICKET Program**

The Golden Square Cricket Club is excited to be running an in2CRICKET program again this year. The program is aimed at providing primary age children with basic skills around cricket in a fun and friendly environment. The program will also provide broader skills that will aid participants in other areas.

**Details are as follows:**

- **Where:** Wade Street Oval
- **When:** Tuesday nights.
- **Dates:** 12th November 2013 through to the 17th December 2013 & 4th February 2014 through to the 18th February 2014
- **How:** Registration is completed in two ways as follows;
  
  On-line by going to the following link: [http://www.in2cricket.com.au/](http://www.in2cricket.com.au/) and entering post code 3555 for Golden Square (our centre will be the first that pops up); or attending our registration night on the 8th November 2013 at Wade Street from 4pm through until 4:30pm.

We ask that even if you register on-line that you attend registration night in order to pay costs associated. Cost is $65.00 per participant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are the costs charged by Cricket Australia, the Golden Square Cricket Club volunteers it’s coordinator & helpers for the program and seeks no profits.

If you are interested in this program, please contact our coordinator Norm Perrow on 0419874436 or club President Aaron Bentley on 0418954562. The club can also be emailed on goldensquare@club.cricketvictoria.com.au – we hope to see you there!

**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

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

Neale Street Uniting Church – Advent Workshop

This program will be a fun time for all Primary School aged children to learn more about Jesus’ birth. This year the theme is “Ready Set Go” and we are planning a fun filled morning for the children! The session will be held on Saturday 7th December, at Neale Street Uniting Church, 10:00am – 12.30pm. There will be no charge to families to have their children involved. If you are interested in your child taking part in this fantastic program, please complete the registration form attached and post it to Neale Street Uniting Church by Friday, 29th November.