At White Hills Primary School we are committed to providing students with tools for lifelong learning. We foster a climate which enables students to be adaptable learners and contribute productively in our constantly changing society.

Calendar of Events

Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 20th December

Week 37

Thursday 21st November
Grade 1 Tea 5.00pm-7.30pm

Thursday 21st November
Prep Swimming Money due today

Thursday 21st November
Grade 2 Sleepover notes / money due

Thurs 21st – Sat 23rd Nov
Energy Breakthrough Event-Maryborough

Friday 22nd November
Choir Performance at BUPA

Week 38

Monday 25th November
2014 Book Pack Orders go out today

Monday 25th November
Prep Swimming Program

Monday 25th November
Gr 5 Camp – final payment due today

Gr 6 Camp - Anglesea

Tuesday 26 November

Wednesday 27th – Fri 29th Nov

Wednesday 27th November
Gr 5 Camp-final payments due today

Friday 28th November
Gr 1/2 Christmas Service 9.30am

Friday 28th November
Prep Christmas Service 10.15am

Week 39

Mon 2nd December
Prep Swimming Program

Tuesday 3rd December
Orientation Day 10.30-1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd December
2014 Prep Book Pack Orders due today

Wednesday 4th December
Prep Swimming Program

Wednesday 4th December
Pupil Free Day

Thursday 5th December
Bring Gold Coin for Philippines

Friday 6th December
2014 Book Pack Orders due back today

Friday 6th December
Prep Tea money due today

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

Monday 9th December
Prep Tea money due today

Monday 9th December
Weeroona College Awards Night

Tuesday 10th December
BSSC Awards Night

Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Raffle books/money due today

Wednesday 11th December
Prep Tea 5.00pm-7.00pm

Friday 13th December
Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island

Friday 13th December
Grade 5 Camp

Week 41

Mon 16th December
Bendigo South East SC Awards Night

Mon 16th December
Eaglehawk SC Awards Night

Tuesday 17th December
White Hills Idol Final 11.30am

Tuesday 17th December
WHPS Carols Night

Wednesday 18th December
Step Up Session 11.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation Night

Thursday 19th December
Step Up Session 9.00am-11.30am

Thursday 19th December
Last Day Term 4-1.30pm dismissal

Friday 20th December

Friday 20th December

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

Tuesday 28th January
Grades 1-6 Commence

Wednesday 29th January
Preps Commence

Thursday 30th January
Good Friday

Friday 18th April
Easter Monday Holiday

Monday 21st April

Term 2 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 27th June

Friday 25th April
Anzac Day Holiday

Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December

Principal’s News

Junior Grades Religious Education Service

Our annual Religious Education Christmas services will be held on Thursday morning, 28th November, for Grades Prep, 1 & 2. The Grade 1&2 service will commence at 9.30am and the Prep service at 10.15am. These services are a celebration of the year’s work the children have completed with our C.R.E. teachers. Parents are welcome to attend the service, held at St Luke’s Anglican Church, with the classes.

Parents who do not wish their child to participate in these services are asked to write a note saying this to the child’s class teacher.

Christmas Raffle Donations

We are in need of donations for our Christmas hampers and each child is asked to please donate a non-perishable item towards the hampers. See Fundraising News

Helpers & Staff Morning Tea

The school staff would like to acknowledge the continued support of all our school helpers by inviting you to join us for a morning tea in the staff room on Monday, 2nd December at 11.00am. Please note this date in your diary/calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Energy Breakthrough

We wish our 3 teams, Torpeco, Ecorush, and The Diggers, all the best over the next few days. Thank you to all who have helped to organise this event, it’s a massive job.

Special thanks to Mr Byron and Mrs Price.

Sponsors

We are grateful to the following businesses and individuals for their monetary and in-kind support of our Energy Breakthrough teams. Without their generosity our teams would be unable to compete. Please support the businesses that support our school:

Platinum Sponsorship

Link Brokering, Bridge Hotel, Matthew Hendy (Hooter’s Quality Restorations), Signmob, Think HPV (John Taylor)

Silver Sponsorship

Intergrating Technology, Fairbrother P/L, Barry Weeks Transport, Coates Hire, Eaglehawk Party Hire

Bronze Sponsorship

Hickman’s Bus and Truck Driver Training, Jamie Allan Accounting, Central Victorian Veterans Support Centre, N Weeks, Access Employment, Fiona Richards (O’Connell Driver Training)

Other Donations

Passionate Vetcare, IGA Long Gully
Orientation Day
Orientation Day for those children commencing school in 2014 will be on Tuesday, 3rd December from 10.30am to 1.30 pm. During this day the children will be participating in play and activities while their parents attend an information session in the hall. Details of this transition session were sent home with the children at their familiarisation session this week. If you did not receive this information please see Jan Ellis. Please mark this date on your calendar so you and your child can participate in this important transition session.

On this day children from Grade 6 will spend the day at their chosen Secondary Schools, while children in Grades 1-6 in 2014 will be given the opportunity to work in each of their new grades for 2014 during this morning so they can become familiar with each room.

School Uniform: Please Label
As it’s nearing the end of the year, could you please take the time to label your child’s uniform. Sometimes children accidentally come home with other children’s belongings because they are not labelled. An increasing number of children have been losing their bomber jackets/jumpers. To be replacing lost property at this time of year is an unnecessary expense for families.

2014 Book Pack Orders: Distributed Monday 25th November; Return before Friday, 6th December
The 2014 Book Pack information will be sent home with current Grade Prep-5 students next Monday, 25th November. All Book Pack order forms, Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA), and Credit Agreement forms must be returned to the office no later than Friday, 6th December, 2013 to enable us to finalise the order with our supplier. Please attend to this promptly. As in previous years, we have endeavoured to keep costs down for parents.

(Please note: Book Pack Information for 2014 Preps was posted to families and distributed to the White Hills and Epsom Kinders on Wednesday, 20th November. Order forms will need to be returned on Orientation Day on Tuesday, 3rd December).

Book Pack Collection Days 2014
Book Pack collection and payment days are Thursday, 23rd and Friday, 24th January 2014 from 9.30am – 1.00pm.
To avoid a rush at the beginning of each day we ask that families consider doing the following:

- Families with surname A-H collect Book Packs between 9:30-11:30am
- Families with surname I-Z collect Book Packs between 11:30am-1pm

Minimum costs to be paid when collecting book packs are outlined in Section A of the Book Pack information (ie. the Book Pack, student photocopying and computer requisites charges). The Uniform Shop will be open for the payment and collection of orders.

Costing for 2014 Book Packs (Part A) are: Preps - $107.00, Grade 1 - $103.00, Grade 2 - $104.00, Grade 3 - $100.00, Grade 4 – $79.00, Grade 5 – $193.00 and Grade 6 - $193.00 Payment is due on Book Pack collection days.

Please note that parents at White Hills PS will not be able to allocate their EMA payment towards the cost of the school Book Pack, student photocopying and computer requisites charges (Part A). However, you will be able to allocate your EMA payment towards prepayment of Special Events and any other expenses.

2014 Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) & Schoolkids Bonus
Educational Maintenance Allowance:
Last year the Victorian State Government implemented significant changes to the EMA amount and how it was paid.

This meant parents at White Hills PS were not able to put their EMA payment towards the cost of the school Bookpack, student photocopying and computer requisites charges (Part A).

School Council has again determined that if parents elect to sign over or direct their EMA payment to the school, these funds will be put towards the payment of Special Events, major excursions and camps.

Schoolkids Bonus:
The ‘Schoolkids Bonus’ was a payment introduced by the previous Commonwealth Government. It was paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs. Please note that the current Commonwealth Government has committed to abolishing the Schoolkids Bonus. Legislation to abolish the Schoolkids Bonus was introduced into Parliament on 13th November 2013. If the legislation is passed before the end of this year, the Schoolkids Bonus will not be paid from January 2014.

In short, parents should not rely on the Schoolkids Bonus to cover educational costs at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

An information sheet regarding the EMA and Schoolkids Bonus has been included in the 2014 Book Pack information.

It’s very important that you read the information sheet as the changes outlined above will have a considerable impact upon your budgeting for educational costs. You can also call the school office on 54430799 for further details.

Pupil Free Day: Thursday, 5th December
Thursday, 5th December is a School Council approved curriculum day. Children do NOT attend school on this day. Teachers will be working on the mathematics component of the new Australian Curriculum. Please add this date to your diary / calendar.

Return of Grade 5 & 6 Netbooks
A letter was sent to all Grade 5 and 6 families explaining the process for the return of student Netbooks.
All Netbooks and accessories are required to be returned to the school before Friday, 6th December 2013.

Classroom teachers will begin collecting the Netbooks in the week beginning Monday, 2nd December.

Your child’s Netbook, case and power supply should be returned clean and undamaged. See the parent letter for further details regarding the cost for repair of a damaged netbook and other information.
2014 Grade Notification & Step Up Sessions

Parents will be advised in writing of their child/children’s allocated grade/s for 2014 on Thursday, 12th December. ‘Step Up’ transition sessions for our students in their 2014 grade groupings will take place in the final week of term. These Step Up sessions will occur on:

- Thursday, 19th December from 11:30am-1:30pm
- Friday, 20th December from 9:00am-11:30am

Students will be involved in activities in their 2014 grade in their new classroom, and (if possible) with their 2014 teacher. Students who are new to White Hills in 2014 have also been invited to attend the Step Up sessions. We received very positive feedback from parents about how these sessions prepared their child/children for transition into their new grade for 2014.

Grounds Master Plan: Works to Begin in 2014

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.

School Council has now approved the final plan and it will soon be available to view in the school foyer and on the school’s website. At the beginning of 2014 we will begin prioritising and staging necessary grounds works utilising the funds we’ve raised. Information regarding stage 1 works will be available in the near future. There will be some exciting changes!

Tips For Gadget Gifts

By Dr Larry Rosen

Under 5: Stay with technologies that have been designed for this age group. Certain games and apps are perfect for young children but the time they are allowed to use them should be strongly limited.

5-10 year olds: Select technologies which are going to provide learning experiences rather than babysitting. Co-viewing is still important, and limit online communication, particularly unsupervised.

10-15 year olds: If you allow your children to play video games, pay attention to the ratings. Choose technologies that can be shared with the family and are developmentally appropriate.

Whole School Carols Night: Wednesday, 18th December

Our school Carols Night will be held on Wednesday, 18th December in our school grounds. The night will commence with families bringing their own basket tea at 6.00pm, the school band will commence playing at 6:15pm, followed at 6.30pm by class performances. It is expected that the night will conclude before 8.00pm.

As all children at the school will be involved in this night we ask that parents keep this date free and we look forward to your attendance.

The format of the Carols Night is as follows:

- The event is alcohol-free. As the evening involves children, we ask that parents, friends and relatives do not bring alcohol.
- The playground area is out of bounds during the performances. We ask that parents supervise their children (of all ages) to ensure they are not on the playground during performance times.
- School buildings and grounds are smoke-free. This is a state law.
- School children are to be seated in their class groups in front of the stage area so they are ready to go on for their performance. They should not be sitting with their family.
- Adults should display good audience behaviours by facing towards the performers and limit their talk whilst performances are taking place.

2014 Term Dates

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Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
STOP THE PRESS!! FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

On Friday 6th December (the day after curriculum day) White Hills Primary School will be holding a ‘free dress day’ to raise funds for the devastating typhoon in Philippines. All money will go directly to the SHARE Philippines Typhoon Appeal (Uniting World) Please bring a gold coin donation on the day.

Thank you,
Sue Baker
Social Service Coordinator

Typhoon Haiyan Aftermath in the Philippines

About 70 to 80 per cent of homes and structures have been destroyed, leaving residents to wander through the ruins all desperately seeking food, water and medicine. A picture speaks a thousand words -- here, a message that reads "We Need Food Help Us" speaks volumes amongst the devastation in Ormoc on the eastern island of Leyte on Nov. 18, 2013.

Hopeless and desperate, these children hold signs asking for help and food along the highway after Typhoon Haiyan hit Tabogon town in the Philippines, killing thousands -- threatening to overwhelm military and rescue resources.

A tattered Philippine flag waves over rubble in Tacloban, Philippines on Nov. 16, 2013. There is concern that water contamination will lead to outbreaks of fatal illnesses such as typhoid and cholera.
PARENTS CLUB/FUNDRAISING NEWS

2013 Christmas Hampers Raffle
Our final fundraiser for the year is the Christmas Hampers Raffle. The Raffle books have been sent home with the eldest child in the family today. **Tickets cost $1.00 each, with $20.00 of worth of tickets in each book. (Additional books are available if required).**

Hamper donations
We are in need of donations for our Christmas hampers and each child is asked to donate a non-perishable item towards the hampers, e.g. serviettes, bon-bons, shortbread, chocolate, puddings, jellies, canned fruit, after dinner mints, Christmas cakes, canned vegetables, wrapping paper, cards, Christmas decorations, mince tarts etc. **(please check that the use by date is current).**
To enable the hampers to be made up it would be appreciated if donations could be left at the office by **Friday, 6th December.**

All books and money or any unsold tickets will need to be returned to the office no later than **Friday, 13th December.** The raffle will be drawn at the Annual White Hills Primary School Carol’s evening on **Wednesday, 18th December.**

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.

*Your continued support of our fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated. All money raised will go towards the oval upgrade, relocation of cricket pitch and grounds landscaping.*

Parents Club / Fundraising Committee

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

School Choir And Bands
Both the school choir and the Junior and Senior MI bands are practising hard for the Carols Night at the end of the year. The Carols night is planned for Wednesday, 18th December.

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

Tomorrow’s Performance
Tomorrow, Friday, 22nd November, the choir will be performing at BUPA for the residents. They will travel by bus to and from the venue. **The bus will be leaving immediately after lunch at 2.30pm** and return before the end of the day.

White Hills Idol
The final will be held on Wednesday, 18th December at 11.30am. We wish all the finalists the very best. They will be practising their songs over the next few weeks in preparation for the final.

Here is the list of the finalists for White Hills Idol 2013:

Soloists
Ally F, Alana G, Breanna M, T’ Na Tu, Alex H, Bridget R, Jayden W, Madison MP, Jane C, Mellissa T, Phina L

Duets
Mikayla P/Abrianna M, Grace F/Abby S, Olivia L/Holly T, Ota Ota P/Imogen, Kayla L/Alicia M

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 Sienna C, Rylie R, Tyler M and Shanara K.**

Prep Tea And Games
As part of the school camping program the Prep children will be having tea and games together on Friday, 13th December. The night will begin at 5.00pm on the school playground for play and tea and then move into the school hall for musical games and dancing until 7.00pm. **Cost for the night is $6.00 to be placed in the payment box at the school office by Tuesday, 10th December.** If you have signed over your EMA to the school the cost of the Prep Tea may be fully or partially covered. A permission form and further information has been sent home with your child this week.
Congratulations to our Birthday children

Hint for the Week
Encourage your child to write letters to their friends, a prep they want to make happy or someone they have difficulties playing with, etc. The only thing we have to remember is that only friendly and kind things can be said in our letters and cards. Please encourage your child to reply to any letters they receive.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep swimming program commences on Monday and 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.

PMP
Our final P.M.P. session was held on Monday. A special thank you to those parents who have help us provide our PMP activities over this year. The teachers and students appreciate your assistance.

Prep Excursion
Our excursion to the Kyabram Wildlife Park, cancelled in Term 3, will now be held on Monday, 9th December. The bus will leave school promptly at 9.00am and return to school at approximately 3.30pm. Children will need to be at school by 8.40am on this day. A reminder note for this excursion will be sent home this week.

Booklists For Grade 1 in 2014
Parents are asked to note that the whiteboard, duster and reader and library bags purchased in the Prep Booklist at the start of 2013 will be passed on to your child’s Grade 1 teacher at the end of this year for use in 2014.

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 Excursion
Our excursion to the Kyabram Wildlife Park, cancelled in Term 3, will now be held on Monday, 9th December. The bus will leave school promptly at 9.00am and return to school at approx. 3.30pm. Children will need to be at school by 8.40am on this day. A reminder note for this excursion will be sent home closer to the date.

Grade 1/2
Students of the Week
1/A- Ryan: for working hard all the time and making improvements.
1CW- Eddie: for being a caring and supportive friend to our new student.
1/P- Sorcha: for her happy ‘have a go’ approach towards everything.
1/S- Ronan: for doing a wonderful job on a super tricky spelling test.
2BK- Savannah: for trying hard in maths sessions.
2/R- Venessa: for showing great resilience and a fantastic attitude. She always has a smile on her face.
2/W- Ebony: for trying super hard on her learning portfolio tasks.

Learning Portfolios
We’ve noticed that there are still a number of Learning Portfolios that haven’t been returned to school. If you still have one at home, please return it as soon as possible.

Grade 1 Tea
The Grade 1 tea is tonight, Thursday 21st November from 5.00pm-7.30pm. Please make sure you see your child’s teacher when dropping them off at the 1/2 playground and when picking them up from The Shed.

Junior School Teachers
Student of the Week
3/4G – Khail G – for the enthusiasm he brings to the class each day.
3/4W – Jemma C – for always working hard and being a happy class mate.
3/4N – Montanna C – for always being such a happy, hard working student.
3/4H – Lu Kyaw – for being a wonderful new addition to our classroom.
3/4K – Hayley JJ – for her improvements in reading. Keep up the great work.

Class Supplies
As we are making our way towards the end of the year, we ask that families please check and restock their child’s pencil case as required. With a ruler, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, a red pen or pencil and a grey lead pencil or blue pen.

Learning Portfolios
We are still waiting for a small number of these to be returned to school.

Water Bottles
With the return of the warmer weather we encourage students to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Upper School News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to these Students of the Week
5S Hayley Singleton: for her well written poem on gymnastics. You put your thoughts and feelings down and used some great descriptive language. Well Done.
5B Caitlyn Colquhoun: for becoming a more active member of the class. It is great to hear your thoughts and opinions during class discussions. Keep it up.
5T Jerry: for working so well in class and being a wonderful visitor.
5P Adam Button: for making better choices in regards to completing his homework.
6M Megan Weightman: for writing some awesome descriptive poems.
6R Josh Gattsche: for working hard to improve the presentation of his work.
6G Alicia Bertani: for her excellent participation in all class activities and always having a lovely attitude.

Grade 5 Camp Payments: Due Tuesday 26th November
Please be aware that the due date for final payments is next week. Please finalise this as soon as possible and make sure your medical notes have also been returned to your child’s teacher.

Grade 6 Camp
Next week the Grade 6’s depart for camp in Anglesea. It is time to get yourself organised and check you have all the things on the clothing list. If you have lost the clothing list it can be found on the school website, under the 5/6 links tab.

Energy Breakthrough
We wish our 3 Energy Breakthrough teams the best of luck on the weekend when they compete in Maryborough. They have been training for 8 months to be ready for the event. Thanks again to all the parents and sponsors that have made this possible. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Byron and Mrs Price for all their commitment to getting 3 teams prepared for the event. We look forward to hearing all about how you performed. **Go Torpeco, Ecorush And The Diggers!**
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Holy Rosary Trivia Night Community Fundraiser**
A Trivia Night/Silent Auction is being held on **Friday, 29 November** and is to help raise money for one of our prep students and his family, Matthew who was diagnosed with leukaemia early August and is in the Royal Children's Hospital until at least February 2014. If you can support us and would like to book a table please contact the school office (5448 4280).

**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.

**Prices are as follows:**

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*2013 Opening Times*

- **Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am**
- **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

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**Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.**

- Arthur Ashe

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You are invited to an Advent Workshop for Primary School children
at Neale Street Uniting Church

Saturday 7th December, 2013 at 10:00am – 12:30pm

The program will include singing, drama, activities and a BBQ lunch.
There will be no charge.

More information: Peter Alexander (5439 5784)
or the Church Office (5441 1417)

“Ready ... Set ... GO!”
Advent Workshop Registration Form

Please detach & return to:
Neale Street Uniting Church, 21 Condon Street, Bendigo, 3550
by Friday, November 29th.

Family Name: .................................................................

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