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.

Calendar of Events

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Principal’s Report

Information evenings will be held at the following times:
Grades Prep & 3/4 – Tuesday, 19th February, 5:10-6:10pm
Information for Goal Setting Interviews have been sent home by class teachers.

Getting To Know You Walk
New and existing parents are invited to participate in a walk to the Botanical Gardens which will leave from our school office foyer next Wednesday, 20th February at 9.30am. Hope to see you there.

Children’s Medication
Please return updated medication if your child requires it during school hours. All medication is to be kept at the office.

School Council Meeting
The next meeting of School Council will be held next Monday, 18th February at 7.00pm. Would all School Councillors please attend. Finance subcommittee meeting is at 5.30pm; Environment & Curriculum meetings at 6.30pm.

Staff Car Park
Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. Many parents and children walk through this area to access the building. For children’s safety we ask that you not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Vision and Values

Crossing the Road: Children & Parents Use the Crossings
For your child's safety we ask that all children crossing the road at the back of the school wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road to their parents. Parents should come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult. Similarly, we ask that at the front of the school ALL CHILDREN & accompanying parents use the designated school crossing to cross the road. DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE – this is not a controlled pedestrian crossing.

School Assembly
School assemblies take place at 9.00am on Monday mornings. Parents are encouraged to attend. Assemblies form an important role in embedding our school culture and provide opportunity to bring our students together, recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and disseminate information to our school community. We look forward to seeing you at assembly.

Babies! Babies!
It’s been a busy couple of days at local maternity wards. Congratulations to Stewart Scoble and his wife Jodie on the safe arrival of Milton Henry. A little brother for Will.
Congratulations to Christine Connaughton and her husband Ryan on the safe arrival of Xavier Thom.
Both mums and bubs doing well.
Compulsory Netbook Sessions: Grade 5 Students & New Grade 6 Students
2013 Grade 5 parents and students (and new Grade 6 parents and students) will be required to attend a compulsory Netbook information session. The School Netbook Program will be outlined in the session and parents and students will sign an Acceptable Use Agreement.

Students will be able to take their Netbook home after attending a compulsory information session, payment of the $100 Netbook contribution has been received and the Acceptable Use Agreement signed. A copy of the agreement will be provided to parents. Several times and dates for the information session have been provided to allow all parents and students opportunity to attend. Remaining sessions include:

- Friday, 15th February, 9:10am, BJ Winzar School Hall
- Tuesday, 19th February, 4:40pm, BJ Winzar School Hall

School Council Election
Each year, half the School Council finishes their term of office and the other half completes their term the following year. This provides continuity and a gradual changeover of School Council representatives throughout the years. Retiring Council members are eligible to renominate for an additional term of office, if they are still a parent at the school.

This year, there are 5 parent vacancies, and 2 DEECD (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) vacancies.

Retiring Councillors are:

**Parent Members** – (two years)

- Helen Wakefield, Tanya Miles, Andrew Baldwin, Kingsley Morse-McNabb, and Dion Costigan

**DEECD Members** – (two years)

- Bev Harvey and Lauren Ray

* I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to these School Council members for their valuable contribution to our school. Their work and commitment is greatly appreciated.

In line with the Department’s scheduling of School Council elections, nominations are called from today, Thursday, 14th February 2013. Nominations will close at 4.00pm next Thursday, 21st February 2013.

All information regarding the School Council Election process is at the end of this newsletter.

Please contact Damien Jenkyn on 54430799 for further information.

Sunsmart Policy: Hats On
All students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats, even when playing or participating in activities under our outside shelters.

Our SunSmart Policy is based upon the Cancer Council guidelines that hats should be worn when UV levels are above 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of September in each year). We source this information from the following website:


Hats off occurs when UV levels fall below 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of May in each year).

*Please remember, no hat, no play and only school broad brimmed hats may be worn.*

2013 Education Maintenance Allowance
If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is $200 for Prep students and $150 for students in years 1 – 6.

**To be eligible for EMA your Health Care Card must be valid on the 29th January 2013. Parent applications close on Thursday, 28th February 2013.**

A copy of your current Health Care card and Licence is required for our records.

The Victorian State government has implemented significant changes to the EMA amount and how it will be paid in 2013.

These changes mean parents at White Hills PS are 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 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 (in this priority order).

School Nurse Visit
Leona Evans, our Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school in March.

**Prep Health Assessments:** Prep children were given a form for parents to fill out in their Yellow welcome bag today. All parents of Prep grade children are requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the Prep teachers by **Friday, 15th February**. This form must be filled out, signed and returned, regardless whether you wish your child to be seen by the school nurse or not.

**Referrals (All Grades):** Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, toileting problems, behavioural issues or any parental concerns. Please collect a referral form from Mrs Ellis and return it by **TOMORROW Friday, 15th February**.

Children cannot be seen without a signed referral from a parent or guardian.

There is no cost for the service.

*The School Nurse can be accessed at any time throughout the year.*
Tips For A Healthy Start To The Day
*Make time for breakfast to help your child remain focussed throughout the day. *Turn off the television. *Eat together and talk about the day ahead. *Set the table the night before. *Make plenty of fresh food available. *Give your child meals with high fibre to help them feel fuller for longer.

Student Accident Insurance
The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Personal Items Are Not Insured
The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school. Parents, students and staff are reminded that personal items brought to school are at your own risk.

School Oval Works: Cricket Pitch Relocated
Works to relocate our cricket pitch will commence next week. We’re removing the existing pitch and laying a new slab to comply with minimum boundaries for junior cricket. This has been necessary due to the construction of the Peter Davey Building. The work site will be surrounded by temporary fencing and children will be directed away from the area. These works are being undertaken in conjunction with the City of Greater Bendigo (CoGB). Our school oval is jointly managed with the CoGB, to enable use by community sporting groups. The oval has been re-sown by CoGB with couch grass in recent months, watered daily over the summer period, and will eventually be sprayed with a broad-leaf herbicide at the right time to knock out weeds. Over the holidays we removed trees that were dangerously rotted or posed a health & safety risk with the new boundary. The footy goal posts at the Western end of the oval will eventually be made removable, so that we can take them down for cricket season. This term, the school will begin a process of school community consultation to develop a grounds master plan. This master plan will be our guiding document, enabling us to prioritise, stage and budget future projects for improving the school grounds.

Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)
Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected. The only batches affected are as follows: Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179 Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 6th March at 9.00am sharp in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Easter Raffle Fundraiser
Helpers Please: If you are able we would really appreciate your help to make up the raffle tickets on Monday, 25th February at 9.00am onwards in the staffroom. Please return tickets and money by Friday, 22nd March. Raffle will be drawn on Monday, 25th March.

Hot Cross Bun Day
Hot Cross Bun Day is Thursday, 21st March, more information to come.

Parent Club Committee

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

Music Drama News
There has been an overwhelming interest in the band and choir and some groups are so large we may have to restrict the numbers who attend. The final makeup of both the MI bands and the Choir are is discussion with the teachers and the children will be notified soon as to whether they have been successful in their application. We will start all these groups next Thursday the 21st of February.
Instrumental Music Program

Final arrangements are being made for the students who wish to learn an instrument. The applications closed today and unfortunately no further names can be accepted. There will be a note sent home soon advising about the arrangements and when the lessons will start but as I am having difficulties finding some additional teachers the lessons may not start for a couple of weeks. Please note that only Guitar, Drums and Keyboard/Piano will be offered this year. Please keep a lookout for this important notice.

Mr Wall
Music/Drama Teacher

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you to all parents and students who have returned their notices of permission to allow them to be a part of Bookclub. Please remember that if you would like to receive Bookclub catalogues, fill out the Bookclub form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office in a labelled envelope with your full name and grade on it. If you were a member of book club last year, you are still required to fill out and return this form as the school continues to grow we need to re-establish our numbers.

Ms Alison Sartori
Book Club Coordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Preps

Helpful Website For Parents

A free website which helps parents with their children, their learning, free activities, etc. is Kidspot.com.au This site has some great information and ideas.

Kooka

On Tuesday Kooka and Tracey from the Bendigo Advertiser came to visit our Preps. We had our photo taken with him and he tried to eat our pancakes. Each year we join our Preps in the Kooka club and enter his colouring competitions and write him letters and cards. If you do not want your child to become a member of the Kooka club or if they are already a member, can you please let your child’s classroom teacher know by next Monday.

Prep Attendance

Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays until after the long weekend in March but if your child becomes tired on other days let them have a sleep-in if necessary and bring them to school at a later time. Some parents may prefer to pick up their child at lunchtime for a rest but remember to tell the class teacher and sign your child out at the office. If you have any concerns with your child at school please see your child’s teacher to arrange an interview time. Please note that for February the Prep children will be having their lunch at 1.00pm to allow them to have a playtime in the yard without the other grades. The children will return to their classrooms at 2.00pm for a quiet rest time before beginning afternoon activities.

Prep Information Bag

Last week, Prep children were given a yellow bag containing materials for them to keep, and information to assist parents in understanding school programs. We ask that parents read the information produced by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and keep it for future reference. Would you please return the yellow bag to school, as it will be used to protect your child’s Learning Portfolio.

Prep Information Night

An information night explaining programs undertaken by the Preps will be held on Tuesday, 19th February, from 5.10pm to 6.10pm in the Prep rooms. All parents are encouraged to attend this night as the classroom learning programs and how parents can assist in their child’s learning will be discussed. Childcare will be available on this night.

Prep Reading

We would appreciate help with listening to children read between 9.00-9.30am on any school day. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come into the classrooms while parents & grandparents hear readers.

Transition Survey

Each year our school asks parents to complete a short survey to assist us in improving our transition program for Preps. This survey was sent home earlier this week and we would appreciate if all parents would complete it and return it to the school office or Mrs Ellis. Thank you.
Prep “P” Picnic

“P” is Fred’s favourite letter - He’s a PIG, he loves pancakes and Friday, 22nd February at 1.30pm, he is going on a “P” Picnic in the Prep play area with our precious, playful Preps to eat food that starts with P. We ask that all Preps bring a small Paper plate or ice-cream container of “P” food to share e.g. pizza slices, popcorn, pig-face biscuits, party pies, purple or pink iced patty cakes, pears, peaches, plums, pineapple, pirate biscuits, potato chips, pretzels, etc. Let your imagination run wild to think of P food for a greedy pig and hungry Preps to share. PLEASE NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS. Your child will also need a named Prima drink. They will also need brainfood and playlunch on this day.

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

Language Hint For The Week
When children are early readers on Levels 1, 2&3, it is important that they point to each word and jump over the spaces as they read. We call this reading with our finger. Once a reader is confident with the tracking of words, teachers will ask them to read with their eyes only. Parents will be notified of this change through their child’s Reading Log.

Thank You
Thank you to those parents who helped us cook delicious pancakes on Tuesday. Thank you also to those parents who sent along toppings to go on our pancakes.

Prep Lunches
When placing lunch orders for Prep children please do not order too much food as it is often wasted. Party pies are much easier for smaller children to eat than large pies. Hot Dogs can also be ordered in bread rather than a roll. We suggest that a maximum of $1.00 be spent at the school canteen by Junior School children once a week as a special treat, as excess money is often lost or spent on friends. On Wednesdays and Fridays you are able to order and pay for over the counter orders with your child’s lunch order. These are then sent to the class with the lunches. This means your child does not need to handle money at the canteen.

Buddies
The Preps met their buddies from Grades 5 last Friday and ate lunch with them. We had our first formal buddy activity on Tuesday and had a great time learning all about each other. Our buddies are special big students who spend time with us each week and assist us at school.

Grade 1/2
Students of the Week
1A – Jesse G for an outstanding work ethic and completing all work with a smile.
1CW- Tahlia C for trying her best in all learning tasks.
1P - Aleksia F for always working quietly and trying to do her best work.
1S- Sean C for getting his work finished on time, a great start to the school year.
2BK- Baileigh W for trying very hard to improve the presentation of his work.
2R- Cammyrn Y for asking for help when she needs it.
2W- Issy C for being ready to learn, well done Issy!

Level 2 Parent Information Night
Thank you to all the parents and families who attended our information night on Tuesday. If you have any follow up questions please make a time to see your child’s teacher.

Reader Bags/Library Bags/ Art Smocks
There are still a number of children who still do not have a reader bag, art smock or library bag at school. These are available from the school uniform shop or the ones your child used last year is fine. Please make sure these are clearly named and send them in asap. Thanks to those parents who have already brought these in.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Information Night
Parents interested in finding out more about school based activities this year are invited to attend our Grade 3/4 Parent Information night on Tuesday 19th Feb. The session starts at 5.10pm and will be conducted in room 23.

Goal Setting Interviews
Interviews are scheduled to be held on Tuesday 26th Feb and 5th of March. Please consider and discuss possible learning goals with your child prior to your scheduled interview time. Thank you to those families who have already returned their preferred time notes, confirmation of these will be sent home shortly.
Homework
It has been pleasing to see students already beginning to tackle their homework tasks with enthusiasm and pride. Just a reminder to please help check over your child’s work, and sign the back of the booklet each week. Please see the classroom teacher if there are any concerns.

Reading Journals
It has also been positive to note the number of students who have begun to establish effective routines, by reading on a nightly basis and filling out their Reading Journals. We ask that all parents hear their child read at least once a week and write a comment in the Journal.

School Starting Time
The school doors open at 8.50am. We ask that children do not come into the classrooms before this time as teachers are often out of the classrooms preparing for activities for the day and children will not be supervised. Entry for Preps is through the brick area next to the Prep rooms.

Students of the Week
3/4 G – Jaclyn C – for trying hard to complete all tasks with pride and effort.
3/4 W – Riley M - for doing an amazing job with the front cover of his Integrated Studies book and showing persistence and sticking to the job. Congratulations!
3/4 N – Max Mc – for the quality of work produced, impressive work ethic and his mature approach to his studies.
3/4 H – Miles S – for his beautiful manners and always putting in 100% towards tasks.
3/4 K – Sam W – for always trying his best and remaining focused.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
5B Grace B for being a wonderful addition to our class and school.
5P Jackson G for the way he completes his work to a high standard.
5T Edward W for completing his work accurately and creatively.
5S Ota for making a great start to her new school with such a big smile.
6G Lachlan S for finishing tasks at a high standard and being a positive class member.
6M Lani C for her responsible attitude towards classroom jobs.
6R Hayden F for the great range of ‘family’ words he used in writing from the Thesaurus.

BUQA
Grade 6 students travelling to BUPA as part of our community connections program will make their first visit tomorrow. Students are aware of who is attending. Due the large amount of volunteers for this program students will be attending on a rotational basis.

Parent Information Night / Netbook Sessions
Thanks to those parents who came along to find out a little more about how things operate in the Senior Area of the school. Parents are very welcome to come along and help out with Literacy Circle sessions between 9am and 10am on a Friday.
A large amount of parents and students attended the initial netbook information session. A reminder that Friday morning and next Tuesday after school are the final two sessions scheduled and students and a parent must attend a session to take the netbook home.

Earn and Learn Points
Our Woolworths Earn and Learn materials have arrived. Students will enjoy using the new trundle wheels, protractors, books and calculators. Thanks to everyone who contributed stickers.

Poem of Family
In the world, we are all family. It doesn’t matter whether our culture, voice, race or personality is different. No matter how much we fight, deep down inside we all love each other. Our differences are what make us the same and stronger. No matter who we are related to or whose blood we carry, we are all family.
By Daniel T – 5B
Goal Setting Interviews
Teachers have been working hard to allocate a time for Goal Setting Interviews. We appreciate the effort parents make to attend these and students appreciate the interest parent’s show in their learning. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are still yet to receive an appointment time.

Senior School Teachers

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Banana Milk now available
Popcorn only available on lunch order days – order with lunch and collect from canteen

**Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm**

All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag, **(NO ENVELOPES), one 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.

Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager

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**2013 Opening Times**

Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am – 9.35am

Second hand items are available to buy at the uniform shop. Please note that any unsold 2nd hand uniforms will be given to families in need or used in sickbay if not sold after 3 months.

**Team Leaders**

Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

Orders can be left at the office anytime

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Please arrive 2.30pm

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Epsom Soccer Club**

Epsom Soccer Club are having their registration day for new and returning players.

**When:** Sunday 17th February 2013

**Place:** Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm

**Price:** Non competitive (U6-U10) $130.00

Competitive: (U11-U16)$150.00

The entire fee is due on the day of registration.

Any further information please contact the Junior Coordinator: Robyn Braszell 0488393788
robynbras@gmail.com

**Holy Rosary Junior Football Club**

The Annual General Meeting of Holy Rosary Junior Football Club has been held and unfortunately the club had no nominations for President or Treasurer. The Club is looking for keen players and parents to be part of its 2013 season.

If you are interested in joining our club as a player, or a parent who is willing to take on a role within the club, please email us at holyrosaryjfc@gmail.com or alternatively attend our next meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 7.00pm at Holy Rosary Parish Centre - Hamelin Street, White Hills.

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**White Hills Primary School**

**Scholastic Bookclub Permission**

to receive catalogues

___________________________(Child’s name)

From Grade _______ has my permission to receive Scholastic Book Club catalogues.

___________________________(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Please return slip to school office by next Wednesday, 20th February.
Hooked-into-Hockey
The Strathdale Hockey Club is running a Hooked-into-Hockey program on Thursday nights, commencing today 4.30pm-5.30pm 14th February 2013. For more information phone Nicole on 0400 833 203, or email nicole.hood@hotmail.com

Fundraiser for School Chaplaincy
Film - Les Miserables at Star Cinema Eaglehawk, Thursday 21 February, 6.00pm light refreshments; 6.30pm screening. $16.00.
Bookings and Payment to School Chaplaincy
C/- 175 Station St. Epsom 3551 by Monday 18th February
(Phone 5448 3912).

North Bendigo Junior Football Club
Registration Day (Sunday) 17th February 11am - 2pm at the NBJFC rooms. Any queries contact Tommy on 0417308490 or tpnicholson38@bigpond.com Looking forward to another fantastic year.

Wanted
Bendigo Monday Ladies Netball Association are looking for players, teams or umpires to play in our Monday Morning competition at Bendigo Stadium during school terms. A free crèche is provided. All abilities catered for. Phone Marg 54437379

Bendigo Family Nature Club
Snapping in the bush: a summer afternoon of nature photography. Join the Bendigo Family Nature Club for shooting stills in the bush - bring along your camera and a hat Sunday 17th February from 4-5pm
For Registration and Information bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 5444 0678
This is a free event for you and the kiddies made possible by the wonderful people of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and Bendigo Sustainability Group

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School Council Elections 2013

Important information regarding School Council

Please find attached:

- School Council – Information for Parents
- School Council Election Process and Timetable
- Notice of Election and call for nominations
- Nomination for Parent category
- Nomination for DEECD employee category

This year there are vacancies in the following categories:

**Parent category**
5 vacancies – 2 years

**Department of Education Employee category**
2 vacancies – 2 years

**Co-opted category**
Are appointed by School Council

The following list identifies current School Councillors:

**Parents**
Andrew Stewart – retires 2014
Scott Bawden – retires 2014
Helen Williams – retires 2014
Gavin Carter – retires 2014
Helen Wakefield – retires 2013
Andrew Baldwin - retires 2013
Kingsley Morse-McNabb – retires 2013
Tanya Miles – retires 2013
Dion Costigan - retires 2013

**Department employees**
Jan Ellis – retires 2014
Scott Ross - retires 2014
Lauren Ray – retires 2013
Beverly Harvey – retires 2013
Damien Jenkyn – Principal (Executive)

You are invited to consider this important position in the school and to discuss the role with myself or any School Councillor.

With thanks,

Mr Damien Jenkyn
School Council Elections 2013

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.
If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.
Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal, Mr Damien Jenkyn, for further information.
# School Council Election Process and Timetable

**White Hills Primary School**

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<td>a) Notice of election and call for nominations</td>
<td>Thursday, 14th February 2013</td>
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<td>b) Closing date for nominations</td>
<td>Thursday 21st February 2013</td>
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<td>c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed</td>
<td>Friday 22nd February 2013</td>
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<td>d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed</td>
<td>On or before Thursday 28th February 2013</td>
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<td>e) Close of ballot</td>
<td>Thursday 7th March 2013</td>
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<td>f) Vote count</td>
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<td>g) Declaration of ballot</td>
<td>Friday 8th March 2013</td>
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<td>h) First council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)</td>
<td>Monday 18th March 2013</td>
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<td>i) Second council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)</td>
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An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of White Hills Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Thursday, 21st February 2013

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 7th March 2013

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal