### Calendar of Events

**Term 1 Tuesday 29th January - Thursday 28th March**

**Week 5**
- Thursday 28th February: EMA Applications close today
- Thursday 28th February: Gr 3-6 Swimming payments due today
- Friday 1st March: Final Day for Book Club applications

**Week 6**
- Monday 4th - Fri 8th March: 3-6 swimming program commences
- Tuesday 5th March: Goal Setting Interviews 3.40-6.40pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Last Prep Day off
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Club A.G.M 9.00am

**Week 7**
- Monday 11th March: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 13th March: Preps first Wednesday
- Friday 15th March: Hot Cross Bun Orders 9.30am sharp

**Week 8**
- Wednesday 20th March: School Athletics all day
- Thursday 21st March: Hot Cross Bun Day
- Friday 22nd March: Easter Raffle money/tickets due today

**Week 9**
- Monday 25th March: Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly
- Thursday 28th March: Out of Uniform Day

**Thursday 28th March**
- Term 1 ends - 2.30pm dismissal
- Good Friday

**Term 2 Monday 15th April - Friday 28th June**
- Monday 15th April: Term 2 commences
- Friday 19th April: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
- Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 3rd May: Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday 25th April: Anzac Day Holiday
- Friday 26th April: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
- Wednesday 1st May: School Photo Day
- Wednesday 1st May: Alpha Productions - Aladdin
- Thursday 2nd May: Grade 6 Leadership Conference
- Friday 3rd May: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
- Thursday 9th May: Mother’s/Special Person Day Stall
- Friday 10th May: Gr 3-6 District Athletics Sports
- Friday 10th May: Footsteps Disco 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Thursday 16th May: Bendigo Multi Instrumental Comps
- Friday 17th May: Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm
- Friday 17th May: Grade 3-6 Division Cross Country
- Wednesday 22nd May: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Monday 10th June: Term 3 Monday 15th July - Friday 20th September
- Friday 26th July: Music is Fun Band 11.30am-3.00pm
- Monday 12th August: All Day Rehearsal School Production
- Tuesday 13th August: School Production
- Wednesday 14th August: School Production
- Thursday 15th August: Book Week performance
- Thursday 22nd August: Father’s/Special Person Day Stall
- Friday 30th August: Term 4 Monday 7th October - Friday 20th December
- Wed 9th – Fri 11th Oct: Grade 4 Camp-Derby Hill Maldon
- Wednesday 30th October: Bendigo Cup Day Holiday
- Wed 27th – Fri 29th Nov: Grade 6 Camp - Anglesea
- Wed 11th – Fri 13th Dec: Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island

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### Principal’s Report

#### Arrival Time at School

There have been a number of children arriving at school prior to 8.00am. Children should arrive before 8.30am, as teachers are preparing for morning classes and yard duty teachers are not in the school yard until 8.40am. Classroom doors are open at 8.50am for children to set up for the morning class.

#### Student Planners

Term 1 Student Planners are now on the school website under the Curriculum Tab. These planners give you an outline of the curriculum that will be covered in Term 1.

#### Headlice Program

The school’s policy is that all long hair is to be tied back. The school provides a checking service every term to support families, however it remains a parental responsibility to regularly check their child’s hair and treat infestation. If you discover infestation, please notify the school. If live lice are observed in your child’s hair, the school will contact you to come and pick them up for treatment.

#### Lunchbox Tips

When making a healthy lunch be sure to pack enough food to cover recess and lunch as well as a container of special “Brain Food” in the child’s lunchbox that can be eaten in the classroom if your child is hungry. Snacks such as cut up apple, carrot and celery sticks, sultanas and dried fruit (please no nuts or oranges or other juicy fruit), cheese or strawberries are suitable for eating at this time. Always include a bottle of water to keep your child hydrated. Include a variety of food choices so your child does not become bored, but do not worry if they select the same foods for their lunchbox every day, as long as their food choices are healthy.

Young children are far more likely to be tempted by lots of small packages of food rather than one big sandwich and a whole piece of fruit. Some healthy suggestions are:

* Dried fruit such as sultanas, banana, apricots, peaches, papaw or pear.
* Crackers or pretzels.
* Cheese sticks.
* Carrots and celery sticks, snow peas, cherry tomatoes and capsicum.
* Chopped fruit salad in a small container.
* Fruit yogurt with a separate container of muesli to add for crunch.

#### 2013 Education Maintenance Allowance:

Applications Close Today

Parent applications close TODAY Thursday, 28th February 2013. A copy of your current Health Care card and Licence is required for our records.
Come Along Cup: Regular Attendance
To promote regular attendance, our school conducts the ‘Come Along Cup’ program. Every Monday morning at assembly, the grade with the best attendance for the week is awarded the golden ‘Come Along’ Cup. A display board for our Come Along Cup results is set up in the hallway of the main building. Thanks to Miss Kirk for her coordination of this program in 2013.

It’s Not Okay to be Away
Children should attend school every day unless they are ill or have a valid reason for being away. For example, a child’s birthday is not a reason for being away from school. Studies show that children with more than 20 days of absence in a school year are seriously at risk in their learning. They miss so much work and are not able to keep up with their peers! If your child is absent for more than a day, please call the school and advise the classroom teacher of the reason. Our school’s policy is for the classroom teacher to phone the parent after more than one day of unexplained absence. When your child returns to school, please send them with a signed written note, explaining the reason for the period of absence.
Your support with regular attendance is appreciated.

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 earlier this term. All parents of Prep grade children are requested to complete this Health Questionnaire and return the form to the Prep teachers immediately. This form must be filled out, signed and returned, regardless of whether you wish your child to be seen by the school nurse or not. **There is no cost for the service.**
*The School Nurse can be accessed at any time throughout the year.*

Religious Education
Religious Education for all children in Grades 1-6 will commence next term. The course used for Religious Education lessons is the approved Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) program that focuses on learning to work together and caring for each other.
Thanks to our team of trained C.R.E. teachers who have volunteered their time to work with our students and the local churches that assist with purchase of the approved workbooks for all children.
*If you do not wish your child to participate in this non-denominational program please inform the office, in writing, by next week so that our information can be updated. For more information on the program please see Jan Ellis.*

Advise School of Changed Pick-up Arrangements
If children are to be picked up early (and signed out of the school) by anyone other than their parent/guardian, it is essential that the school is informed of the changed arrangement. The school cannot allow someone who is not the child’s parent/guardian to sign them out early unless we are advised. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

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**ART NEWS**

**Art Awards**
P/J for great listening in the Art Room
2/W for fantastic skills with cutting, pasting and painting
3/W for creative Picasso portraits
3/K for excellent behaviour in the Art Room
5/B for a wonderful painting of an abstract face

*Mrs Monique White & Mrs Cadi Watchman
Art Teachers*

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**PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Annual General Meeting**
The AGM of Parents Club will be held on **Wednesday, 6th March** at 9.00am sharp in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting. All positions will be declared vacant, please consider either being on Parents Club and / or taking up an the Executive role. Your continued support is greatly appreciated by everyone.

**Hot Cross Bun Day: Thursday, 21st March**
Orders will be taken from next week. $1.50 per bun for plain, fruit and choc chip. Enclose money and clearly write order on plain paper bag with name, class and type of bun with or without butter. Orders need to be back **no later than 9.30am on Friday, 15th March**. **No late orders will be accepted.** Buns will be handed out at recess.

**Easter Raffle Fundraiser**
Thank you to the families that have returned their raffle books and money. All books and money and any unsold tickets are to be returned to the office by **Friday, 22nd March**. The Easter raffle will be drawn on **Monday, 25th March at assembly.**
BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club
Thank you to all parents and students who have returned their notices of permission to allow them to be a part of Book Club. Please remember that if you would like to receive Book Club catalogues, fill out the Book Club 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. Final day for Book Club applications is TOMORROW, Friday, 1st March. If you were a member of book club last year, you are still required to fill out and return this form.

Ms Alison Sartori
Book Club Coordinator

MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS

Choir & Multi Instrumental Band
Choir and the Junior and Senior Multi Instrumental Band have commenced and are working on their first pieces of music. As the groups are so large we will need to monitor how they progress, and students are expected to work hard in all practise sessions.

Instrumental Music Program
Both Piano and Guitar lesson timetables have been organised and distributed to students. Piano/keyboard lessons start tomorrow and Guitar started last Friday. We hope to announce the drumming lessons soon. Please note that if you had a timetable sent home indicating the time for your child’s lesson, this may need to have some minor changes due to clashes with other areas of the curriculum, children will be informed about these changes. With such a large number of children wanting to have lessons it is tricky to fit them all in.
Please remember that the children will need to bring the money for the lessons each week, to be handed to teacher at the lesson.

Whole School Musical
This year the whole school (526 students) will be involved in a kid’s musical production of “Kids at Sea” which will be presented in Week 5 of Term 3. As in the past the Grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to be cast in the main roles with auditions commencing soon.
There is a sign up list in the Hall for the children to write their names on.

Mr Wall
Music/Drama Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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

Assembly
The Preps have commenced attending assembly and now also have lunch at the normal lunchtime of 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Prep teachers will continue to keep an eye on the children to ensure they have eaten enough lunch and that they are playing happily in the yard and there will always be a teacher on duty in the Prep play area.

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.

Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Connor M, Brock B, Charlize L, Macie S and Jessica L who are our ‘Pupils of the Week’ this Prep – Clean week. These Preps are enthusiastic in class and making lots of new friends with their great getting along skills. Well done!
Up Australia Day
As part of Clean-Up Australia Day the Preps will be cleaning around the Prep play area and the school gardens tomorrow, **Friday, 1st March**. Please note that the children will be in the school grounds under teacher supervision for this community service activity. We encourage the children to bring gloves to wear while picking up rubbish, will instruct them not to touch glass or other sharp objects and they will wash their hands with antiseptic gel when finished. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Clean-Up Australia activity please tell your child’s class teacher.

**Language Hint for the Week**
If your child is reading on Level 4 or above (Red or above) encourage them to read with their eyes instead of their finger so that their reading becomes more fluent.

**Grade 1/2**

**Students of the Week**
1/A  **Xion S** for trying very hard to be organised and ready for learning, well done!
1CW  **Erin B** for her terrific writing using capital letters and full stops
1/P  **Zeko T and Jasmine H** for working very, very hard this week
1/S  **Kaden V** for always being polite and a great listener
2BK  **Makayla E** for always trying her best
2/R  **Ellie B** for being resilient when she is feeling sad
2/W  **Millie B** for strong choices in the classroom

**Brain Food**
All our students have the opportunity to have brain food during the day. This extra food while they are in class helps with concentration and learning. We ask that children bring a small portion/piece of fruit or vegetable. They are only given 10 minutes to eat this so please don’t send along anything that requires longer.

**Junior School Teachers**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**Students of the Week**
3/4G  **Jozef W** for trying hard to finish his maths with great concentration.
3/4W  **JP** for trying really hard to stick to his work.
3/4N  **Imogen H** for her concentrated efforts in all subject areas and the quality of work produced.
3/4H  **Isabella Mc** for being a friendly and helpful member of the class.
3/4K  **Caleb C** for making fantastic choices and trying his best.

**Goal Setting Interviews**
Thank you to those families who attended Goal Setting Interviews on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to catch up and discuss the individual learning needs of our students. We look forward to meeting remaining families during next week’s sessions.

**Homework**
Just a reminder to keep the high standard of homework coming in, and please see the classroom teacher if there are any concerns.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 Camps**
An ‘Expression of Interest’ note for camps will be sent home this week in order to help finalise the camp numbers and costs. There is an expectation that all students will attend camp, unless prior contact has been made with the teacher. There will also be an opportunity for parents to express an interest to join camp as a helper.

**Swimming**
Our Swimming Program commences next Monday, 4th March and will run throughout the week. Please ensure children have their swimming gear each day, that it is clearly named and in a plastic bag.

**Session times for the classes are:**
- 9.50-10.30 6/G-3/4 H
- 10.30-11.10 6/R-3/4K
- 11.10-11.50 6M-3/4G
- 11.50-12.30 5S-3/4W
- 12.30-1.10 5B-3/4N

**Middle School Teachers**

Congratulations to this week’s birthday children
UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
5/B Matthew T for coming up with some interesting spelling sentences.
5/S Bailey C for always having a positive attitude towards school.
5/T Tiannah H for working hard to improve all aspects of her classwork.
5/P Rachel M for her commitment to finish work in her own time.
6/R Ta Na M for his interesting persuasive writing piece.
6/M Paw Blec H for the excellent presentation of her writing.
6/G Alicia B for being an inclusive and thoughtful member of her Lit Circle.

Swimming Program
Students are attending the Bendigo Leisure Centre from Monday to Friday next week for lessons.
Lesson times are as follows:-
5/S 11.50am - 12.30pm
5/B 12.30pm - 1.10pm
5/P & 5/T 1.10pm - 1.50pm
6/G 9.50am - 10.30am
6/R 10.30am - 11.10am
6/M 11.10am - 11.50am

Acceptable Use Policy
Students are reminded that they should have returned the Acceptable ICT Policy to their classroom teacher by now.

Koolamurt Excursion – Tuesday, 12th March
A reminder that by Friday, 8th March Koolamurt permission notes and the $4.00 payment need to be returned to school. Students will be organised into teams for the excursion on 12th March and enjoy a great team building day.

Homework
All students are now receiving weekly homework. Your student will have Lit Circle Reading, some spelling and a homework activity every week. Activities will vary from class to class.

Senior School Teachers

SICK BAY ROSTER
Friday, 1st March Catherine Hester
Friday, 8th March Rosie Taylor
Please collect linen from the office

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday, 1st March Anne McCrabb
Tuesday, 5th March Claire Brown
Friday, 8th March Heather Veitch

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. 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

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 1st March Paula Spivey
Lisa Scheuffele
Gayle Tracey
Samantha Franklin
Heather Veitch
Catherine Hester
Anne McCrabb

Wednesday, 6th March
Friday, 8th March

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

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday, 28th February Nicole Logan
Thursday, 28th February Bronwyn Bentley

Please arrive 2.30pm
COMMUNITY NEWS

South Bendigo Football Netball Club
We are looking for U10 & U12 footballers. Anyone who is interested in playing for our GREAT Football Club can contact: Brent Bogaski at bogaski@hotmail.com or 0448050588 or Damian Miles at milesdt@iinet.net.au or 0423828837.

Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday, 3rd March
The Northern Bendigo Landcare Group and Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail members have registered a Clean Up site to remove rubbish from:
- The O'Keefe Rail Trail's small section, between the Bendigo Creek Trail and Napier St (Midland Hwy) White Hills
- A section of the Bendigo Creek, between Weeroona Ave and Scott St White Hills
Meet at the Bendigo Rowing Clubrooms to register and collect your clean up equipment. Start time: 8:30am, end time: 11:45am. If you would like to register your interest before the day, visit http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Bendigo+Creek and click “Join this Site” button on the right. This is a great way to do something good for our local environment

Holy Rosary Primary School Fun Night
Parents and Parishioners Group at Holy Rosary Primary School are holding a Family Fun night at the school THIS FRIDAY, 1st March from 6.00pm to late.

Eaglehawk Soccer Club Junior Registration Day
The details of the event are as follows... VENUE: Rebel Sport – Kangaroo Flat. DATE: Friday March 1. TIME: 4.00pm-7.00pm
All registering players will receive a 20% discount from Rebel Sport on all purchases on the night.
For more information, please call Fitz Parker on 0420932547 OR go to www.eaglehawksoccerclub.com.au

Optus Flix in the Stix
Optus Flix in the Stix is coming to Bendigo! Be sure to get your ticket early and secure your spot on the grass at Big Hill Vineyard, gates open 6.30pm on Sunday, 10th March 2013. Adult tickets from $36.90 or $45.00 on the gate, and are available from Ticketek.com.au

Focus On France, Parlez Vous Francais?
Join the 3 million people in 170 countries and appreciate more about France its culture and challenges at the World Day of Prayer. It will be held in five locations around Bendigo this Friday featuring the country of France and the theme ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’. The venues will be St. Paul’s, Myer Street at 10.30am, Eaglehawk Uniting Church at 11.00am, St. Luke’s hall White Hills at 7.00pm, Holy Trinity Keck Street Flora Hill at 7.30pm and St. Monica’s Catholic Church, Kangaroo Flat at 7.30pm.
For further information contact Jenny Rainsford on 54483912.

National Ride2School Day: Friday 22 March 2013
National Ride2School Day is only 3 short weeks away. It’s a day where students from over 1,500 Australian schools will ride, walk, scoot or skate, many trying it for the first time. Don’t miss out on your chance to join in the celebrations and show your school community you’re committed to a healthy lifestyle.

Tuition
Piano, Violin, Guitar and Keyboard private tuition is available for ages 7 to 70 by Denise Thomas, B. Music, Dip Teaching, VMTA & VIT registered. These lessons are tailored for the individual and are held at the Studio in Quarry Hill. Please phone Denise on 54424661 for further enquiries.

St Luke’s Innovative Resources – more than a Bookshop
Bendigo is the home of a unique bookshop that offers a lot more than just books. Innovative Resources at 137 McCrae Street (opposite the TAFE College) is a great resource centre for books, creative materials and food advice around children’s development needs. Innovate Resources is the publishing arm of St Luke’s Anglicare, Central Victoria’s highly regarded child and family services organisation. We publish original materials that are used creatively by parents in many countries to talk about their children’s needs and the challenges of being a parent in today’s world. Innovative Resources is a not-for-profit publisher and bookseller; all sales support the child, youth, family and community services provided by St Luke’s Anglicare. Contact number is 54420500 and website is www.innovativeresource.org

For Sale – as new white Reebok Princess Aerobics shoes Size 8. $60.00, phone 0413025752.

White Hills Primary School
Scholastic Book Club
Permission to receive Catalogues
________________________________________ (Child’s name)

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

________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

Last day to return slip to school office by TOMORROW, Friday 1st March February.
HAVEN YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132468.