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

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

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Principal’s Report

**Labour Day Holiday: School Closed Monday**

The school will be closed this **Monday, 11th March** due to the Labour Day public holiday.

**School Council Election Result**

At the close of nominations, the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies in both Parent Member and DEECD Member categories.

A ballot for these membership categories is not required and the following nominees are declared as elected.

Parent Member Category – Dion Costigan, Andrew Baldwin, Tanya Miles, Tim Crawford, Kingsley Morse-McNabb and Damon Stevens & Marika Winther (both 12 month consequential vacancies).

DEECD Member Category – Lauren Ray and Bev Harvey

My congratulations to new and returning School Councillors, who will attend the next meeting on Monday, 18th March.

**Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise**

On Tuesday, 12th February 2013 the BNDCE committee was pleased to make presentations to the successful applicants for small grants Nov 2012. For the November Grants round $7,850 was shared between 8 community groups. White Hills Primary School received $1000.00 for our Aerobics program. Other worthy recipients included:

- **White Hills Pool Committee** - $1000 for shade and outside furniture.
- **Weeroona College Bendigo** - $1000 for Lighting Trees for School Productions and Performing Arts Classes.
- **Hunty & District Historical Society** - $1000 for a Binding & Title Printing Machine.
- **Anglican Parish of Bendigo North** - $1000 for Computer and Software.
- **Northern Bendigo Landcare Group** - $450 for Indigenous Native Gardening Workshops.
- **Raywood Primary School** - $500 for School/Community Vegetable Garden Beds.
- **Continuing Education Bendigo** - $1900 for a defibrillator

Since 2008, BNDCE has now given funding to 67 projects amounting to approximately $64,000. This funding has been made available thanks to the ongoing support of the Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco. If you would like to assist your community, simply discuss your support for the Enterprise with any of the staff at the Bendigo Bank White Hills Branch or your local Telco dealer.

**Arrival Time at School**

There have been a number of children arriving at school prior to 8.00am. Children should not be at school earlier than 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 opened at 8.50am for children to set up for the morning class.
Headlice Program
Thank you to those parents who helped out on Monday with the first head lice check.
If there are any more parents who are interested in helping out, could you leave your name and number with Sabina at the front office. A reminder to parents, please no elaborate hair do’s on head lice inspection day - just a plain pony tail. Our school policy is that long hair is to be tied back.

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 Oval Works: Cricket Pitch and Goal Posts
The slab for our new cricket pitch is complete. It will require at least four (4) weeks to cure before the synthetic surface is laid. This may occur in the forthcoming school holidays.
The pitch has been re-aligned to comply with minimum boundaries for junior cricket. This has been necessary due to the construction of the Peter Davey Building.
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 be sprayed with a broad-leaf herbicide over the Easter holiday period to knock out weeds. Over the summer 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 soon be removed, and the Eastern end posts at a later date. The posts will be re-aligned with the centre of the oval and made removable, so they can be taken down for cricket season.

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.

Open Day, Information Morning and Night
Open Day and Information Morning and Night at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week. Open Day, on Tuesday 21st May from 9.00am – 3.30pm, is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to Prep teachers about the terrific programs available at our school.
A morning Information Session will be held in the school library on Tuesday, 21st May at 10.00-11.00am, and an evening session at 7.00pm – 8.15pm. These information sessions are especially designed for 2014 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or have already chosen White Hills Primary. Childcare is available at both these sessions.

Promoting Our School
We have found that the best way to promote our school to new families is through you, our parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a Prep child for next year and has not chosen a school for their child, talk to them about our school and please invite them to attend the above information sessions. Perhaps you could come with them to help them feel more comfortable. Remember that you, our parents, are the best ambassadors for our school.

Giving Kids Freedom
A selection from “Too Safe for Their Own Good” by Professor Michael Ungar, Canada’s Dalhousie University.
Times have changed and the planet feels like a far bigger and scarier place today than when we were growing up. Australia is fairly safe, yet our vigilance has gone way over the top because events that occur are reported constantly in the media. Today, few kids under 10 go alone to the playground. They’re escorted to school and have so many supervised play dates and scheduled sports, their lives are dubbed a curriculum rather than a childhood. We vaccinate more, and sanitise their play spaces, says Professor Ungar. We plasticise every sharp edge and try to make sure the world is as safe as home and that our kids are “bubble-wrapped”- a term Ungar coined to describe the unsettling trend experts say is creating a generation of kids so overprotected, it’s stunting their growth.
At some point we have to let children manage risks themselves. Deciding when and how much risk to allow your children to take can be tricky. The key is to start small and early. For pre-schoolers and young children, set safe within sight boundaries, teach your child about strangers and road safety, let your five year old cycle to the corner while you watch from a distance. “Ask yourself what you did as a child and be guided by that,” says Ungar. Still uncertain your nine or 10 year old should go anywhere alone? Depending on where you live, parents can offer substitutes like taking your child into town on the bus with you at first, and then
with a friend. Or walk them to school for a few weeks, before gradually letting them go further by themselves until they’re on their own or with a friend.

Teens can take risks too, by taking responsibility for younger siblings, doing some family groceries, etc. Yet even the best raised kids sometimes lash out with tattoos, piercings and wild hair. Don’t panic if this happens as it’s normal for teens to experiment with independence. If you have a healthy relationship with your child and trust them to have listened to your lessons early in their lives, they’re much more likely to turn out okay. Trust is important. Our children need to know we will always be there to support them.

**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.

**School Nurse Visit**

Leona Evans, our Primary School Nurse, is visiting our school this week.  

**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 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.

For more information on the program please see Jan Ellis.

Mr Damien Jenkyn  
Principal

**MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS**

**Instrumental Music Program**

My apologies for the mistake in the note sent home to children who are starting drumming lessons. It should have said Thursdays as the day that the lessons will be conducted. However due to swimming this week lessons will not start until next Thursday. Please send money with children next week.

Tomorrow, because of swimming lessons the timetable will be mucked up but instrumental teachers will try and adapt as much as possible. If your child misses out on a lesson it will be made up next week. Please remember to send the money in an envelope with the child to the instrumental teacher not the office. If they do not get a lesson then they will return the money to home.

Hopefully by next week everything will be finally sorted out. If there are any further concerns or questions please contact the teachers direct as I do not work on Fridays.

These are the mobile numbers/emails of the teachers.

Guitar: Wayne Lomas: 0414730941  
Piano: Dianne Read: dianneread62@gmail.com  
Drums: Simon Bottams: 0447284724

Mr Wall  
Music/Drama Teacher

**SCHOOL AEROBICS**

Aerobics and Hip Hop training is well on the way with children knowing over half of their routine now. We would like to welcome new coaches Hayley Kirk and Alison Sartori to the Aerobics team and welcome back returning coaches Sam Knudsen and Jac Smith.

Our team names this year are as follows:

The Party Rockers – coached by Sam Knudsen  
The Groovy Girls – coached by Jac Smith  
Salt and Pepper – coached by Alison Sartori  
The Little Rockers – coached by Hayley Kirk

A note has been sent home outlining the cost, clothing and dates of the competition. **Preliminary finals will be held on Saturday, 11th May at the Geelong Arena and State Finals will be held on Saturday, 22nd June also at Geelong Arena.**

A friendly reminder, if you haven’t made your payment already, that your $60.00 payment needs to be made to the office by Friday, 22nd March.

Keep training hard girls

School Aerobics Coordinator  
Sam Knudsen
PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Annual General Meeting: New Office Bearers
As a result of the AGM on Wednesday, 6th March, we have elected the following parents:

President: Nicole Logan
Vice President: Kim Engi
Secretary: Mary Mitchell

Sausage Sizzle, Wednesday 20th March For all Grades (No Canteen lunches on this day)
Orders are now being taken for our sausage sizzle - Sausage in Bread with Juice (Apple/Orange) $2.50. Extra sausage in bread $1.50
Please write order on brown paper bag with money enclosed with Name, Grade, Qty sausages, Drink (Apple / Orange)
One order per bag only
Parents and siblings welcome to order too. Place parent/sibling’s order as above and place your child’s class on bag (order will go in their lunch tub)
Orders to be returned by 9.30am on Friday, 15th March
NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

Sausage Sizzle, Wednesday 20th March: Helpers please 10.30am
We require helpers in the canteen for the Sausage sizzle from 10.30am-12.30pm to sort orders and drinks into lunch tubs.

Hot Cross Bun Day, Thursday, 21st March
$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 to be returned by 9.30am on Friday, 15th March
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Buns will be handed out at recess.

Hot Cross Bun Day, Thursday, 21st March: Helpers please 9.30am
Can we please have some helpers at 9.30am in the canteen to butter and sort orders.

Easter Colouring Competition
First Prize will be awarded to Prep, Grade 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 areas. $1.00 entry. Competition closes Monday, 18th March. Winners will be announced on Monday, 25th March at assembly.

Easter Raffle
A big thank you to all the mums who helped compile and distribute the raffle books. Your assistance was much appreciated.

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.

End of Term Breaky: Thursday, 28th March
Breakfast get together for all parents will be held at ‘The Coffee Club’ near Target underneath the new car park. Come along after you drop your kids off!!

Next Parent Club Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th April at 9.00am. We welcome all parents.

ART NEWS

Art Awards
Prep E Very Creative 3D portraits
1S Great paintings inspired by Claude Monet
2R Creative garden paintings using water paints
3/4H Excellent behavior and listening in the Art Room
5/B & 5T Wonderful drawings influenced by Van Gogh’s ‘Starry Night’
6M Creative Van Gogh sunflower art pieces

Mrs Monique White & Mrs Cadi Watchman
Art Teachers
Congratulations to our students of the week

Preps
Prep Attendance
From next week the Prep children will be attending school on Wednesdays. However, if you find that your child becomes tired 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.

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.

Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Emerson B, Lachlan S, Rylee G and Kiara R who are our Pupils of the Week this week. These Preps are enthusiastic in class and making lots of new friends with their great getting along skills. Well done!

Language Hint for the Week
One of the most effective ways to assist your children in developing listening and communication skills is to talk and read to them. Turn off the television and computer and spend time together talking and listening to each other.

Grade 1/2
Students of the Week
1A – Lacey B for her positive attitude and always having a smile on her face
1CW- Steph M for her smooth reading voice and contributions in shared reading
1P- Hayley S for being a great classroom helper
1S- Hannah C for always doing superstar work and helping her friends
2BK- Jakob L for setting great goals during his goal setting interviews
2 R- Seth B for choosing a sensible spot in reading time
2W- Reece M for trying his best during handwriting time

Fairytale Day
On Wednesday, 27th March the level 2 students will be having a day where we rotate around different fairytale activities. We would love for all students to dress as their favourite fairytale character. Please don’t go out and buy costumes, homemade costumes such a cardboard crowns and wands are fine.

Junior School Teachers

Congratulations to our students of the week

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Goal Setting Interviews
Thank you to those families who attended on Tuesday evening. It was a great opportunity to discuss the individual learning needs of our student. A final draft of the goals will be sent home in the near future.

Swimming
Tomorrow is the last day of our swimming program. The behaviour and enthusiasm of the students has been wonderful, with everyone being organised and ready to maximise their swimming sessions.

Classroom Reading
If you are available to hear students read in the morning, please contact your child’s classroom teacher for suitable times.
Grade 3 and Grade 4 Camps
Thank you to those students who have already returned their ‘expression of interest’ camp notes. A reminder that notes are due in tomorrow so we can finalise numbers and costs. Please contact the school if there are any issues concerning the camp.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
5B – Ryan S for making strong choices inside the classroom.
5S – Kody A for his excellent attitude and interesting attention grabbing introduction to his persuasive piece.
5T – Tahlia E for ability to work enthusiastically in all areas of the curriculum.
5P – Sam H for his confident performance at 5/6 Assembly.
6R – Breanna K for the outstanding effort she is putting into her Lit Circle tasks.
6M – Jack G for thinking carefully and answering well during classroom discussions.
6G – Caleb F for his excellent introduction to his persuasive essay.

Koolamurt Excursion – Tuesday, 12th March
Tomorrow (Friday 8th March) is the final day for payments and note for students attending the excursion. The school’s new excursion policy states students who have not paid 2 days prior to the excursion are not able to attend. The excursion is a fantastic Team Building Day and it would be unfortunate if your child wasn’t able to attend. Students will be leaving at 9.10am and returning before the end of the school day.

Netbook Charging
Please remind your student that their netbook policy states they must bring a fully charged netbook to school each day. We have already had to remind several students about charging their netbook.

Senior School Teachers

SPORTS NEWS

This term has seen the introduction of three Physical Education specialists operating on the one day with at times 4 to 5 classes running in unison during Wednesday lessons. The prep-2 program has focused on teaching the fundamental motor skills of throwing, catching and kicking. Grades three to six have focused on athletics-related activities such as high jump, sprint, relay, throwing and hurdles. In the first two weeks of term, initial fitness testing was carried out across the school. Grades 3-6 participated in the school swimming program, run over 5 sessions at the YMCA. An extension program has been introduced to further develop students who show talent in a particular area or skill which we are focusing on at the time. This extension time will also be used to train teams in the lead up to sporting events. Mr Tyndall is operating a running club on Wednesday mornings.

We have had a busy term with special events. We had a hockey clinic for grades 3/4, Kelly Sports clinic for prep-2 and a Life Saving Victoria clinic for 1/2’s and the majority of grades 3-6. We are looking forward to a successful school athletics carnival on 20th March. With promotion from the Physical Education Team and following up on last year’s visit from world duathlon champion Leon Griffin, we had several participants in the Weetbix Tryathlon and many past students also raced on the day. We are currently promoting the Dragon Mile at Easter with entries already recorded. The PE program has been complemented by Sport and Platooning taken by the classroom teachers and through aerobics and hip hop dance training. Our Energy Breakthrough teams participate in weekly fitness training. Class sporting equipment was placed in every grade at the beginning of the year to ensure students had the opportunity to be active at both recess and lunch times. Construction of the new cricket pitch and subsequent oval refurbishment will be a welcomed asset for our school and local sporting groups. Kelly Sports has also provided user-pay after-school fitness and activity sessions for students.

At WHPS we provide a wide variety of opportunities for children to be physically active with a focus on participation at the primary school level. We want children to acquire life-long habits for being active to ensure their health & fitness into the future. We pay particular attention to the fundamental motor skills to ensure that students can participate successfully in organised sport. With 60% of people in the Greater Bendigo area being overweight or obese, both school and families have an important role to play in ensuring our children are physically active.

Don’t forget Ride2School Day on Friday, 22nd March.
Netball
The netball season is fast approaching and our numbers are looking good. Coaching and umpiring positions are still available for all teams. For further information, please see Miss Kaitlyn Gedye in Room 13. Training nights will be decided once the coaches are appointed. Teams are currently being established and notes will soon be sent out to confirm involvement and the due date for player fees.
The season will commence on Saturday, 20th April at the Golden City Netball Complex, Marong Rd, West Bendigo. The Grade 3 competition will commence at 12pm every Saturday, with all other age groups playing between 9am-12pm.
If you are interested in playing, please return your expression of interest note to Miss Kaitlyn Gedye by next Tuesday, 12th March.
Thanks,
Kaitlyn Gedye
Netball Coordinator

SICK BAY ROSTER
Friday, 8th March  Rosie Taylor
Friday, 15th March  Vicki Whyte
Please collect linen from the office

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday, 8th March  Heather Veitch
Tuesday, 12th March  Kate Nichols
Friday, 15th March  Mary Mitchell

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mum’s Tennis
A tennis club in your area will be running a 5 week subsidised Mums Tennis Program beginning Monday 26 February – Friday 29 March 2012, starting this week. The program is designed to give Mums in the local area an opportunity to get active by playing tennis, meet and socialise with other mums in the local area. We also coordinate a Tiny Tots program for children between the ages of 3 - 5 which allows mothers to participate along with their children and not have to worry about the burden of childcare. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact James Madder on 03 8420 8429.

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.

Girl Guides Come ‘n’ Try day
Greater Bendigo Girl Guides are holding a ‘Come N Try’ day Sunday, 17th March 12.30 -3.00pm at the Strathfieldsaye Guide Hall in Eppalock Road to register please contact Julie Kala after 5.30pm on 54440217

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

National Ride2School Day: Friday, 22nd 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.
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.

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

HAVE 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.