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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| Monday 22nd April | Parent Personal Training Session 9.15am |
| Mon 22nd – Fri 3rd May | Anzac Day Holiday |
| Wednesday 24th April | Gr 5/6 Camp Deposit due today |
| Thursday 25th April | Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm |
| Friday 26th April | |
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| Week 3 | Weeronga College Info Night 7.00pm |
| Monday 29th April | Mother’s/Special Person Day Stall |
| Wednesday 1st May | Gr 3-6 District Athletics Sports |
| Thursday 2nd May | Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm |
| Thursday 2nd May | Preliminary Aerobic Final Geelong |
| Friday 3rd May | |

| Week 4 | SC Finance Meeting 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 8th May | Footsteps Disco 6.00pm-8.30pm |
| Thursday 9th May | Bendigo Multi Instrumental Comps |
| Friday 10th May | Footsteps Dance Program 9am-12.50pm |

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| Saturday 11th May | Grade 3-6 Division Cross Country |
| Thursday 16th May | Prep Grandparent’s Morning 9am-11am |
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Principal’s Report

Our Students in Bendigo Easter Parade
Look out for White Hills PS students on Sunday, 31st March in the Bendigo Easter Parade. Our students who are learning Mandarin (Chinese) will be parading in Chinese costume as part of our partnership with the Confucius School at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. My thanks to Mr Juncai Lin (Mandarin teacher), Ms Kirk and Mrs Price for all their work this term with our Mandarin students. Our students have been practising their dance moves in readiness for the parade.

Footsteps Dance Program: First Week of Term 2
Parents are reminded that our Footsteps Dance program will begin in the first week of Term 2. Each year we endeavour to spread Special Events across the school year to assist with payment. If you have not pre-paid for Special Events, or signed over your EMA to the school, you will need to make full payment by Wednesday, 17th April (first Wednesday in Term 2). This is in line with the school’s excursion policy. Footsteps Dance Program will involve five sessions at school over five Fridays, beginning Friday, 19th April. The cost is $12.00 per child. A student disco also takes place at the end of the program. Please enclose payment in a school envelope and drop off in the letter box in the office.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 1st May. Individual and Family order forms will be distributed at the beginning of Term 2. Please note the following:

- There will be no Photoshopping of absent children into class photos
- If children are ill on the day, they are not to be brought to school for the class photo. We cannot organise for a reshoot of a class photo
- Absent children will be followed up with individual photos on another day
Important Announcement by Public Transport Victoria
Public Transport Victoria has just announced that 2 hour and daily short term tickets sold on buses in Bendigo will be withdrawn from sale beginning Friday, 12th April 2013.
Passengers using buses in Bendigo from the first service on Friday, 12th April 2013, will need a myki to travel.
For further information visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
Once again we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program and ask for your support by collecting the Earn and Learn points from the checkout operator and placing them on a Points Sheet. Once the sheet is completed, it can be put into a collection box at the school office or the Woolworths Epsom Village store. The program begins from Monday, 8th April and ends on Sunday, 9th June. In 2012 we were able to claim a significant amount of educational equipment for classrooms. We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life's Uncertainties: Part 2
A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate
Mastering a task often means to fail, feel bad and then try again until there is success. Persistence is required in spite of feelings of failure. Playing computer games where there is exhilaration for the child who tolerates the frustration of failure and rises to the challenge to try again is a classic example. By giving children the skills to identify, tolerate and act on uncomfortable feelings, they develop personal mastery and experience triumph. Take a lesson from your toddler. Toddlers are persistent! No matter how often they fall, bump their heads and tumble down stairs, nothing will discourage them from reaching their goal. Without a resilient attitude to failure there can be no progress. In fact failure is an essential building block to success and should be talked about as such with your child when opportunities arise. Parents are enormously influential through their modelling of social and problem solving skills and the way they handle their own experiences of failure and disappointment. By putting resilience skills into your own life and demonstrating them to your children in real ways, you will enable them to do likewise.

Free Personal Training Sessions for Parents: Begins Wednesday, 24th April
In conjunction with Step into Life personal training, White Hills PS is offering parents three (3) complimentary training sessions, beginning Wednesday, 24th April at 9:15am at the school. Bookings are essential.
Not only can you have a positive effect on your own health and fitness but you’ll be leading by example for your own children. If you would like further information on these initial sessions, please call Mick on 0458498292. Mick will also be at the front of the school on Wednesday, 17th April from 8:30am to meet with parents and provide information.

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.

Student Banking
Student Banking recommences first Monday of Term.
Thank you to Michelle for coordinating this program.

Start Date Term 2
Term 2 begins on Monday, 15th April.

Thank you to all our helpers for your assistance during Term 1.
We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter and holiday period.
We look forward to seeing you all back well rested in Term 2.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
EASTER – JUST ANOTHER HOLIDAY?

As we approach the end of term and the arrival of Easter. It is important to reflect on what the message of Easter means to us each as individuals. Why do we celebrate Easter and what are its very real implications for our lives.

It is very tempting to see Easter as just another holiday or excuse to overindulge in many different ways. In doing this we miss out on something that is quite extraordinary and can have a very real impact on each of our individual lives.

Sure Easter is a time to catch up with family and enjoy some much needed rest and Chocolate! But it is also a time to reflect on who Jesus was and what he achieved at that very first Easter. Many of you may have heard the Easter story of how Jesus died on a wooden cross and then miraculously rose again a few days later. The challenge is to look beyond merely the events surrounding Jesus, to explore their implications for us.

Easter provides each of us with the opportunity for a fresh start. Have you ever done, thought, or said something you know is wrong? I know I have on many occasions and I don’t think anyone could truly say they hadn’t. Well, Easter provides you with the opportunity for forgiveness of all of this, a clean slate and a very real fresh start with great hope for the future. This is what Jesus achieved as he was nailed and crucified on that old wooden cross.

In closing this Easter message I leave you with a quote to ponder:

“A man who was completely innocent offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act” – Mahatma Gandhi.

I hope and pray that you all have a good Easter and safe school holiday.

Michael Monaghan
School Chaplain

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the WHPS Library 2nd week back in Term 2. The Fair will be open for book sales before and after school from Monday, 22nd April until Friday, 3rd May (2 weeks) Times: 8.30am-9.00am and 3.30am-4.30pm

Purchases are cash/cheque only so no credit cards accepted. Please support this Fair as the commission money goes to pay for a Book Week Performance in August.

If you are available to help with sales please see me or leave your name and phone number at the office.

Mrs Christine Alexander
Book Fair Coordinator

SOCIAL SERVICE

Out of School Uniform: Thank you

Thank you to those students who participated in our out of school uniform today. Money raised will go towards the State Schools Relief Annual Winter Appeal which directly helps our children in need.

Anzac Day Badges

From the beginning of Term 2, Student Leaders will be selling the following badges: Anzac Pin (white) 50c & $2, Anzac Pin (blue/white) $1 (new), Anzac Pin (brown) $5, Wrist bands $3, Bag tags $4.

Mrs Sue Baker
ART NEWS

Art Awards

Prep K  Wonderful hard workers to get all art work done
Prep F  Creative stencil work and great patterns
3/4N  Excellent sketching and beautiful manners on Planning Day
3/4W  Fantastic attitude to art on Planning Day
5/S  Creative Van Gogh Reproductions

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has commenced. Last year children from our school who completed the PRC read over 3000 books. Let’s hope this year is even more successful.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is designed to promote enjoyment of reading and is open to all children from Prep to Year 10. A registration form and a booklet for recording can be obtained from Ms Netherway in room 25. Once your form has been returned you will be registered and are able to start reading.

If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.

It is hoped that each classroom will have a display of books available for students to read. Take home reading books can also be logged.

Below is a chart that shows how many books each grade level is expected to read or have read to them. Students are able to read up to 100 books.

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A list of PRC books is available online on the Premier’s Reading Challenge (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/).

Once registered, students are asked to send along their PRC booklets on a regular basis so I can log the books in. Students have until mid August to complete the Challenge. Please encourage your child to participate, the more reading they do the better readers they will become.

I require assistance logging on books. If you are available to assist please call into room 25 and I can give you a computer and show you how to log the information onto the Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

Ms Netherway

Congratulations to our students of the week
**MUSIC/DRAMA NEWS**

**Whole School Musical “Kids At Sea”**
This year the musical “Kids at Sea” has been selected for our whole school musical and this is a bright and funny musical for the children to be involved in. The Grade 5 & 6 children will have the main roles including the chorus, singers and dances as well as some off stage positions and the Grades Prep to 4 will all have a scene and a song as a part of the show. At present the Grades 5/6 students are in the audition process and it is hoped to have a cast announcement by the end of term so people with speaking parts can have the opportunity to start to learn their lines.

As the Connect Church is not available this year as a venue, the decision has been made to use the Capital Theatre and the tentative dates booked for the three shows are **Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th of August**. All children in Prep – 4 will be placed in three performance groups and will perform for one of these evenings and the 5/6 will perform in all three performances. Please keep those dates free as it will be a spectacular evening showcasing the performing arts. As the Capital Theatre is slightly more expensive to hire we will need to increase the cost of the ticket sales, but they will still be very reasonable for a night’s entertainment.

Further information will be sent out next term.

Mr Wall
Music/Drama Teacher

**PARENTS CLUB & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Easter Raffle: Congratulations**
Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

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

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Parents Club Committee

**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preps**

**Thank You**

A special thank you to the wonderful parents who have helped us in so many ways this Term, we look forward to your continued support during next term.

We wish all our children and their parents a safe, happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday 15th April refreshed and ready for a busy Term of learning. A special thank you to those parents who have donated toys, puzzles, DVDs and games to classes this term.

**Footsteps Dance**
The Footsteps dance program commences on **Friday, 19th April** and will continue until **Friday, 17th May**. The Preps will attend this program in the Sport’s shed between 9.00am-9.40am. Please make sure your child is at school on time for the Footsteps dance program.

**School Nurse Visit**
Leona Evans, our Primary School Nurse, is currently visiting our school to do health checks on our Preps and referred children. There is no cost for the service.
The School Nurse can be accessed at any time throughout the year.

**Grandparent’s Morning**
As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend on **Friday, 24th May**, from **9.00am to 11.00am**. Parents are asked to mention this date to grandparents/friends so they can be available for this special time.
Invitations for grandparents will be sent home closer to the event.

**Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**
PMP will commence on **Monday, 22nd April**, the second Monday of Term 2, from **2.30pm to 3.30pm**. These specialised sessions greatly benefit the Preps’ gross and fine motor coordination and concentration skills. However, parent/grandparent help is essential on a regular basis to ensure these small group tasks function effectively. Activities are organised by teachers, are explained to parents and are simple to operate. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help with this program. A roster was sent home to these parents this week. Any parent who would also like to help with P.M.P. is most welcome. Please see your child’s teacher to offer your help and receive a roster.
Shoes For Preps
If you are buying new shoes for winter for your Prep child, please consider buying pull on shoes/boots or ones with velcro, so that children can put on their own shoes. Please remember to name your child’s shoes inside, as with the wet and muddy playgrounds the children are often taking off their shoes before coming inside. Think of this - 85 pairs of shoes, taken off and put on twice a day is a lot of shoe laces to tie if many children can’t put on their shoes by themselves.

Language Hint For The Week
On the holidays make a scrapbook of family photos or places you have visited. Write captions underneath, label pages, make speech bubbles, etc. Read this book together and share it with special friends and relations. Remember to bring it to school to show your class.

Pupils of The Week
Congratulations to Eliza N, Mattia A, Jade B and Alexis Y our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are enthusiastic and helpful in class and making lots of new friends with their great getting along skills. Well done!

Language Hint For The Week
There is good data to show that the more often you sit around a dining room table and have a conversation around a meal, the better the language development of children. Children are sitting in front of televisions more and computers playing computer games. It's dinner in front of the television and video games before bed. These societal changes have resulted in some children having less exposure to talk and less practise talking to others. Some speech problems result from biological factors with children having difficulties with correctly hearing or producing sounds but there has been an increased number of children with speech delays that could be helped through interaction and talk with others. (Comments from child psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg.)

Grade 1/2
Students of the Week
1A – Ruby M for always doing neat and tidy work and being happy even with a buckled bone
1 CW - Drew C for his great ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ poem
1P - Lachie A for his confidence and enthusiasm and always being happy
1S- Izaac H for working hard on his reading and trying tricky books
2 BK- Chloe S for being a friendly class member who is always happy
2 R- Matthew S for being a confident, helpful, happy class member who always has a smile on his face
2W- Ebony W for contributing her excellent ideas to our class discussions

Fairytales Day
We had a terrific day on Wednesday and students enjoyed participating in all the different fairytale activities. The costumes were terrific and we thank all the parents who helped organise their child’s costume.

Our Place In Space
On Tuesday the level 2 teachers had their planning day for term 2. Our integrated topic for next term is “Our Place in Space” we will be looking at where we are in the solar system as well as learning about the different elements of our solar system eg. Planets, sun, stars, asteroids. This is a fantastic topic which the students always really enjoy so we are looking forward to it.

Easter Holidays
We wish all our Level 2 families a safe and happy Easter holidays and thanks to all the parents who have assisted in the Level 2 area this term. We really appreciate having parents stay in the mornings to hear children read.

Reading And Spelling
Please continue to hear your child read over the holidays, it’s a great opportunity to visit the library and read books together. Spelling books have gone home this week so please make sure you practise with your child a few times over the holidays.

Junior School Teachers

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Students of the Week
3/4 G – Gracie M. – for her mature approach to her school work and in solving problems in the school yard.
3/4 W – Dyllan K. – for making a great start to our class and working really hard with his maths and classroom goals. Well done!
3/4 N – Darcy G – Excellent start to the year Darcy. Love your manners and your work ethic.
3/4 H – Tyson L. – for being a great helper in the classroom and coming into class independently last Friday.
3/4 K – Jemma D. – for her great work in maths and always persisting.
Learning Portfolios
These were sent home earlier this week. Please take the time to share your child’s learning before returning it to school in the near future. We also ask that families include a comment, highlighting positive aspects, on the parent section at the back of the work samples.

Camp Payments
Camp payment booklets for both the Grade 3 and Grade 4 camps were sent home last week. These enable payment for the camp to be made as a one off, or regular payments over the next few months. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher if you did not receive one of these booklets.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to those students who have already taken up the reading challenge. We are still encouraging Grade 3/4 students to join in. A reminder that our Student Reading Journals have a specific section set aside to record details. There is a post office box outside Ms Netherway’s in which to place entries. Karen is still seeking a parent helper, or two, to enter information on to the Reading Challenge data site.

Cross Country
This week students are training for our school cross country, which will be held very early in Term 2. We ask that, where possible, students continue to build on their stamina during the break.

Middle School Teachers

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Mandarin Lessons
The Mandarin lessons, with 28 enthusiastic Grade 4 and Grade 5 students, are progressing well. The students have been learning greetings and numbers in Mandarin for an hour each week with Mr Lin. Next term we are looking forward to Skyping our sister school in China. The students will buddy up with a Chinese student and exchange information about families and culture.

At the Bendigo Easter Fair some of our Mandarin students will be joining in with students from other Bendigo schools to promote the interest and learning of Mandarin in Bendigo. The students have been rehearsing their “Kung Fu” moves to perform in the procession.

Students of the Week
5B Andrew H for having a great first term and sharing interesting facts.
5T Eddie W for always making a super effort at school.
5P Adam B for showing a willingness and enthusiasm to help.
5S Emily IC for showing excellent initiative in class to stay up to date with her work.
6G Grace F for her excellent work ethic and responsible leadership in class.
6M Abby S for her classroom leadership, particularly in group activities.
6R Josh G for the improvements he has made when explaining his mathematical thinking.

Camp Notes
These were sent home more than a week ago. Thanks to those parents who have already sent in the deposit for camp. A reminder that the camp deposit of $40.00 is due by Friday, 26th April.
The Camp notes for students are available from the school website under Student Activities tab and then the Grade 5/6 Links.

Learning Portfolios
These were sent home on Monday afternoon. If you haven’t signed and commented on your child’s Learning Portfolio please do so over the holidays and return it to school ASAP.

Footsteps Dance / Aladdin Performance
The Footsteps Dance program starts on Friday, 19th April and runs for 5 consecutive weeks. This is a prepaid event and students participate at school.
The Alpha performance is scheduled for Thursday, 2nd May and is also a prepaid performance. Students needing to pay for these 2 events have been notified and should make payments ASAP.

ANZAC Day Badges
At the start of next term ANZAC Day badges will be available for students to purchase. They will range from 50c through to $5 badges.

Senior School Teachers
**SPORTS NEWS**

**House Athletics Carnival**
The Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival was held last Wednesday. The winner of the event was Bosquet House on 150 points, with Plumridge House finishing second only 3 points behind. Napier were third and Raglan finished in fourth place.

Students will now be selected for a team to represent the school at the District Athletics which are scheduled to be held on Friday, 10th May.

Mr Stewart Scoble  
Sports Coordinator

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**RSL Commemorative Coin**

Australia’s first commemorative $2.00 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. This coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Rememberance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

For a $10.00 donation, the $2.00 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation. All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans’ and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Avenue Campbell, ACT. Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 62487199. Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5.00.

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**Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club**

Strathfieldsaye Dodgers Baseball Club is looking for junior players to compete with our team in the Winter Competition of the Bendigo Baseball Assoc. We especially need players in the Under 14 and Under 12 divisions. Junior baseball is played on a Sunday morning with our home ground being at the Strathfieldsaye Sporting Complex. Training is on a Thursday evening. Baseball is a great family friendly game with all participants getting “a run”.

If interested please contact Craig Eeles on 0415115922 or just come to training Thursday night at ……….

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**Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd - Host Families Needed In June/July**

In June-July 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, and Latin America. We are looking for volunteer host families to welcome these students into their homes for between 2-10 months.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies.

For further information contact Sandra (Hosting Coordinator) 0299970700 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.au
Steam Trains For Kids
Family Railway Fun at MALDON STATION Saturday, 13th / Sunday 14th April. Train Rides - Steam & Diesel, Animal Farm. Model Railway. Clown on board. Novelty Rides, Sausage Sizzle. Horse Cart Rides. Great Family Day From 10.00am

Ironbark Riding Centre
$55.00 for the entire day, including a BBQ lunch. Riding lessons, trail rides, mounted games, trained staff, fully insured.
We specialise in beginners
Phone 54361565 or 0427084437 or email ironbarkhorses@hotmail.com

Cruden Farm Family Fun Charity Fundraising Day
To be held on Sunday 28th April 11.00am-4.00pm 60 Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin. Supplying all kinds of food, fair games, live music, car show and Australian Carriage Driving Society.
You are supporting the Mental Health Foundation if you support this day.

Bendigo YWCA School Holiday Program
The Bendigo YWCA is once again running their School Holiday Program. The YWCA is a not-for-profit organisation and the program has a focus on having fun, meeting new people and learning new things. We are a small program with a maximum of 30 children attending each day emphasising the safety, security and value of each child.
For more information, or to make a booking, please contact us through our website at www.ywca.net or directly on 5443 5465. There are also copies of the Program available to pick up from the school office.

Bendigo Art Gallery Holiday Workshops: 2-11 April
We are offering a range of art workshops, for children aged 4 to 14 years:
4-7 Years Nesting Time and Ribbon Weaving – Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd, Tues 9th and Wed 10th April
8-14 Years Secrets of the Park and Sun Prints – Thurs 4th and Thurs 11th April
Bookings and payment for all workshops is essential – Phone 54346088 or email m.feast@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Kelly Sports Holiday Program
Kelly Sports and The Zone have joined forces to offer your kids the best holiday program in town. We also have a toddler program on Fridays and Saturdays. Call Kristi 0418308139 or book online at www.kellysports.com.au/zone/bendigo

Bendigo Autism Asperger Group Free Autism Awareness Event (BAAG)
Thursday, 2nd May 2013 9.30am-12.30pm at Junortoun Baptist Church Auditorium 757 McIvor Rd Junortoun. This event is open to anyone with an interest in or affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders including Asperger’s Syndrome. Guest Speaker – Dr Wendy Lawson. If you have any questions email BAAG at info@bendigoautism.org.au