Purpose
At White Hills Primary School we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social and emotional needs, preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Calendar of Events
Term 2: Monday 11th April - Friday 24th June

Week 10
- Friday 15th April
- Friday 15th April

Week 11
- Monday 18th April
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- Monday 18th April
- Friday 22nd April
- Friday 22nd April

Week 12
- Monday 23rd April
- Tuesday 26th April
- Wednesday 27th April
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- Saturday 30th April
- Saturday 30th April

Week 13
- Mon 2nd – Fri 6th May
- Monday 2nd May
- Wednesday 4th May
- Friday 6th May

Week 15
- Mon 16th – Fri 20th May
- Tuesday 17th May
- Wednesday 18th May
- Friday 20th May
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Week 16
- Monday 23rd May
- Friday 27th May

Week 17
- Monday 30th May
- Friday 3rd June
- Saturday 4th June

Week 20
- Thursday 5th June
- Friday 10th June
- Monday 13th June
- Friday 17th June
- Tuesday 21st June

Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September
- Monday 18th July
- Monday 25th July
- Mon 23rd – Fri 26th August
- Mon 29th – Friday 2nd Sept

Principal’s News

Deposits For Camps
Please note that all non-refundable deposits for camps must be paid by parents. CSEF does not cover this cost, however will cover future instalments for camp.

 Mothers/Special Person Day Breakfast
Mothers and special people are invited to our special breakfast on Wednesday 4th May from 7.30am – 8.30am. This event is scheduled to be held in the brick area near the Prep sandpit.

ANZAC Day: Friday 22nd April
Parents are welcome to come along to our ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday 22nd April from 2.30pm outside the Peter Davey building facing the oval weather permitting.

Head Lice Checks
Head lice checks start Monday, 18th April with follow up checks on Tuesday, 26th April. Please do not send your child to school with an elaborate hair do as the parent helpers do not have time to re-braid etc. All girls with long hair are asked to have their hair tied back when coming to school as this helps to keep head lice at bay. A helpful hint is to use hairspray to keep back those wispy bits as this is often how head lice transfer from one person to another.

Check Calendar for future dates.

Education Week: 16 - 20 May
Open Day & Information Sessions (Morning & Evening)
Open Day and Information Morning and Night at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week.

Open Day, on Tuesday 17th 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 hall on Tuesday 17th May at 10.00-11.00am, and an evening session at 7.00pm – 8.15pm. These information sessions are especially designed for Year 2017 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child who have already chosen White Hills Primary.

Childcare is available at both these sessions.

Tortoise Area
The Preps would like to set up a look and find area in our tortoise enclosure. If anyone has garden gnomes, china animals, etc that you no longer need that can be hidden in the area can you please give them to Mrs Ellis.
Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life’s Uncertainties. Part 3:
A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate
Here are some ideas to get you started building resilience in your children.

SEE-SAW FEELINGS
Explain that our feelings are extremely changeable, like a see-saw. We can feel very up, very down and in between, all in the matter of a day or even an hour! Knowing that painful feelings don’t last forever is important.

Make a point of asking your child about the best and worst things that happened in their day and how they felt about them. (This can work better than the traditional question “What did you do today?”) Regularly share with your child about your see-saw feelings too.

THOUGHT CATCHING
Children develop self-talking by 5 or 6 years. As adults we self-talk all the time. It is virtually impossible to switch off the running commentary in our heads. What flits across your mind at the times you feel worst? These first thoughts can profoundly affect your mood and how you will handle the situation, either optimistically or pessimistically. Our automatic thoughts usually accuse us of being stupid or bad and tell us the problem is all our fault. The skill of thought-catching teaches us to recognise these first negative thoughts and gives us a chance to evaluate them. They are not necessarily correct! For example - *How much is my fault? *What part was out of my control? *Is this setback permanent or can I do something to fix things? *Just because I failed at this activity doesn’t mean I will fail next time or at something else.

As they grow older, help your children recognise what automatic thoughts are and how to “catch them” and question them.

School Nurse Visit
Leona Evans, the Primary School Nurse, is currently visiting our school.

Scott Ross
Acting Principal

Mobile Muster – Old Phone Donations Please
White Hills Primary School has agreed to participate in the Mobile Muster which is a campaign run by the Jane Goodall Institute Australia. The Grade 6 students are asking for donations of your old mobile phone/s, that we all have lying around, batteries, charges, accessories and mobile wireless broadband devices that can be recycled. The recycling collections will help conserve the chimpanzee and great ape forest habitats in Africa. There is a collection box set up behind the glass window at the Office if you can help this campaign by recycling any of these devices.

Thank you from the Grade 6 students

Aerobics
School Aerobics Prelims are coming around very quickly and are only 2 weeks away. Students will be given more information as to what time they will need to be at school for the bus on Saturday, 30th April. We are still waiting for the competition schedule which needs to be finalised. As soon as we have this in our hot little hands we will send the information home. I can say that it looks like it’s going to be a very early departure from school and we will be returning late on Saturday night.

Tickets are available for purchase (by parents, family or supporters) on the bus for $20.00pp. There are a limited number of seats so make sure you get in quickly to secure yours.

*Please note students competing do not need to pay $20 as their cost is covered in their payment of $65.00.

By now students should have purchased, or be looking at purchasing, competition shoes which need to be as plain white as possible, lace up (not street shoes e.g. canvas) and suitable for aerobics. Students also need to ensure they have inexpensive suitable underwear to go underneath the leotard (to avoid underwear being visible on stage).

Please encourage your child to continue to practise their routine daily at home with their music.

***Reminder – If you have not yet paid your $65.00 and returned the permission and medical forms then these are due Monday, 18th April. Please make payment to the office and return permission and medical forms to your child’s coach by this date.

Thank you for all your support and patience
Jaclyn Tanner
Aerobics Co-Ordinator

Congratulations to our Birthday children
Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd May** in the staffroom after assembly. All newcomers are welcome to attend, you are most welcome to bring along younger siblings to our meetings, so come and enjoy a cuppa with us!

Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall – Donations of Gifts Please
Our Mother’s / Special Person Day stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**.
Every child is asked to please donate a gift to the value of $2.00. *(Please ensure all gifts are new).*
Helpers will be needed on the day, please let the office know if you are able to assist.

*Thank you for your continued support.*
*Parent Club / Fundraising Committee*

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**Prep News**

**Grandparent’s Morning**
As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend on **Friday, 20th 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 / special friends will be sent home closer to the event.

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**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. Sneakers or runners are preferable as they protect their feet and ankles during sport and play. 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- 103 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.

**Cued Articulation**
Several parents have asked about cued articulation, a speech/sound program used in our Prep rooms to assist children in developing an awareness of sounds and how they are formed. Parents wishing to learn more about this program can go to the following website [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBJ9-SBe2eI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBJ9-SBe2eI)

**Language Hint For The Week**
Read standing up! Research shows that the amount of brain cells being stimulated doubles when we are standing rather than passively sitting. Parents should encourage children to stand beside them to read their books at night.
This week our sounds are b and h.

**P.M.P. (Perceptual Motor Program)**
Our Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P.) will start next Monday, **18th April 2016**. This program will operate in the Physical Education shed on Monday afternoon every week between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. These specialised sessions greatly benefit the Preps’ gross and fine motor coordination and concentration skills. However, parent 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. (If you need to bring a preschooler along that is fine as long as they do not distract the Preps from their activities).
A PMP roster has been sent home with your child if you have offered to help.

*Junior School Teachers*
Grade 1 News
Welcome to Term 2

Reading
Please support your child to bring their reader bags to school every day. We also encourage you to help with classroom reading if you have any spare time. Please see classroom teachers for information about reading programs.

Spelling Books
Spelling Books need to be returned to school on Mondays. Many students have been practising their words each night which is great.

Mini-beast Incursion
A reminder that payment and permission notes need to be returned to school no later than Wednesday, 27th April.

Junior School Teachers

Grade 3 News

Grade 3 Camp: 5th - 7th October
The total cost will be $206.00. A deposit of $40.00 and permission notes are due back by Friday, 20th May. (Please note that CSEF will not cover the cost of camp deposits).

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios went home during the last week of term 1. Please read, sign and write a positive comment about your child’s learning before returning to school as soon as possible.

No Hat, No Play
Just a reminder that the school’s Sun Smart Policy is in place until the 1st May. Students are required to have their hats at school until then.

Middle School Teachers

Grade 4 News

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Easter and are refreshed for another wonderful term of learning.

Now we are back at school it is important to get into routines, making sure students are reading and journals are being signed at least once a week.

Camp
A reminder that camp notes and deposits of $40 are due tomorrow (Friday 15th), we hope that all students will attend as we can promise it will be a wonderful experience. (Please note that CSEF will not cover the cost of camp deposits).

Homework
Homework will come home tomorrow (Friday 15th) and should be returned the following Thursday. Students who forget their homework will complete it in homework club held at lunchtime.

ANZAC Day
An ANZAC service will be held outside the Peter Davey building facing the oval (weather permitting) on Friday 22nd April 2.30pm. Badges are available for purchase from the office and when student leaders bring them around to classes.

Cross Country
School cross country will be held on Wednesday, 27th April. In the lead up to this we will be practising each Wednesday and Friday, please ensure students are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for this.

Clothing
As we have been having some chilly mornings and some warm afternoons we have been finding a lot of jumpers without names. Please ensure all items of clothing are named clearly.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios need to start being returned to school. Please ensure you have signed and written a positive comment in your child’s portfolio before returning it.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 News

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for Term 2. We have a third year student teacher in the 5K and 5W classrooms over the next month, Miss Harriet Arthur. We look forward to having her in our rooms and for her assistance.

Camp

Grade 5 Camp deposits of $40.00 and student permission forms are due next Friday 22nd April. These permission forms and deposit act as confirmation that your child will be attending the camp at Phillip Island in December.

Late payments of the $40.00 deposit will not be accepted. Please ensure that you speak with Mr Scott Ross or the office staff should you have any queries regarding payment plans.

If you are interested in attending any camps or excursions with us this year, please be sure to write an expression of interest letter to the Grade 5 teachers and attach a copy of your Working with Children’s Check.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of the Grade 5 teachers.

Learning Portfolios

Portfolios are due back at school this week. Please ensure that your child brings it to school by Friday.

Homework

Grade 5K and 5W Week 1 Maths homework is due next Friday 22nd April. Students in these grades should also be half way through their Lit Circles book by this Friday 15th April.

Diaries

Please have a read through your child’s diary each week, so that you are up to date with all events that are coming up. Asking for their diary and reading through the events written in it will help to ensure that your child stays organized and responsible for their own learning.

Uniform

The cooler weather is upon us. Please ensure that your child has the correct Autumn/Winter uniform and that all items are clearly named.

Our ANZAC Day ceremony will be held next Friday 22nd April at 2:30pm outside the Peter Davey building facing the oval (weather permitting). ANZAC badges are for sale at school over the next 2 weeks for your child to purchase, should they choose to do so.

Grade 6 News

This Week In Grade 6

Welcome back to everyone. Our term 2 will be another busy one; where did term 1 go?

Camp Deposit

Your child will have shown you a written reminder in their diary for the grade 6 camp deposit. The non-refundable $40.00 deposit is due by 4.00pm Friday 29th April for your child to secure a place at the camp. Costs are kept to a minimum for this fun filled camp with activities including professional instruction in body boarding and a full day at the Geelong Water Park. Payments can be made on QKR or sent to the Office in an envelope. (Please note that CSEF will not cover the cost of camp deposits).

GRIP Workshop

Our Grade 6 Student Leaders and House Captains have the privilege of attending this leaders’ workshop at the Ulumburra Theatre tomorrow Friday 15th April. Refer to the notes sent home that had the details re. transport and times.

BUPA

Term 1’s group of students, who went to BUPA last term, were a credit to our school. The students interacted with the residents, one on one and joined in with the carpet bowls activity.

Lit Circles

Students chose their group novel on Monday and will have an expected number of chapters to read for Lit. Circles on Friday.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on Thursday and returned Thursday week. If your child struggled in term 1 with organisation and responsibility for getting the homework completed, some reminders at home would be appreciated.

Upper School Teachers
**Premier’s Active April – Join the Fun.**
The Premier’s Active Challenge has begun. Sign up now [https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/](https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/)
In 2015, over 100,000 Victorians participated in PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL and enjoyed the benefits that come from increased physical activity. This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

**Stewart Scoble**  
**Phys Ed Coordinator**

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm**

Orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag unless ordered through Qkr, **(NO ENVELOPES), one per child.** 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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**Sickbay Roster**

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**Uniform Shop**

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**Opening Times 2016**

Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

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**Newsletter Roster**

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**Community News**

**Looking to play female football with your local club in 2016**

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Looking for under 12 girls to play in a **GIRLS ONLY** football team.

**Contact**

Tom Nicholson on 0417 308 490  
or Nicole Logan on 0414 594 157

Contact

AFL Central Vic to register on 54342400  
www.aflcentralvic.com.au  
or  
Contact your local club to enter a team.