



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 2018: Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June

Week 10

Friday 20 April

Open Air Cinema Night
Gr 5 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Week 11

Sunday 22 April

Team China Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings

Monday 23 April

Head Lice Checks

Tuesday 24 April

ANZAC Ceremony 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 26 April

Gr 1 Major Excursion payment due 4pm

Friday 27 April

Gr 4 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Gr 6 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Week 12

Monday 30 April

Gr 1 Major Excursion

Wednesday 2 May

Team China Fundraiser Dinner

Week 13

Wednesday 9 May

Mother's Day Breakfast (Hall) 7.30-8.45am

Thursday 10 May

Mother's Day Stall

Division Cross Country

Week 14

Tues 15 – Thurs 17 May

Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 18 May

Week 15

Mon 21 May- Fri 1 June

P-6 Let's Get Moving

Tuesday 22 May

Prep 2019 Parent Information

Sessions:

9.30am-10.45am & 7.00pm-8.15pm

Open Day 9.00am-3.30pm

Prep Grandparents Morning

Gr 3 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Division Soccer

Pupil Free Day

Division Hockey

Gr 5 Major Excursion Payment Due 4pm

Gr 5 Major Excursion – Sovereign Hill

Student Led Conferences – Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 23 May

Friday 25 May

Wednesday 6 June

Friday 8 June

Wednesday 13 June

Monday 18 June

Thursday 21 June

Tuesday 26 June

Term 3 2018: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September

Tuesday 7 August

Getting Ready for School -

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and the children are all refreshed and ready for a busy Term 2. My family headed off to Vietnam for the holidays and thoroughly enjoyed the history, food and culture of this country. It was extremely hot and steamy in the south and we all had some clothes made by amazing tailors. It is always great to return to Australia though; we really are the lucky country!

Burn Off Tomorrow

Forest Fire Management has advised us that there will be a burn-off tomorrow morning in Bob Street, White Hills, in close proximity to the school. This will more than likely lead to smoke blowing in the school's direction and this may affect children who suffer from asthma. The school will have alternative inside activities during break times for any children who may be affected by this.

Change of Date for Pupil Free Day

School Council have endorsed a change of date for the pupil free day the school had planned this term. **The date has changed from Friday 4th May to Friday 8th June.** The school has managed to secure the services of a behavioural analyst who will present to staff. The school has booked this person for 2019 but an available date came up recently this year. Please put this date in your diaries.

Deposits For Camps

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

Mothers/Special Person Day Breakfast

Mothers and special people are invited to our special breakfast on **Wednesday 9th May from 7.30am – 8.45am.** This event is scheduled to be held in the brick area near the Prep sandpit.

ANZAC Day: Tuesday 24th April

Parents are welcome to come along to our ANZAC Day ceremony on Tuesday 24th April from 2.30pm outside the Peter Davey building facing the oval weather permitting.

This service is very important for our school community to commemorate those individuals who have served in war and conflicts. We invite all families to attend this special event.

This Friday the twelve student leaders and Adrian McErvale will be travelling to Melbourne to attend the school's ANZAC Day Service at the Shrine of Remembrance, this will provide a memorable experience for the students.

A reminder that next Wednesday 25th April is a public holiday for ANZAC Day.

Out of Uniform Day Fundraiser

On the last day of Term 1, we held our out of uniform day and raised \$605.00 which went towards the annual Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Thanks to those who contributed to this fundraising event.

Education Week: 21st – 25th May

The school will be conducting an Open Day and Information sessions at White Hills Primary School during Education Week. Open Day for all families will be on Wednesday May 23rd from 9.00am – 3.30pm. This 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 22nd May at 9.30-10.45am, and an evening session at 7.00pm – 8.15pm. **These information sessions are intended for 2019 Prep parents interested in learning more about White Hills Primary School.**

Childcare is available at both these sessions.

White Hills Primary School - Values Survey

Thank you to all the families who completed the School Values Survey last term. Your feedback has been very helpful in developing our school's values.

Congratulations to the following people for winning the \$20 canteen vouchers:

- Zoe Lehmann
- Kate Nicholls
- Kim Engj



Athletics Success

What a glorious day we had yesterday for our annual Grades 3-6 athletics sports. Congratulations to all the Grade 3-6 students who competed yesterday. A huge thanks to Mr Scoble and Mrs Potter for organising and preparing the activities and I would also like to acknowledge the school staff and the Weeroona College students who assisted. We had many parents join us throughout the day to cheer and support their child/ren and I would like to thank them for making the effort to attend this school event.

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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, 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.

Bike Riding and Scooting on the school grounds

We have a number of complaints from worried adults walking in our school grounds before or after school nearly being hit by students riding bikes or on scooters. We have reminded the students that they are not to ride or scoot on the school grounds and we request that you also reinforce this message with your child/ren if they do ride/scoot to and from school. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Chinese Immersion Program 2018

We have now had four families who have expressed an interest to host a Chinese student this year. We are still seeking additional families who might be interested in this experience in October. The students usually arrive in week 2 of Term 4 and leave in the first week of December.

I am seeking expressions of interest from families of children in Grades 3-6 (can be other grades also) to host a Chinese student for four or eight weeks during their visit. The Chinese students are 10-12 years old and are in Grade 5. (The Chinese school year begins in September)

If you are interested, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to school or reply by email to schaeche.andrew.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a family who hosted last year, please feel free to contact me.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you here at WHPS.

Andrew Schaeche,
Principal

Phys Ed News

School Athletics

Yesterday we held our school athletics day with great success. We would like to thank the parents that attended to support their children. We would also like to thank the Weeroona College students for their assistance on the day. Without their help it would not be possible to complete all the events in one day.

The students of our school were terrific. Their sportsmanship and effort could not be faulted and as a result we feel it was the best athletics day in recent memory.

From yesterday's result we will be selecting a team to represent our school at the district event. Unlike other years our district event will be in August due to the current resurfacing of the track. This will allow students that are selected more time to develop their fitness and hone skills in preparation for the event.

The House Shield winner will be announced at Monday's assembly.



Cross Country.

The school cross country will be held on Thursday, May 3rd. It will begin at 11:30 and finish before the school lunch. This year the event will include the entire school, prep through to grade 6. Students will be familiarised with the course in Physical Education. Each year level will run a distance appropriate for their age. Please feel free to attend and support our students. The Division Cross Country will be held on Friday, May 11. This event is for all students from grade 3-6. Students will be placed in groups appropriate to their ability determined from our school cross country

Camp Australia OSHC Program

Fab Legend of the Week: Levi

Theme of the week: Rainbow Week, suggested by Ruby and Hailie

Before & After School Care Team: Jamie (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant). White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272

Camp Australia Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343

Email: oshc@campaustralia.com.au To register visit www.campastralia.com.au

PFGB News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May at approximately 9.05am in the staffroom.

All newcomers are welcome to attend any meeting! You may bring along younger siblings to our meetings as well. Come and have morning tea with us, a chat and a laugh, and find out what we do around the school.

“Coco” Colouring Competition

We have received some very creative entries for the coloring Competition. **The Art teachers will be judging the winners, which will be announced at tomorrow nights’ Open Air Cinema.**

The Shed Guys Open Air Cinema

Tomorrow night we are screening “Coco”, on our school oval – we hope to see you all there for a fun, low cost, social night out, in a relaxed outdoor atmosphere! Tickets, food and drinks are available to purchase at the event. BYO chair, bean bag or rug to sit on! Grounds open at 5:30pm, and movie begins at 6:30pm.

Sponsoring the Shed Guys Open Air Cinema

Thank you to *The Shed Guys Bendigo*, for sponsoring our event in its second year running. Our thanks also goes to *Fire Alarm Essentials, Campbells Wholesale & Envy Metal Polishing* - new contributors for this year. Please support those who generously support our event, and make it possible.

Mother’s Day/Special Person Stall

Our stall will be held on Thursday the 10th of May, early in Term 2. As always, we request that **all** students donate a gift to the value of \$2.00 – **new, unopened gifts only please**. We ask that everyone please provide one gift per student to enable every student to purchase a gift at the stall. *Please leave your donations at the office by Monday 7th May.* Thank you for your support.

P&F Group

Junior School News

Grade 1 News

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. We are looking forward to working together again this term.

Homework

Homework has started again this week. Please remember to return it on a Monday.

Excursion

A note went home on Monday about our excursion to Echuca on Monday, 30th April. Please see your child’s teacher if you didn’t receive one.

Grade 2 News

Welcome back to all grade 2 students and families. We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are ready for a fantastic term 2 of learning.

This term, Grade 2’s are taking a closer look at all things ‘Australia’.

As the **weather** slowly turns cooler, could parents and guardians please make sure students have a named school jumper so it can be returned if lost!

Junior School Teachers



Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Reading

Home reading has commenced for the term. Students are required to bring their signed reading log to school daily. Students are encouraged to read at home as much as possible over the week and enjoy parents' positive feedback in the diaries.

Homework

Homework begins this FRIDAY and is due each FRIDAY. Students are required to complete three activities in the grid weekly with the centre one being compulsory. Any questions regarding homework please see your class teacher before it is due.

Mini Inquiry Unit 'When I Grow Up'

Over the next few weeks students will be looking at future careers, goals and possible achievements. If you have any travel brochures or magazines you can donate for our upcoming Inspiration Boards it would be much appreciated.

Camp

Thank you to all families who have already paid a deposit and returned their permission slip. Don't forget camp deposits are due by Friday the 25th of May.

Wreaths

Next week for Anzac Day, classes will be creating and laying wreaths. Families are welcome to send small bunches of flowers on Tuesday or see Di L who is creating a whole school flower wreath.

Middle School Teachers

Senior School News

Grade 5

Welcome back to everybody. We hope you had a great break, already it seems like we have been back weeks rather than a few days!

Camp Deposit Due Tomorrow

Reminder that the \$40 deposit and the signed permission form are due by 4.00pm tomorrow.

Look out for homework and Lit. Circle novels that will be coming home this week.

Mother's Day and Special Person gifts would be appreciated. Drop them in at the Office.

This term we will have our **major excursion** to Sovereign Hill which will complement the inquiry unit for this term.

Well done everyone for your participation, sportsmanship and effort made with your events at our Athletic sports.

Grade 6 News

Homework

Spelling Conventions unit 8 homework was due today **Thursday, 19th April**. Unit 9 of spelling conventions will be due next week, Thursday, 26th April.

Anzac Ceremony

On **Tuesday, 24th April at 2.30pm**, the grade 6 student leaders will be running a whole school Anzac ceremony. Some of the grade 5/6 students will also be selected to read out their Anzac writing pieces. Parents and friends are invited to attend this ceremony.

Grade 6 Camp to Anglesea Deposit Due Next Friday

All students have been sent home with a permission form for the grade six camp to Anglesea in term 4. The note which states if they will or will not be attending, with a deposit of \$40, is due **by Friday, 27th April**.

Father and Son Evening

On **Tuesday, 8th May**, all male students and their fathers, or male guardians are invited to an information session which will introduce boys to the physical and emotional changes they will undergo during puberty. A note has been sent home with information regarding this. Can this note stating if father and sons will be in attendance to this evening be returned to school by **Monday, 30th April**.

Team China Fundraiser Events

On **Sunday, 22nd April**, the Team China students and families will be holding a fundraiser event at Bunnings in Epsom. They will be selling sausages and soft drinks to help raise funds for their overseas trip. We would love the White Hills community members to come along and grab a snag to help support our group!

Wednesday, 2nd May, the Team China group will have a fundraising dinner evening. This will be held at the Bendigo Stadium from 7pm. We invite as many parents and families to attend this evening. At this evening, we will draw our major raffle, as well as have spinning wheel prizes. If you would like to attend this evening, please let Miss Van know.

Team China students are also raising funds by auctioning a signed running shoe by Olympic sprint hero, Usain Bolt. The shoe is a limited edition, that comes in a large framed case and a certificate of authenticity. The shoe is being auctioned on eBay, and if anyone is interested in bidding for the shoe, they can find it by searching in eBay for Usain Bolt Signed Shoe White Hills. To read about the article posted by Bendigo Advertiser, go onto the following link: <https://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/5341234/students-hope-auction-item-can-help-them-bolt-to-china/>

To find the Usain Bolt signed shoe, go on the following link: <https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/USAIN-BOLT-SIGNED-PUMA-SHOE-LIGHTNING-BOLT-CERTIFICATE-2008-2016-OLYMPICS-WHPS/132585064901?hash=item1edeaf89c5:g:l-wAAOSw8NNa1EKI>

Senior School Teachers

Community News

BRAVES vs HOBART
SATURDAY APRIL 21ST
6PM LADY BRAVES 8PM BRAVES
#BendigoIsBrave

Bendigo Bank
Bendigo Stadium
BENDIGO STADIUM SPORTS BAR & BISTRO OPEN FROM 5:00 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BENDIGODASKEETBALL.COM.AU

Win an eco-friendly, waste reducing hamper

The City of Greater Bendigo is committed to reducing waste and wants to help residents to do the same by offering a chance to win a fantastic hamper of eco-friendly products.

Valued over \$320

To be in the draw to win all you need to do is:

- 1 If you haven't already, downsize your red lid general waste bin to a 140 litre bin
- 2 Fix a "No advertising material" sticker to your letterbox
- 3 Tell us how you actively reduce waste at your home
- 4 Submit a photo of your bin system in front of your letterbox along with your name and contact number to wastecompetition@bendigo.vic.gov.au
- 5 Take a photo of this poster to remind yourself of how to enter

Property owners can request to downsize their bin online at www.bendigo.vic.gov.au.
"No Advertising Material" stickers are available from the City's offices in Bendigo and Heathcote.
Competition closes May 30, 2018 | Winners will be notified | City of Greater Bendigo staff are not able to enter the competition.

For more information visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/recycling



Bendigo Athletic Club Cross Country Season starts Sunday 29th April. Children's 1km race starts after the Senior race that commences @ 10.30am each Sunday. Focus is on Health, Fitness and Fun!

For more information visit www.bendigoathleticclub.org.au or contact the club on 0409 874 958

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 20 April **Kate Jongebloed**
Friday 27 April **Rochelle Casser**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 26 April **Emma McNab**
Thursday 03 May **Kate Duncan**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 20 April **Sam Franklin**
Koula Costa
Jeanette Byrne-Brownney
Wednesday 25 April **Anzac Day Holiday**
Friday 27 April **Caz Robinson**
Kelly Adcock
Kate Howells

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 20 April **Koula Costa**
Tuesday 24 April **Teegan Stirling**
Friday 27 April **Kelly Adcock**

Opening Times

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

Mrs Kim Engl, Uniform Shop Coordinator



WHITE HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



TEAM CHINA FUNDRAISER BENDIGO STADIUM DINNER

On Wednesday, 2nd of May, Team China students and families will be holding a fundraising dinner at the Bendigo Stadium. On this evening, raffle tickets will be sold and the winners announced. Spinning wheel tickets will be sold, with plenty of amazing prizes on offer! We encourage as many people to attend this event. It will be a fun and exciting evening for all that attend! Come along for a bite to eat, win some prizes, and meet the amazing students and families that are a part of the Team China group. Bring a friend, the more the merrier!

Details:

When: Wednesday, 2nd of May, 7pm.

Where: Bendigo Stadium Bistro, 91 Inglis St, West Bendigo VIC 3550

All funds raised will help support the fantastic Team China group with the cost of the overseas trip. The Team China group members include Aleksia Frankin, Chilli Schroeter, Lachie Arscott, Ryan Hobden, and Georgia Kempster.

RSVP: Miss Van (grade 6 teacher)



White Hills Primary School

Expression of Interest to Host a Chinese Student

I/We am/are interested in hosting a Chinese student/teacher (please circle) for four/eight weeks (please circle) from October - December 2018.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room: _____

Family members living at home:
