

White Hills Weekly

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Week 10
Thursday 20 April
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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 2017: Tuesday 18th April – Friday 30th June

Week 10

Friday 21 April

Gr 6 Bendigo RSL Legacy Excursion
Shed Guys Open Air Cinema
Prep PMP 2.30pm

Week 11

Monday 24 April

Head Lice Checks 9.15am

Monday 24 April

ANZAC Service 2.30pm-3.30pm

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

Gr 2-6 School Cross Country 2.30pm

Thursday 27 April

Team China Dinner Bgo Stadium 6pm

Friday 28 April

Gr 6 Grip Leadership Conference 8.45am

Gr 3, 4 & 6 Camp Deposits due 4.00pm

Week 12

Mon 1 - Fri 5 May Book Fair

Monday 1 May

Follow up Head Lice Checks 9.15am

Friday 5 May

Gr 5 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Wednesday 10 May

Mothers/Special Person Day Breaky 8.00am

Friday 12 May

Gr 3-6 Division Cross Country

Mothers Day Stall

Week 13

Tuesday 16 May

Gr 1 Excursion Payment Due 4.00pm

Thursday 18 May

School Art Show

Friday 19 May

School Band comp @ Bgo SE College

Gr 3-6 District Aths 10.00am - 3.00pm

Week 14

Tues 23 - Fri 26 May

Education Week

Tuesday 23 May

Open Day 9.00am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 23 May

Information Session 9.30am-10.45am

Information Session 7.00pm-8.15pm

Gr 1 Ruby Loves to Bounce Exc 9.30am

Multi Age Day

Wednesday 24 May

Prep Grandparents Morning 9.00-11.00am

Friday 26 May

Team China Experience

Thurs 1 to Sat 10 June

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm

Monday 5 June

School Choir competition @ Ullumbara

Friday 9 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Monday 12 June

Final Day Commonwealth Student Banking

Tuesday 13 June

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Thursday 22 June

The Snow Queen Performance

Friday 23 June

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.

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 10th May** from 8:00am – 8.45am. This event is scheduled to be held in the brick area near the Prep sandpit.

ANZAC Day: Monday 24th April

Parents are welcome to come along to our ANZAC Day ceremony on **Monday 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 myself 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 Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday for ANZAC Day.

Education Week: 22nd – 26th May

The school will be conducting an Open Day and Information sessions at White Hills Primary School during Education Week. **Open Day, on Tuesday May 23rd 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 23rd May at 9.30-10.45am, and an evening session at 7.00pm –8.15pm.** These information sessions are intended for 2018 Prep parents interested in learning more about White Hills Primary School.

Childcare is available at both these sessions.

The school will also be conducting a multi-age day on **Wednesday 24th May** with the theme of multiculturalism. Children in Grades will be arranged in groups and will rotate through various activities related to different cultures including Koori, Karen, French and Chinese.

Out of Uniform Day Fundraiser

On the last day of Term 1, we held our out of uniform day and raised \$593.90 which went towards the annual Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

WHPs Shed Guys Open Air Cinema
Postponed until Friday 28th April
due to possible inclement weather

Tickets can be purchased at the gate and food available on the night. Gates open at 5.30pm and the movie 'Moana' will begin at 6.30pm.

Staffing News

It is with great excitement that we can announce the birth of baby Molly Oswald born on 21st March. Molly is the second child for Danielle (office assistant) and her husband, Hayden. Mrs Tracey Turner is replacing Danielle until early November when she plans to return.

Mrs Belinda Baird will be working in 5P on Mondays and Tuesdays for the remainder of the year. Belinda will be sharing the class with Mrs Elaine Price. Belinda worked here last year as a Music teacher.

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.**

Impetigo (School Sores)

We have had reported cases of school sores. Please remind your child to wash their hands before and after eating and going to the toilet. If your child is diagnosed with impetigo, please notify the school. Children must be excluded from school until appropriate treatment has commenced and sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.

Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life's Uncertainties. Part 4:

A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate

Here are some more ideas to get you started building resilience in your children.

FIND OPTIMISTIC EXPLANATIONS

Mastery skills involve the way the child thinks, particularly when he has failed. The child questions, "Why did I fail?" or "Why did I succeed?" Optimistic explanations are the basis of seeing failures as challenges with associated activity and hope. Train your child to think of optimistic explanations for events. Watch the way you describe events-both for yourself and for your child: For example:

*Do you tend to use terms like "always" and "never" when things go wrong... "You never tidy your toys" or do you focus on the actual event? "You forgot to tidy your toys. You'll have to finish before you watch TV."

*Do you describe setbacks as permanent catastrophes... "I'm useless at cooking." or as incidents that can be acted upon? "This cake didn't turn out very well. I'll try a different recipe next time."

*When things go well do you call them "flukes"... "You were lucky your teacher was in a good mood" or do you give your child the credit? "Your teacher gave you the job because you are reliable."

REPEAT NOTICES

Chinese Immersion Program 2017

Thanks to the three families who have expressed interest in hosting a Chinese student for the 8 weeks of the program. If your family might be interested in hosting a Chinese student in October this year please let me know. The students usually arrive in week 2 of Term 4 and leave in the first week of December. Bendigo Team China schools are endeavouring to collect information now to determine the number of Chinese students we are able to host.

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 who visit are usually 10-11 years old and have just entered Grade 5 (Chinese school year begins in September). Last year we had four Chinese students and a teacher from our Sister School, Jinji Lakes PS in Suzhou Industrial Park.

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

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

Please let us know if there's anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS

Andrew Schaeche,
Principal

Free Computer Monitors

At certain times, the school updates equipment. We currently have many computer monitors available for parents to collect free of charge. If you are interested in obtaining a monitor, please come in and see the office. First in, first served.



Head Lice Checks

Head lice checks resume on **Monday 24th April** with follow up checks on **Monday 1st May**. 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.

Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

The WHPS Shed Guys Open Air Cinema Has been Postponed!

The WHPS Shed Guys Open Air Cinema has been postponed until next Friday 28th April due to possible inclement weather. Tickets can be purchased at the gate and food available on the night. Gates open at 5.30pm and the movie 'Moana' will begin at 6.30pm. We hope to see you all there for an enjoyable family night.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May** approximately 9.05am.

Colouring Competition

Our colouring competition has closed, the winner will be announced at the Open Air Cinema evening.

Mother's / Special Person Day Stall

Our stall is coming up on **Friday 12th May** at school, we are asking for donations of new gifts to the value of \$2.00.

Thank You to our 'Open Air Cinema' Sponsors *We value your generous contribution*

The Shed Guys – Our Gold Plus sponsor

We would like to thank our major sponsor for having the confidence in us at the very beginning to help us get our new event underway.

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise – Gold sponsor

Thank you to the BNDCE for their grant for funding part of our event.

Please see information at the end of this newsletter.

PH Property – Bronze Sponsor

Thank you for your kind donation

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Parents & Friends Group / Fundraising Committee

Junior School News

Prep News

P.M.P. (Perceptual Motor Program)

Our Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P.) starts **Friday 21st April**

WHERE: The Physical Education shed

WHEN: **Friday afternoon** every week between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

WHY: To improve **fine motor skills** (small movements — such as picking up small objects and holding a spoon — that use the small muscles of the fingers, toes, wrists, lips, and tongue) and **gross motor skills** (bigger movements — such as rolling over and sitting — that use the large muscles in the arms, legs, torso, and feet) and **concentration skills**.

A PMP roster has been sent home with your child if you have offered to help.

Prep Toy Unit Of Work

As part of our Term 2 unit of work on Toys the Preps will be making their own toys using different materials.

You Can Help Out! Send in any materials you have at home that might be useful. Bring them to the classroom over the next few weeks and teachers will store them. **Useful materials might include** cardboard tubes from foil, paper towel and glad wrap, small boxes, string, straws, sticks, skewers, milk/juice cartons – well rinsed, bottle tops, ping pong balls, wool, material scraps or anything else you think might be useful!

Please note: PLEASE DON'T SEND EGG CARTONS OR TOILET PAPER ROLLS due to allergies and health and safety requirements.

Grandparent's Morning

As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend on **Friday, 26th 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.

Letter Sound Of The Week

This week the Preps will be exploring the letter and sound i. See if you can spot some objects around the house or write some words that begin with this sound to help your child's learning to stick!

Prep Visit To The Discovery Centre

For those Preps who haven't yet had this experience, they will take a bus to visit the discovery centre as part of the La Trobe Uni preservice teacher program. They will attend with their classroom teacher. All **you need to do** is return the yellow permission form sent home if you would like your child to go. See your classroom teacher for your class' date.

Grade 1 News

Welcome everyone to the start of Term 2, and what a busy term it is!

Discovery Centre Excursion

1F, 1DW and 1P students are heading to the Discovery Centre next **Wednesday 26th April**. Buses will leave the school at 9.00am so it's important to be at school on time. 1B and 1D will attend on **Friday 12th May**, leaving school at 12.00pm.

Emily Loves to Bounce – 23rd May

Blue notes for this excursion will be sent home this week. We are really looking forward to this performance. If you have any story books by the author *Stephen Michael King* at home, we would love to borrow them to read at school.

ANZAC Day

Students will all attend our schools ANZAC Day service on Monday 24th of April. Leading up to this we will be discussing and learning about ANZAC Day, so our students have a better understanding of it's importance.

Reading Helpers

We love having help to listen to children read. Please contact your child's teacher to work out the best time to help with this. Your own students really enjoy having you in their classroom as well!

Junior School Teachers



Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Homework

This Friday homework will commence for the term. It is due back next Friday. If your child has any questions please encourage them to see a teacher early rather than leaving it until the due date. Reading and completion of reading log will continue also.

Portfolios

A big thank-you to all the families who have already returned their child's learning portfolio. If you haven't could you please do so as soon as possible. Remember to include a positive comment on your child's progress.

Student Supplies

If any outstanding student supplies such as pens etc are at home please send into your classroom as soon as possible. Any questions or concerns speak to your classroom teacher.

Discovery Centre Science Excursion Notes

Please return your green Science Discovery Centre notes to your classroom as soon as possible. Students will be heading to the Discovery Centre week 3 on Monday. Further information to follow and on permission slip.

Naplan Preparations

Students are very positive and enthusiastic about the upcoming Naplan. We have been preparing the students for each area of assessment. Naplan will be conducted in week 4. More information to follow.

Grade 4 News

Welcome back

Welcome back to our students and families. Parents we love seeing your faces in the classroom, so make sure you pop in and say hello.

Learning Portfolios, to be returned by 21st April

These came home in the last week of term 1, please take the time to look at your child's work and we appreciate a comment and signature on the yellow page before they are returned.

White Hills Workshop: Lunchtime Club starting this term

A huge thank you to everyone who donated tools and items towards Mr Sait and Mrs Millard's lunchtime workshop program.

Athletics Day

Well done to all of our Grade 4 students who participated in our school athletics day. It was great to see so many smiles and everyone putting in 100% effort.

ANZAC Day service

We invite all families and friends to come to our ANZAC Ceremony on Monday 24th starting at 2:30 sharp. Our school's ANZAC Ceremony is run by our Grade 6 student leaders and gives us all an opportunity to remember anyone who has served in a war or conflict as well as those men and women still serving in the Defence Forces today.

Camp payment - \$40 deposit due Friday 28th April

Thanks to those who have returned the Grade 4 Camp permission form and enclosed the \$40 deposit. The \$40 deposit is due next Friday, 28th April. If you need to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office before the due date.

Discovery Centre excursions lead by La Trobe Pre-service Teachers

Grade 4K thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to the Discovery Centre yesterday. 4D, 4S & 4M are looking forward to their excursion on Monday, 8th May.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Welcome back to the start of Term 2! We hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. This term we welcome Mrs Belinda Baird to the 5P classroom. Belinda will be working Monday and Tuesday, with Mrs Elaine Price in the classroom on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

Sovereign Hill Major Excursion

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill excursion information forms went home this week. This will be held on **Thursday, 22nd June**. Please ensure that you return the permission form at the bottom of the note and make the \$40 payment by **Monday, 5th June**. This is also written in your child's diary. More information will come closer to the date. If you would be interested in being a parent helper for this excursion, please send a note to Mrs Rebecca Woods.

Camp

Grade 5 Phillip Island Adventure Resort Camp notes have also been sent home this week. The camp will be held from **Wednesday, 13th December-Friday, 15th December**. The total cost for the camp is \$302. The permission note and a \$40 non-refundable deposit is due by **Friday, 5th May**. We strongly suggest making fortnightly payments over the course of the year. More information will come closer to the camp date.

ANZAC Day

There will be no school next **Tuesday, 25th April** due to the ANZAC Day public holiday.

The School Cross Country will be held next **Wednesday, 26th April** at 2:30pm. Please come along and encourage the kids during their run.

Team China Fundraiser

The Team China dinner fundraiser will be held next **Wednesday, 26th April** at the Bendigo Stadium from 6pm onwards. We would love to see many school families there for dinner if you are available! There will also be a raffle and spinner wheels operating throughout the evening, with some major prizes up for grabs.

Homework

Homework will again be due each Friday. This includes Lit Circles reading and the homework sheet. Please encourage your child to start good study habits and to have it completed before the Friday. If your child would like extra homework, they can access their assigned Mathematics tasks at home.

Term Inquiry

This term in Inquiry we are studying Federation and the impact the Gold Rush had on our country. Our excursion to Sovereign Hill also ties in with this unit. Students will also be given a project later in the term to complete at school and at home. Please keep an eye out in their diary and in the newsletter for more information later in the term.

Grade 6 News

Homework

This week's homework is a maths and spelling task, which will be handed out tomorrow and due on **Friday, 28th April**. Students will have to complete the task and hand it in by 9.00am Friday. If students do not hand in their homework, they will be kept in at lunchtime

to complete the task. We appreciate parents' encouraging and supporting their child with the completion and submission of homework every week.

Communiy Connections- Bupa Tomorrow

On **Friday 21st April**, the first Friday back for Term 2, a new group of Bupa students will ride to the nursing home. Can parents please ensure if their students are in this group, their bikes are in a good working condition ready for the first visit.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On **Thursday 27th April**, all student leaders will attend the GRIP leadership conference at the Bendigo Stadium. These students will need to arrive at the stadium at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. It is up to parents to transport their child to and from the Bendigo Stadium. Students must bring their lunch and be in full school uniform. The conference will finish at 2.30pm. A permission note has been sent out this week. Could parents of these students please sign this note and return to school as soon as possible.

Shrine of Remembrance Excursion

Grade 6 student leaders have been given the opportunity to attend the Legacy's 86th Anzac Commemoration Ceremony for Students at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne as a part of the Anzac Centenary. This will take place on Friday the 21st of April, the first Friday of term 2. The bus will depart the QEO at 8am, and arrive back at 4.00pm. It is up to parents to transport their child to and from the QEO. Students must bring their lunch and be in full school uniform.

Grade 6 Camp to Anglesea

Students have been sent home with a permission form for 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, 28th April**. Can parents please make sure this is returned to school as soon as possible.

Upper School Teachers

After School Care Program

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome back all of our students and their families to Before and After School Care. We have another big term ahead of us, which will involve welcoming new students and new staff. Jenna, our assistant, will be starting maternity leave in May until later this year.

Before School Care Is Open

Just a reminder that we have been running Before School Care since day One of Term One. Our BSC service runs from 7.00am until 8.35am although for our prep students we will continue to stay with them and walk them to change over with their teacher. We provide cereal or toast and milo for breakfast.

Fab Legend & Theme Of The Week

There is no Fab Legend or Theme of the Week for this week. We will have a Fab Legend and Theme of the Week for next week.

Before & After School Care Team

Jamie Morgan (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant) and Jorgia.

White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272

Camp Australia Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343 Email: oshc@campaustralia.com.au

Phys Ed News

Term 2 Phys Ed Program

School Cross Country Gr 2-6 - Wednesday 26th April, 2.30pm

Division Cross Country Gr 3-6 - Friday 12th May, varied times

District Athletics, selected students - Friday May 19th 10.00am - 3.00pm

If you can help on any of these days, please contact Miss Potter or Mr Scoble. Students have been training in preparation for these events and are looking forward to the events. They are not about winning but personal bests and improvement. Unfortunately without parent help these events cannot run.

Spikezone Volleyball

The Primary School Volleyball Season will be conducted in Term 2 and 3 of 2017. White Hills is looking to enter a side once again. Students interested in participating in Grades 3-6 should contact Mr Ross to receive more information.

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 27 April Kathryn Treloar
Thursday 04 May Kristy Rowe

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 21 April Kimberley Dean
Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day Holiday
Friday 28 April Kelly Adcock

New: Navy girls tights \$10

Opening Times 2017

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

Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 21 April Catherine Hester
Friday 28 April Andrea Wright

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 21 April Dianne Egan
 Kimberley Dean
 Tarra Monro
Wednesday 26 April Caroline Robinson
 Tabatha Boyd
Friday 28 April Jayne Norton
 Kelly Adcock
 Sam Franklin

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

Community News

Kelly Sports Program at White Hills Primary School

Kelly Sports is looking forward to conducting clinics again at White Hills Primary School. We will be running a 10 week Mega Multi Sports program that includes 5 different sports including: footy, netball, cricket, basketball & t-ball & a brand new 10 week Street Dance program that includes professionally choreographed routines to popular child friendly hip hop songs & an end of term showcase performance.

Below are some details about our program and how your child could benefit:

For all enquiries about programs, please contact Brett Harris on 0438 198 031.

- Kelly Sports' motto is Safe, Skill & Smile.
- Our programs cater for boys and girls from Prep – Grade 6.
- Kelly Sports provide highly trained coaches that cater to individuals' needs.
- Children can be enrolled in After School Care, as coaches walk child to after school care once session has concluded to sign them in
- Maximum ratio of 1 coach to 30 children (Street Dance) & 1 coach to 14 children (Mega Multi Sports) to ensure maximum participation rate.
- Activities begin 10 minutes after the bell and go for 45 minutes (Street Dance-lunchtime) 1 hour (Mega Multi Sports-afterschool).
- Children meet at a designated area where a roll is taken to ensure every child is accounted for before session is conducted.
- Clinics will be conducted on school grounds.
- \$120 for 10 Fun and Challenging 1 hour sessions (Mega Multi Sports)
- \$100 for 10 Exciting & Energetic 45 minute session (Street Dance).
- Street Dance (lunchtimes) starts Wednesdays 26th April & concludes 28th June 01:10 pm-01:55 pm.
- Mega Multi Sports (after school) starts Wednesdays 26th April & concludes 28th June 03:40 pm-04:40 pm
- To enrol, just check out www.kellysports.com.au, enter your school name, click GO and select Book Now from the program that you'd like to enrol your child in.
- ****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL 10% OFF OFFER** If you enrol your child in any program before Sunday 16th April you'll receive 10% off!! (That's 1 session FREE!!)**

www.kellysports.com.au



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Year 7 Information Evenings at the following Colleges
Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm:

	Contact 5447 7722 crusoecollege.vic.edu.au	
	Contact 5446 8099 eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au	
	Contact 5443 2133 weeroona.vic.edu.au	
	Contact 5443 4522 dse.vic.edu.au	
	Contact 5442 1311 kalianna.vic.edu.au	



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 2017.

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

Family members living at home:

Please complete and return to the school office or reply by email to schaeche.andrew.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

