

White Hills Weekly

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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 11

Friday 28 April

Gr 3, 4 & 6 Camp Deposits due 4.00pm

Week 12

Mon 1 - Fri 5 May

Monday 1 May

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Friday 5 May

Wednesday 10 May

Friday 12 May

Book Fair 8.30-9.00am and 3.30-4.00pm

Assembly–Special Guest Geronimo Stilton

Follow up Head Lice Checks 9.15am

Gr 5 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm

Mothers/Special Person Day Breaky 8.00am

Gr 3-6 Division Cross Country

Mothers Day Stall

Week 13

Tuesday 16 May

Thursday 18 May

Friday 19 May

Gr 1 Excursion Payment Due 4.00pm

School Art Show

School Band comp @ Bgo SE College

Gr 3-6 District Aths 10.00am - 3.00pm

Week 14

Tues 23 - Fri 26 May

Tuesday 23 May

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Education Week

Open Day 9.00am – 3.30pm

Information Session 9.30am-10.45am

Information Session 7.00pm-8.15pm

Gr 1 Ruby Loves to Bounce Exc 9.30am

Multi Age Day

Prep Grandparents Morning 9.00-11.00am

Team China Experience

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm

School Choir competition @ Ullumbara

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Final Day Commonwealth Student Banking

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

The Snow Queen Performance

Student Led Conference- Pupil Free Day

Last Day Commonwealth Student Banking

Wednesday 24 May

Friday 26 May

Thurs 1 to Sat 10 June

Monday 5 June

Friday 9 June

Monday 12 June

Tuesday 13 June

Thursday 22 June

Friday 23 June

Tuesday 27 June

Term 3 2017: Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4 2017: Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct

Gr 3 Curumbene Camp

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct

Gr 4 Maldon Camp

Mon 16 - Fri 20 Oct

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Wed 15 - Fri 17 Nov

Gr 6 Camp

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Athletics 'ran' smoothly on a perfect autumn day

Last Thursday the Grades 3-6 athletics sports was held on the school oval. The effort and behaviour of all the students was exemplary. The House results were as follows:

4 th	138pts	Napier
3 rd	145pts	Plumridge
2 nd	159pts	Bosquet
1 st	163pts	Raglan

Representatives of our school will be selected to participate in the District Athletics event on 19th May.

Thanks to all the teachers, parents, Latrobe students, Weeroona SC students and students themselves for making the day a great success.

I would also like to acknowledge our Physical Education staff Stewart Scoble and Kate Potter for their coordination and organisation, meaning the event ran smoothly and on time.

ANZAC Day: Monday 24th April

Last Friday 11 student leaders and I attended the ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students at the Shrine of Remembrance. We travelled down by bus with many other Bendigo primary schools to attend the hour-long service where the weather was kind to us. We then had the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Remembrance. Congratulations to all our student leaders who were exemplary role models and displayed outstanding behaviour, I was very proud of them.

The school held its ANZAC Day ceremony on Monday afternoon, ably led by six school leaders. We had a number of parents in attendance and some people from the BUPA Aged Care facility.

This service is very important for our school community to commemorate those individuals who have served in war and conflicts.

MOANA

WHPS Shed Guys Open Air
Cinema

Tomorrow Friday 28th April

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.



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.

Staffing News

We have three staff who will all begin maternity leave early this term and I would like to wish them all the best.

Miss Alison O'Neill will replace Samantha Mumford (Prep) from 15th May, but Sam will begin her leave from 1st May. Alison is an experienced Early Years teacher from Heathcote PS.

Mr Brad Wickham will replace Mrs Chris Connaughton (Grade 3). Brad will begin on 15th May also. Brad is an experienced teacher and joins us from Lockwood PS.

Mr Anthony Pilkington will replace Mrs Kristy Bateman (Grade 3) from 8th May. Anthony is also an experienced teacher and joins us from Ross Park PS in Northern Territory.

We also have a new Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO), Stephen Korp who visits our school weekly from 1:30-4:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. He is available to talk to families and has already met all the school's Koorie students. He can be contacted on 54403353 and mobile: 0459880590 or via email at korp.stephen.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bendigo Stadium Fundraiser

Over 150 people attended the fundraising dinner at the Bendigo Stadium last night to support the five students travelling to China with me in June. Thanks to the 30 staff and their families who also supported this event.

Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life's Uncertainties. Part 5:

A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate

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

DECATASTROPHISING:

When things go wrong teach your child to put boundaries on the problem. Ask:

*What is the worst thing that could happen?

*How likely is this? If it were to happen what could you do to improve things?

*What is the best thing that could happen?

You have defined the worst and best boundaries. The most likely outcome would probably fall in between. This realisation gives a sense of security and motivation- I can handle it!

REPEAT NOTICES

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.

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.**

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.

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.



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

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

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be held next week from Monday 1st May to Friday 5th May. Opening times in the morning are 8.30am-9.00am and in the afternoon 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

Geronimo Stilton will be our special guest at Monday's Assembly.

Toddlers and cameras are welcome.

Anne Morison

Coordinator

Student Banking

Dear Student / Parent,

As previously advertised in 2016/17 Newsletters, the WHPS School Council has approved the phasing out of the Commonwealth Student Banking Program.

The last day where Commonwealth Bank Books will be accepted will be 27th June, the Tuesday in the last week of Term 2.

If there are any orders made on this last day for reward items, they will be ordered as long as you have handed in your 10 tokens. Orders can take up to 2 weeks to arrive (if I don't already have it in stock), so your items may take until early Term 3 to be delivered to you.

If you have been holding on to tokens, you are most welcome to cash them in before this service is closed.

Please consider changing over to the Bendigo Bank, to support our local bank, who in turn assist and donate in our own community. "Piggy Bank" application forms are available at the school office, or your local Bendigo Bank branch (White Hills branch is just around the corner from the school on Napier Street in the White Hills shopping strip). Return to your local branch for processing, with your child's Birth Certificate and Medicare Card, along with parent's Drivers Licence for I.D. purposes. Children with existing Bendigo bank accounts are also welcome to use this service.

I do hope you will continue to use our Student Banking Program at WHPS, as it is a valuable learning experience for all students to understand the benefits of saving money at a young age.

Thank you,

Student Banking coordinator,

Sam

Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

The WHPS Shed Guys Open Air Cinema is Tomorrow, Friday 28th April. 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

PH Property – Bronze Sponsor

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Parents & Friends Group / Fundraising Committee

Junior School News

Prep News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to, *K'Pru, Brooklyn, Anna I, Isabella, Laylah, William, our Prep 'Pupils of the Week'* for this week. These Preps are caring, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!

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 a variety of materials.

If you have any materials at home that might be useful please bring them to the classroom over the next few weeks where teachers will store them until they are needed. 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: Due to allergies and in the interest of health and safety, we are NOT able to accept EGG CARTONS OR TOILET PAPER ROLLS.



Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'

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.

Grade 1 News

Students of the Week

1P - Reid L for his great attitude towards learning.

1DW – Lily G for always trying hard and being an amazing friend.

1D – Kenlee S for working extra hard at using the computers.

1B – Laura for being a helpful and caring student to everyone.

1F – Bonham for excellent effort with his writing.

Discovery Centre Excursion

1F, 1DW and 1P students went to the Discovery Centre yesterday. We visited the Planetarium, conducted some experiments learning about sound and some students even braved the vertical slide!

1B and 1D will attend on Friday 12th of May, leaving school at 12.00pm.

Emily Loves to Bounce – 23rd May

Blue notes for this excursion have been sent home. 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.

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!

Grade 2 News

Students of the Week

2F – Ebony L for a wonderful start to school, welcome to White Hills Primary.

2B – Marcus S for making a great start to the term with your work, keep it up!

2M – Xavier F for being a kind and helpful student.

2CK – Jack B for his wonderful effort with reading and remembering his bag!

Cross Country

Well done to all the Grade 2's for participating with enthusiasm at the school Cross Country on such a cold day!

Homework

Homework has been sent home this week. Please remind your children that the due date is Mondays as it has been all year and it is vital that their homework book is returned.

Labelled Clothing

Please make sure that you label your children's clothing as we are constantly finding unnamed clothing without names. A reminder of cold days such as yesterday to even wear the appropriate clothing for the changing weather conditions.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week

3B – **Koly L** for trying hard to improve his spelling.

3C – **Brayden C** for his persistence and effort during the Athletics Day.

3G – **Detlan R** for a wonderful start to Term 2 and for his enthusiasm towards reading.

3J – **Claire** for having a growth mindset and answering lots of questions during instruction time.

Homework

Homework commenced last week. All homework is due on **a Friday**. It has been wonderful to see the organisation and enthusiasm from the students with the activities. Please encourage your child to seek assistance early if they have any questions about the homework.

Anzac Service

Congratulations to our students on their wreath designs and to the students who presented the wreaths. Also a big thank you to Phil, Brooke and James who came and spoke to some of the classes about soldiers past and present. The students really enjoyed the stories, medals and other items.

Portfolios

A big thank-you to families who have already returned learning portfolios. If you haven't yet please do so promptly, signed and with a positive comment about your child's work.

Discovery Centre Excursion Times

Next Monday

3G & 3C Session times 9.00am - 12.00pm

3J & 3B Session times 12.30-3.00pm

Camp Deposits

Please remember your camp deposits, they are due tomorrow **Friday 28th April**.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to these students of the week

4D **Ashlen R** for her excellent descriptive writing when describing her favourite place.

4K **Jade C** for her excellent efforts in the 200m on athletics day. Well done for having a go when you didn't want to.

4M **Max J** for his excellent persistence when making his paper plane and glider.

4S **Lucy** for her teamwork and leadership whilst putting together our ANZAC wreath.

Learning Portfolios due last week 21st April (end of week 1 T2)

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. These were due back at school last week so we can begin to put term two work samples in. Thank you.

School Cross Country

Well done to all of our Grade 4 students who participated in our school cross country event. We look forward to seeing all grade 4 students participate in the division cross country on **Friday, 12th May**.

Book Fair

The book fair will be starting next week on **Monday, 1st May**. There will be books on display in the library all week so students can browse and write down their wish lists.

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

A reminder note to pay the grade 4 camp \$40 deposit was sent home on Monday. Thanks to those who have returned the Grade 4 Camp permission form and enclosed the \$40 deposit. The \$40 deposit is due tomorrow Friday, 28th April. If you need to arrange a payment plan, please contact the office before the due date.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our Grade 5 Students of the Week.

Harry O for an outstanding start to Term 2.

Harry B for improved effort with his learning, organisation and physical education.

Jesse D for returning safe and sound and sharing some of her experiences from her holiday in the USA.

Thank You

Thanks to Mr W. we were able to skype his dad Wes and gain some interesting information about his time in the military in East Timor. The grade 5's asked great questions and found out about daily life whilst serving in the Australian military in a country of conflict. These facts and experiences, from a more recent conflict, can be compared and added to the students' knowledge about life as a soldier in WW1 and WW2.

Congratulations

Well done to all Grade 5's and the way they participated in our school athletics. As we always say- every point counts for your House and we certainly saw some great efforts.

Homework

Weekly homework and Lit Circle reading is due on Fridays and we appreciate your support with encouraging your child to be responsible and organised to have it completed.

Science

At the end of Term 2 our grades participated in a science class run by La Trobe students. The follow up session will be a visit to the Discovery Centre. This excursion does not involve any cost to students, however the permission form must be signed and returned tomorrow **Friday 28th April** for your child to participate.

Return Permission Slips

Other notes to be returned- **Camp** note with deposit included. **Sovereign Hill** excursion note and payment. Keep those Mother's Day/Special Person gifts coming in for the school stall on **Friday 12th May**.

Parent Helpers

Parent helpers for Sovereign Hill excursion- parents who filled out the volunteer form at the start of the year will be contacted first but if you are interested in being a helper on the excursion, and did not fill the form in, please put this in writing and send to your child's teacher. Parents must have a current Working with Children certificate.

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.

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

6G – Baileigh W for her thought provoking poem about ANZAC Day.

6B – Reece M for jumping over the height of a small cow in the high jump.

6V – Alirah R for her dedication and enthusiasm to her ANZAC reading and writing.

Homework

This week's homework is a literacy and spelling task, which will be handed out tomorrow and due on Friday 5th May. 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.

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 of April**.

Upper School Teachers

After School Care Program

Welcome

We would like to welcome our students and their families to our OSHC program. At our Before and After School Care Sessions we offer the children different activities for them to enjoy. With Mother's Day approaching, we will be focusing on doing activities based around Mothers/Special Person's Day.

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 of The Week

Our Special Fab Legend of The Week Award, was this week awarded to Cash for outstanding leadership and for being an active listener, supportive of others and always helping with the pack up challenge at the end of each day.

Theme of The Week

This week we had Monkey Week suggested by Abby. Children enjoyed the monkey colouring in pictures we had on offer. The children also enjoyed making and decorating masks to take home.

Before & After School Care Team

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

White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272

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

Phys Ed News

School Cross Country

Traditional cross country weather greeted runners for our school cross country. Strong cold winds and a slippery surface were challenges for our runners. Cheered on by a pleasing number of spectators, students returned from their run red, sweaty and mostly pleased with their efforts.

Congratulations to all students who participated. The House award will be announced at Monday's assembly. A special mention for the runners gaining placings as listed below.

8/9 Girls	8/9 Boys	11 Boys	11 Girls
Aleasha M	Rory B	Drew C	Erin B
Larni G	Jack T	Blake B	Lexi F
Isabeau A	Daniel M	Jesse G	Taylor C
10 Girls	10 Boys	12/13 Boys	12/13 Girls
Jasmine D	Zac Mc	Reece M	Claudia M
Sierra P	Oliver L	Heaven M	Cameron E
Mikayla M	Dusty C	Savior M	Makayla E

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 28 April **Andrea Wright**
Friday 5 May **Fiona Robinson**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 28 April **Kelly Adcock**
Tuesday 2 May **Samantha Griffin**
Friday 5 May **Sam Olsen**

New: Navy girls tights \$10

Opening Times

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

Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 04 May **Kristy Rowe**
Thursday 11 May **Kelly Adcock**

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28 April **Jayne Norton**
 Kelly Adcock
 Sam Franklin
Wednesday 3 May **Michelle Christian**
 Elizabeth Cresswell
Friday 5 May **Kristy Rowe**
 Anne Johnson
 Sam Olsen

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

Elmore Primary School Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 6th May

Time – 8:00am – 1:00pm (stall holders may arrive from 7:30am to set up)

Site cost - \$25.00

Payment options – cash paid directly at the school office or transfer via electronic banking before the day (contact the school on 5432 6247 if you need e-banking details)

Cancellation – notice of cancellation will be provided 48 hours before the event if required in the event of inclement weather or emergency.*

Contact – Michelle Griffiths 5432 6247 or email at griffiths.michelle.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bring along your trash and treasure, seedlings, garage sale items, baby and children's clothes, books, crafts, cakes and slices or anything else you would like to sell.

Special Event – *The Great Elmore Hedgehog Bake-Off*

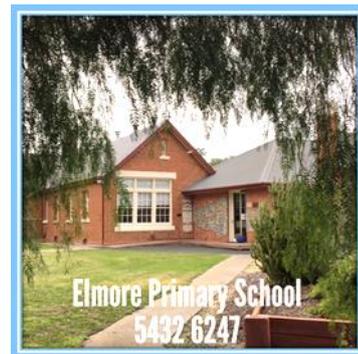
Our Student Council is running this event. They have organised for the local bakers, Nathan and Travis from the Elmore Bakery, to be our special guest judges. Bring along your best hedgehog slice. Entry cost is \$2.00. Judging will take place at 11:00am.

First prize is a chef kit containing all of the tools you need to create your own kitchen masterpieces.

Second prize is a \$25.00 voucher for the Elmore Bakery.

Third Prize is a Donna Hay cookbook.

*Please note – no refunds will be given in the event of cancellation



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

	Crusoe College Contact 5447 7722 crusoecollege.vic.edu.au	
	Eaglehawk Secondary College Contact 5446 8099 eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au	
	Weeroona Secondary College Contact 5443 2133 weeroona.vic.edu.au	
	Bendigo South East College Contact 5443 4522 bsec.vic.edu.au	
	Kalianna Secondary College 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