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 13
Mon 2nd – Fri 6th May
School Book Fair 8.30am & 3.30pm
District Athletics
Moths / Special Person Day Stall

Fri 6th May
Prep PMP 2.30pm

Fri 8th May
Grade 3-5 NAPLAN Testing

Week 14
Mon 9th May
Division Cross Country

Tues 10th – Thurs 12th May
Education Week
Open Day 9.00am – 3.30pm
Information Sessions 10.00am & 7.00pm

Fri 13th May
Footsteps Dance Payment due 4.00pm

Week 15
Mon 16th – Fri 20th May
Education Week

Wed 18th May
Gr 5 Activities Afternoon

Wed 19th May
Footsteps Dance Program

Fri 20th May
Grandparents / Special Person’s Morning

Fri 20th May
Gr 3 Camp Deposit payment due 4.00pm

Week 16
Mon 23rd May
African Drumming Performance

Fri 27th May
Footsteps Dance Program

Week 17
Tues 31st May
Division Soccer

Wed 3rd June
Footsteps Dance Program

Sat 6th June
Aerobics State Finals

Week 20
Mon 6th June
Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm

Wed 8th June
Division Hockey

Thurs 9th June
Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Fri 10th June
Footsteps Dance Program

Mon 13th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Fri 17th June
Footsteps Dance Program

Mon 20th June
Student Led Conferences/Pupil Free Day

Wed 22nd June
Movie Night – Ice Age 5

Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September

Wednesday 13th July
Division Netball

Monday 18th July
Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly

Wednesday 20th July
Boys Division Football

Monday 25th July
Head Lice follow up check 9.30am

Mon 29th – Fri 2nd Sept
Book Week

Tuesday 13th September
Literacy & Numeracy Week

Gr 3 & 4 Camp Final Payment Due 4pm

Term 4: Monday 3rd October – Wednesday 21st December

Wed 5th – Fri 7th October
Gr 3 Camp

Mon 10th October
Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly

Monday 17th October
Head Lice follow up check 9.30am

Thursday 20th October
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 26th October
Bendigo Cup Day Holiday

Thursday 2nd November
Music Count Us In 11.00am

Monday 14th November
Prep Swimming

Wednesday 16th November
Prep Swimming

Principal’s News

Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall – Tomorrow
Our Mother’s / Special Person Day stall will be held tomorrow, Friday 6th May.

Every child is asked to bring $2.00 per gift and a bag to carry their gift home.

Students attending the 3-6 District Athletics will go to the stall at 8.50am, before they depart.

Thank you to those who have offered to help at the stall.

Book Fair
Last Day tomorrow!

Buying times 8.30am-9.00am and 3.30pm-4.00pm

Footsteps Dance
Our footsteps dance program is scheduled to start on Friday 20th May. Students attend sessions with a Footsteps instructor and learn moves to specific songs. The program runs for several weeks, concluding in a Footsteps Disco here at school on Thursday the 16th of June.

Free Film
“Most Likely to Succeed” is a film being presented at Ulumbarra Theatre on Monday 16th May. The educational documentary is free to attend, however bookings are essential. See the theatre website for further details.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
Yesterday morning we had a fantastic turnout to our first Mother’s Day breakfast. Students and special visitors enjoyed toast, cereal and yoghurts. A great BIG thanks to Ricky C (Chaplain) and Alison B (Student Wellbeing) for all of the preparation they put into making the event a success. We look forward to our Father’s Day event later in the year.
Congratulations to our Birthday children

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 17**th **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 17**th **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 or parents who have already chosen White Hills Primary. **Childcare is available at both these sessions.**

Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life’s Uncertainties. Part 6:

A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate

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

**PROBLEM SOLVING:**

When we intervene too much in our children’s problems we send a message “you can’t handle things”. Remain supportive and interested but let your child think through the situation on his own. Begin when they are pre-schoolers. If he gets stuck provide guidance but not answers.

*Encourage him to think of different possible explanations why this problem has occurred.

*Help him to explain the event optimistically and to come up with several solutions.

*Check in with him about whether the chosen plan is working or does he need to try another way.

*Don’t be over critical of first attempts. Keep your eye on the process rather than the outcomes at first.

*Compliment every effort to approach problems well.

**STORYTELLING:**

Use stories about yourself or other family members or point out the resilient words and actions of characters in stories as you read to your child.

**SKILLS FOR LIFE:**

We can’t always change the situations in which children find themselves, but we can change how they think about it and how they act. You can find “teachable moments” every day that naturally demonstrate and reinforce these skills mentioned over the past six weeks to your child in real ways. Once learned, your child will be armoured against failure and rejection for life. Bad things will continue to happen but you will have taught your child how to persevere and bounce back in the face of any setback.

**TURNING FITNESS INTO FUN:**

*Whenever a favourite show is on, have each child plan and lead an exercise during the breaks.

*Turn on some upbeat music and dance.

*Take a pair of dice, pick an exercise-star jumps, push-ups or sit-ups-and roll the dice to see how many of the moves to do.

*Blow up balloons and see how long your kids can keep them afloat by hitting them with different parts of their body.

*Be silly. Run like a gorilla. Walk like a spider. Stretch like a cat.

**Wishing all the mums and special people a happy Mother's Day on Sunday.**

Scott Ross
Acting Principal

**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 alfoil, 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.
Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall – TOMORROW
Our Mother’s / Special Person Day stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. Every child is asked to please $2.00 for their gift and a bag to carry it home.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held next **Monday 6th June** 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!

Movie Night: Ice Age 5
Our family social evening event for this year is “Ice Age 5”, which will be held on **Thursday 23rd June**. An information/order form will be sent out to families soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Club / Fundraising Committee

Aerobics
On Saturday, 30th April, the Diamonds, coached by Mrs Tanner, the Starburst, coached by Mrs Morrissey (Gedye), and the Gold Stars, coached by Mrs Hawkey, departed White Hills at 5.00am to head to the Geelong Arena for the Schoolaerobics Preliminary Finals. The Diamonds were up first in the Stage 1 classic section followed by The Starbursts. Both teams put forward their best performance and finished in the bottom half of their section. The Gold Stars competed in the Stage 2 section and completed an amazing routine (we are still awaiting results for the Gold Stars).

Judges will supply feedback from all the teams’ routines and this will be used to better our teams for the State Finals. We arrived back to White Hills at 11.00pm all very tired and worn out. Well done to all the girls who competed at the aerobics, you did a wonderful job!!!

The Diamonds and Starbursts who did not make it straight through to the finals will compete in a Wild Card section at the state finals on Saturday, 4th June. The Wild Cards are held in the morning and if they win the wild card section they go into the afternoon section with other teams who made it straight through to the finals.

*Information about the upcoming State Finals on Saturday, 4th June will be sent out closer to the date.

Prep News

Pupils of the Week
**Congratulations to Emily T, Maddison B, Georgie C, Kaylee J and Jaida our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week.** These Preps are organised, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!

Grandparent’s Morning
As part of Education Week, the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friends on **Friday, 20th May**. from 9.00am to 11.00am. Parents are asked to mention this date to grandparents / special friends so they can be available for this special time. Invitations for grandparents / special friends will be sent home closer to the event.

Water Bottles
Even though the weather is becoming cooler it is still necessary for your child to bring their water bottle to school, so they keep hydrated and ready to learn.

Language Hint For The Week
Keep on reading aloud to your child long after he or she has learnt to read. Many children love the cosiness and relaxation of sitting with parents rather than reading alone. Find a chapter book that is exciting to the child and get into the habit of reading a chapter a night aloud.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
PMP will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30pm.
Grade 1 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following Students of the Week:

1P – Zavier F for his kindess and being the best grade 1 class helper ever.
1CK – Isabella for her improved handwriting.
1M – Tahlia for settling in well to her new school and working hard.
1D – Emily for her excellent efforts during Maths.

Parent Activity Afternoon

A bright pink notice came home with your child last week about our Parent Activity afternoon which we hope to hold at school on **Monday, 20th June**. So far, we haven’t had a lot of interest so PLEASE check the date and if you are able to help out let your child’s teacher know.

Mini-beast Incursion

What a wonderful session we had with the “Zoo Comes To You” on Monday. We saw and held many different insects, birds and animals and learnt a lot about different life cycles.

Grade 2 News

Students of the week

2F – Alesha for being confident and using her voice when speaking to others.
2B – Charlie L for being much more confident in Maths sessions.
2H – Eh-Bu for her improved confidence in class.
2G – Breanna L for awesome home reading and great improvements in reading.

Uniform

Now that the colder weather is fast approaching please make sure your child has a named school top at school, remembering school uniform is compulsory.

Parent Helpers

Thanks to the parents who regularly come into our rooms to hear reading in the mornings. We would greatly appreciated it if you heard more than one child read.

Junior School Teachers

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week

3N- Sierra P for her excellent effort at the school cross country.
3CT- Georgia G for working hard in all areas.
3RD- Jasper- for a wonderful all round effort.
3B- Zac Mc for his excellent effort at the school cross country.

Naplan

Naplan Assessment tasks will be taking place next **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May**. It is important that students be at school by **8.50 am** on these days to ensure they are present for the instructions and are able to complete the tasks within the given time limits.

Division Cross Country

On **Friday 13th May** students will be walking across to the Bendigo Racecourse to participate in the Division Cross country where they will be running with children from other schools across Bendigo. Each grade will require at least one parent to walk across and back with them. If you are able to help, please see your child’s teacher.
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. If you have misplaced your note and need another one, please see your class teacher. *(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.

Grade 4 News
Students of the week
Kaden V – for completing outstanding work in all areas.
Ruby M – for being a kind and caring friend.
Darci S – for being focussed on her work.

Reading Journals
Students need to continue to be filling out their reading journal every day. They need to be returned to school every day with a parent comment at least once a week.

Cross Country
We will continue training each Wednesday and Friday in readiness for division cross country on the Friday, 13th May.

Clothing
As we have been having some chilli 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.

Hats off
1st May was hats off day. Students will no longer need to wear hats outside after this date. Students can take their hats home for a wash.

Mother’s Day stall
Students will need to bring $2.00 to purchase an item and a bag to take their gift home in.

Book Fair
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be open for one more day. The book fair will be open before and after school for purchases.

Footsteps Dance
Footsteps will commence on Friday, 20th May and will happen every Friday for 5 weeks.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News
Grade 5 Sovereign Hill excursion forms were sent home last fortnight
This form explained the excursion to Ballarat, along with the payment owing for the day trip. The excursion will cost a total of $51.00, which covers the entry, bus and educational activities for the day. *This payment and the permission form needs to be paid and returned before 4.00pm on Monday, 6th June.* Payments can be made via Qkr or at the office. If you have applied and qualify for the Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund (CSEF), the cost of this excursion may be covered in full. Please contact the office for further details.

Students of the Week
5K- Jaykob T for his extra effort he has put into his learning tasks.
5O- Vanessa R for consistently giving her best in all learning tasks.
5W- Sienna A for her improved active listening skills.
**District Athletics**

Tomorrow, **Friday, 6th May** is District Athletics Day at the Flora Hill athletics track. Grade 5 students who are attending are reminded to wear a light blue shirt, wear appropriate footwear, and bring a packed lunch, snacks, plenty of water, and some clothes to keep them warm. The bus will depart the school at 9.10am sharp and should return to school around 3.00pm.

**Mother’s Day/Special Person Stall**

Tomorrow is also our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to those who have contributed gifts for our stall. Please remember to send along $2.00 to school for your child tomorrow, so that they can buy something special for their mum or special female in their life.

**Wanted – Helpers to Run Activities**

We are currently looking for any parents or grandparents of our Grade 5 children that might be interested in running a small group activity on May 19. This will go for an hour from 12.30-1.30pm and tie in with our Education Week activities. Your activity could range from showing students how to play a game, teaching them a skill, or creating a piece of art or craft with them. The list is endless however we do need some more parents or grandparents to come on board for the activity to go ahead. Please write a note to your child’s teacher by tomorrow Friday, 6th May so that we can confirm numbers. Thank you!

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing begins next week. Please ensure that your child arrives at school before 8.50am next week, to ensure a smooth start to the day. If you have any questions, please direct them to your child’s classroom teacher.

**District Cross Country**

District Cross Country will be held next **Friday, 13th May** at the Bendigo Racecourse. If you are able to be a parent helper on this day and are able to help with walking our students to and from the event, please see your child’s classroom teacher before next Friday. Thank you.

**Grade 6 News**

**Students of the Week**

*Congratulations to our Students of the Week:*

**Moo Law Eh** – for a consistent effort with her homework tasks.

**Jarrah B**- for his detailed response in his Lit. Circle activity.

**Dylan F**- for a wonderful effort at cross country.

**Book Fair**

A reminder that the Book Fair will close this Friday. It is open in the morning from 8.30am – 9.00am and after school from 3.30pm-4.00pm. All students who make a purchase will go in the draw for some prizes.

**China Get Together**

The trip to China for 4 of our lucky students is drawing closer. This week they met all the Bendigo students who will be travelling to China. They rotated through various informative activities in preparation for their time in China. They watched a movie on daily life in China and things they will experience such as, the crowded subway, crossing the busy street and using chopsticks. There will be another couple of these sessions before their departure so that they will get to know the group of students they will be travelling with and some of the things to expect in China.

*Thanks to everyone who supported the dinner fundraiser last week and the BBQ at Bunnings on the weekend.*

**Footsteps Dance**

A note has been sent home regarding the dates for Footsteps Dance and a reminder to pay by **Wednesday 18th May** if you haven’t already done so.

**Weekly Commitments**

Homework and Lit. Circles are a weekly commitment.

**Upper School Teachers**

**Phys Ed News**

**District Athletics Tomorrow**

The event is tomorrow **Friday, 6th May**. If your students have received a notice please return it to school ASAP. The timetable for this event is on the PE notice board in the main building.

**Division Cross Country**

Division cross country will be held on **Friday, 13th May** at the Bendigo Jockey Club.
Community News

U7's and U9's Boys and Girls Hockey
14 Ashley Street, Ironbark Saturdays 9.30am -10.30am from 7th May - 25th June (No game 21st May & 11th June)
Cost $65
To register visit: www.hockeycentralvic.org.au
Must have own mouthguard. Stick/ball/shinpad pack available for $20
Contact: Ian Berry Phone: 0428 54 06 60
e-mail: hcv.hin2h@gmail.com

Mother's Day Breakfast

Some Mother’s Day Breakfast Pics, watch out for some more displayed about the school next week!