**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.

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### Calendar of Events

**Term 2: Monday 11th April - Friday 24th June**

| Week 14 | Division Cross Country  
No canteen for Gr 5 & 6 | Gr 6 Application for Yr 7 Placement Due |
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| **Week 15** | **Education Week**  
**Open Day 9.00am – 3.30pm** | **Footsteps Dance Program due 4.00pm** |
| Monday 16th – Fri 20th May | Information Sessions 10.00am & 7.00pm | Gr 5 Activities Afternoon |
| Tuesday 17th May | Footsteps Dance Program  
Grandparents / Special Person’s Morning  
9.00am-11.00am | Gr 3 Camp Deposit payment due 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 18th May | African Drumming payment due 4.00pm | |
| Thursday 19th May | ken Lunch Orders | |
| Thursday 20th May | no counter sales | |
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**Week 16**

| Monday 23rd May | Division Soccer  
Footsteps Dance Program | Aerobics State Finals |
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| **Week 17** | Division Hockey  
Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion | Footsteps Dance Program  
Gr 3 Bike Ed Permission note due |
| Tuesday 31st May | Footsteps Dance Program  
Queen’s Birthday Holiday | Footsteps Dance Disco  
Footsteps Dance Program  
Student Led Conferences/Pupil Free Day |
| Friday 3rd June | African Drumming Performance | Movie Night – Ice Age 5 |
| Saturday 4th June | |

**Week 20**

| Monday 6th June | Gr 3 Bike Ed Commenes today | Division Netball  
Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly |
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| Wednesday 8th June | Gr 3 Bike Ed  
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Girls Division Football |
| Thursday 9th June | Boys Division Football | Head Lice follow up check 9.30am |
| Friday 10th June | |
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| Monday 13th June | |
| Wednesday 15th June | |
| Thursday 16th June | |
| Thursday 17th June | |
| Tuesday 21st June | |
| Thursday 23rd June | |

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

| Monday 11th July | Gr 3 Bike Ed  
Division Cross Country  
No canteen for Gr 5 & 6 | Gr 6 Application for Yr 7 Placement Due |
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| Tuesday 19th July | Gr 3 Bike Ed | |
| Tuesday 19th July | Gr 3 Bike Ed to Botanical Gardens | |
| Wednesday 20th July | Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly | |
| Monday 25th July | |
| Monday 25th July | |
| Thursday 26th July | |
| Thursday 1st August | |
| Monday 22nd – Fri 26th August | |
| Monday 29th – Friday 2nd Sept | |
| Tuesday 13th September | |

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

| Thursday 12th May | **Principal’s News**
**Education Week: 16 - 20 May**
Open Day & Information Sessions (Morning & Evening)

Open Day and Information Morning and Night at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week. **Open Day, on Tuesday 17th May from 9.00am – 3.30pm, is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to Prep teachers about the terrific programs available at our school. A morning Information Session will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 17th May at 10.00-11.00am, and an evening session at 7.00pm – 8.15pm.** These information sessions are especially designed for Year 2017 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or parents who have already chosen White Hills Primary. **Childcare is available at both these sessions.**

**WIN $100 credit at the canteen**

As the note that was sent home on Monday explained; 2016 is a year in which WHPS completes a review and creates a strategic plan for the next 4 years. Parent feedback is essential, therefore we request parents fill in our short survey to go into the Canteen Voucher Draw. Access the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7WXZJYF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7WXZJYF)

**Building Works**
The next stage of our Relocatable building works is scheduled for the end of May. The new rooms will be located in the staff car park. This area will be fenced off for a period while the installation occurs.

**Canteen Information for Tomorrow**
Due to Division Cross Country tomorrow, there will be **no canteen lunch orders** for Grade 5 & 6 students. There will also be **no counter sales** tomorrow.

**NAPLAN**
Congratulations and thanks to all of the Grade 3 and 5 students who worked hard to complete the NAPLAN tests this week. We will await the results later in the year.

**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 16th June**.
Book Fair
Thank you to all those who have contributed towards our book fair this year, we have raised $1128.50 towards our Blurbs performance in 2017.

Tips For Helping Your Child
From an article by Professor Martin Seligman. Writer of “What You Can Change, What You Can’t.”
*Every night for a week help your child write a list of three things that went well that day and why. *Work out yours and your child’s greatest strengths and aim to use one of these each day. *Help your child to find something that gives them the sense of being so engaged that time flies. *Doing things for others gives a longer lasting sense of wellbeing than personal gratification and possessions. *Give thanks. Make a gratitude list and thank someone who has helped you. Depressed people look inwards. Teach your child to focus outwards. *Parents pass on their own explanatory style to their children. How do you respond to adversity? Do you imagine the worst and play the same negative tape over in your mind? Are you resilient and bounce back? *Foster a sense of curiosity about life. This can be lost as we age.

Scott Ross
Acting Principal

Parent Club News
Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall
Thank you to our helpers who coordinated this event and those who donated gifts, which made the stall possible.
We trust all our mums / special people enjoyed their gifts. We have raised a total of $1,173.50. $200.00 will go towards the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation and the remaining $973.50 will be put towards the continued development of our grounds.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held 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

Junior School News

Prep News
Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Cruz H, Kaidan H, Iris T, Angus S and Darcy D 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 friend on Friday, 20th May from 9.00am to 11.00am. Parents are asked to mention this date to grandparents/friends so they can be available for this special time. Invitations for grandparents were sent home last week.

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**

Have a supply of paper, cards, envelopes and pens in a special box to encourage your child to write letters to friends and relations. The more opportunities children have for writing for a reason the more skilled they will become.

Our special sounds this week are- y (Yeti the Yak) and r (Roxy the Rabbit)

**Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**

PMP will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30pm.

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**Grade 1 News**

**Students of the Week**

*Congratulation to the following Students of the Week:*

1P – Say La Ber Na for always working hard and sharing some interesting facts about stick insects.

1CK – Pippi-Lee for showing interest in our integrated topic.

1M – Ebony for improvements in reading and writing.

1D – Jack for his improvements in handwriting.

**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

We are currently investigating living things in a garden. If you have any books at home that might be of interest, please send them along to school.

**Spelling Books**

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

**Parent Activity Day**

To date we have had very little interest from parents for this session on **Monday, 20th June**. If you are able to help out please see your child’s classroom teacher.

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**Grade 2 News**

**Students of the Week**

2B - Charlie W for being more resilient.

2F - Riley C for his improved writing.

2G – Roman R for being a caring and considerate class member.

2H – Violet K for her fantastic listening skills.

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**Junior School Teachers**

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**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the Week**

3N - Georgia K for her excellent writing and spelling results.

3CT - Tristan P for his resilience and positive attitude.

3RD - Lily L for always doing her best in class.

3B - Macey B for always working hard in class.

**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 as we are already adding our term 2 work samples.

**Bike Education**

Teachers are already thinking ahead and planning for Bike Education at the beginning of Term 3. Please start making any necessary repairs and adjustments to your child’s bike to ensure it is roadworthy by the beginning of next term. We will be sending home roadworthy checklists and permission slips closer to the end of term.
Division Cross Country
The Division Cross Country will be held at the Bendigo Racecourse tomorrow, **Friday 13th May**. We will be leaving school just after 9.00am. 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).*

Spelling Bee Grade 3N
Pictured right are the winners of last week’s Spelling Bee. *Congratulations to Charlize, Sierra, Jack, Zacch and Matthew.*

Grade 4 News
Students of the week
Lexi F – for giving it her all in cross country and at the district aths.
Callum G – for an improved home reading routine.
Angus C – for his natural curiosity about our current unit on Australian history.

Catalogues
Could you please send along any catalogues you get in the mail. We will be using them during maths lessons over the next couple of weeks.

Cross Country
The division cross country will be held tomorrow, **Friday, 13th May**. We wish all students good luck and if any parents would like to come and watch, we will be at the racecourse from 9.30ish.

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.

Camp Payments
Camp payments can be made to the office at any time. You are more than welcome to pay a little bit at a time instead of one bulk payment at the end which can be hard with such a large amount. The amount owing after your $40 deposit is $170.

African Drummers
We look forward to the African Drummers performance on **Monday, 23rd May**.

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

Middle School Teachers

Grade 5 News
Students of the Week
5K - Eloise J for greatly contributing to the positive classroom atmosphere.
SO - Tannisha M for being a respectful member of her class and always being a fantastic helper.
5W - Angeline A for her outstanding reading in our Reader’s Theatre group.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing was held this week, with students completing tests on Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Division Cross Country
The Division Cross Country will be tomorrow **Friday 13th May** at the Bendigo Racecourse. If you are able to be a parent helper on this day with walking to and from school, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher today. We would require your assistance with walking from school to the racecourse around 11.30am, and will return to school around 3.00pm. Thank you to those who are assisting. **There will be no lunch orders for Grade 5 & 6.** Good luck to everyone.
Group Activity: Thursday 19th May
Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have offered to take a small group of children for an activity next Thursday. A note was sent home to those parents this week to remind you of the date, time and numbers per group. If you have any questions or need any equipment, please call us or see us at the school before next Thursday. Thank you!

Footsteps Dance Program
The whole school dance program titled ‘Footsteps’ will be commencing on Friday, 20th May. The fifth and final session will be held on Friday, 17th June. If you have not prepaid or are ineligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, the cost of the program is $14.00 per child. This payment is due by next Wednesday, 18th May by 4pm.

African Drumming Performance
An African drumming performance will be held on Monday, 23rd May at White Hills Primary for all students. If you have not prepaid or are ineligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, the cost of the program is $8.50 per child, with payment due by Friday, 20th May.

Gold Rush Integrated Studies
This term our Grade 5 students have been learning all about the gold rush era in Integrated Studies. This theme ties in with our Sovereign Hill Excursion to Ballarat in June. All grade 5 students will have their Term 2 project handed out and sent home on Thursday, 26th May. The project will be due on Monday, 20th June. Please keep an eye out for this project in their diaries and encourage your child to speak with you about each activity. We would love to see you supporting your child with this project but please refrain from doing it all for them.

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.

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Students of the Week:
Sharni W- for making an effort with all her work and being a good friend to her peers.
Caleb W- for working really hard on his energy project.
Nash M- for encouraging his team mates and being a good sport.

Cross Country
Tomorrow is our cross country run which we have been training hard for. We will leave after recess and take lunch and a drink bottle with us. There will be no lunch orders for Grade 5 & 6. Good luck to everyone.

Secondary School Placements
Just a reminder that those forms need to be returned by TOMORROW.

Homework
There are still a lot of students who are not completing their homework and are having to complete it at school. Please monitor your child’s organisation of their time to complete it at home to hand in on the Thursday. Their Lit. Circle novel will need to be completed for this Friday as new books will be chosen.

Footsteps Dance
Payment due by Wednesday 18th May if you haven’t already done so.

Upper School Teachers
School Cross Country
The school cross country was held in warm yet windy conditions on Wednesday 27th April. We had some excellent personal achievements with everyone trying their best:

- Grade 2 Boys 1 Rory Bi 2 Kai N 3 Liam C
- Grade 2 Girls 1 Isabeau A 2 Aleasha M 3 Jeslyn D
- 8/9 Boys 1 Zac M 2 Brodi D 3 Jimmy W
- 8/9 Girls 1 Phoebe M 2 Jasmine D 3 Sierra P
- 10 Boys 1 Drew C 2 Rory H 3 Jesse G
- 10 Girls 1 Lexi F 2 Erin B 3 Shea S
- 11 Boys 1 Seth B 2 Mason L 3 Rhys M
- 11 Girls 1 Alannah G 2 Claudia M 3 Trista H
- 12/13 Boys 1 Dylan F 2 Jordan F 3 Mitchell G
- 12/13 Girls 1 Jemma D 2 Ella D 3 Taylor M

The house team award: 1st place received 20 points 2nd place, 19 points and so on until every participant received one point. It was a close affair with 4th place being Bosquet, 3rd Plumridge, 2nd Raglan, and our winning team Napier.

District Athletics
White Hills sent a team of 72 athletes to compete in this year’s Shamrock district athletics. It was a wonderful day with some excellent results for our students. Their behaviour was exceptional and performances improved on recent years. When results are available we will publish them in the school newsletter.

Division Cross Country
Division cross country will be held tomorrow Friday, 13th May at the Bendigo Jockey Club.

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
email: hcv.hin2h@gmail.com

Community News

Phy Ed News

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** Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm**
Orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag unless ordered through Qkr. (NO ENVELOPES), one per child.
Lunch bags are available for 10 for 60c or 10c each, with lunch orders and will be sent home.

**Urgent Reminder:** If you are unable to assist with canteen duty, please arrange a swap or inform the office so that a replacement helper can be arranged.

Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager