



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

#### Week 14

<u>Tues 23 - Fri 26 May</u>	<u>Education Week</u>
Friday 26 May	Prep Grandparents Morning 9-11.00am
<b>Thurs 1 to Sat 10 June</b>	<b>Team China Experience</b>
Monday 5 June	<b>Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 7 June	<b>Division Soccer</b>
Friday 9 June	School Choir competition @ Ullumbara
<b>Monday 12 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
Tuesday 13 June	<b>Final Day Commonwealth Student Banking</b>
Wednesday 14 June	<b>Snow Queen Performance payment due</b>
	<b>Division Hockey</b>
Thursday 22 June	<b>Bookings Close Student Led Conference</b>
	<b>Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion Depart 8am</b>
Friday 23 June	<b>The Snow Queen Performance</b>
Tuesday 27 June	<b>Student Led Conference- Pupil Free Day</b>
	<b>Last Day Commonwealth Student Banking</b>
	<b>BNDCE Competition</b>

#### Friday 30 June

### Term 3 2017: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Monday 17 July	Gr 3 Bike Ed
Tuesday 18 July	Gr 3 Bike Ed
Wednesday 19 July	<b>Division Netball</b>
	<b>Gr 2 &amp; 6 Excursion Payment Due 4.00pm</b>
Monday 24 July	Gr 6 Major Excursion Depart 7.30am
	Gr 2 Major Excursion – Depart 8.00am
Tuesday 25 July	Division Girls Football
Wednesday 26 July	Division Boys Football
Thursday 27 July	Music is Fun Band Performance
Monday 31 July	Gr 3 Bike Ed
Tuesday 1 August	Gr 3 Bike Ed

### Term 4 2017: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct	<b>Gr 3 Curumbene Camp</b>
Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct	<b>Gr 4 Maldon Camp</b>
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Oct	<b>Gr 1/2 Swimming</b>
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Nov	<b>Gr 6 Camp</b>

## Parking at the rear of the school in Bosquet Street

Council also contacted me late last week regarding the disruption to parking bays at the rear of the school in relation to the new development of the Botanical Gardens that is occurring. They were apologetic for the disruption this may/has caused.

## Staff Car Park update

A new 60 bay staff car park will be constructed at the front of the school. This is currently out to tender and we are hoping that this will begin in one of the next term breaks.



## Principal's News

### 'Artstanding' Art Show

Firstly I would like to thank the many students and their families and friends who made the effort to visit our outstanding art show last week. If you did not get the opportunity, you really missed something quite spectacular! The shed was full with over 850 art pieces on display! Every child in the school had at least one piece of art on show. Can I again acknowledge our creative and dedicated art teachers for organising the art show that demonstrated their talents as teachers and our students' skills at creating the art. Can I also thank the parent helpers who spent many hours last Thursday assisting to set up the showpiece; this would not have occurred without their support. Many pieces are on display for Education Week this week in the school foyer and hallway.



## Parking around WHPS

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

Members of the school community and residents in the area have raised concerns regarding the safety of children at the school caused by traffic congestion and illegal parking in the area.

In an attempt to find a functional solution, the City of Greater Bendigo will be installing no parking signs in the bays at the front of the school in Plumridge Street.

**No parking signs allow vehicles to stop in the marked bays and pick up passengers.**

The driver must remain within 2 meters of the vehicle and the vehicle must leave the bay within 2 minutes of stopping. These requirements only apply within the times that will be displayed on the signs.

If used correctly these restrictions are intended to increase turnover of parking in these bays, reducing congestion and allowing a higher number of vehicles to pull up to pick up children.

City of Greater Bendigo Traffic Officers and Bendigo Police will be conducting patrols of the area to ensure that all road rules are adhered to. Any parking or traffic offences that are detected will result in an infringement being issued.

## Book Swap Box

Located near the lost property in the hallway we are now offering a 'Book Swap' where students and parents may come and swap or take books for reading.

There is a student fiction side and an adult fiction side, parents and students are welcome to swap books from the box at any time. (Book donations are also accepted at the office).

## Chicken Pox

We have had a reported case of Chicken Pox in the Prep area of our school. Cases should be excluded until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in children. Any child with an immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection.

## Multicultural Multi Aged Day

Yesterday the school conducted a multi aged day where all the student were mixed up and they rotated through 5 activities related to the cultures of countries connected to the school's program and community. We started the day with a traditional Koorie smoking ceremony and welcome from a variety of our students who have a heritage from a country other than Australia. The students then headed off for two activities before recess. This was followed by a further three activities before lunch. Some activities included: China- dumpling making and paper cutting, France-crepe making, games, songs and dance, Karen- art, dance and games, Koorie- traditional dance, artefacts and art, and games. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their enthusiasm and assistance in conducting most of the activities.

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

**Andrew Schaeche**  
*Principal*

## Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

### Next Meeting

Please note the change of date for our next meeting is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** approximately 9.05am in the staff room. All newcomers are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with us. We are now rotating our meetings through Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the school year.

### Open Air Cinema – BNDCE Competition

The BNDCE competition is still open until **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

**You could win \$500 towards a school project or a \$100 Bendigo Bank account!**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Parents & Friends Group Fundraising Committee*

## Junior School News

### Prep News

#### Students of the Week

Alleira PE for wonderful reading and writing.

Landon PT for trying really hard with all his work.

Ethan PF for terrific improvements with his reading.

Abby PAS for working hard on her reading and letter sounds.

Moe Sein PW for trying really hard iwht his English and using his words in class time

Deanna PM for always getting straight to work and staying on task.

### Grandparent's Morning

Tomorrow **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00am to 11.00am**.

Come to your classroom first.

### Prep Perceptual Motor Program. (P.M.P.)

Every Friday at 2.30pm in the shed





## Portfolios

Keep sending them back.

## Letters Of The Week

This week the preps have investigating the letters **y and r** and the sounds they make.

## Prep Toy Unit Of Work

Keep sending in toy making materials for our special activity.

## Grade 1 News

### Students of the Week

**1DW - Oliver** for his amazing loud and proud shared reading.

**1P - Cody** for his wonderful counting and maths thinking.

**1D - Brynn** for her wonderful pictures of the grass she has grown.

**1F - Bailee** for super effort in writing time.

**1B - Caleb** for great effort when reading.

### Emily Loves to Bounce

What a great time we had at the theatre. It was good to see some of the characters we had read about come to life on the stage. The most interesting thing was that Emily (who loves to bounce), was actually a big purple ball that bounced on and off the stage.

### Multi Age Day

We all had a great time at our multicultural multiage day. The Grade 1s enjoyed working with students from other grades, and learnt about some of the different cultures that make up our school and country.

## Grade 2 News

### Students of the Week

**2F - Loeiza L** for being a wonderful and supportive friend.

**2B - Alisha H** for always working hard and getting straight to work.

**2M - Kohen B** for always trying his hardest in class. Keep it up!

**2CK - Kacee T** for her fantastic place value skills.

### Reading & Homework

Please remember to remind your child to read nightly for at least ten minutes. There is also a lot of reading diaries not being returned or completed. A reminder also that homework is due every Monday!

*Junior School Teachers*

## Middle School News

### Grade 3 News

#### Students of the Week

**3J - Eh Bu** for her persistence and trying her personal best every day.

**3B - Axel** for trying his best at all tasks.

**3G - Charlie L** for taking pride in the work she produces.

**3C - Violet** for showing great organisation and manners in the room.

### Grade 4 News

#### Students of the Week

**Congratulations to these students of the week**

**4D - Tyler M** for his persistence and organisation with his writing.

**4K - Poppi K** for her improved maths skills, in particular with subtraction.

**4M - Lachlan M** for excellent weekly spelling test scores.

**4S - Jasper B** for his excellent resilience and effort all last week.

### Multi-age Day

It was great to see all students engaged in our Multicultural Multi-Age Day yesterday.



*Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'*

## **Bike Education**

Bike Education will start in 11 weeks. This is a good chance for your child to get outside and practise the skills learnt in the program last year. Please start to check your child's bike and helmet to make sure they are safe and ready to use for Bike Ed.

## **Learning Portfolios**

Please return your child's learning portfolios. We are currently working on assessment tasks and special pieces to show you and we are still waiting for learning portfolios to be returned. Thanks to those who have sent them back.

## **Regular Camp Payments**

It is a good idea to keep up regular camp payments so you don't have to fork out a lump sum all at once. The due date for the grade 4 camp is 8<sup>th</sup> September.

*Middle School Teachers*

# **Upper School News**

## **Grade 5 News**

### **Students of the Week**

#### **Congratulations to our Students of the Week**

**Rowena S** - for her fantastic result at the District Cross Country event.

**Xilia M** – for her handwork and organisation in each lesson.

**Catrina M** – for making great choices.

## **Multi Age Day**

Great to see the way students joined in and enjoyed themselves whilst experiencing activities and understandings of different cultures.

## **Sovereign Hill Excursion**

Notes went home this week with information on times and what to bring for the day. This excursion will be a valuable experience to add to our integrated unit on Our Golden Past. Reminder – the \$40 cost is still to be paid by a few families. The **Medical Form** is to be returned ASAP

## **Homework**

For the duration of the project, the homework has been reduced to spelling words and Lit. Circle reading with the expectation that students will use some of their home time to complete good copies or research for the project. Please check in with your child on the organisation of their time so that they complete the project by the due date.

## **Learning Portfolios**

Please get the portfolios back as they are needed for the next samples of work to go home this term.

## **Grade 6 News**

### **Students of the Week**

**6B - Hayden S** for this wonderful reading in his reading group.

**6G - Millie B** for being such a kind and thoughtful member of our class.

**6V- Aidan P** for working hard in class and using his initiative.

## **Major Excursion - Werribee Open Range Zoo**

The Grade 6 major excursion will be held at the Werribee Open Range Zoo on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July (Term 3). Permission notes went home to families on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. The cost will be \$45, which includes the bus hire, entry to the zoo, a safari tour and educational workshop. Payment will be available via Qkr and the school office. Payment will need to be made in full two school days prior to the excursion date as per our Camps and Excursion policy (Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 4pm).

## **Homework**

This week's homework is an ICT and spelling task, which will be handed out tomorrow and due on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Multi-Age Day**

Well done to all of our Grade 6 students for leading their groups throughout the day and showing great initiative when helping the younger students. It was great to see all of our students participating in the various multicultural activities and setting a positive example for other students.

*Upper School Teachers*

# After School Care Program

## 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

Thomas is our Fab Legend of The Week this week for developing strong leadership skills

## Theme of the Week

This week is PLANES week, suggested by Bridget. We had a paper plane competition.

## Before & After School Care Team

Jamie Morgan (Coordinator), Jorgia Grenfell (Assistant).

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### SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 26 May      Sherryn Taylor  
Friday 2 June      Tarra Monro

*Please collect from the office at the end of the day*

### NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 01 June      Samantha Griffin  
Thursday 08 June      Sam Olsen

*Please collect from the office at the end of the day*

### UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 26 May      Larissa Ahearn  
Tuesday 30 May      Sam Olsen  
Friday 2 June      Heather Veitch

**New: Navy girls tights \$10**

Opening Times

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

*Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 26 May      Larissa Ahearn  
                                 Dianne Egan  
                                 Jayne Norton  
Wednesday 31 May      Karen Hawthorne  
                                 Caroline Robinson  
Friday 2 June      Kelly Adcock  
                                 Heather Veitch  
                                 Tarra Monro

**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*