



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 16

Thurs 1 to Sat 10 June

Monday 5 June

Wednesday 7 June

Friday 9 June

Monday 12 June

Tuesday 13 June

Wednesday 14 June

Wednesday 21 June

Thursday 22 June

Friday 23 June

Tuesday 27 June

Friday 30 June

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

Monday 17 July

Tuesday 18 July

Wednesday 19 July

Monday 24 July

Tuesday 25 July

Wednesday 26 July

Thursday 27 July

Monday 31 July

Tuesday 1 August

Monday 7 August

Tuesday 8 August

Team China Experience

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm

Division Soccer

School Choir competition @ The Capital

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Final Day Commonwealth Student Banking

Snow Queen Performance payment due

Division Hockey

Cadbury Fundraiser Chocs go out to eldest

Bookings Close Student Led Conference

Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion Depart 8am

The Snow Queen Performance

Student Led Conference- Pupil Free Day

Last Day Commonwealth Student Banking

BNDCE Competition

Gr 3 Bike Ed

Gr 3 Bike Ed

Division Netball

Gr 2 & 6 Excursion Payment Due 4.00pm

Gr 6 Major Excursion Depart 7.30am

Gr 2 Major Excursion – Depart 8.00am

Music is Fun Band Perf Payment Due

Division Girls Football

Division Boys Football

Music is Fun Band Performance

Gr 3 Bike Ed

Gr 3 Bike Ed

Getting Ready for School (Math/Social)6pm

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Gr 4 Bike Ed

China Bound

Five students from WHPS and myself along with 41 other students and 12 staff flew out to China this morning. Look out for updates in the newsletter next week. We will be blogging on our school's site on edublogs also if you would like to share in our experiences.

Here's the link: <http://whitehillspstc.global2.vic.edu.au/>



Principal's News

Garden for the Future progressing - May 2017

The City of Greater Bendigo's contractors Ace Landscape Services have commenced work on the \$4.6M Garden for the Future at the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills. Bulk earth works are almost complete and construction on the outreach shelter and the installation of drainage is in progress.

Due to the garden works along with roadworks in Goynes Road, Scott Street and the soon to commence major upgrade of Napier Street by VicRoads, parking in the vicinity of the botanic gardens is at a premium.

To ensure the health and safety of local school children, their parents and carers we ask that you take care with the changed traffic conditions in the area. Please also be aware of trucks accessing Hamelin Street during the works period.

Parents and carers are reminded to only park in designated on street parking areas, and that parking on nature strips is illegal. The City's Parking Officers will monitor the area during school pickup and drop off times.

This could be a good time to explore the benefits of walking or cycling to school via the Bendigo Creek Linear Trail which can be accessed from Plumridge Street.

The new garden is due for completion in early 2018.

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.

2018 Enrolments

As promoted at our information sessions last week, parents with Prep students for 2018 have until **Friday 30th June** to return enrolment forms to schools. We encourage parents who are yet to collect a 2018 enrolment form to access an enrolment pack from the office as soon as possible. This includes younger siblings of students already attending White Hills PS. This is particularly important now that the school has an enrolment ceiling. We have informed families who reside outside our neighbourhood zone, who have submitted an interim enrolment form, that they will be contacted in the first week of August to let them know if there is a vacancy for 2018.

Helpers needed for our Term 3 Rosters

We are in desperate need for helpers to fill our canteen roster for next term, if you are able to spare 2 hours of your time on a Wednesday or Friday we would greatly value your assistance.

Getting Ready For School Nights

Our popular 'Getting Ready for School' Nights will be held on **Tuesday, 1st August (Math and Social) and Tuesday, 8th August (English)**. These nights are designed to assist parents in preparing their children who start school next year. The sessions will be from 6.00-7.00pm in the Grade 6 rooms with childcare available both nights. Further information concerning these nights can be obtained from Mrs Ellis.

Resilience

--- For children, 'resilience can be defined as the capacity to spring back, rebound and successfully adapt in the face of adversity and develop social competence despite exposure to severe distress.' (Rivkin & Hoopman)

Resilient children are socially competent, can solve problems have a sense of autonomy and independence, and a sense of purpose and future. As a consequence, these children have an increased capacity to learn.

The major determinant of whether a child becomes resilient or not is the degree to which he or she experiences certain protective factors. Research associates a clear pattern of characteristics within family, school or community that foster resilience in children. These characteristics or 'protective factors' appear to alter or even reverse negative outcomes and enable individuals to circumvent life stresses. (B. Benard)

Parents can help foster these resilient qualities by providing the necessary protective factors of :

1. caring and supportive relationships
2. having high but realistic expectations of their children
3. and providing opportunities for young people to participate and be involved in the family

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 2 reported cases 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.

Gastro

We have had several reported cases of Gastro from last week and during this week. If your child is presenting this way, please consider keeping them home.

Education Week Highlight

Last Friday the Prep classes held their Grandparents/Special person/s Day. Every classroom was jam packed with Grandparents/Special visitors who assisted with reading practice, sang songs and eagerly participated in the dancing. We were overwhelmed and appreciative of the number of special visitors we had, special thanks to our dedicated Prep teachers for organising the morning activities.

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

Andrew Schaeche
Principal



Students of the Week

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....
P M	Aurora C	Always trying her best with all of her work	3J	Emma J	For getting her pen licence and her enthusiasm during writing
P W	Moses P	Doing an amazing job with his take home reader and his spelling words	3B	Ella L	Happy and responsible attitude at school
P AS	Bailey F	Working quietly and being a caring friend	3G	Nate M	Using problem solving skills in the yard
P F	Aria G	Always being a great listener who follows teacher instructions and works hard	3C	Thomas B	Working hard in all areas and being a great role model
P T	Mia D	Always trying hard with all her work	4K	Hayden F	His enthusiasm towards our inquiry unit and his efforts in making a headpiece that represents his clan
P E	Nate C	Trying so hard with all his reading and writing	4D	Kiara R	Being an excellent role model for all classmates
1F	Heath I	Improved resilience	4M	Mikayla M	Her really detailed responses in her reading journal
1B	Jackson M	Helping other students during ICT and for being an excellent assistant during pack up time	4S	Sarah L	Her continued efforts and leadership in the classroom
1D	Xander R	Coming to school with a big smile and being such a good friend	5P	Jesse G	Always being organised and on task in class
1DW	Zaiden W	Being a kind and caring member of our class	5W	Taleah V	Her exceptional effort in out multiplication lessons
1P	Darcey D	His enthusiasm and positive attitude towards school	5D	Sonny M	Mastering the art of a lace-out punt during Platoon
2CK	Scarlett H	Very clever reading and note taking for her report	6G	Cody M	Consistently scoring 5/5 on his weekly spelling tests
2M	Levi J	His improved concentration and effort in class	6B	Trae KS	Excellent leadership and positive attitude on multi-age day
2B	Marlah M	Writing a fantastic information report on frogs	6V	Kurt M	Making good decisions in class and having a great week
2F	Alice C	Being a kind helper and looking out for others			

Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

Next Meeting

Please note the change of date for our next meeting is **Friday 2nd 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.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

On Wednesday 21st June, our Cadbury Fundraiser boxes will be distributed to the eldest child in each family. Each box contains chocolates to the value of \$50.00. They are very easy to sell – take them to netball, football, soccer, your work place, or sell them to neighbours, family and friends. *Please let the office know if you do not wish to sell chocolates.*

Open Air Cinema – BNDCE Competition

The BNDCE competition is still open until **Friday 30th June**. *Information flyer was previously at the end of Week 14 Newsletter.*

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



Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'

Junior School News

Prep News

Toy Making Day Is Coming Up

Keep sending in toy making materials for our special activity.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program. PMP

On Fridays at 2.30pm in the shed.

Letters of The Week

This week the preps have investigating the letter **e** and the digraph ***qu** and the sounds they make.

**a digraph is where two letters that make one sound*

Grade 1 News

Please see *Grade 1 Students of the Week* listing just after the *Principal News*

Grade 2 News

Please see *Grade 2 Students of the Week* listing just after the *Principal News*

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Please see *Grade 3 Students of the Week* listing just after the *Principal News*

Grade 4 News

Grade 4 Band and Choir

Well done to our Grade 4 band and choir students, who performed at our whole school assembly on Monday.

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

A camp payment reminder note was sent home last Thursday. 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 8th September.

Bike Education

Bike Education will start in 10 weeks (August). 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.

Alpha Production *The Snow Queen* – Friday, 23rd June

Alpha production payment reminder notes went home last Thursday.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Please see *Grade 5 Students of the Week* listing just after the *Principal News*

Grade 6 News

Major Excursion- Werribee Open Range Zoo

Monday, 24th July

Cost will be \$45.00 Payment will be available via Qkr and the school office.

Payment due **Wednesday, 19th July 4.00pm.**



Homework

This week's homework is a maths and spelling task, which will be handed out tomorrow and due **on Friday 2nd June**. 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.

Upper School Teachers

Sports News

District Athletics

Congratulations to those students who represented White Hills PS at the District Athletics yesterday.

Pictured right: Our 8-9 Girls and Boys coming up trumps in their 100m relay!



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

Hailie – Always happy and friendly and supportive towards other children

Theme of the Week

Harry Potter Week suggested by Georgia

Before & After School Care Team

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

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SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 2 June Tarra Monro
Friday 9 June Eryn Broughton

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 2 June Heather Veitch
Tuesday 6 June Kath Creme
Friday 9 June Kelly Adcock

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 2 June Kelly Adcock
 Heather Veitch
 Tarra Monro
Wednesday 7 June Tabatha Boyd
 Joanne Guy
Friday 9 June Sam Franklin
 Brent Monro
 Anne Johnson

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