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 16
Friday 27th May

Week 17
Monday 30th May
Monday 30th May
Tuesday 31st May
Friday 3rd June
Saturday 4th June

Week 20
Monday 6th June
Monday 6th June
Wednesday 8th June
Thursday 9th June
Wednesday 8th June
Friday 10th June
Friday 10th June
Monday 13th June
Wednesday 15th June
Thursday 16th June
Thursday 16th June
Friday 17th June
Tuesday 21st June
Tuesday 21st June
Thursday 23rd June

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

Monday 11th July
Tuesday 12th July
Wednesday 13th July
Monday 18th July
Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Tuesday 19th July
Wednesday 20th July
Monday 25th July
Monday 25th July
Tuesday 26th July
Wednesday 27th July
Thursday 1st August
Mon 22nd – Fri 26th August
Mon 29th – Friday 2nd Sept
Tuesday 13th September

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

Wed 5th – Fri 7th October
Monday 10th October
Monday 17th October
Thursday 20th October
Wednesday 26th October
Thursday 3rd November
Monday 14th November
Wednesday 16th November
Tuesday 22nd November
Wed 23rd – Fri 25th Nov
Wed 7th – Fri 9th December

Principal’s News

Parent Feedback Sessions – Strategic Review
Thanks to all those parents who contributed to the online parent survey. 90 responses were recorded providing great information regarding the school and the processes in place. Congratulations to Rachel J, who has 2 students at WHPS, on being drawn out as the $100 Canteen voucher winner.

Getting Ready For School Nights
Our popular Getting Ready for School Nights will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd (Math and Social) and Tuesday, August 9th (Language). These nights are designed to assist parents of children to start school next year in preparing their children for school. The nights run from 6.30-7.30pm in the Grade 6 rooms with childcare being available both nights in the Prep rooms. Further information concerning these nights can be obtained from Mrs Ellis.

Keeping Our Children Healthy
A study in Australia has shown that at least one-in-five primary school children are overweight. This is attributed to a number of factors, including: *Children are greatly influenced by media advertisements about fast food and nutrition. *A large portion of their lives revolves around sedentary activities involving computers, game consoles, DVDs and television. *An increasing number of children do not get sufficient regular exercise. It is recommended that children are involved in active playtime for at least one hour per day. While any physical activity is beneficial, the one hour is seen as the minimum for there to be benefits.

2017 Enrolments
As promoted at our information sessions this week, parents with Prep students for 2017 have until Thursday 30th June to return enrolment forms to schools. We encourage parents who are yet to collect a 2017 enrolment form to return enrolment forms to schools. We encourage parents who are yet to collect a 2017 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.

Movie Night Fundraiser – Ice Age 5
Please see Parent Club News for details

Lost Clothing
With the colder weather now upon us many students are ‘misplacing’ jumpers. While staff work hard to return jumpers with names clearly marked on them, we are finding many un-named jumpers. Please name belongings.

Scott Ross
Acting Principal
Connecting With Kids
A great session for parents titled ‘Connecting with Kids’ is taking place at school on **Wednesday 15th June from 4.00pm-6.00pm**.

We ask that you register your attendance with the front office to guarantee you a spot by **Wednesday 8th June** *(There are limited seats available)*. Come along to this 2 hour workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings. Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way you express them.

If you would like further information about the ‘Connecting with Kids’ workshop, please contact Ricky Cawley (School Chaplain) on 0354430799. Ricky is available on a Wednesday and Friday.

**Ricky Cawley**
**School Chaplain**

Aerobics News
**Aerobics – Dress Rehearsal**

Dress rehearsals will be conducted on **Monday, 30th May**. The girls will be performing after our school assembly (assembly begins at 9.00am). Parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this event.

Girls will need to come to school on that day with their shoes, socks and underwear in a plastic bag. It is expected that they will also come with a very secure bun in their hair (so it doesn’t fall out during performances!). We recommend using hair pins, bun nets and loads of hairspray, gel, mousse etc.

**Students will need to meet in the shed at school on Monday, 30th May at 8.00am** to get changed and warmed up before assembly starts.

Parent Club News

**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 was sent out to families last week.

**Cost:** Adults $15.00, Children Under 15 $12.00, Mini Combo with small drink & popcorn $8.00.

Ticket orders are due back no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday, 21st June.

**Tickets will not be held, they must be paid for when ordered and can be ordered through QKR.**

**Colouring Competition**

A colouring competition will be held in conjunction with the ‘Ice Age 5’ Family Movie night. Colouring sheets cost $1.00, and are available to purchase. Student leaders are visiting classrooms or alternatively you will be able to purchase from the school office. The competition will close **Thursday 16th June** 3.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Parent Club / Fundraising Committee**
Prep News

Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to Jackson M, Tyler J-L, Bailey P, Reid L and Bowden M, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are organised, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!

Prep Shoes

Can parents please make sure that all Prep shoes are named.

Grandparent's Morning

The Preps had a wonderful day last Friday spending the morning with their grandparents. We read, sang, danced, created and ate with each other, but most of all we had fun.

Prep’s Favourite Toys

If your child has not brought their favourite toy to school yet can they please bring it tomorrow so we can take a photo of the children and their toy.

Language Hint For The Week

When hearing your child read and they have difficulty working out a word, encourage them to look at the starting letter, the sound it usually makes and then look right through the words for parts they might know that could help them. It is important that children are given time and encouragement to try to work out words themselves rather than being told the word by others straight away.

Our special sounds this week are q and z

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

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

Prep E having fun dressing up on the Chinese Cultural day with Xinling’s mum and dad
Grade 1 News

Students of the Week

*Congratulation to the following Students of the Week:*

1P – Lilly K for remembering her reader more regularly.
1CK – Reef H for being a wonderful friend to others. He certainly will be missed.
1D – Scarlett H for excellent effort in her information description.
1M – Zane W for always being a considerate class member and friend.

African Drumming

Our students had a great time with the African Drumming team. They learnt some new dance moves and asked some good questions about African culture.

Learning Portfolios

Please return these to schools so we can begin preparing them for the end of the term.

Grade 2 News

Students of the Week

2G – Aris W for being more focused in class and completing work to the best of his ability.
2H – James T for his well-researched and written information report.
2B – Roy B for always working well in all school activities.
2F – Cooper T for being resilient when things get a little hard. Well done Cooper.

Junior Sports

Our Prep – 2 sports day is coming up on the 8th of June. There will be more information coming home next week.

Footsteps

Footsteps began last Friday and all students enjoyed learning their first dance.

African Drumming

The African Drumming Performance was a hit with all of the grade 2 students. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about African culture, dance and the different types of drums which were used.

Junior School Teachers

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week

3N - Harley M for his enthusiasm and great moves at Footsteps.
3CT - Sienna C for being a sensible and responsible student.
3RD - Lincon A for being a helpful, friendly student and always trying his best.
3B - Taylah G for showing persistence towards completing her information report.

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. Permission slips and a roadworthy checklist will be sent home tomorrow. Please see your child’s teacher if you do not receive one.

Coding Club

Coding club will be on again this Friday at lunchtime for students in grades 3 and 4 in Mrs Bateman’s room.

Grade 3 Vegetable Garden

The grade 3 students are going to be creating a vegetable garden, starting next week. If anyone has some good quality soil they could kindly donate it would be greatly appreciated. We are also seeking donations of spades, garden forks, watering cans and any other gardening equipment you think we may be able to use when creating our vegetable garden.
Grade 4 News

Students of the week
Harry B – for working hard on his explorer PowerPoint.
Rory H – for his contribution to class discussions.
Rowena S – for doing extra maths at home.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios need to be returned to school ASAP. Please ensure you have signed and written a positive comment in your child’s portfolio before returning it.

Footsteps Dance
Footsteps will continue this Friday and will happen every Friday for 4 more weeks. The disco will be held on Thursday, 16th June 7.30pm-8.30pm.

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 as to save 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
All students had a great time at the African Drummers on Monday. There was dancing and shouting and lots of drumming.

Class Dojo
Please login to your child’s class Dojo using the login codes that have been sent home. If your login codes have not been sent home, they will be soon. You will be able to view any upcoming event reminders and lots of other cool things that are going on in the classroom.

Bike Ed
Grade 4 Bike Ed will be the middle of Term 3. More information to follow regarding road worthy bikes, helmets and permission notes.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week
5K - Ebony W for her amazing problem solving skills.
5O- Natascha B for her great work in maths this week.
5W- Imogen P for her fantastic start to her explanation text on the water cycle.

Thank You
Thank you again to our wonderful parents and grandparents who came along to the school during Education Week last week, especially those who took part in our ‘Parent/Grandparent Activities Session’ on Thursday. We had chocolate and biscuit making, painting on canvas, Warhammer figurine painting, boardgames, craft sessions, nail art and hair braiding!
It is fantastic that we have so many willing parents to come in and spend time with our teachers and students. Building positive relationships between home and school is important to all of us at White Hills Primary, and the activities sure proved that great fun and learning can happen when we all work together. Thank you!

Footsteps Dance Sessions
Our first Footsteps dance session began last Friday. These sessions will continue for the rest of term and will be held each Friday. Our Grade 5 students were introduced to the moves and music of Michael Jackson last week, which was very entertaining!
**Integrated Project**
The Grade 5 Integrated project went out this Thursday. Please check for this in your child’s diary and read over their requirements with them. Parents can certainly help however we would love to see the students completing most of the work themselves. The project is due on Monday, 20th June.

If you are at all interested in being a parent helper for our weekly Literature Circles reading group on a Friday morning, please come see one of the Grade 5 teachers. Thanks in advance!

**Grade 6 News**

**Students of the Week:**

*Congratulations to our Students of the Week:*

**Dylan A**- for participating with some creative moves in Footsteps Dance.

**Hser M**- for some enthusiastic dancing at Footsteps.

**Has Lwe**- for his interesting explanation on how coal is formed.

**Excursion**

Notes were sent home on Wednesday to inform you of our upcoming excursion to Werribee Zoo. The permission slip and payment need to be returned or paid via QKR. This excursion will add to our term 3 unit of inquiry on Houses and Habitats. It is a great day and the students are offered many learning experiences.

**African Drummers: Pictured Right**

We experienced a talented group of African Drummers earlier in the week. Lively music was produced from those drums and the students learnt about the importance of the drum to the African culture. Some students were lucky enough to play the drums and everyone enjoyed learning some of their dances.

**Footsteps Dance**

The students enjoyed their first session last week with many new moves learnt. Dance is part of the P.E. curriculum and we are fortunate to be able to offer this professional tuition. As usual the program will finish with a disco which is always an enjoyable night.

**Homework**

Homework is due today, however there are still too many students not being responsible with completing the homework or leaving it until the Wednesday night to do.

**Lit Circle Reading**

Lit Circle reading is expected to be completed for Friday as well as the novel being brought to school for the task. The Lit Circle novel is your child’s home reading in addition to any other reading they may do. If you have the chance, listen to them read parts of it and have a conversation about the characters or story line.

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**Opening Times 2016**

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

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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*
Community News

**Kids Growing Food Network Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday June 1, 2016  
**Time:** 4pm – 5pm  
**Venue:** Huntly Kindergarten, 21 Stephenson Street  
Huntly

Please note: If you arrive after 4pm head towards the vacant land next door to the kindergarten on Green Street to join the group.

Bring your ideas on how we can organise and get the word out about network meetings moving forward.

To RSVP or for more information contact:  
Alicia O’Brien  
E a.obrien@bendigo.vic.gov.au

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**Junior golf clinics**

**Bendigo Golf Club**

Here at Bendigo Golf Club we want to introduce juniors to the game of golf in a relaxed and fun environment with a range of activities and games, helping them develop the skills required to play golf to the best of their individual abilities.

**When:** Monday afternoons from 4-5pm  
**Where:** Bendigo Golf Club, golf course road Epsom  
**How Much:** $10 per class  
**Age Group:** 5 – 17 years old  
**Includes:**  
- Video analysis  
- Tuition for an experienced Golf Professional  
- On course participation

Please contact PGA professional Brad Wilson for bookings and further information as numbers are limited.  
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