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 17
Thurs 2nd – Sat 11th June
Friday 3rd June
Saturday 4th June

Week 18
Monday 6th June
Monday 6th June
Monday 6th June
Wednesday 8th June
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Thursday 9th June
Friday 10th June
Friday 10th June

Week 19
Monday 13th June
Wednesday 15th June
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Week 20
Tuesday 21st June
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Thursday 23rd June
Friday 24th June
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Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September

Week 21
Monday 11th July
Tuesday 12th July
Wednesday 13th July

Week 22
Monday 18th July
Monday 18th July
Tuesday 19th July
Tuesday 19th July
Wednesday 20th July
Friday 22nd July

Week 23
Monday 25th July
Monday 25th July
Tuesday 26th July
Wednesday 27th July
Monday 1st August
Monday 1st August
Tuesday 2nd August
Thursday 4th August
Tuesday 9th August

Team China Students depart today
Footsteps Dance Program
Aerobics State Finals
Parent Club Meeting 9.15am
Prep PMP 2.30pm
Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm
Prep - Gr 2 Sports Day
Division Hockey
RSVP Connecting With Kids
Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
Footsteps Dance Program
Gr 3 Bike Ed Permission note due
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Prep Wacky Wednesday
Chocolates go out to families today
Connecting With Kids 4.00pm-6.00pm
Footsteps Dance Disco
Ice Age 5 Colouring Comp Closes 3.30pm
Sheets available at the office
Footsteps Dance Program
Student Led Conferences/Pupil Free Day
Movie ticket orders Last Day - 4.00pm
Movie Night – Ice Age 5
Prep Grease Day
Out of Uniform Day – Gold Coin Donation
Canteen & Uniform Shop Closed Today
Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal
Gr 3 Bike Ed Commences today
Gr 3 Bike Ed
Division Netball
Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
Gr 3 Bike Ed
Gr 3 Bike Ed
Girls Division Football
Boys Division Football
Chocolate Fundraiser Due today 4.00pm
Head Lice follow up check 9.30am
Gr 3 Bike Ed
Gr 3 Bike Ed to Botanical Gardens
Gr 6 Major Exc Note/Payment Due 4.00pm
Gr 6 Werribee Zoo Excursion
Prep Inursion – Australian Animals
Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm
(Math and Social)
Father/Son Night
Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm

Principal’s News

Team China Experience
Grade 6 students, Aimee, Dylan, Jakob, Mitchell and Mrs Gray departed today for China! They will be blogging on our school’s site on edublogs every day (maybe every second) if you would like to share in their experience. Here’s the link:


Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Please note that Monday 13th June is a pupil free day.

Student Led Conferences
Tomorrow, Friday 3rd June, the SLC note will be sent home with students. Parents have 2 weeks to select a time slot that suits them. Please use the log on details provided on the note.

It’s expected that every student attends a conference before the holiday period.

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

Getting Ready For School Nights
Our popular Getting Ready for School Nights will be held on Tuesday, 2nd August (Math and Social) and Tuesday, 9th August (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 6.30pm-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.

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 access an enrolment pack from the office as soon as possible. This includes younger siblings of students already attending White Hills PS.

Strategic Plan Feedback
As part of the upcoming Parents Club meeting there will be a further opportunity for parents to provide feedback related to improving the school. All parents are welcome to attend the session in the staffroom at 9.30am on Monday 6th of June.

Scott Ross
Acting Principal
Congratulations to our Birthday children

Chaplaincy News

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 – State Finals this Saturday, 4th June
The finals are here! Please ensure you have organised your own transport for the finals as we will **not** be taking a bus to Geelong.
Venue: The Arena Geelong - 110 Victoria Road, North Geelong, VIC 3215
The finals schedule is:
- **Wildcard Finals – Morning Session**
- Starbursts – Session 2 @ 8:55am
- Gold Stars – Session 3 @ 10:00am
- **State Finals (Premierships) – Late morning/afternoon session (if team wins their wildcard section)**

All team members will need to arrive at the venue at **least 45 mins** prior to the commencement of their session. The wildcard presentations are scheduled for 11:45am. If you were a participant in the Wildcards, you are obliged to stay at the venue until the presentations, as your team may receive a wildcard into the premiership finals in the afternoon.

All squad members must meet inside the Geelong Arena **wearing**:
- appropriate underwear
- competition leotard
- competition tights – please ensure again toe nails are shaped
- dark track pants and zip up jacket
- sneakers (not their aerobics shoes) and competition white socks
- please leave jewellery at home (studs and small sleepers acceptable)
- a light, natural looking, covering of foundation
- hair in a tight, secure bun
- please DO NOT wash your hair the morning of or the night before competition

Students will need to **bring**:
- drinks (a water bottle at least), snacks and lunch if required
- comb/brush, hair ties and hair pins (they will be given their scrunchie in Geelong)
- competition sneakers in a plastic bag
- money for canteen is optional

Parents and families are very welcome to come and support our teams at the finals competition. Tickets can be purchased at the door (adults $16, students $10, pensioners $10, family $55).

***Please note there will be NO eftpos or credit card facilities available.
You are welcome to film your child’s routine on the proviso that you **only** film your child’s team. There will be no official video produced.
If you require any more information please feel free to contact us. We thank you again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

Leotards, tights and entry wristbands will all be handed out on Friday.

Good luck girls!

Jaclyn Tanner, Alison Hawkey and Kaitlyn Morrissey (Gedye)
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!

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
On Wednesday 15th 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 workplace, or sell them to neighbours, family and friends.

**All money and unsold chocolates MUST be returned to school by 4.00pm, Friday 22nd July, or payment in full via QKR.**

Once your first box is paid for, an additional box can be collected from the office. Extra boxes can be purchased before and after the due date.

**All money raised will go toward the school grounds upgrade.**

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 or at the office.**

Colouring Competition
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

Junior School News

Pupils of the Week
*Congratulations to Joseph, Nathan B, Stella H, Brynn T and Kiara T, 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.

Prep Wacky Wednesday
“It all began with a shoe on the wall…That’s how Wacky Wednesday began!” Yes it’s coming again. Wacky Wednesday will be held on Wednesday 15th June. The Preps are going to have fun by dressing up in wacky ways, having wacky hairstyles, clothes on inside out and back to front, pyjamas on, etc. The wackier the better. Please note that this special day is for Preps only. Children in other classes are to wear their school uniform on this day.

Grease Day
The Prep Grades will be holding Grease Day on Friday, 24th June, the last day of Term 2. Look out for whizzy dresses, denim jackets and jeans to wear on this great day - Last year’s Prep parents may be able to help you. More details will be sent home with the potential Olivia Newton-Johns and John Travoltas closer to the big event. Go Grease Lightning!

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
PMP will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30pm.
Hint for The Week
Some children may find it difficult to make decisions for themselves. To avoid this, relegate some control over decision making to your child. Small children can make some decisions like choosing their own clothes from an early age. Older children, on the other hand, are able to handle responsibilities such as negotiating a bedtime or allocating a certain amount of time to homework or television viewing.
Our special sounds of the week for this week are j and x.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
*Congratulation to the following Students of the Week:*
1D – Seth F for his constant persistence during language time.
1M – Caitlin J for sharing her ideas with confidence during discussions.
1P – Ashlee R for being a kind and caring friend and such a hard worker.
1CK – Kacee for her excellent reading and handwriting.

Grade 2 News
Students of the week
2B – Detlan for trying hard to complete computer tasks.
2F – Jeslyn for trying hard in maths.
2G – Yan Myo for working hard on his dinosaur information report.
2H – Jonah for his enthusiasm during footsteps dance.

Lost Property
We currently have a large volume of unclaimed lunch boxes, drink bottles and jumpers in the Grade 2 area which are unable to be returned as these are not labelled. Please ensure all school items are clearly labelled so we are able to return these to your child.

Homework
It is essential to your child’s academic development that they are frequently completing reading at home. It is important that they have the opportunity to read to an adult and discuss what they have read. Practicing their spelling words together is also of huge benefit to your child. Spelling homework in grade two is in anticipation of the homework expectations in Grades 3-6.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News
Students of the Week
3B - Alexis W for exploring and problem solving her Prezi presentation.
3N - Shanara K for excellent work with Mathletics and times tables.
3CT - Moo Ler Bwe for her excellent work and behaviour in class.
3RD - Eliza N for doing extra jobs that help our class run smoothly.

Bike Education
Permission slips and a roadworthy checklist went home last Friday. Please see your child’s teacher if you did not receive one. Our Bike Education Program can’t run effectively without parent helpers. It is not necessary for parent helpers to ride a bike. Please let us know if you are able to supervise a small group.

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
Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated supplies for our vegetable garden. We are still seeking donations of any gardening equipment you may have at home which is no longer needed.

Grade 4 News
Students of the week
Ella H – for applying her number knowledge to problems involving money.
Jenna A – for terrific enthusiasm and moves during footsteps.
Sonny M – for his excellent problem solving skills.

Reading Journal
Please make sure reading journals have been signed at least once a week.
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 3 more weeks. The disco will be held on Thursday, 16th June 7.15pm-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.

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 in the future. 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.

Homework
A reminder that homework must be returned to school every Thursday. Those students who forget, will take part in homework club held at either recess or lunchtime.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News
Students of the Week
5K - Kayne M for his fabulous jazz hands in Footsteps!
5O - Jasmine H for working hard on the maths investigation.
5W - Jacob M for his detailed explanation text on why volcanoes erupt.

Major Excursion
Our Sovereign Hill excursion is next Thursday, 9th June. Please ensure that you have handed in your child’s permission form and that you have completed the $51.00 payment. Children will need a packed lunch for this day, along with plenty of water and snacks. If they need to bring medication, please be sure to pack this in their bag for the day for a teacher to manage. All medication must have a note explaining doses.

Winter Uniform
Please remember to send your child to school with the appropriate clothing. With the cooler weather here, it is important that students come with a clearly named jumper to prevent any potential colds, illnesses or discomfort. If your child is out of uniform for a day, please ensure that you send to school a signed note for their teacher. Thank you!

Parent Helpers Needed
If you are at all interested in becoming a parent helper during our weekly Literacy Circles groups on a Friday morning, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher. Thanks in advance!

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Students of the Week:
6B – Nash M for showing his great character in a trying week.
6G – Lily P for always scoring 5/5 on her weekly spelling tests.
6P – Sam H for a well written explanation of the lava lamp.

Team China
The time to leave for China became a reality with our students and Mrs Gray leaving very early yesterday. We look forward to hearing from them through the blog and with Skyping.

Father Son Night
Notes have gone home this week with a date and time of the event. The note needs to be returned as an indication of numbers.
Soccer
Wednesday was an enjoyable day of soccer competition between our team of students and other schools. The team displayed good sportsmanship and some good ball skills during their games.

Energy Unit
The last part of the Integrated Studies energy unit is designing and making a moveable object. Students are up to the ‘making’ part and they are expected to bring the necessary materials from home which will generally be ordinary household items. We are looking forward to seeing some great moving objects.

Upper School Teachers

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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

Strathfieldsaye/Bendigo
Footy Holiday Program 4th/5th July
info@vidafooty.com.au
www.vidafooty.com.au
0408149252

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.
P: 0421 802 337
E: bradwilson@pgamember.org.au

Term 2, 2016
**When**: Wednesday 15th June 2016
**Time**: Arrival and registration 3.45pm
Session 4.00pm - 6.00pm
**Where**: White Hills Primary School, 16 Plumridge Street White Hills
**Cost**: Free
**Facilitator**: Linda Lynch and Megan Simpson (CatholicCare Sandhurst)
**Childcare**: Not available

For bookings and enquiries contact Ricky Cawley (student wellbeing worker) on 5443 0799
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.
Homestay hosts needed for Japanese visiting delegates – August 2016

Are you or your staff interested in hosting a Japanese exchange teacher at your home for two nights?

The AEU and the Shizuoka Teachers’ Union (STU) have an educational exchange program which has been in place since 2000. It is an excellent opportunity for teachers in Japan and Victoria to exchange ideas and information about education and to experience each other’s culture.

Once again the Shizuoka Teachers Union (STU) is bringing a group of 15-20 members to visit the AEU in August and we will be bringing them to the Bendigo area for the homestay/school visit part of the program.

We are seeking teachers in the Bendigo/Castlemaine area who are willing to offer a homestay to a Japanese teacher for three days and two nights. Our visitors include primary and secondary teachers, who teach in a range of subject areas. Ideally, we would like to place two or three teachers in a school so that they have the support of a colleague within the school during their stay.

The program is planned for 13 - 18 August 2016, with the homestay occurring on Saturday, 13 August – Monday, 15 August 2016.

We anticipate that host families will pick up their guests on Saturday afternoon in Bendigo. Sunday is a day for local sightseeing. The host teacher will then take their visitor to their school on Monday, bringing them back to the Bendigo AEU office after school where they will be collected for the return trip to Melbourne.

Past participants of this exchange have all spoken extremely positively about their homestay experiences. DET recognises this exchange program as PD. The AEU provides an allowance of $300 towards the cost of hosting visitors.

I hope you will be interested and able to offer a homestay opportunity to one of our Japanese guests.

MEREDITH PEACE
Branch President
AEU Victorian Branch

If you or any staff at your workplace are interested or require further details please contact

Contact Carol Gledhill, your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
(03) 5448 1024 / 0439 935 516
or carol.gledhill@bsl.org.au

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