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 19
- Thursday 16th June
- Thursday 16th June
- Thursday 16th June
- Friday 17th June

Week 20
- Tuesday 21st June
- Tuesday 21st June
- Tuesday 21st June
- Wednesday 22nd June
- Thursday 23rd June
- Friday 24th June
- Friday 24th June
- Friday 24th June

Week 21
- Monday 11th July
- 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
- Wednesday 10th August
- Monday 15th August
- Tuesday 16th August
- Friday 19th August
- Monday 22nd August
- Monday 22nd – Fri 26th August
- Tuesday 23rd August
- Mon 29th – Friday 2nd Sept
- Friday 2nd September

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

Week 21
- Parent Club Meeting after assembly
- Gr 3 Bike Ed Commences today
- Gr 3 Bike Ed
- Division Netball

Week 22
- 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

Week 23
- 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 Incursion – Australian Animals
- Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm
- Father/Son Night
- Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm
- (Language)

Week 24
- Jets Gym Program Payment Due 4.00pm
- Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
- Gr 4, 5 & 6 Jets Gym
- Gr 2 Jets Gym
- Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
- Book Week
- Gr 4, 5 & 6 Jets Gym
- Literacy & Numeracy Week
- Gr 2 Jets Gym

Principal’s News

Acting Principal
During a recent visit to staff at White Hills, Mr Jenkyn announced that his position at the Regional office would extend through until the end of Term 3. This means that while the regional office positions are advertised and confirmed, I will be remaining in the Acting Principal role and Mr Corey Warne will continue in his Acting Assistant Principal role.

Student Led Conference Day – Tuesday 21st
The Student Led Conferences are an important part of the school’s reporting processes.

Online bookings close today at 4.00pm. Parents who have not made a booking will receive a note tomorrow detailing a booking that has been made by the teacher. Parents are reminded that children do not attend regular classes next Tuesday, 21st June. Children only attend for their allocated conference time.

Footsteps Disco – Tonight 16th June
A reminder about the information that was sent home last Friday. Prep – 2 Disco is from 6.00pm – 7.00pm, then the Grade 3-6 Disco is from 7.15pm – 8.30pm. There is no cost to students, entry is through the brick area and exit is with AN ADULT ONLY from the Plumridge St side of the hall.

Student Reports and Learning Portfolios
Your child’s mid-year report will be distributed in their Learning Portfolio on Wednesday, 22nd June.

End of Term Dismissal: Friday, 24th June, 2.30pm
Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 24th June. We will have lunch from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, but due to DET regulations we are unable to dismiss students until 2.30pm. However, parents may collect children at 1.30pm if they wish, but they MUST be signed out at the office. There will be no Canteen orders or Uniform Shop on Friday.

Out of Uniform Day: Last Day of Term
Money raised for our end of term ‘Out of Uniform Day’, will be forwarded to the State Schools Relief Fund. Each student participating is asked to bring a gold coin donation towards this important appeal on the day.

Canteen & Uniform Shop Closed: Friday, 24th
Due to it being the final day of term, the Canteen and Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday, 26th June.
**Napier Street Upgrade – Invitation To Community Sessions**

Vic Roads are inviting you to our next round of information sessions to view potential concepts to upgrade Napier Street between Weeroona Avenue and Hall Street in Bendigo. This is a $30.4 million project funded by the Government of Victoria to improve traffic flow and provide transport options along this vital route. The sessions are an opportunity for you to see the latest ideas for the future upgrade of Napier Street, which include suggestions the community shared with us during late 2015.

**Date:** Thursday 16 June 2016  
**Time:** between 4.00pm and 7.00pm  
**Location:** Weeroona College, 383 Napier Street Bendigo

**Date:** Monday 20 June 2016  
**Time:** between 1.00pm and 5.00pm  
**Location:** Holy Rosary Hall, corner of Hamelin and Napier Streets, White Hills.

**Date:** Thursday 23 June 2016  
**Time:** between 4.00pm and 8.00pm  
**Location:** Epsom Soccer Club, 353 Midland Highway Huntly

If you would like to contact us, please email napierstreetupgrade@roads.vic.gov.au.

Regards, The Napier St Project Team, Vic Roads

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**Transition - 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 to prepare their children for school next year. 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.

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**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.

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**Head Lice Program**

Just a reminder to all families, that the school holidays are a great time to check and treat your child’s hair for head lice. The program will resume on the 2nd Monday of Term 3.

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**Five Ways To Enjoy Family Time**

*Set aside at least one day a week for family fun, such as bike riding or visiting a park.  
*Let the family take it in turns to decide what activity you can all do together.  
*Get the children to help with cooking or gardening so you can chat and work together.  
*Eat your evening meal together at the table with the TV off. It offers another chance to connect as a family.  
*Create rituals such as holidaying at the same spot each year or eating at a restaurant once a month.

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**Scott Ross**  
Acting Principal

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**Overseas Learning Experience- Team China**

On Thursday 2nd June- Friday 10th June, four Grade 6 students: Dylan Arnold, Aimee Folwell, Jakob Walsh, Mitchell Worme and Mrs Gray, travelled to Shanghai, China to participate in the OSLE. We were joined by 42 other students and 17 teachers, from 12 Bendigo Primary schools. Our first three days were spent in Shanghai, where we travelled predominantly by the MET (subway train) to see a range of China’s incredible history and modern marvels. We visited the Yuyuan gardens, Jing’an Temple, the Pearl Tower, the Shanghai Zoo and shopped at the Science and Technology Museum markets. We ate delicious local food, such as dumplings, pork buns, rice and a range of stir-fried meats and vegetables. On our fourth day we travelled to Suzhou, where many of our Sister Schools reside. We visited Tiger Hill, The Humble Administrator’s Garden, Tong Li (ancient water town) and walked along the canal whilst shopping at the local markets. One of the highlight’s for all of us was the visit to our sister school, Jinji Lake School. It was an amazing opportunity for Aimee, Dylan, Jakob and Mitchell to be reunited with their Chinese home stay buddies, 8 months after their visit to Australia. We loved being able to see what Jinji Lake School was like, and with their 2000 students, it made WHPS feel very small! It was an incredible, once in a lifetime experience that we are all so lucky to have been able to participate in and would love to do again. In case you missed it, check out our blog to get a daily recount of our adventures in China:

End of Term Breaky Last Day of Term
Friday 24 June 9.30am at the Coffee Club near the Bendigo Cinemas. Everyone welcome.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held Monday 11th July 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
Cadbury Fundraiser boxes were distributed to the eldest child in each family yesterday. 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. Payment can be made to the office or 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.

Family Movie: Ice Age 5 (Opening Night) – Last tickets Tuesday
Our family social evening event for this year is “Ice Age 5”, which will be held on Thursday 23rd June. Spare order forms are available from the school office if you need one.

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
Competition closes today Thursday 16th June 3.30pm.
A prize, including a complementary movie ticket, will be awarded to a winning entrant in each section being Prep, Grade 1&2, Grade 3&4 and Grade 5&6.

Thank you for your continued support.
Parent Club / Fundraising Committee

Junior School News

Prep News
Bird Sitting
If anyone is able to look after the Yellow Room bird, Chirpy, over the holidays can they please see Mrs Ellis. Mrs Ellis cannot look after the bird because she has a big, hungry cat at home.

Student Led Conference
Please ensure you have booked your times for the Student Led Conference next Tuesday. For those who have not registered a time, a time will be sent home with your students in one of the gaps we have available. If this time does not suit, see your child’s teacher and they will endeavour to find a more suitable time. Please note that your child is required to attend the Student Led Conference with you.

Learning Portfolios
We still have some Learning Portfolios that have not been returned. Please return Learning Portfolios by tomorrow so we can fill them with the great work the children have done.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
P.M.P. will recommence on Monday 18th July. A roster for next term will be sent home next week. Thank you to those parents who have helped us with P.M.P. this semester.
School Uniform
We have noticed over the past term that many children are not wearing the correct school uniform. As stated in our school policy, correct school uniform is compulsory. This means children are to dress in only navy or pale blue shirts, navy pants without stripes and logos, and navy jumpers or jackets. The school uniform does not include coloured jackets, tights, leggings and skivvies that are not navy or pale blue. If your child attends school out of uniform they will be changed into the correct school uniform using clean, spare clothes.

Hint for The Week
Have a large (50, 100 piece) jigsaw puzzle set out at home in a place where all family members can go to and work on or contribute to. Jigsaw work is beneficial for the patterning, line, memory, orientation, discrimination and shape recognition skills that are so vital in reading, writing and mathematics.

Grease Day
The Prep Grades will be holding Grease Day next 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!

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News
Bike Education
As part of our Bike Ed Program this year, we have been fortunate enough to link with Cyclescape bicycle shop in St. Andrews Avenue to help conduct our bike safety checks. They have offered students in Grade 3 and 4 who are doing the Bike Ed Program next term, a free bicycle safety check by a qualified bicycle mechanic. Students are able to take their bikes to the shop prior to the commencement of the program and a representative from the shop will be at school on the first day that each group starts riding. From a school perspective we highly recommend these inspections, as we aim to ensure all children have a road worthy bike, which will help make them safer riders, as well as those riding around them. This will also mean teaching staff can spend more time running the program rather than conducting minor mechanical repairs. To book your bike in for a free check, contact Matt at Cyclescape on 5425 2200. Located at 30 St Andrews Avenue, Bendigo. (The street up from the back of the town hall). Cyclescape have also kindly offered a gift voucher for all students who take their bikes in for the free safety check. This can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Student Led Conferences – Bookings close 4.00pm today
Student Led Conferences will be held next Tuesday, 21st June. Bookings close at 4.00pm today. If you didn’t make an interview time, one will be sent home with your child tomorrow. It is expected that all students attend an interview on this day. Please ensure you are on time and contact the school if you are unable to make your scheduled interview time.

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 to save one bulk payment at the end which can be hard with such a large amount. Payments can also be made via the QKR app.

Footsteps Disco
The Footsteps disco is on tonight in the school hall from 7.15 pm- 8.30 pm for students in Grades 3-6. There is no cost for the disco and students are supervised by school staff.

Homework
There will be no more homework sent home for the remainder of the term. Students are to continue reading their home readers and we encourage parents to hear their child at least once a week and write a comment in their Reading Log.

Grade 4 News
Footsteps Disco Tonight
Just a reminder that the Footsteps Disco starts tonight at 7.15pm and will end at 8.30pm. Children will need to be dropped off at the back of the hall, near the Prep sandpit entrance and picked up from the hall entrance at the front of the school.

Student Led Conferences – Bookings close 4.00pm today
Thank you those families who have already made times for next Tuesday, 21st June. Bookings close at 4.00pm today. Those families who have not made a booking by this time will be allocated a time and a note sent home tomorrow. We are looking forward to catching up with you on the day.

Dojo Trade
Next Wednesday students will have the opportunity to trade the Dojo points they have been awarded this term.
Reports / Learning Portfolios
These will be sent home next Wednesday with your child. Please take the time to celebrate with your child their successes they have achieved.

Camp
A reminder note regarding updated camp payments was sent home last week. Please keep making regular payments before the due date, Tuesday 13th September. Payments can also be made via the QKR App.

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Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Footsteps Disco Tonight
Tonight is our Footsteps Disco from 7.15pm until 8.30pm. A parent will be required to drop children off at the hall near the Prep sandpit entrance and pick them up from the hall entrance at the front of the school. The event is free.

Parent Helpers Needed
We are still calling out for any parent helpers that might be able to read with some of our Grade 5 students each Friday. If you have any spare time on Fridays next term from 9.30-10.00am, please come and speak with Mrs Rebecca Woods.

Camp
Camp payment reminders have been sent home. Please ensure that you are making continuous payments so that you don’t have to worry about it closer to the end of the year. Please speak with the office if you have any questions.
Payments can also be made via the QKR App.

Integrated Projects
Grade 5 Integrated Projects are due on Monday. Please speak with your child about what tasks they have left to complete.

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Student Led Conferences will be held next Tuesday, 21st June. There will be no classes running on this day, but your child will be expected to attend their conference time. Please ensure that you book a time in with your child’s classroom teacher if you haven’t already. If you are unable to make it at any of the times on Tuesday, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher to arrange another suitable time.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios and reports will be handed out next Wednesday. If you could please look through your child’s portfolio and have it returned by the last day of term, it would be greatly appreciated. This way we don’t have to chase these up with students in Term 3.

Points Trading Activities
Points Trading Activity sessions will be held next Thursday for students.

Next Friday, 24th June is our last day of term 2. School will finish at 2.30pm.

Grade 6 News

Father Son Night
Next Tuesday 21st June will be the Grade 5/6 father/son information night from 6.00pm-7.00pm in the hall. Please send the note back if you are attending.

Student Led Conference - Bookings close 4.00pm today
Bookings for the SLC are still open for you to book online until 4.00pm today. The SLC allows your child to showcase a couple of their pieces of work and reflect on the effort that they have made.
Footsteps Disco Tonight 7.16pm – 8.30pm
Students are looking forward to completing the Footsteps program with a disco where they can show off some of the dances that they have learnt. The disco is tonight with the Grades 5 & 6 time from 7.15pm - 8.30pm.

Moving Object Construction
Students have tested their models and made modifications where necessary. We will be doing the final test next week. We are hoping to see some amazing moving objects.

T.V Commercial
There have been many “takes” to get the television commercials right- just as well we are not being charged for the filming time! We are looking forward to watching the ads on the big screen.

Chocolate Drive
A box of chocolates went home on Wednesday as one of the school’s fundraisers. Sell them to the outside community or just eat them yourselves. We hope they arrived home unopened!

Wanted Tiles
Next term the Grade 6 students will be working on a school mosaic project during their Community Connection time. If you have any spare wall tiles or plates, (can be broken) preferable with a pattern, they would be gratefully accepted.

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Upper School Teachers

SICKBAY ROSTER
Friday 17 June Belinda Filbey
Friday 24 June Anna Treble
Please collect from the office at the end of the day

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday 17 June Heather Veitch
Tuesday 21 June Helper needed
Friday 24 June Closed, Last Day Term
Opening Times 2016
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday 23 June Kelly Adcock
Thursday 14 July Catherine Hester
Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 17 June Tammie Bourke
Kelly Adcock
Sam Franklin
Wednesday 22 June Kelly Adcock
Helper needed
Friday 24 June Closed, Last Day Term
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

AFL Central Victoria is holding a holiday program for boys and girls students aged 5-12 on Wednesday 6th July at the Tom Flood Sports Centre, Park Rd, Bendigo, 9.00am to 3.00pm - $65.00. The holiday program provides an exciting and safe environment for children to develop skills whilst interacting with others. Register now at WWW.AFLVICHOLIDAYPROGRAMS.COM.AU
Active Travel to School Community Network – Meeting Wednesday 22nd June

Active travel (walking, riding, scooting, skating, catching public transport) can benefit school communities in a range of ways, including improvements to children’s health and concentration, greater engagement with the natural world, and reduced traffic danger at school pick up and drop off times.

A new community network is bringing together people who are passionate about supporting children’s active travel to school. There are a lot of people doing great things in this space, and this network is a way to connect those people, share ideas and support one another.

If you are interested in joining this group, or learning more about it, you are invited to attend a meeting at the City of Greater Bendigo offices on June 22nd from 7.30 to 9pm – Ironbark room, Jaara Building (Corner of Lyttleton Tce and Mundy St).

This meeting will provide an opportunity to meet others who are passionate about supporting children’s active travel to school, and will involve:

- Discussion of the group’s purpose and how it might operate
- Discussions with local people who have had success in this space – what did they do, how did they make it work?
- Discussions about what the group hopes to achieve and potential future initiatives.

Light supper will be provided.

For further information about the group, please contact:
Nicola: nicolaw@bigpond.com or Amy: activetravelhealthykids@bendigo.vic.gov.au, Ph: 03 4408 6532
Amy Brown
Research & Evaluation Officer | Social Planner (ITLUS)
City of Greater Bendigo

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Voucher for all White Hills Primary School Students

Cyclescape will perform a safety check on all kids bikes from the school including those not included in the program. This will be done in store. Pick up and delivery is available. Parts and labour for repairs not included. Voucher is not redeemable for labour or cash. Voucher is limited to one per student.