



## 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 1 2018: Monday 29 January – Thursday 29 March

#### Week 1

Friday 2 February

**Canteen lunch orders – first day**  
**Uniform Shop Open 3.30pm-4.00pm**

#### Week 2

Tuesday 6 February

**P&F Group Welcome Meeting after drop off**  
**Student Banking commences today**  
**Prep Rest Day**

Wednesday 7 February

**Breakfast Club Resumes today 8.20am**  
**Return Welcome BBQ slips today**  
**Goal Setting Interviews Bookings Close 4pm**

Friday 9 February

#### Week 3

Mon 12 Feb – Fri 23 Feb

Tuesday 13 February

**Goal Setting Interviews begin today**  
Gr 6 Professional Practice Day  
Gr 5 Netbook Info Session 5.30pm  
**Family Welcome BBQ 6.00pm**  
**Prep Rest Day**  
Gr 5 Netbook Info Sessions 9.15am & 5.30pm  
Gr 5 Professional Practice Day

Wednesday 14 February

Thursday 15 February

#### Week 4

Monday 19 February

Wednesday 21 February

Friday 23 February

Head Lice Check after Assembly  
**Prep Rest Day**  
**School Photos**

#### Week 5

Monday 26 February

Follow up Head Lice Check after Assembly  
**Easter Raffle Books to families today**  
**Prep Rest Day**

Wednesday 28 February

#### Week 6

Wednesday 7 March

Monday 12 March

Wednesday 14 March

**Prep Rest Day**  
**Labour Day Holiday**  
**Preps first Wednesday at school**

#### Week 7

Mon 19 - Fri 23 March

**Gr 3-6 Swimming**

#### Week 8

Friday 30 March

**Good Friday Holiday**

### Term 2 2018: Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June

Friday 20 April

Open Air Cinema Night

### Term 3 2018: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September

## Principal's News

### Welcome

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to all our students and their families and staff to the 2018 school year. I hope everyone has had a pleasant holiday and that the children are ready for a busy Term 1. I would like to especially welcome new students and families to our school and I hope that your partnership with us at White Hills will be an enjoyable and positive experience.

### Fundraiser on the Last Day for Bendigo Health

Our Out of uniform day on the last day of Term 4 yielded \$466.65 that will be donated to Bendigo Health as part of an ongoing commitment to fundraising by the school.

### School Council Elections

Each year, half our school councillors finish their 2 year term of office. This provides continuity and a gradual changeover of School Council representatives throughout the years. Retiring council members are eligible to renominate for an additional term of office, if they are still a parent at the school.

This year, there are 4 parent vacancies, and 2 DET employee (Department of Education and Training) vacancies.

Retiring Councillors are:

#### Parent Members

Kingsley Morse-McNabb (1 year casual vacancy), Amanda Burrows, Jason Treble and Tim Crawford.

#### DET Members

Scott Ross and Jan Ellis

I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to these School Council members for their valuable contribution to our school. Their work and commitment is greatly appreciated.

In line with the Department's scheduling of School Council elections, nominations are called from today, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

All information regarding the School Council Election process is displayed on the main notice board in the office foyer.

Please contact Andrew Schaeche on 54430799 for further information or nomination forms.

### Newsletter Online: Your Email Address is Required

The newsletter is posted online each week on a Thursday. Hard copies of the newsletter are **NOT** sent home.

Please fill out a parent email form (available at the office if you have not already notified us), or you can subscribe through our website at [www.whitehillps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitehillps.vic.edu.au). Each Thursday you will receive an email notifying you that the newsletter is available on the school's website. Click on the email link to access the newsletter.

### School Assembly

School assemblies take place at 9.00am on **Monday mornings**. Parents are encouraged to attend. Assemblies form an important role in embedding our school culture and provide opportunity to bring our students together, recognise and celebrate achievements, promote positive behaviours and disseminate information to our school community. We look forward to seeing you at assembly.

### Uniforms have arrived

New school polos have now arrived, please pickup from the Uniform Shop tomorrow between 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

### Goal Setting Interviews: Make a Booking Online

**Bookings Close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm**

**Each child has been given a note today that provides instructions on how parents can make an online booking for Goal Setting Interviews.** Bookings open today. If you do not have access to the internet, please see your child's classroom teacher to book a time.

**These interviews will be held at the school between Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February and Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

Bookings close at 4.00pm on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**. The interview is strictly 10 minutes and involves you and your child meeting with the class teacher to negotiate learning goals for the first part of the year. If you have other matters you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, please contact them to organise an alternative meeting time.

## **Family Welcome Barbeque: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm**

As a welcome to new and existing families a 'Family Welcome Barbeque' will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February from 6:00pm at the school.

**Free sausages in bread and cordial will be provided.**

Teachers from grades Prep-6 will also be running 'information booths' where parents can ask teachers about school/year level requirements & programs in an informal setting. These information booths replace the Parent Information Nights for grades 1-6 that we have conducted in previous years.

The Welcome Barbeque is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other families within the school community.

**A note will be sent home with each family tomorrow. There is also one attached at the end of this newsletter. For catering purposes, please fill out the slip and return it to the office Post box no later than 4.00pm Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February.** We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Compulsory Netbook Sessions: Grade 5 Students & New Grade 6 Students**

**2018 Grade 5 parents** and students (**and new Grade 6 parents and students**) will be required to attend a compulsory netbook information session. The School Netbook Program will be outlined in the session and parents and students will sign an Acceptable Use Agreement.

- **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**, 5.30pm-6:00pm, Grade 5 classroom in the main building
- **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**, 9.15am-9:45am, BJ Winzar School Hall
- **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**, 5.30pm-6.00pm, Grade 5 classroom in the main building

Students will be able to take their netbook home after attending a compulsory information session, payment of the \$100.00 netbook contribution has been received and the Acceptable Use Agreement signed. A copy of the agreement will be provided to parents.

Several times and dates for the information session have been provided to enable all parents and students opportunity to attend. A letter will be sent home to relevant families soon.

## **Process for Late Arrival or Early Departure: It's a Safety Issue**

If a student arrives late to school, or departs early (for a valid reason), they must be signed in or out by an approved adult at the school office in the Sign In/Out book. Parents must NOT collect a child directly from the school yard or classroom. **This is a parental duty of care and child safety issue.** A tear off slip from the Sign In/Out book must be provided to the class teacher for a late arrival or early departure. **Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom.** Your support with this process is appreciated.

## **Come Along Cup: Regular Attendance**

To promote regular attendance, our school conducts the 'Come Along Cup' program. Every Monday morning at assembly, the grade with the best attendance for the week is awarded the golden 'Come Along' Cup. A display board for our Come Along Cup results is set up in the hallway of the main building. Thanks to Mrs Morrissey for her coordination of this program in 2017.

## **Staff Car Park: Do Not Drop Off or Pick Up in This Area**

Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. Many parents and children walk through this area to access the buildings. For children's safety we ask that you not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

## **Crossing the Road: Children & Parents Use the Crossings**

For your child's safety we ask that all children use the crossing at the back of the school (Bosquet St) and wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road. Parents should come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult. Similarly, we ask that at the front of the school (Plumridge St) **ALL CHILDREN and accompanying parents use the designated school crossing** to cross the road. **DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE** – this is not a controlled pedestrian crossing.

## **Breakfast Club Resumes next week on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Breakfast Club will resume this year on a **Wednesday and Friday** from 8.20am at the school canteen. All students are welcome to come along and share breakfast with some of their school mates. No food is to be taken outside and must be eaten in the canteen area. Our Chaplain, Ricky Cawley, runs this most beneficial program. **We require volunteers to assist with breakfast club from 8.15-9.00am.** If you can help, please call the school. This is a great way to support the school and to also demonstrate to your child/ren that you value school by making a contribution.

## **Children's Medication**

If your child requires medication administered during school hours, please bring it to Sabina in the main office. This includes Epipens and Ventolin which have been taken home over the holidays. All medication must be in-date and clearly labelled.

**All medication is to be kept at the office.**

New up-to-date Asthma Management Plans should also be completed and returned to the school office.

## **Uniform Shop: Opening Times**

The Uniform Shop is open from 3.30-4.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. An order form is available on the school website. You can use the school's QkR payment app to order and pay for uniforms at any time.

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Applications

If you have not applied for CSEF this year, please do this before the end of Term 1 2018.

## QkR Smartphone Payment App

Our QkR smartphone payment app (pronounced 'quicker') enables you to make online payments from your smartphone for items such as Special Events, excursions, camps, canteen and uniform shop orders.

A guide to setting up the app on your Apple or Android phone is available on the school website via this pathway - 'School Info' tab > 'Information for Parents' > New QKR Payment System Help Guides.

Take a shortcut by clicking on this link:

[http://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/qkr\\_set\\_up\\_guide.pdf](http://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/qkr_set_up_guide.pdf)

Please note the following:

- QKR canteen orders close at 9.30am on canteen days (Wed/Fri)
- There are no over-the-counter canteen sales available via QKR
- QKR payments close at 4.00pm every school day
- Final payments for excursions, camps and Special Events close on QKR at 4.00pm on the due date. This is consistent with the school's camp and excursions policies and late payments will not be accepted.

**Please ensure your child is linked to the correct grade to avoid unprocessed orders.**

## Personal Items Are Not Insured

The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school. Parents, students and staff are reminded that personal items brought to school are at your own risk.

## Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance attendance/transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

## Canteen Counter Sales: Purchasing Limits

Please note that each child is limited to purchasing a maximum of one (1) 'iced' item (eg. slushy) and \$1.00 of other items from counter sales at the school canteen. Products available in our school canteen are from the approved 'Healthy Canteen' menu. We would also ask that parents refrain from sending children to school with large denomination notes. Coins are a much better option and counter sales should be seen as an occasional treat for children. *We appreciate your support in this matter.*

## It's Not Okay to be Away

Children should attend school every day unless they are ill or have a valid reason for being away. For example, a child's birthday is not a reason for being away from school. Studies show that children with more than 20 days of absence in a school year are seriously at risk in their learning. They miss so much work and are not able to keep up with their peers!

If your child is absent for more than a day, please call the school and advise the classroom teacher of the reason. Our school's policy is for the classroom teacher to phone the parent after more than one day of unexplained absence. When your child returns to school, please send them with a signed written note, explaining the reason for the period of absence.

Your support with regular attendance is appreciated.

## Open Communication

*I cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining open channels of communication. I am a firm believer in strong home/school partnerships therefore it is vital that any issues your child brings home, or any concerns that parents may have, are shared with the classroom teacher firstly and then Scott Ross (Assistant Principal) or myself so that we can resolve the issue promptly together.*

*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

Our next meeting is next **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** in the staff room after drop off. All newcomers are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with us.

### Family Welcome Barbeque

We hope to see you at the welcome barbeque on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm.**

P&F members will be assisting on the night, please feel free to approach one of us if you would like to know more about our group.

**A note will be sent home with each child tomorrow. There is also one attached at the end of this newsletter. For catering purposes, please fill out the slip and return it to the office Post box no later than 4.00pm Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

### Easter Raffle

Books will be sent home on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and will be drawn on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at our morning Assembly.

*P&F Group*

# Junior School News

## Grade 1 News

### Welcome Back

Wow! What a wonderful start we've had to school year. The children have settled in nicely and are quickly becoming familiar with the structure and routine of the Grade One classrooms.

### Readers

Readers were sent home on Tuesday. If your child hasn't brought home a reader yet this may be because they haven't brought a waterproof reader bag to school. If you have misplaced your reader bag over the holidays, they are available for purchase at the School Uniform Shop.

### Supplies

Please ensure that all supplies have been returned to school so students have the equipment they need at all times. This includes all pencils and glue sticks.

## Grade 2 News

What a great start to 2018! We are looking forward to a great year!

### A few reminders:

Please send all student supplies to school to be stored away until they are needed.

It's great to see so many students have remembered their hats, pencil cases and water bottles. Please ensure these are at school each day.

### *Junior School News*

# Middle School News

## Grade 3 News

### Welcome

Welcome back to all our existing and new families. We hope you have had a wonderful holiday break. Feel free to pop in and say hi to our classroom teachers!

### Class Dojo

Each family should have received their child's class dojo home connection form with log in codes by now. If you haven't please see your classroom teacher. This is a great school and home communication tool with regular reminders and growth mindset rewards and videos for your child.

### Home Reading

It has been great to see so many students already taking home readers. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and diaries are signed. It is also important that children bring their diaries to school each day. Anyone wishing to help with reading in the classroom please see your class teacher.

### *Middle School News*

#### NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 8 February      **Emma McNab**

Thursday 15 February      **Kate Duncan**

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

#### SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 2 February      **Hollie Spooner**

Friday 9 February      **Teegan Stirling**

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

#### UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 2 February      **Demi Costa**

Tuesday 6 February      **Tanya Miles**

Friday 9 February      **Kelly Adcock**

#### Opening Times

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

*Mrs Kim Engl, Uniform Shop Coordinator*

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 2 February

**Sam Olsen**

**Emma McNab**

**Demi Costa**

Wednesday 7 February

**Kelly Wood**

**Rebecca Clarke**

Friday 9 February

**Tanya Miles**

**Rebecca Jolley**

**Atlanta Armstrong**

#### 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*

# Registering With Camp Australia

We hope you and your family had a fantastic school holidays! The new school year has arrived and with it plenty of adventures in OSHC.

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet? Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

## What Are The Benefits Of Registering?

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- ✓ A stress-free back up plan for “just in case”
- ✓ Flexible access to our programs
- ✓ Will ensure we have all the information for your kids to ensure they have the best time possible

## How Do I Register?

Registration is simple and hassle free! To register visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au).

## How Do I Find Out More About The OSHC Service At My School?

To find out more about our program as well as view and fees, please visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and search for your school on the homepage.

Otherwise, feel free to come visit the program and see what it is all about.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in soon.  
The Camp Australia Team.

Welcome back to another year of school. We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holidays. Just a reminder to all parents and students that OSHC is now being held in the hall near outside the canteen and music room. Parents can access this building through the side door near the portable class rooms.

## Before & After School Care Team

Jamie (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant).

White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272 Camp Australia Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343

Email: [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au)

## Community News

# School Banking

## School Banking day: Tuesday

White Hills branch  
Phone 5441 4944



Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited  
ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879.  
(S39088) (02/12)



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## Huntly Family Fun Day

Join us for a BBQ lunch and FREE kids activities

Sunday February 4, 2018  
12pm - 3pm  
Strauch Reserve, Huntly



**FREE ACTIVITIES:**

- Face Painting
- Animal Farm
- Mobile Playzone
- Helium Balloons
- Balloon Sculpting
- Huntly CFA
- Coliban water trailer
- Inflatable water slide - BYO towel & change of clothes
- FREE zooper dooper (1 per person)

Sausages & veggie burgers \$1 each  
Drinks \$2 each

Proudly Supported by the Huntly Community





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## WHITE HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



### MEGA MULTI-SPORTS

CRICKET – TENNIS – T-BALL – ATHLETICS  
This program is a fantastic way to challenge and improve your child's motor and coordination skills. Our experienced coaches aim to develop and enhance the wide range of sporting skills of your child, including catching, kicking & throwing. While also improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, co-operative skills and teamwork, all within a FUN and very SAFE environment.

WHEN: Wednesday  
WHERE: White Hills PS Undercover basketball courts  
COMMENCING: 07/02/18  
CONCLUDING: 28/03/18  
DURATION: 8 weeks  
TIME: 3:40pm – 4:40pm  
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4  
COST: \$96



### CIRCUS & GYMNASTICS

Twirl, flip & leap into an exciting Circus & Gymnastic program with Kelly Sports! This fast-paced, highly active program is a fantastic introduction to the wonderful world of circus & gymnastics tricks! Colourful ribbons, hula hoops, spinning plates, juggling scarves, diablos, sits, supports, jumps & landings will be sure to improve balance, co-ordination, muscle strength & group dynamics all in a FUN, EXCITING & SAFE environment!

WHEN: Thursday  
WHERE: White Hills PS shed  
COMMENCING: 08/02/18  
CONCLUDING: 29/03/18  
DURATION: 8 weeks  
TIME: 1:40pm – 2:25pm  
YEAR LEVELS: P – 6  
COST: \$80

**GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 1 AS PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!!**

**\*\*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OFFER\*\* If you enrol your child in any program before Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February you'll receive 1 session FREE!!**



### NEW & IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!

SIMPLY GO TO [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) ENTER YOUR POSTCODE AND ENROL FROM THERE OR FILL OUT THE BELOW ENROLMENT FORM & SEND WITH A CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS TO:

12 METROPOLITAN DRIVE, EAGLEHAWK VIC 3586  
PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

### ENROLMENT FORM

Mega Multi Sports

Circus & Gymnastics

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child?  Go to after care  Get collected  Photo consent

Parents' consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Bendigo from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card payment:  Visa  Master card

Card Number: □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ Expiry Date: □□/□□ CW:□□□□

#### THINGS TO KNOW

Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider  
Don't leave forms at the School Office

Spaces are limited so please make sure you enrol online or return form to Kelly Sports



White Hills Primary School

## Welcome Family BBQ Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

As a welcome to new and existing families, a *'Welcome Family BBQ'* will be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00pm.

**Sausages in bread and cordial will be provided.**

This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other families within the school community.

**Please fill out the following slip and return it to the office NO LATER than 4.00pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, for catering purposes.**

