

# White Hills Weekly

**White Hills Primary School No. 1916**  
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**Week 1**  
Thursday, 2 February  
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## 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 2017: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **Week 1**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**Canteen Lunch Orders – First Day**  
**Gr 6 Top Orders Open Today**

#### **Week 2**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Parent Club Welcome Meeting approx. 9.15**  
**Student Banking Commences today**  
Prep Parent Cuppa & Chat 9.15- 10.15am

**Prep Rest Day**

**Goal Setting Interviews – Last day**  
**online booking 4.00pm**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Week 3**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Goal Setting Interviews**

Prep Parent Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm

**Prep Rest Day**

Breakfast Club resumes today 8.20am

**RSVP to Family BBO for Catering**

**Gr 6 Top Orders Close Today**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Week 4**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

5/6 Parent Netbook Information Session 5.30pm

**Family Welcome Barbeque 6.00pm**

**Prep Rest Day**

5/6 Parent Netbook Information Session 9.15pm

5/6 Parent Netbook Information Session 5.30pm

**School Photos**

Casey HPV Round 1 Event

Team China Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Week 5**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Prep Rest Day**

**Whole School Curriculum Days – Student**  
**Free Days**

#### **Week 6**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Prep Rest Day**

#### **Week 7**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Labour Day Holiday**

**Prep Rest Day**

#### **Week 8**

Mon 20 Mar – Fri 24 Mar

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Gr 3-6 Swimming Program

**Prep Rest Day**

#### **Week 9**

### **Goal Setting Interviews: Make a Booking Online** **Bookings Close Friday, 10<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. 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, 13<sup>th</sup> February and Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Bookings close at 4.00pm on **Friday, 10<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.

## Principal's News

### Welcome

Hi everyone,

My name is Andrew Schaeche (pronounced Shack) and as you are no doubt aware I'm the newly appointed principal at White Hills PS. I'm excited to be here and I am looking forward to getting to know the students and families of the school. I have spent the previous 8 years as principal at Quarry Hill PS and prior to that I spent 7 years as an assistant principal at Kangaroo Flat PS and Launching Place PS in the Yarra Valley. Please come up and introduce yourself as it is important for me to get to know the families that make up our school community.

Along with me, we have a number of new staff beginning at WHPS this year. A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Ms Naomi Thomson (Prep T) - Kangaroo Flat PS

Mr Eddy Dickins (4D) - Quarry Hill PS

Miss Ashlea Jenkyn (3J) - Graduate teacher

Ms Bree Bentley (1F) - Graduate teacher

Miss Carly Van Den Heuvel (6V) - Graduate teacher

Mr Daniel Ridgeway (5D) - Elmore PS

Ms Merylyn Gaulke (EAL) - Mildura Senior College

Irena Fitzsimmon (French) - Melbourne

Htoo Bo (EAL)

Matt Evelyn (Grounds / Handyman)

This year promises to be an exciting year of learning with many opportunities for the children including the School Production. I trust that everyone enjoyed a relaxing break with their family over Christmas and the holiday period.

Staff began on Monday and all the children, including the preps started on Tuesday. It is so pleasing to see how well everyone has settled into their new classrooms including the preps.

Thanks to the Parents Club for providing 'Tea and Tissues' on Tuesday for new parents to the school, it was greatly appreciated.

We begin the 2017 school year with an enrolment of 648 students, including 120 preps and twenty one new students across other year levels.

A warm welcome to all our new and existing students and families. We wish you all a very happy and productive year.

### Schools are Smoke-Free Zones

Please be aware that by law schools are smoke free zones; this includes both within school buildings and grounds. We would also ask that smokers refrain from smoking at the entrances to the school.

### Doors Open at 8.50am

Classroom doors are opened at 8.50am for children to set up for the morning class. We ask that children do not enter prior to this time as teachers are preparing classes or meeting with parents.

## Rosters

Canteen, Uniform, Newsletter and Sickbay rosters will be distributed tomorrow. Please check your child's bags if you put your name down to help out.

## Family Welcome Barbeque: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6.00pm

As a welcome to new and existing families a 'Family Welcome Barbeque' will be held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 6.00pm at the school.

**Free sausages in bread and cordial will be provided and teachers will conduct a range of games and activities for children.**

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 was sent home with each child today. For catering purposes, please fill out the slip and return it to the office Post box no later than 4.00pm Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.** We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Breakfast Club Resumes

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.

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

Details regarding eligibility and applying for the CSEF will be sent home to families next week.

## 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.**

## 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.

## **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.

## **Sunsmart Policy: Hats On**

All students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats, even when playing or participating in activities under our outside shelters.

Our SunSmart Policy is based upon the Cancer Council guidelines that hats should be worn when UV levels are above 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of September in each year). We source this information from the following website:

[www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Bendigo\\_VIC.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Bendigo_VIC.shtml)

Hats off occurs when UV levels fall below 3 on the index (usually around the beginning of May in each year).

*Please remember, no hat, no play and only school broad brimmed hats may be worn.*

## **Anaphylaxis Reminder**

We are seeking your help to protect the students in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis – a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening.

Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy so avoidance of the food is crucial. We are protecting students at risk of anaphylaxis by training staff, encouraging students to wash their hands after eating and educating students about food allergies.

The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (eg. Cashews, hazelnuts, almonds), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and some medications.

### **Being Allergy- Aware**

We ask you to protect students at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- not sending food to school which has peanuts or tree nuts (e.g. hazelnuts, cashews, almonds) in the ingredients list – particularly peanut butter and Nutella – due to its sticky nature and tendency to remain on surfaces
- teaching your child not to share food or swap food
- encouraging your child to wash their hands before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- asking your child to get help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick
- explaining to your child that teasing an allergic schoolmate is bullying and could be life-threatening
- liaising with your teacher before offering food to others such as birthday cakes and lollies

You can download a facts sheet with further information about anaphylaxis at:

[http://www.health.wa.gov.au/anaphylaxis/docs/schools/FactSheet\\_Schools.pdf](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/anaphylaxis/docs/schools/FactSheet_Schools.pdf)

We are also:

- o Distributing letters to all families in classrooms with students at risk of anaphylaxis.
- o Updating all Anaphylaxis Management Plans.

*With your support, we can provide a safe environment for all students at WHPS*

## **School Photos: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**

School photos will be taken on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February**. Individual and Family order forms will be distributed in the very near future.

Please note the following:

- There will be no Photoshopping of absent children into class photos
- If children are ill on the day, they are not to be brought to school for the class photo. We cannot organise for a reshoot of a class photo
- Absent children will be followed up with individual photos on another day

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

2017 **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, 21<sup>st</sup> February**, 5.30pm-6:00pm, BJ Winzar School Hall
- **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, 9.15am-9:45am, BJ Winzar School Hall
- **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, 5.30pm-6.00pm, BJ Winzar School Hall

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 was sent home to relevant families this week.

## **Naming Clothing**

Each year we have a large amount of lost property at school. **Please clearly name all clothing (including hats)** so that it can be quickly returned to its owner.

## **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.

## **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 (see below).

## **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.*

## **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.

## **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.

## **Newsletter Online: Your Email Address 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.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.whitehillsps.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.

## **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.

## **2017 Curriculum Days: Add to Your Calendar or Diary**

The dates below are the school's curriculum or pupil-free days for 2017, as approved by School Council.

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - First day of the school year
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, – Professional Development Days (pupil-free)
- Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June – Student Led Conferences (students attend at designated time with parents)

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

*Andrew Schaeche,  
Principal*

## Parent Club News

### Welcome to our first Meeting

Welcome back to our current Parent Club members, and welcome all newcomers. Our first Parents Club meeting is on this **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** straight after assembly in the staffroom, approximately 9.15am. All newcomers are welcome to attend and find out what Parents Club is all about! You are most welcome to bring along younger siblings to our meetings, so come and enjoy a cuppa with us!

### Family Welcome Barbeque: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6.00pm

As a welcome to new and existing families a 'Family Welcome Barbeque' will be held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 6.00pm at the school, we hope to see you there.

**A note was sent home with each child today. For catering purposes, please fill out the slip and return it to the office Post box no later than 4.00pm Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Parent Club / Fundraising Committee*

## Student Banking

### Student Banking Commencement Date

Student School Banking will commence on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Your Bendigo Bank books need to be posted into our payment post box at the school office before school commences each Tuesday.

We are phasing out the Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program, therefore the school will not be taking on any new Commonwealth Bank Accounts as part of our Student banking program. Please consider changing over to the Bendigo Bank as soon as possible.

### Student Banking program for New Students

Application forms are available at the school office. Please return to White Hills Bendigo Bank Branch for processing. Please take your Birth Certificate and Medicare Card of child along with parent's driver's licence for identification purposes to our local White Hills branch on Napier St. Children with existing Bendigo Bank Accounts are also welcome to use this service.

*Thank you,*

*From your Student Banking coordinator,*

*Sam*

## Junior School News

### Prep News

#### Prep Assessment

As part of our Prep assessment program, some children and parents will be asked to attend school for a short time on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> February to complete Maths/Language assessments. This testing, lasting about half an hour, will be carried out in the Prep rooms and parents/ grandparents/ carers are welcome to quietly observe their child being tested. Please note that some children will not be required to attend these Wednesday sessions as they will be assessed on other days. If you are unable to come to your assessment time please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

#### Prep Attendance

Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays until after the long weekend in March but if your child becomes tired on other days let them have a sleep-in if necessary and bring them to school at a later time. Some parents may prefer to pick up their child at lunchtime for a rest but remember to tell the class teacher and sign your child out at the office. If you have any concerns with your child at school please see your child's teacher to arrange an interview time. Please note that for February the Prep children will be having their lunch at 1.00pm to allow them to have a playtime in the yard without the other grades. The children will return to their classrooms at 2.00pm for a quiet rest time before beginning afternoon activities.

#### Prep Information Night

An information night explaining programs undertaken by the Preps will be held, **Tuesday, 14th February**, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Grade 6 rooms. All parents are encouraged to attend this night as the classroom learning programs and how parents can assist in their child's learning will be discussed. Childcare will be available in the Prep rooms, on this night.

#### Prep Parent Chat And Cuppa

We will hold a discussion and question time for Prep parents to give you the opportunity to discuss your child's behaviour, development, separation from parents and ask questions about what is normal for a Prep child. This session will be held on **Tuesday, 7th February from 9:15am to 10:15am** in the staff room. Pre-schoolers are welcome. This will also be a time for parents to get to know each other over a cup of tea or coffee while learning about their child's development.

## **Prep Reading**

Morning Reading will be starting after the Prep Information Night on the Tuesday 14th of February. We would appreciate help from parents and grandparents, with listening to children read between 9.00-9.30am on any school day.

## **Transition Survey**

Each year our school asks parents to complete a short survey to assist us in improving our transition program for Preps. This survey will be sent home soon and we would appreciate if as many parents as possible would complete it and return it to the school office or Mrs Ellis. Thank you.

## **School Starting Time**

The school doors open at 8.50am. We ask that children do not come into the classrooms before this time as teachers are often out of the classrooms preparing for activities for the day and children will not be supervised. **Entry for Preps is through the brick area next to the Prep rooms not through the front or hall doors.**

## **Prep Lunches**

With our early lunch time, we ask that Prep children do not have lunch orders or over the counter sales at the canteen during February.

## **Grade 1 News**

*A very big welcome to all grade one students and parents. What a busy few days we have had already!*

### **Important Reminders that will help your child with their school day:**

- Some parents have kept part of their child's book pack at home. It's **really important that ALL** of the book pack is returned to school this week.
- Brain Food must be fruit or vegetables, and should be quick and easy to eat. Please do not send anything that is sticky or runny, or needs to be eaten with a spoon.
- Remember to send a water bottle with your child, especially during the warmer weather.
- Please return last year's reader bag and library bag.
- Shoes look the same! Please write your child's initials or name inside their shoes. Practice tying shoe laces or provide shoes with Velcro if your child finds this difficult.
- Readers will begin coming home in the next few days. Please listen to your child read every night, make a comment in their reader journal and ensure it is sent to school every day. ***Refer back to the information about home reading that was given out at the Parent Information Evening or sent home with your child at the end of 2016.***

*We all look forward to a wonderful 2017,  
The Grade 1 team.*

## **Grade 2 News**

*We welcome all our new and existing parents, to another exciting year of learning.  
Junior School Teachers*

## **Middle School News**

## **Grade 3 News**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to our Grade 3 families. We are looking forward to sharing this year's learning journey with you. Feel free to pop in and say hello and we look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming Welcome BBQ and Goal setting interviews.

### **Readers Home**

Students will be beginning to bring home readers this week. It would be wonderful to see families establishing a positive routine with regular home reading and signing of the diaries. Students are required to bring their reading log to school every day as they are utilised in class. Any questions see your class teacher.

### **Grade 3 Staff**

Mrs Batesman, Miss Jenkyn, Mr Gillies, Mrs Connaughton, Greg and Di are the wonderful grade three staff this year.

## Grade 4 News

Welcome to all the Grade 4 families for 2017. We are looking forward to meeting you all over the 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks. Parent helpers are always welcome in our rooms, please see your child's classroom teacher if you are able to assist in anyway.

It has been great to see all the students and new students return enthusiastic and ready to learn. We have got straight into our specialist timetables this week and library sessions will begin next week.

All classes have been doing get to know you activities and discussing rules and how a good classroom operates.

### Home Readers

Students have been able to choose home readers from their reading level tub and have been instructed in how to complete their reading journal. We encourage the students to get into a routine of trying to read for at least 10 minutes each evening; they can read to their younger siblings, to you while you cook dinner or just before going to sleep.

### Homework

Homework will begin next week. Each class will receive homework on a Thursday and it will be due back the following Thursday. Homework consists of a spelling task and a maths task. The maths task is to consolidate what has been taught in class. Homework is not meant to be a stressful event but a chance for your child to learn to be organised and self-motivated.

More Information will follow in the coming weeks about the Welcome BBQ and Goal Setting Interviews.

*We are looking forward to a fantastic year of working with you and your child.*

### Grade 4 team

Mrs Millard, Mr Sait, Mr Dickins and Miss Kirk

*Middle School Teachers*

## Upper School News

### Grade 5 News

*We welcome all our new and existing parents, to another exciting year of learning.*

### Grade 6 News

#### Homework

This year homework will be handed out on a Friday and expected to be submitted by the following Friday. We will rotate between a Maths, Literacy and ICT task, as well as a spelling task where students will practise their 5 spelling words each week. 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. Our first homework task will be handed out on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

#### Grade 6 T-Shirts

Families who ordered a Grade 6 t-shirt at the end of last year will have received their order on Wednesday. Parents and families who did not order a t-shirt last year can order one now if they wish.

**The cost per t-shirt is \$35 for children sizes 10, 12 or 14 and adult sizes XS, S or M \$35.** Order forms can be found at the school office. Orders will open Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February and will close Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. No late orders will be accepted and this will be the last opportunity for parents to buy one of these t-shirts.

*Upper School Teachers*

## After School Care Program

### Welcome To 2017:

We would like to welcome everyone back to White Hills for 2017 and hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period. An exciting time for Camp Australia this year with the addition of Before School Care opening up to families for 2017. We look forward to helping provide for your families needs with both Before School and After School Care being available for our White Hills children.

### Before School Care Is Open:

Before School Care opened up on our first day back and is open for bookings. Our service runs from 7am until 8:35am although for Term 1 our Staff do continue to be with our prep students right up until we hand them over to their teachers at 9am. We provide breakfast each morning from toast with many different spreads to cereal like Oats, Vita Brits, Corn Flakes and Rice Bubbles.

### After School Care:

After School Care program runs as per normal from 3:30pm until 6pm. For Term 1 our friendly staff meet our new preps each night and walk them over to our OSHC Room. We provide fresh fruit snack and also a second snack option from sandwiches to Rice Cakes and much more.

## Hat Reminder:

Just a reminder that we are still required to have brimmed hats at After School Care for the duration of Term 1. For our new parents you may leave a spare brimmed hat with us at all times so they can leave their school hats with their classrooms. It doesn't have to be another school hat as long as it is a suitable brimmed hat.

## Any Enquiries:

If you have any questions please feel free to either drop into our room and say hello or call us on 0402 590 272. You may also visit our webpage at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call our Customer Service on 1300 105 343.

**Before & After School Care Team: Jamie (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant), Josh and Tsanie.**

**White Hills OSHC phone: 0402 590 272**

**Camp Australia Customer Care: Phone: 1300 105 343 Email: [oshc@compaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@compaustralia.com.au)**

### NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 9 February      **Kate Campbell**  
Thursday 16 February    **Kathryn Treloar**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 3 February      **Dianne Egan**  
                                 **Kelly Adcock**  
                                 **Sam Franklin**  
Wednesday 8 February **Kristi Coller**  
                                 **Michelle Christian**  
Friday 10 February     **Jayne Norton**  
                                 **Kylee Chalmers**  
                                 **Kimberley Dean**

### UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 3 February      **Kelly Adcock**  
Tuesday 7 February    **Kath Crème**  
Friday 10 February     **Kimberley Dean**

#### Book Pack Days 2017

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 1.00pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 1.00pm

#### Opening Times 2017

**First day Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

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

*Thank you to all our volunteers during this year.  
Kim, Terri and Deb would like to wish everyone a Merry  
Christmas & Happy and safe New Year.*

**Helpers Wanted 2017** We are in urgent need of more helpers for next year. Please contact us if you can help.

#### **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*

### SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 3 February      **Katherine Debattista**  
Friday 10 February     **Katie Clark**

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

## Community News

### Players Wanted

Monday Ladies Netball Sumer Season starts Monday 6th at Bendigo Stadium games start at 9.30 am and are played school terms A free creche is provided grades from social to A grade BFL Phone Marj 54437379

### White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Night for season 2017

We welcome all current and new players for 2017 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, 4.00pm – 6.00pm.** We will be registering Teams in all junior grades. For further information visit our website or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club [whjclub@gmail.com](mailto:whjclub@gmail.com)



**The Lion King**  
Where: Stanley Avenue (Pitch 1)  
When: 10th of February  
Time: 7:30pm start  
Cost: **FREE**

The Bendigo Reads website is for families with young children.  
Find out more at:  
[www.bendigoreads.com.au](http://www.bendigoreads.com.au)

- Local early literacy programs
- Fun ways to learn through reading, talking, singing and playing
- Long term benefits of supporting your child's early literacy and language development
- Speech Pathology Drop-in clinics –where to go if you are worried about your child's language development.



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Language & Literacy Project