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

**Week 22**
- Monday 18th July: Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
- Monday 18th July: Gr 3 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 19th July: Gr 3 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 19th July: Girls Division Football
- Wednesday 20th July: Boys Division Football
- Friday 22nd July: Gr 3-6 Oral Health Forms due today
- Friday 22nd July: Chocolate Fundraiser due today 4.00pm

**Week 23**
- Monday 25th July: Head Lice follow up check 9.30am
- Monday 25th July: Gr 3 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 26th July: Gr 3 Bike Ed to Botanical Gardens
- Tuesday 26th July: Gr 6 Major Exc Note/Payment Due 4.00pm
- Monday 1st August: Prep Incursion Payments due by 4.00pm
- Monday 1st August: Gr 6 Werribee Zoo Excursion Departs 7.45am return approx. 4.45 – 5.00pm
- Monday 1st August: Prep Incursion – ‘Zoo Comes Too You’
- Monday 1st August: Grade 4 Bike Ed
- Monday 1st August: Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm
- Monday 1st August: (Math and Social)
- Tuesday 2nd August: Gr 4 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 2nd August: Gr 4 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 2nd August: Gr 4 Bike Ed
- Tuesday 2nd August: Getting Ready for School Night 6.30pm
- Tuesday 2nd August: (Language)
- Wednesday 10th August: Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym Program Payment Due 4.00pm
- Wednesday 10th August: Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
- Wednesday 10th August: Gr 4 Bike Ed
- Wednesday 10th August: Gr 4, 5 & 6 Jets Gym
- Wednesday 10th August: Gr 5 Science Week Visit to Werroona
- Wednesday 10th August: Gr 6 Transition Visit – Eaglehawk SC
- Wednesday 10th August: Grade 4 Bike Ed
- Wednesday 10th August: Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
- Mon 22nd August: Book Week
- Mon 22nd August: Gr 4, 5 & 6 Jets Gym
- Mon 22nd August: Grade 4 Bike Ed
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- Mon 22nd August: Gr 5 & 6 Jets Gym
- Mon 22nd August: Gr 2 & 3 Jets Gym
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- Mon 22nd August: Father’s/Special Person Day Stall
- Mon 22nd August: Grade 4 Bike Ed
- Mon 22nd August: Gr 1 Excursion to Ulumbra Theatre
- Mon 22nd August: Gr 3&4 Camp Final Payment Due 4pm
- Mon 22nd August: Division Athletics
- Mon 22nd August: Prep Incursion – The Zoo Comes to Youj
- Mon 22nd August: Pupil Free Day

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

**Wed 5th – Fri 7th October**
- Wed 5th October: Gr 3 Camp
- Wed 5th October: Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
- Wed 5th October: Head Lice follow up check 9.30am
- Wed 5th October: Prep Incursion- The Zoo Comes to Youj
- Wed 5th October: Pupil Free Day

**Welcome Back**

A big welcome back to Term 3, as mentioned in our last newsletter of Term 2, Damien Jenkyn is continuing in his regional role for 1 more term. I will continue in the Acting Principal role, with Corey Warne in the Acting Assistant Principal role.

**Grade 3-6 Dental Checks (BCHG)**

As was the case in Term 2 for P-2 students, Bendigo Community Health are attending our school this term to offer free dental checks for Grade 3-6 students. Consent forms were sent home this week. Please return these to your child’s classroom by Friday 22nd July to be included.

**Head Lice Program**

Just a reminder the next check is Monday 18th July.

**Keeping Kids Safe**

*From an article from “Parenthood” by Robin Barker*

The term “stranger” is difficult for children to understand. They will often describe a “stranger” as ugly or funny looking. In fact, child abusers/abductors are often pleasant looking and seemingly harmless people, who children feel comfortable with. Children need positive messages, not scary stories, about the world around them. They need to be taught safety skills that will build their self-esteem and confidence, and keep them from harm. Programs like "You Can Do It" will develop these skills. Children also need to know who they can go to for help.

**What can we do?**

*You should always know where your child is and who he/she is with. *Make sure your child knows his/her name, address and phone number. *Teach your child how to keep safe and how to get help if needed. *Emphasise that your child should never go anywhere with anyone unless you say it’s okay for them to do so. *Teach your child that if he/she becomes lost to stand and wait until someone comes looking for him/her. If he/she sees a police officer ask for help, but otherwise go to the nearest shop or speak to a mother with children and tell them what has happened. *Emphasise that, while it is okay for children to ask adults for help, it's not okay for adults to ask children for help. *Teach your child that if he/she is asked by an adult to do something that seems wrong, he/she should yell, "No!", then go immediately to a trusted adult and tell what has happened. *Practise these safety strategies by role playing situations at home.

**2017 Enrolments**

Parents are reminded that children commencing school in 2017 were to be enrolled in their school by 30th June, which allows your child to participate in all school transition programs and be visited in their pre-school setting by a Prep teacher during Terms 3 and 4. **We are still accepting enrolments, forms are available from the school office.**
**Transition – Prep Teachers visiting Pre-schools**

This term Prep teachers will be visiting pre-schools to get to know the children enrolled at our school for 2017. If you have not yet completed your enrolment form we ask that it be returned to the school office as soon as possible so that your child can be visited. Parents or older siblings can pick up enrolment forms from the school office or Mrs Ellis.

**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 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.

*Scott Ross*
*Acting Principal*

**Hip Hop**

On Sunday 26th June, 11 students from WHPS competed in the Bendigo Competition Society as part of the Bendigo Eisteddfod. The team had been learning a dance routine since the middle of Term 4 last year and performed their routine in the Primary Schools Own Choice Troup section. It would have been terrific to see other schools from the district perform, but White Hills was the only school to compete in this section. Despite this, due to the team’s hard work and evident enjoyment, the team was presented with a first place medal. I would like to thank the parents and friends who came and supported the students on the day of the competition, and throughout the rehearsal period. A huge congratulations to Tannisha M, Jayda Mc, Lydia H, Megan J, Madison L, Montanna C, Leihia C, Chloe S, Millie B, Lily K and Makayla E. You have all grown in confidence, have shown courage to perform in front of an audience and should all be very proud of yourself!

*Mrs Sam Mumford*
*Hip Hop Coordinator*

**Parent Club News**

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held **Monday 1st August** 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!

**School Fair: Friday, 4th November 4.30pm-7.30pm**

We have commenced working towards our School Fair and are currently asking for donations from local businesses for prizes and activities. If there are any families in our school community who have a business and can help out with donations of vouchers or items, can you please leave them at our school office. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

**Fair Committee Meeting**

Our first meeting to organise our school fair, will be held Monday 25th July, straight after assembly. We welcome anyone who would like to assist with the planning and preparation.

**Stall Holders**

Anyone wishing to hold a stall on the day, the cost is $20.00. Leave your contact details at the office. Please supply your own tables on the day.

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

Cadbury Fundraiser boxes were 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. 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. Thank you for your continued support.**

*Parent Club / Fundraising Committee*
Term 3 Guitar & Drum Lessons
Places are available for lessons in Guitar and Drums for this Term. Phone Drew Thorpe on 0407502438 or email drewthorpenmusic@gmail.com

Trevor Trewartha
Coordinator

Junior School News

Prep News

Prep Incursion
On Monday, 1st August, Wild Action Productions will be bringing their Australian Animal workshop to WHPS. The workshop is a safe, hands-on wildlife experience for Prep students only. Each grade will attend the workshop for an hour session. The cost of the session is $12.00 per child. This incursion and another in Term 4 will replace the Prep excursion.

Payment of $12 is to be made to the office or on Qkr before 4.00pm on Wednesday, 27th July 2016. No late payments will be accepted in accordance with WHPS policy.

NB: If you have applied and qualify for the Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund (CSEF), the cost of this incursion will be covered in full. Please contact the office for further details.

Shoes For Junior School Children
With the wet weather, in an attempt to protect our carpets, children with muddy shoes have been removing their shoes when they come to school, after recess and lunch times and placing them on a trolley near the door. This requires teachers to tie children’s shoelaces several times a day.

If your child is unable to tie their own laces and you need to buy them new shoes please consider purchasing pull on boots or shoes with Velcro that your child can put on and take off by him or herself. Please name all shoes.

Term 3 Integrated Unit
Our Term 3 unit of work will focus on Indigenous Australians and the importance of Australian animals in their culture. You may like to look for books, pictures, DVDs or information on the Internet about Indigenous Australians and Australian animals and bring them along to school to share with us.

Language Hint For The Week
When you are reading your child a bed time story ask questions about the book you are reading like-
“What can you tell me about the story from the picture?”
“What do you think will happen in the story?”

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 or you will be contacted to bring up the correct uniform for your child.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
P.M.P. will recommence on Monday 18th July. A roster for this semester was sent home the last week of Term 2. Thank you to those parents who will help us with P.M.P. this semester.

Junior School Teachers
Grade 3 News

Camp Payments
Camp payments can be made to the office or via Qkr 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. Camp must be paid in full by Tuesday, 13th September.

Oral Health Note
Oral health notes were sent home on Monday, 11th July. They should be returned by Friday, 22nd July.

Bike Education
Well done and congratulations to the students on their behaviour and participation during our first week of Bike Education. We would like to thank our parent helpers who came along and assisted with the running of an activity. We would also like to thank Matt from Cyclescape for attending our first two sessions and assisting with safety checks and bike maintenance.

Grade 4 News

Homework
Homework will be coming home on Friday. Students are expected to return their homework every Thursday or they will attend homework club.

Learning Portfolios
Hopefully you have had a chance to check out all the amazing work in student portfolios. Once portfolios have been finished with, we ask you make a positive comment and sign the bottom of the sheet and return the portfolio to school.

Bike Ed
Grade 4 Bike Ed will be the middle of Term 3. Permission notes will be sent home this Friday and we will require parent helpers to help with Bike Ed sessions. Sessions will be held between 10:00-11:00 & 12:30-1:30 on Mondays and 12:30-1:30 on Tuesdays. Notes need to be returned by Wednesday, 27th July. Also a reminder that Cyclescape have also kindly offered a gift voucher for those students who take their bikes in for the free safety check. This can be found later in the newsletter.

Oral Health Form
Oral health forms were sent home on Monday, 11th July. They should be returned by Friday, 22nd July.

Camp Payments
Camp payments can be made to the office or via Qkr 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. The amount owing after your $40 deposit is $170. You have until the 13th September to finalise payment (9 weeks).

Reading Journal
Please make sure reading journals have been signed at least once a week.
**Jets Gym**
Jets Gym will commence on 16th August and run each Tuesday for 4 weeks.

**Middle School Teachers**

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**Upper School News**

**Grade 5 News**

**Welcome Back**
We hope you all had an enjoyable break. The cold weather is well and truly here, so please remind your child to dress appropriately. All students are encouraged to wear a clearly named jumper to school to help keep them warm and comfortable. This term we hope to see LESS ABSENCES in the grade 5 area, so please be sure to keep that in mind. If you know that your child will be absent for the day, please call the school in the morning.

**MASS Measurement – Students to bring a cardboard box**
This week in math we are learning about MASS and measurement. We have asked all students to bring a cardboard box along to school by this Friday, so that we can use these for a hands-on activity. Cereal boxes, biscuit boxes, tissue boxes etc. are all great to bring along if you have any spare. Thanks in advance.

**Jets Gym Program**
Jets Gym will commence later this term. Please ensure that you have completed payments. Please see the office should you have any questions.

**Camp**
Grade 5 Camp to Phillip Island will be held in term 4. Please remember to make regular payments for this, so that you do not have to worry about a larger lump sum closer to the date.

**Homework**
All grade 5 students have been given their new homework book and Lit Circles book this week. Week 1 homework and Lit Circles reading will be due NEXT Friday, 22nd July. If students are finding the book that they have chosen for themselves to be too difficult, please encourage them to see their classroom teacher before the end of THIS WEEK so that we can change it for them. Thank you.

**Oral Health Form**
Students in grade 5 have been given a consent form for a free dental check at the school through the Bendigo Health program. The checks are simply a look in each child’s mouth to see if any referral may need to be made to the free dental service at Bendigo Health. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please sign and return your child’s permission form by Friday, 22nd July at the latest.

**Grade 6 News**

**Community Connections**
We are still looking for bright coloured tiles for our mosaic project, which we aim to begin within the next two weeks. If you know of anyone who may have whole or pieces of bright coloured tiles, please bring them in to the Grade 6 teachers. A huge thank you to parents and families who have already brought in tiles already.

**Homework**
Our regular homework routine will commence today, with homework being handed out on Thursdays and expected to be submitted the following Thursday. We will continue to rotate between a maths, literacy and ICT task, with a spelling task each week. We appreciate parents’ support with encouraging your child to maintain a regular homework routine and to ensure it is handed in every week.

**Lit Circles**
Lit Circles books were chosen on Monday and we will continue to have our session on Fridays. It is expected that students read this book at home during the week, completing the allocated pages chosen by the group by Friday. Please continue to encourage your child to complete this reading.

**Major Excursion: Werribee Open Range Zoo- Monday, 1st August**
Our major excursion to the Werribee Zoo is Monday 1st August. The cost of this excursion, which includes bus cost, entry to the zoo and activities within the zoo, is $43.00, which must be paid via Qkr or to the office by Wednesday, 27th July by 4.00pm. Your child’s permission form must be filled in and returned to your child’s classroom teacher in order to attend the excursion.

**Upper School Teachers**
**UNIFORM SHOP**

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*Opening Times 2016*

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

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**SICKBAY ROSTER**

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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, **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.

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**Community News**

We are now offering Piano, Singing & Flute as part our instrument lessons. They are taught by Elizabeth Teed, who is a fully qualified teacher (VIT) with over 20 years experience. She is passionate about music and very talented.

Hire flutes are available.

Please call Drew on 0407 502 438 for enquiries.

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**Voucher for all White Hills Primary School Students**

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**Cyclescape**

$20

GIFT VOUCHER

AND FREE KIDS BIKE SAFETY CHECK

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**TREK**

THE HOME OF TREK BICYCLES

IN BALLARAT AND BENDIGO
Thinking of giving blood?

Please review the following most common factors that will determine if you can or cannot give blood.*

Most people are able to give blood if they:
- feel fit and healthy
- are aged between 16 and 70
- weigh over 50kg

You may be temporarily unable to give blood if you:
- are on certain medications or antibiotics
- have a cold or are feeling unwell in any way
- have certain medical conditions
- changed medications
- recently had surgery
- had a piercing
- travelled since last donation
- been to the dentist

You will not be able to give blood if you:
- have visited or lived in the UK for a cumulative total of 6 months or more between 1980 and 1996
- have engaged in male to male sexual activity or other specified at risk sexual activity in the past 12 months
- have recently been pregnant or given birth
- have had a tattoo in the past 6 months
- have ever had a serious heart condition
- have ever had a serious blood disorder or disease
- have ever “used drugs” by injection or been injected with drugs not prescribed by a doctor or dentist

Before giving blood:
- drink up — in the 24 hours before donation, especially in warm weather, and have at least 3 good-sized glasses of water/juice in the 3 hours prior to your visit.
- eat up — make sure you eat something in the 3 hours before donating
- bring ID — please bring at least one form of photo identification

If you are unsure about your eligibility to give blood, call us and speak to one of our medical professionals.

* Further eligibility criteria apply.

For further information call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au