



## 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 3 2017: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Week 21

Friday 21 July

Last day to return free dental check forms

#### Week 22

Mon 24 Jul – Fri 4 Aug

Free Dental Checks

Monday 24 July

Gr 6 Major Excursion Depart 7.30am

Gr 2 Major Excursion – Depart 8.00am

**Music is Fun Band Perf Payment Due**

Music is Fun Band Performance

Thursday 27 July

**Prep Incursion Payment due 4.00pm**

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Begins**

**Cadbury fundraiser money due 4.00pm**

Friday 28 July

#### Week 23

Monday 31 July

Gr 3 Bike Ed

Head lice Check after assembly

Tuesday 1 August

Gr 3 Bike Ed

**The Zoo Comes to You Prep Incursion**

Getting Ready for School (Math/Social) 6-7pm

#### Week 24

Monday 7 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Follow up Head lice Check

Tuesday 8 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Getting Ready for School (English) 6-7pm

#### Week 25

Monday 14 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Tuesday 15 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Friday 18 August

**BLURBS Concert 9.30am-11.00am**

#### Week 26

Monday 21 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Tuesday 22 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Monday 28 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Tuesday 29 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

**Gr 1 Stargazing Night 7.30pm-8.30pm**

**Fathers/Special Persons Day Breaky 8am**

Wednesday 30 August

**Division Basketball**

Thursday 31 August

**Father's Day Stall**

Friday 1 September

**School Production–Pinocchio@ Ullumbra**

Thursday 14 September

**School Production–Pinocchio@ Ullumbra**

Friday 15 September

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Finishes today**

Tuesday 19 September

## Principal's News

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope all the children enjoyed a relaxing holiday and are ready for a fun and educational 10 weeks. All families will have received their child's first semester report at the end of last term. If families wish to speak with their child's classroom teacher about this report please do not hesitate to contact them.

## State Schools' Relief Fundraiser

On the last day of Term 2 the school held an 'Out of Uniform' day to fundraise for State Schools' Relief. State Schools' Relief supports thousands of young Victorians and their families, clothing 1 in 60 children for school each year. They remain the leading agency providing uniforms and footwear for school to students in Victorian government schools. Thanks to our school community's support in raising a total of \$620.40 towards this very worthy cause.

## 2018 Enrolments

Schools requested enrolment forms to be submitted by the end of Term 2. So far there has been 41 sibling enrolments and 19 from within our zone. The school will be taking approximately 80 enrolments in Prep in 2018. Families will be notified in early August about placements at WHPS. Families who are not successful initially will have the opportunity to be added to a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained until the end of this term and families on this list will be notified as positions become available. Waiting list positions are still allocated according to the home address and its proximity to the school. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions related to enrolment. For further information visit [Prep Information for 2018](#)

## Free Dental Checks Term 3

Next term, from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**, we have free dental health check-up visits at school. Parents wanting their kids checked, please send back the form which was sent home.

**Forms are due back Tomorrow, spare forms are available at the office.**

## Getting Ready for School Nights

Our popular 'Getting Ready for School' Nights will be held on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August (Math and Social) and Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August (English)**. These nights will assist parents in preparing their children who start school next year.

Sessions are from 6pm-7pm in the Grade 6 rooms with childcare available both nights.

## Uniform Shop Stocktake Sale



The Uniform Shop is having a sale of selected items with reduced prices. Please refer to the note and new price list sent home with all students recently.

**Please note: Sale Items are only available to purchase in store only, Qkr is not available.**

## Father's and Special Person's Breakfast

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August starting at 8.00am.

## Parent Opinion Survey

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. **It can be accessed from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.** The survey is available in English and many other languages including Karen.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September. This survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.



*Confidence  
to connect*

## Glasses for Kids program

I am pleased to advise you that our school is participating in the Glasses for Kids program.

This program is providing free vision screening, further eye testing and glasses if required, for all Prep to Year 3 students in 250 of Victoria's government schools. It has a potential to reach more than 30,000 students and is being delivered as a partnership between State Schools' Relief and its partner providers, with the support of the Department of Education and Training.



All children, regardless of their background or circumstances, should have access to high-quality services and the supports they need to thrive and prosper. Children with uncorrected vision deficiencies can experience difficulty in learning, which can lead to behavioural challenges in the classroom. Identifying and addressing vision problems early ensures students don't fall behind. Children with vision deficiencies often do not report symptoms, assuming that everyone sees the world in the same way as they do.

Screening, testing, and the provision of glasses is backed by evidence as an effective means of supporting students and their families, by helping to improve learning behaviours and leading to better schooling outcomes.

The Glasses for Kids program will give an individual vision screening to students at school. Children who require additional eye testing will either be tested onsite at the school or they will be provided with a voucher and directed to an established optometry practice for further bulk billed testing. Glasses will be dispensed for free, if needed.

The vision screening will be conducted at school by registered optometrists and trained optical staff from OneSight.

The scheduled date for screening at our school is: **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.**

Parental consent will be required for students to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary.

An information sheet for parents which outlines key details about the program will be sent home with all Prep to Year 3 students. A consent form and a brief eye health questionnaire will also be sent home and these should be returned to school, completed and signed, to enable participation in the program.

Please read the information sheet thoroughly before giving your consent to participating in the program.

## Parking Around Our School

Members of the school community and residents in the area have raised concerns regarding the safety of children at the school caused by traffic congestion and illegal parking in the area. The City Of Greater Bendigo have a number of projects and works currently underway in the White Hills area:

- Construction of the Garden for the Future (behind the school) this is due to be completed in early 2018
- Goynes Road improvement works due to be finished in August
- Installation of the new bridge in Scott Street (September 2017)
- Major upgrade of Napier Street by VicRoads to be completed in 2019
- Development of the new Botanica green residential land subdivision off Priest Street due for completion around September this year.

These have had a significant impact on parking and the number of trucks in this area.

In an attempt to find a functional solution the City of Greater Bendigo have installed no parking signs in the bays at the front of the school in Plumridge Street.

As you will have noticed if you have picked up your child/ren from school recently, the City of Greater Bendigo parking officers have been around our school to help educate the community about the new signs. The sign is shown here- The No Standing Sign (S with the line through it) indicates No Parking on school days between the hours indicated on the sign. No parking signs (large P with the line through it) allow vehicles to stop in the marked bays and pick up passengers. The driver must remain within 2 meters of the vehicle and the vehicle must leave the bay within 2 minutes of stopping. These requirements only apply within the times displayed on the signs.

If used correctly these restrictions are intended to increase turnover of parking in these bays, reducing congestion and allowing a higher number of vehicles to pull up to pick up children.

Some alternative options to avoid the congestion at 3:30pm is to pick up your child 5-10 minutes after the bell time as most cars have cleared out by this time or park in nearby streets such as Holdsworth Road, opposite the cemetery (75 metres from the crossing) or Hamelin Street, near the pool. There are always parks in these areas. Parking a distance from the school and walking the remainder of the journey or riding a bike and utilising the Bendigo Creek Linear Trail.

City of Greater Bendigo Traffic Officers and Bendigo Police will be conducting patrols of the area to ensure that all road rules are adhered to. Any parking or traffic offences that are detected may result in an infringement being issued.

It is anticipated that the **new staff carpark** will begin construction in the September school holidays with a building period of approximately 2-3 weeks. Once this is completed there will be 40-50 additional parks in surrounding streets where staff currently park.



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

**Andrew Schaeche**  
*Principal*

# Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

## Next Meeting

Please note the change of date for our next meeting is **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August** in the staff room after drop off. All newcomers are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with us.

## Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

**Return next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July by 4.00pm**

## Father's / Special Person's Day Stall – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Father's Day is fast approaching and we are seeking donations. All families are asked to please donate a gift to the value of \$2.00 per child, and drop them into the office ready for our stall.

Some gift ideas could be: chocolates, socks, hankies, pens, notepads, mugs, tools, plants/gardening, fishing tackle, sporting goods, car accessories, toiletries and novelties, etc. **Items must be new.** Please note that all gifts will be sold at \$2.00.

*If you are able to help on the day of the stall, please contact the office.*

## Woolworths Earn & Learn begins Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Please support WHPS by collecting stickers from Woolworths Supermarkets. The more stickers/points you collect, the more our students will benefit by receiving much needed educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids (MTA).

If you, your family or friends shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers at the checkout, and place them on a sticker sheet (60 stickers per sheet only please) and place them in the WHPS collection box either at your local Woolworths Supermarket, or place in the school office foyer's collection box. Please do not stick more than 60 on the sheet, as we will have to remove them. If you don't have enough room or no sticker sheet, we have more at the office, or just place the stickers as is, in the collection box (P&F Group will stick them on).

In 2015 WHPS reached 38,340 points. Our goal this year is 39,000!

**Please visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) for our progress and more information.**

*Parents & Friends Group Fundraising Committee*

## Junior School News

### Prep News

#### Letters of the Week

We have finished learning our letters BUT...

Please keep practising your sounds sheet at home from time to time to HELP those SOUNDS STICK!!

#### Incursion Notes

The Zoo Comes to You is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Please return before Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Lots of amazing Australian animals to see, touch and learn about

### Grade 2 News

#### Grade 2 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

Students will meet in their classrooms at 7.45 am, ready to leave at 8.00am. We will be returning to school at approximately 5.00p.m. Please pick your child up from the front of the school on Plumridge Street. Students only need to bring their play lunch and drink in one disposable bag, and their lunch in a separate disposable bag. Please ensure their name is clearly written on each bag.

*Junior School Teachers*

## Middle School News

### Grade 4 News

#### Bike Education

Please complete the Bike Education 2017 permission form and return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. If you are available to assist with the program please complete the parent helper slip and return it with the permission form.

#### Learning Portfolios

Please return your child's learning portfolios as soon as possible.

*Middle School Teachers*

# Upper School News

## Grade 5 News

Welcome back to Term 3. Hopefully your 2 week break has allowed you to rejuvenate after all the hard work with Learning Portfolios, the Student Led Conference and the term's work.

## Learning Portfolios

Could the Learning Portfolio's be returned so we have them ready to go for the Term 3's work samples.

## Music Is Fun

The Music is Fun performance is next **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Models

We are winding up the display of the amazing models from last term's gold unit. Could you please arrange for them to be transported home as some will be too large to go home other than by car.

## Grade 6 News

### Major Excursion- Werribee Open Range Zoo

Students in Grade 6 will travel to Werribee Open Range Zoo, in Werribee, for an educational experience on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July**. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue and teachers, along with parent helpers, will assist students during the day. Please make sure students are at school by 7.15am for a 7.30am sharp departure **from the back of the school**. The bus will return to White Hills PS approx. 4.45-5.00pm. Students will need to bring along a snack, lunch and a drink, in a small back pack to consume during the day.

## Homework

This week's homework is a Maths and spelling task, which will be handed out on Friday, and will be due back on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**. 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.

### SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 21 July                      **Hollie Spooner**  
Friday 28 July                      **Kate Howells**

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

### NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 27 July                      **Kate Campbell**  
Thursday 3 August                      **Kate Nichols**

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

### UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 21 July                      **Kimberley Dean**  
Tuesday 25 July                      **Samantha Griffin**  
Friday 28 July                      **Kelly Adcock**

**Stocktake Sale – limited stock / reduced prices**  
**Items available in shop only**

**Opening Times**

**Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm**  
***Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri***

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 21 July                      **Dianne Egan**  
   **Kimberley Dean**  
   **Jayne Norton**  
Wednesday 26 July                      **Kristi Coller**  
   **Tarra Monro**  
Friday 28 July                      **Sam Franklin**  
   **Kelly Adcock**  
   **Caroline Robinson**

### **Helpers for Term 3 Roster Desperately Needed**

**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*

## Before & After School Care Program

### Fab Legend of the Week

This week our Fab Legend of the week is Tate. Tate shows great leadership and a caring nature.

### Theme of the Week

This week we had two themes with Bat Week suggested by Abby F and Ballerina Week suggested by Aimee.

### Before & After School Care Team

**Jamie Morgan (Coordinator), Jorgia Grenfell (Assistant).**

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