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.

Purpose

Principal’s News

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 last week. Please return these to your child’s classroom by tomorrow Friday 22nd July.

Head Lice Follow up Check
A reminder the follow up checks are scheduled for Monday 25th July.
A huge thank you to the small band of volunteers who gave up their time to complete the checks last Monday, further assisting the school and parents to combat this problem.

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.

Keeping Kids Safe: Part 2
From an article from “Parenthood” by Robin Barker.

Using the Internet
Internet safety is now a major concern, particularly the possibility of children being lured and groomed by paedophiles on the internet. Other safety issues include cyber-bullying, children posting unsuitable personal images and giving out identifiable information to strangers. Here is an internet safety checklist from NetAlert.

*Talk to your family about the importance of staying safe online and the need to have an internet safety plan at home.* Keep the computer in a public area of the house so it's easier for you to supervise. * Make sure you have safety software installed on your computer. NetAlert can give you advise on what to choose. * Discuss the benefits and risks of going online with your children and reassure them that you're there to help if they get into trouble. *Create an internet-safety contract with your children and set up house rules for internet use. Teach your children to make the right decisions and increase their responsibility levels as they get older.

Building Works
During August we will have some temporary fencing and a new shed being installed near the back gate of the school. We thank parents and students for their understanding and consideration while this school improvement takes place. The new shed will house Energy Breakthrough items, maintenance items and provide some extra storage.
Congratulations to our Birthday children

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year the Department of Education complete surveys of parents designed to provide feedback to schools regarding their performance. The survey is scheduled to be conducted over the next 2 weeks. 15% of parents are randomly selected to complete the survey. If your child does bring a Parent Opinion Survey home, please complete it carefully and return it to school, as the information is valuable to continue school improvement.

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

Parent Club News

Parent Club Link on Website
We now have a Parent Club link on our school website, which you will be able to go to for information about our club and what we do.

Outdoor Movie Night 2017
Please look out for the Outdoor Movie Night 2017 Expression of interest Survey form, which went home with your child today. We would love to hear your feedback. Please return by Wednesday 8th August.

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 follow up head-lice checks. 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 Due Tomorrow
All money and unsold chocolates MUST be returned to school by tomorrow 4.00pm, Friday 22nd July. Payment can be made to the office or via QKR.
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 drewthorpemusic@gmail.com
Trevor Trewartha
Coordinator

Junior School News

Prep News
Pupil of the Week
Congratulations to Nobleson M, Lucy C, Thomas W, Ashanti C and Sonny, our ‘Prep Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and persistent in completing class activities. Well done!

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 $12.00 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.

Hint For The Week
1. **Have a set morning routine.** Kids thrive on routine and a structured morning routine will set your child up for the day, remembering that it should always include a big, nutritious breakfast. If your usual routine includes television, just be aware that children who watch TV in the morning are not in the right frame of mind for school. Instead, give your child responsibilities to increase their independence, such as making their beds or packing their own bags.

2. **Be on time every time.** Teachers love parents who respect bell times explaining that being late to school means your child walks into a lesson that is already underway. It is embarrassing for your child, they miss out on important instructions and learning and it can take them a while to settle down and focus on the lesson.

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 continue next Monday 25th July. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30 pm.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
1P – Jordan T for a positive and happy start to Term 3.
1CK – Jazmin W for her wonderful improvements with reading.
1D – Maci G for always coming to class happy and ready to learn.
1M – Lilly H for being a polite and caring friend.
**Excursion**
Notes have been sent out for our excursion to ‘Snugglepot and Cuddlepie’. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for more information.

**Learning Portfolios**
Please return these to school so we can begin preparing them for the end of the term.

**Spelling**
Changes have been made to our spelling program. Students would have received new words last week, continue to practise these with your child until books are due to be returned in week 5.

**Grade 2 News**

**Students of the Week**
2B – Jordan M for making a positive start to Term 3.
2F – Alashaa M for following the rules and expectations at school.
2G – Nikki J for being a caring and helpful class member.
2H – Analyse G for improving her understanding of information reports.

**Learning Portfolios**
We hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to view your child’s achievements from Term 2. Please ensure you complete the two stars and a wish, and return the portfolio to school as soon as possible.

**Homework**
Just a reminder that the WHPS homework policy recommends that students complete 15 minutes of reading each night as well as a weekly spelling or maths activity. Classroom teachers monitor the completion of homework each week.

**Junior School Teachers**

**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the Week**
3N – Mattia A for her great work in all areas of her studies.
3CT – Sarah LG for her maturity and organisation in the room.
3RD – Tylan R for contributing great ideas to class discussion.
3B – Oliver M for having the most amount of Dojo points in the class.

**Spelling Bee Grade 3N**
Pictured right are the winners of last week’s Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Sophie, Tyler, Sierra, Mattia and Jayden.

**Student Supplies**
It’s come to that time of the year where many students have lost or misplaced some of their school supplies, making it very difficult for them to use their class time effectively. Please check with your child to see if they still have scissors, ruler, glue stick, eraser etc. and replace the items they may have lost.

**Bike Education - Botanical Gardens Ride**
Students in 3RD and 3CT will need to bring their bikes to school on Monday and Tuesday next week as all grades will be riding to the White Hills Botanical Gardens on **Tuesday 26th July**. We will be leaving school at approximately 1.30pm, eating lunch and will be back at school by 3.00pm at the latest. Each grade will require at least one parent helper to ride over to the Botanical Gardens and back. 3B and 3N will still have their Bike Education Lesson at 11.30am prior to leaving for the Gardens.

**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**.

**Camp Medical Notes** - Please fill in and return the camp medical forms to classroom teachers as soon as possible.

**Learning Portfolios**
Please return Learning Portfolios to classrooms as soon as you have finished looking at students wonderful work samples.
Grade 4 News

Students of the week
Jordan B for demonstrating outstanding thinking during maths.
Lacey B for the enthusiasm and creative thinking she brings to the classroom.
Sophie M for a great start to Term 3, and always putting in 100%

Bike Ed
Bike Ed will begin on Monday, 1st August and run every Monday and Tuesday for 5 weeks. Permission notes were sent home last Friday and we will require parent helpers to help with Bike Ed sessions. Sessions will be held between 10.00am-11.00am & 12.30pm-1.30pm on Mondays and 12.30pm-1.30pm on Tuesdays. Notes need to be returned by next Wednesday, 27th July. Also a reminder that Cyclescope have kindly offered a gift voucher for those students who take their bikes in for a free safety check. This can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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 (8 weeks).

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.

Reading Journal
Please make sure reading journals have been signed at least once a week.

Oral Health Form
Due tomorrow Friday, 22nd July

Jets Gym
Jets Gym will commence on 16th August and run each Tuesday for 4 weeks.

Middle School Teachers

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week
5K - Brooke M for a fantastic start to the term.
5O - Reece M for his amazing effort on his information report.
5W - Baileigh WC for her impressive and more focused start to Term 3.

Lit Circles
Week one Lit Circles reading and homework is due tomorrow Friday, 22nd July. Students have also written some important notes in their diary, so please be sure to check your child’s diary.

Chocolate Fundraiser
Chocolate box money are due tomorrow Friday, 22nd July. Please be sure to return your money to the office by this date.

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.
Parent Helpers Wanted
We are in desperate need for 6 parent helpers for a Science Week activity that the grade 5 students are taking part in at Weeroona College. There will be two sessions running, one will be on Tuesday, 16th August and the other will be on Friday, 19th August. We will be needing parents to walk with us from school to Weeroona College and back again. Below are the times you would be needed:

Tuesday, 16th August - 12:15pm-3:15pm
Friday, 19th August - 9am-12pm

Anyone willing to go does not have to attend both sessions, however if you are available for both sessions and would like to help it would certainly be appreciated. Please write a note in your child’s diary for their classroom teacher if you are interested, otherwise please come speak with us directly. Thanks in advance!

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.

Camp Helpers
Last semester we sent out a call to parents who might be interested in attending our 3 day Grade 5 camp to Phillip Island from Wednesday, 7th December to Friday, 9th December.

If you are interested, please come and see Mrs Rebecca Woods by Tuesday, 2nd August.

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
6B - Mitchell G for making strong choices in the classroom.
6G - Analysse B for her great tessellation patterns in maths.
6P - Deacon S for commencing Term 3 with a concentrated effort with his work.

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 brought in tiles already.

Sewing
As well as working mosaicing in Community Connections, we will also be sewing teddy bears and other toys which will be used as ‘therapy bears’ and will be donated to a charity or organisation. We are looking for anyone who is a proficient sewer who would be available on Friday’s from 2:30-3:30pm to help our students with sewing. If you are interested please contact Jaime Gray.

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

Phys Ed News

Division Netball
Last Wednesday, 13th July, three Grade 5/6 teams represented WHPS in the Division Netball competition. One of the girls teams played in Division 1 and won 6 out of 8 games and finished up third on the ladder and just missed out on playing in the grand final. The mixed team put in a great effort and worked well together on the day. The second girls team had some very tough competition but enjoyed the challenge. All students who participated in the day represented our school well and worked really well in their teams.

Girls Football Carnival
On Tuesday 19th July, a group of Grade 6 students, along with their coach, Miss Potter, participated in the girls Football Carnival at Catholic College Bendigo in Junortoun. The girls won 4 out of 8 games and were fair and hard-working players.
Football Carnival
The White Hills Primary boy’s football team went to the football carnival at Catholic College this week. After a slow start to the day losing matches by small margins the boys listened to instructions and made big improvements. The afternoon matches were played in great spirits and each team member gave their best efforts. Congratulations to all team members and a big thankyou to all the parents that supported our team during the day.

SICKBAY ROSTER
Friday 22 July Andrea Wright
Friday 29 July Sherryn Taylor
Please collect from the office at the end of the day

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday 22 July Tammie Bourke
Tuesday 26 July Jody Austin
Friday 29 July Deb Button

Opening Times 2016
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday 28 July Kate Duncan
Thursday 04 August Kate Nichols
Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 22 July Tammie Bourke, Brent Munro, Katie McEwen
Wednesday 27 July Megan Darcy, Fiona Grant
Friday 29 July Dianne Egan, Fiona Robinson, Deb Button

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.

Community News

Athletics Bendigo

Run 7.5km starting at 10am
Run/walk 3.75km starting at 10am
DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHERO
Sashes for all sections
Free breakfast provided for all participants

ENTER AT: www.bchs.com.au
Email: macdonaldsnursery@impulse.net.au
Enquiries: Keith 5443 4644 (BH)
All proceeds to the Prostate Cancer Foundation

Bendigo MTB Womens Challenge
Where: Spring Gully Trail Network Wattle Drive, Spring Gully, Bendigo
When: Sunday 21 August 10.00am – 2.00pm, racing 11.00am – 1.00pm (BBQ provided after race)
Who: Beginners/Novice, Junior, Intermediate & Advanced
Categories: Solo, pairs, triples, junior 13-18yrs, Novice (Solo 1hr race on shorter loop)
Details: 5km Green Loop, cruise it or race it, it’s your challenge, just come ‘n’ try complete as many laps as possible in the 2 hours
Entry: www.entryzone.com.au $20 per rider, $10 junior. MTBA & Non-MTBA Members Invited, no Day Licence required as this event is proudly supported by Mountain Bike Australia.
Bendigo United Cricket Club
Junior Registration Night Friday 12th August 2016 5.00pm to 6.00pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Neale St, Kennington

Fees for 2016 are:
Under 10 T 20 blast - $99 each player, includes a Renegade’s pack
Under 12,14,16 & 18’s - $70.00 each player

New and past players Boys & Girls are most welcome; come and meet the coaches.

New online registration opens on 8th August, visit our website below for fast, easy convenience.

Recommend to register before 12th August, Online payment only. http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html

Any questions contact Jason Dean jandsdean2@bigpond.com

Voucher for all White Hills Primary School Students