



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 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Week 22

Thursday 27 July

Music is Fun Band Performance
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
Gr 3 Bike Ed
The Zoo Comes to You Prep Incursion
Getting Ready for School (Math/Social) 6-7pm
Last Day Dental Health Checks

Tuesday 1 August

Friday 4 August

Week 24

Monday 7 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed
Follow up Head lice Check
Gr 4 Bike Ed
Getting Ready for School (English) 6-7pm
P&F Meeting 9.15am in staffroom
Gr 5 Cecile Author Visit

Tuesday 8 August

Wednesday 9 August

Week 25

Monday 14 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed
Glasses for Kids Screening Program
Gr 4 Bike Ed
Jets Gym Payment due 4.00pm
Weeroona Science Week Gr 5
BLURBS Concert 9.30am-11.00am

Tuesday 15 August

Wednesday 16 August

Thursday 17 August

Friday 18 August

Week 26

Monday 21 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed
Jets Gym begins today
Gr 4 Bike Ed
Jets Gym
Jets Gym

Tuesday 22 August

Wednesday 23 August

Week 27

Monday 28 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed
Jets Gym
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Jets Gym
Jets Gym
Gr 1 Stargazing Night 7.30pm-8.30pm
Fathers/Special Persons Day Breaky 8am
Division Basketball
Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 29 August

Wednesday 30 August

Thursday 31 August

Friday 1 September

Week 28

Monday 4 September

Jets Gym
Jets Gym
Jets Gym

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Week 29

Monday 11 September

Jets Gym
Jets Gym
Jets Gym

Tuesday 12 September

Wednesday 13 September

Thursday 14 September

Friday 15 September

Week 30

Tuesday 19 September

Woolworths Earn & Learn Finishes today
Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm finish

Friday 22 September

Principal's News

Assembly this week

Congratulations to our Grade 5 assembly helpers this week Erin, Jack, Aymee and Drew who more than capably filled the void left by our student leaders who were on an excursion at Werribee Zoo.

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 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](#)

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

We have noticed that there a few parents using the staff carpark again to drop of their children off in the mornings. Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. There are parks in the 2 minute bays vacant at this time right at the front of the school, parents are to use these bays and not drive into the staff carpark area. 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.

Getting Ready for School Nights

Our popular 'Getting Ready for School' Nights will be held next **Tuesday, 1st August (Math and Social) and Tuesday, 8th 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.

Head Lice Checks

Head lice checks start again **Monday, 31st July** with follow up checks on **Monday, 7th August**.

Please do not send your child to school with an elaborate hair do as the parent helpers do not have time to re-braid etc. All girls with long hair are asked to have their hair tied back when coming to school as this helps to keep head lice at bay. A helpful hint is to use hairspray to keep back those wispy bits as this is often how head lice transfer from one person to another. *Check Calendar for future dates.*

Whole School Production Costumes

We are very much looking forward to our school musical in September this year and rehearsals have begun with enthusiasm. On Monday a letter will be sent home to all families outlining the costume hiring cost for this year's production of 'Pinocchio' to be held on Thursday 14th & Friday 15th September. The cost will be a flat rate fee of \$5.00 per student.

Parent Opinion Survey 2017

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period **from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.**

Approximately 200 parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. If you receive an invitation letter about completing the survey from the school, it would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to complete it.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. The survey results will be communicated to parents via School Council and the annual reporting process.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact me at school or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>



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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 14th 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. When 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

Students of the Week

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....
P M	Chelsea S	Trying hard with all of her work and concentrating her best	3J	Jack	His well set out procedural texts during writing
P W	Tyler S	Making a huge effort to keep his writing neat and to remember his full stops	3B	Caleb CB	Writing hard and applying himself in class
P AS	Lachlan	Making better choices about where to sit in class for best listening	3G	Haley C	Her enthusiastic start to the term
P F	Sophie D	Being a focussed worker and always doing her best	3C	Jatheal S	Making great choices for the first week back
P T	Aiden L	Doing a great job with his home reading every night	4K	Ebony H	Her improved descriptive writing and correct use of capital letters and full stops
P E	Jazmin F	Always doing her best work	4D	Jade B	Outstanding work with similes' in her reading and writing
1F	Deklan	Improved effort in the classroom	4M	Michael S	Helping Mr Day understand how the classroom runs
1B	Chase	An improvement listening to instructions when on the floor	4S	Sarah L	Being helpful to all of her peers and working hard
1D	Nakiyah C	Always working super hard to complete her homework so beautifully	5P	Ella W & Sophie M	Taking good care of Mo over the holidays
1DW	Tyler JL	Working well with his partner to create his earth collage	5W	Tahlia C	Her improved effort and behaviour in and outside of the classroom. Great job!
1P	Ethan N	Smiling when things get tough and trying very hard to finish his work	5D	Ryan T	His improved effort in writing and spelling
2CK	Lilly H	Her excellent effort when writing her procedure	6G	Cody M	Thinking outside the box with his 'Investigator' activity in Lit Circles
2M	Aaron	His entertaining rocket writing piece	6B	Emma A	Making a big effort to share her ideas in class
2B	Judd T	Writing an excellent procedural text on How to Play Tiggy	6V	Liam T	His fantastic effort and enthusiasm at the school netball on Wednesday
2F	Axel F	Great dedication in his new typing skills	Sports	Sam P	His excellent movement to music



Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

Next Meeting

Please note the change of date for our next meeting is **Wednesday 9th 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 28th July by 4.00pm

Father's / Special Person's Day Stall – Friday 1st 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 today, Thursday 27th July to Tuesday 19th 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 for our progress and more information.

Parents & Friends Group Fundraising Committee

Junior School News

Prep News

Incursion

The Zoo Comes To You is next Tuesday 1st August

Payment was due by today Thursday the 27th for those who needed to pay

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

Reminder to Name Belongings

Please make sure your child's jumpers and other belongings are clearly labelled. We have recently had a number of brand new jumpers turning up in our classrooms with no name at all.

Return Portfolios

Please return your child's portfolio as soon as possible.

Grade 1 News

Supplies

Some of our students have already used or lost their supply of glue sticks or pencils. If you have not sent all of your child's supplies along to school, please do it as soon as possible as many children are ready for their new sets of pencils.

All grade 1 classes have an exchange program in place where students can borrow scissors, pencils and glue sticks from a teacher. In order to borrow what they need, students must exchange something of their own. When they return what they have borrowed, they can take their own item back.

Star Gazing Night

We have our Star Gazing Night coming up on **Tuesday 29th August**. It is a great family night out to compliment our Inquiry unit on Space this term. An orange note has been sent home with more details, so please keep an eye out for this.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 4 News

Learning Portfolios

Please return your child's learning portfolios as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

Bike Education PERMISSION & SAFETY CHECK FORMS DUE TOMORROW

Please complete the Bike Education 2017 permission form and return to your child's classroom teacher tomorrow. If you are available to assist with the program please complete the parent helper slip and return it with the permission form.

Camp Payments

Remember to make regular camp payments. The final payment is due **Friday, 8th September by 4.00pm.**

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Production

We are now in full rehearsals each Monday for the school production. If your child has a speaking role or is a singer, can you please check they are learning their words.

Learning Portfolios

We have had a few more returned so keep them coming back please.

Homework

This Friday will be the first week of this term that homework is due back. Have a discussion with your child that they are on track for returning it on Friday. Lit. Circle books also went home last week so weekly home reading is up and running again. It was great to hear that some kids were still reading books and practising their times tables over the holidays.

Grade 6 News

Major Excursion- Werribee Open Range Zoo

On Monday, students attended Werribee Open Range Zoo. At the zoo, the students were able to explore and see the different animals in their enclosures. Students were involved in an education workshop. Here, they learnt about the threats gorillas are faced with in the wild, causing them to be endangered, and what can be done to help prevent this from happening. Also, they went on a safari tour around the open plains of the zoo. The students had a great day out, learning about a range of different animals and conservation programs.



School Netball

On Wednesday 19th July, Grade 6 students represented White Hills Primary at the school netball. Both the mixed team and the girls team played really well on the day, coming home with a couple of wins each. Well done those who were a part of the teams.



Camp

Just a reminder that our camp to Anglesea will be held on 15th-17th November. It is advisable for parents and families to start making small and regular payments over this term to avoid a larger payment closer to the date of camp.

Homework

This week's homework is a literacy and spelling task, which will be handed out on Friday, and will be due back on **Friday 4th August**. 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.

Upper School Teachers

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28 July	Sam Franklin Kelly Adcock Caroline Robinson
Wednesday 2 August	Fiona Robinson Helper needed
Friday 4 August	Kristy Rowe Heather Veitch Kylee Chalmers

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

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 28 July	Kate Howells
Friday 4 August	Samantha Griffin

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

Community News

Eaglehawk Hockey Club to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Eaglehawk Hockey Club, which is now the longest running hockey club in Bendigo, will celebrate 50 years on **5th August 2017** at The Exchange Bendigo, Shop 11 The Bendigo Bank Centre, and invites current & former players and members to attend.

Life Memberships have been awarded to Kaye Trimble and Sue Andrews, and membership now exceeds 150 males and females, playing in all age levels from 7 to 70+ years. We look forward to sharing the evening with ALL present & past members and friends, and would really appreciate the contribution of any items, past equipment, records, memorabilia, stories and photos to share. Kindly contact Kaye Trimble (03) 5443 0596, find us on Facebook, or email: eaglehawkhc@gmail.com



Knowledge - Giant Panda

The Chinese name is (大熊猫) which literally means 'big bear cat'. It is known as 'national treasure' in China. The Giant Panda is native to mountains of Western China.



Panda facts

Big Eater They are big eaters. Everyday they fill their tummies for up to 12 hours. They can eat 12 kg of bamboo in one day.
Food Their food consists of 99% bamboo and 1% grass, bulbs, some insects and fruit.
Characters They seem pretty quiet, but giant pandas can bleat, roar, growl, and honk.



Chinese character

Chinese character is one of the world's oldest writings. The earliest known scripts date back to more than 3000 years ago. They were carved on turtle shells or bones. Some Chinese characters were created from their own images, such as the word "big" in Chinese, "大". (see the right)



Today's word

big dà



UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 28 July	Kelly Adcock
Tuesday 1 August	Helper needed
Friday 4 August	Heather Veitch

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

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 3 August	Kate Nichols
Thursday 10 August	Kathryn Treloar

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

Before & After School Care Program

Fab Legend of the Week

Georgia Rose was this week's Fab Legend. Georgia Rose is always friendly and helpful towards others.

Theme of the Week

Dragon week suggested by Heath and Lego movie week suggested by Jaxon.

Before & After School Care Team

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

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