



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 23

Friday 4 August Last Day Dental Health Checks

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

P&F Meeting 9.15am in staffroom

Gr 5 Cecile Author Visit

Wednesday 9 August

[EBT Pizza Day orders due 4.00pm today](#)

Spot Schools Day Gr 5

Thursday 10 August

Friday 11 August

Week 25

Monday 14 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Glasses for Kids Screening Program

[EBT Pizza Day](#)

Tuesday 15 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Wednesday 16 August

[Jets Gym Payment due 4.00pm](#)

Thursday 17 August

[Weeroona Science Week Gr 5](#)

Friday 18 August

[BLURBS Concert 9.30am-11.00am](#)

Week 26

Monday 21 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Jets Gym begins today

Tuesday 22 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Jets Gym

Jets Gym

Wednesday 23 August

Week 27

Monday 28 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Jets Gym

Tuesday 29 August

Gr 4 Bike Ed

Jets Gym

Jets Gym

Wednesday 30 August

[Gr 1 Stargazing Night 7.30pm-8.30pm](#)

[Fathers/Special Persons Day Breaky 8am](#)

[Division Basketball](#)

[Father's Day Stall](#)

Thursday 31 August

Friday 1 September

Week 28

Monday 4 September

Jets Gym

Tuesday 5 September

Jets Gym

Wednesday 6 September

Jets Gym

Week 29

Monday 11 September

Jets Gym

Tuesday 12 September

Jets Gym

Wednesday 13 September

Jets Gym

Thursday 14 September

[School Production–Pinocchio@ Ullumbra](#)

Friday 15 September

[School Production–Pinocchio@ Ullumbra](#)

Week 30

Tuesday 19 September

[Woolworths Earn & Learn Finishes today](#)

Friday 22 September

[Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm Dismissal](#)

Term 4 2017: Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Week 31

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct

[Gr 3 Curumbene Camp](#)

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Oct

[Gr 4 Maldon Camp](#)

Week 32

Mon 16 - Fri 20 Oct

[Gr 1/2 Swimming](#)

Principal's News

2018 Enrolments

Letters have been posted to families of Prep students in 2018 regarding placements at WHPS. Families who do not get a place 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](#)

Getting Ready for School Nights

Our next 'Getting Ready for School' Night will be held next **Tuesday, 8th August (English)** from 6pm-7pm in the Grade 6 rooms with childcare available.

Follow up Head Lice Checks

Follow up checks are **Monday, 7th August**.

Thank you to our helpers who work tirelessly to conduct these checks. If you are able to assist, please contact the school office.

Whole School Production Costumes

On Monday a letter was 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.

Hand, Foot & Mouth

We have had reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth in the school. Please exclude your child from school until all blisters have dried.

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.

Energy Breakthrough Pizza Fundraiser

The Energy breakthrough team are conducting a pizza fundraising lunch on **Friday 18th August**. Families should have received an order form for this event. Last orders **Thursday 10th August 4.00pm**. (*can be ordered on Qkr*)
No late orders will be accepted.

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>

Glasses for Kids program

Thanks to those families who have a child in grades Prep-3 who have already returned their form to participate in this wonderful initiative.

The scheduled date for screening at our school is: **Monday 14th August**

Parental consent is required for students to participate in the program. An information consent form has been sent home to parents. Please return by **Friday 11th August** if you would like your child to participate in this program.

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



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to connect*



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	Athena	Always being polite and having great manners	3J	Tate	His work on his 5 times tables
P W	Tay Ra	Working very hard with all his work and always doing a great job	3B	Rhys B	Great effort in maths
P AS	Tiara CB	Fantastic work at home learning her sight words	3G	Imogen K	Putting in extra effort with her reading
P F	Scarlett H	Her wonderful work in our capacity lessons	3C	EJ G	Consistently showing enthusiasm towards his learning
P T	Ariel B	Trying hard with her reading and writing	4K	Sophie D	Improved organisational skills and being a helpful member of our room
P E	Charlie C	Great reading and writing	4D	Ashton M	Outstanding focus during all learning tasks
1F	Iris	Her beautifully neat work in class	4M	Jessica L	Consistently contributing to class discussions during shared reading
1B	Shelby	Always trying hard in school	4S	Elissa N	Creating a great blog post!
1D	Kreuzer	Working harder during language time	5P	Mikayla C	Her contributions to discussions during Guided Reading sessions
1DW	Thomas W	Listening beautifully on the mat and getting his work started straight away	5W	Noah H	His improved listening skills and effort in class
1P	Lilly-Mae A	Trying very hard to be a good friend and learning about personal space	5D	Sonny M	His improved effort in all aspects of his education
2CK	Sam G	Being a very clever money man	6G	Riley W	His participation and contributions during the educational experience at Werribee Zoo
2M	Aaron A	Being a great friend and always being willing to help others	6B	Xavier D	His mature conduct at the Werribee Zoo last week
2B	Xavier D	Writing an excellent recount about our Grade 2 excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium	6V	Alex K	Writing a descriptive and interesting information report on his house. Well done!
2F	Deon S	His excellent work on procedural text	Sports	Roman R	Excellent appreciation of Mr Scoble's humour and his great basketball skills



Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week

Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is next **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

Overdue, please return now to enable us to finalise this fundraiser.

This fundraiser is going towards further development of our playground equipment. Watch for exciting developments in the near future.

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 began last Thursday ...

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

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.

Incursion

On Tuesday we had our Australian Animal Incursion. We had a fantastic time and learnt lots.

Grade 1 News

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 3 News

The Grade 3 team would like to thank the parents and helpers who have assisted us for the last 3 weeks during our Bike Ed sessions. We have really appreciated the extra support and time that you have given these past weeks.

Grade 4 News

Camp Payments

Remember to make regular camp payments. The final payment is due **Friday, 8th September by 4.00pm**. Paying little bits at a time can prevent having to find larger amounts of money when the final payment is due.



Bike Education PERMISSION & SAFETY CHECK FORMS DUE last week

Please complete the Bike Education 2017 permission form and return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you are available to assist with the program please see Mr Dickins.

Learning Portfolios

Please return your child's learning portfolios as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. We would like to start putting work samples in them.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Music is Fun

It was an enjoyable and energetic show and those students who had parts did an amazing job with their dancing and playing an instrument. Well done with the way you rehearsed to put on a polished performance. The next performance we look forward to in August is The Blurbs.

Writers Festival

Nineteen Grade 5 students will be involved in 3 sessions on the Text Marks the Spot schools' day on **Friday 11th August**. Permission notes have been sent home with those students attending.

Science at Weeroona

On **Thursday 17th August** we will be walking to Weeroona Secondary to take part in a day of science.

Jets Gym

We will be attending the gym weekly from **Tuesday 22nd August**. Check with your child what their times are. Suitable clothing and no jewellery are essential for a safe gym lesson. Please check that payment has been made.

A busy month!

Grade 6 News

Camp

Just a reminder that our major 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 ICT and spelling task, which will be handed out on Friday, and will be due back on **Friday 11th 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

Sport News

Before & After School Care Program

Fab Legend of the Week

This week we had Denis as our Fab Legend. Denis is always supportive towards others and is learning good sharing.

Theme of the Week

Batman Week suggested by Jaxon and Baby Week suggested by Ruby.

Before & After School Care Team

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

White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272 Camp Australia

Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343 Email:

oshc@campaustralia.com.au



Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2 sets of twins, Zac & Phoebe, Liam & Ryan who are the winners in the Under 12 Div 2 section representing Bendigo.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 4 August	Kristy Rowe Heather Veitch Kylee Chalmers
Wednesday 9 August	Kate Howells Joanne Guy
Friday 11 August	Heather Veitch Kimberley Dean Dianne Egan

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 4 August	Heather Veitch
Tuesday 8 August	Kath Crème
Friday 11 August	Kimberley Dean

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 10 August	Kathryn Treloar
Thursday 17 August	Kristy Rowe

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 4 August	Samantha Griffin
Friday 11 August	Sandra Saville

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

Community News



DTM
DREW THORPE MUSIC
MUSIC & DRAMA SCHOOL

**DTM STUDENT'S GIG
2017**

SATURDAY 5TH. AUGUST
SALVATION ARMY HALL
MUNDY ST. BENDIGO
STARTS 6PM

\$5 ENTRY CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE

Enquiries drewthorpemusic@gmail.com.au
www.dtmaustralia.com.au

Bendigo United Cricket Club - Junior "meet the coaches" night
Friday 11th August 2017 5pm to 6pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms Neale St, Kennington. New and past players, boys & girls are most welcome. Come and meet the coaches!

Online registrations are now open, visit our website below for fast, easy and convenient registration.

Fees for 2017 are:

Under 10T 20 blast - \$99 each player

Under 11, 12, 14, 16 & 18's - \$70.00 each player

Under 13 and 16 Girls- No charge

For more information contact: Byron Perrin bperrin@impulse.net.au

REGISTER HERE: <http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html>

Sandhurst Cricket Club

Junior Registration and information sessions on **Wednesday 9th August 4-5pm, Thursday 10th August 4-5pm and Sunday 13th August 11am-12pm.**

Milo, T20 Blast (U10), U11, U12, U14, U16 and U18 - Boys and girls welcome.

At Grill'd Bendigo, Pall Mall Bendigo.

For more information contact Paul Henderson 0428177314.



HOMework CLUB
BEGINNING IN
AUGUST

Offering a safe space and supportive help to primary school students who need that bit of extra help.

ALL Adults have Working with Children Check. Retired teachers sharing their experience.

WEDNESDAY's from 4pm til 5:30pm
Weeroona Uniting Church @ White Hills
Napier Street (at Traffic Lights).

Once children have consent forms, we will offer to walk them from school to the church where basic Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Each family is invited to make a gold coin donation to cover costs, but its purely invitational.



MATH
SCIENCE
Social Studies
WRITING



(xiǎo xióng māo) Baby panda: A baby panda's growing process is interesting, but very difficult, because they are extremely fragile and can easily get sick.



Newborn
100g, 18cm long, tiny, blind, and pink, with few hairs



1-2 weeks old
Black patches and hairs start to grow around the eyes, ears, and shoulders.



3-6 weeks old
Black markings are fully apparent, eyes open, and they begin to crawl.



6 Months old
They begin to eat bamboo and love playing with their mothers.

Mandarin is the official language of China. According to an estimate, more than 1 billion people speak Mandarin all over the world. Two to three thousand characters will enable you to read a newspaper.



Today's character is "小" (xiǎo), which means "small or little". It is opposite in meaning to "大" (dà).

