**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.

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**Principal’s News**

**Acting Principal Role**

Recently the Department of Ed has informed us that the role Damien Jenkyn is acting in will be advertised during term 4. This means that Damien will continue at Regional Office during term 4, with myself continuing in the Principal role and Corey Warne continuing in the Assistant Principal role until the end of the 2016 school year.

**Fathers/Special Person Day Stall: Thank You**

Thank you to all the parents who helped to set up the stall on Friday and a special thanks to all the families who donated gifts. The event raised $1119 with $200 from this being donated to the research into Prostate Cancer.

**Sun Smart Reminder (Hats)**

A reminder to parents the schools Sun Smart policy requires students to wear hats from **Thursday 1st September**. All students should now be wearing their broad brimmed hats outdoors. Hats can be purchased from the school uniform shop for $10. From Monday all students without hats will need to be under the hat tree during breaks.

**Out of Uniform ‘Footy Colours’ Day**

Money raised on **Friday, 16th September**, last day of Term 3, will be forwarded to the State Schools Relief Winter Appeal. With the increasing demands on State Schools Relief for uniforms and footwear White Hills Primary School will continue to be a ‘Supporter School’. Children should wear their footy colours. **Each student participating is asked to consider a gold coin donation towards this important appeal on the day.**

**End of Term Dismissal**

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on **Friday, 16th September**. We will have lunch from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, but due to Department of Education regulations we are unable to dismiss students until 2.30pm. However, parents may collect children at 1.30pm if they wish, but they MUST be signed out at the office. There will be no canteen orders, uniform shop, or breakfast club on the final day of term.

Term 4 commences on Monday, 3rd October.

**2017 Prep Familiarisation Days – 8th & 9th Nov**

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**School Fair**

For latest information, please see Parent Club News

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**Calendar of Events**

### Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September

**Week 29**

- **Thursday 8th September**
  - Parent Club Meeting
  - Gr 3 Camp

- **Friday 9th September**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
  - Prep Swimming
  - Gr 3 Town Walk Payment Due 4pm

**Week 30**

- **Monday 12th September**
  - Prep Familiarisation Days

- **Monday 13th September**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Tuesday 13th September**
  - Prep Swimming

- **Wednesday 14th September**
  - Prep Swimming

- **Thursday 15th September**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 16th September**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

**Week 31**

- **Monday 3rd October**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Wednesday 5th – Fri 7th October**
  - Prep Familiarisation Days

**Week 32**

- **Monday 10th October**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Tuesday 11th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 12th October**
  - Prep Swimming

- **Thursday 13th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 33**

- **Monday 17th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 19th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 20th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 34**

- **Friday 21st October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 22nd October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 35**

- **Monday 31st October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Tuesday 1st November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 2nd November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 3rd November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 4th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 36**

- **Friday 11th November**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Friday 18th November**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Friday 25th November**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Friday 2nd December**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Friday 9th December**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

- **Friday 16th December**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

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

**Week 31**

- **Monday 3rd October**
  - Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
  - Prep Swimming
  - Gr 3 Town Walk Payment Due 4pm

- **Wednesday 5th October**
  - Prep Swimming

- **Friday 7th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym
  - Prep Swimming

- **Monday 10th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 12th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 13th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 14th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 32**

- **Monday 17th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 19th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 20th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 21st October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 33**

- **Monday 24th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 26th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 27th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 28th October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 34**

- **Monday 31st October**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 2nd November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 3rd November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 4th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 35**

- **Monday 7th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 9th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 10th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 11th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

**Week 36**

- **Monday 14th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Wednesday 16th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Thursday 17th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

- **Friday 18th November**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Jets Gym

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**Prep Familiarisation Days**

Our first Prep Familiarisation Days for children commencing school in 2017 will be held on **Tuesday, 8th November** and **Wednesday, 9th November** from 9.45am to 11.45am. These visits will consist of stories, making activities and play sessions both inside the classrooms and in the outside play area. Children will be allocated one of these days to attend school so they can spend some time practising being Preps in readiness for next year. Remember to bring a hat because if the weather is fine we will be spending some time outside.

Our second Familiarisation Days will be held on **Tuesday, 22nd November** and **Wednesday, 23rd November**, from 9.45am to 11.45am. Notices with full details of our first Familiarisation Day will be distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents by the start of next term. If you do not receive a note please contact Jan Ellis. We ask that your child attends school on the allocated Familiarisation Day they receive, as children enrolled at White Hills Primary, will attend in smaller groups over the two days to help them feel comfortable in their new school environment. Please do not change your day to another session as this results in an imbalance of student numbers.

**Five Steps To Prevent Obesity In Children**

1. A healthy lunch box of foods from the five food groups provides essential nutrients : breads and cereals, fruit, vegetables, meat and meat alternatives, dairy and dairy alternatives.
2. Avoid high calorie, high sugar, high fat and low fibre foods and drinks.
3. Limit the amount of money children are given to spend at school or on the way home.
4. Make sure afternoon snacks are nutritious, not just high in energy.
5. Encourage your child to do something active each day, such as a hobby, games or sport.

*Source: The Department of Health*

### Parent Club News

**End of Term Lunch**

All parents are welcome to attend our end of term lunch on the last day, Friday 16 September, at the Wellington from 12.00 noon.

**Father's Day Thank You**

A special thank you to all those who donated gifts to our Father’s Day / Special Person Stall and to those who donated extras which allowed every child to purchase a gift for their special person.

*Pictured right, our mothers wrapping/packing presents!*

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held **Monday 3rd October** in the staffroom after assembly. We will also be discussing the preparation of our school fair after our general meeting. 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.

**Wanted**

We are seeking a volunteer face painter for our fair, someone starting out or a semi-professional. Please contact a parent club member or leave your details and a description of your capabilities at the school office.

**Raffle Tickets**

Raffle books for the school fair raffle will be sent home with the eldest child next week. They will be due back on Friday 21 October 4.00pm.

**Grade Donations Required**

A school donations flyer will be sent home this Friday with your child. *Please look out for this information.*

**Stall Holders**

Anyone wishing to hold a stall on the day, the cost is $20.00. Please note that we don’t permit you to sell drinks of any kind. Leave your contact details at the office. Please supply your own tables on the day.

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser Overdue**

Please return money and unsold chocolates today, so that we can finalise this fundraiser. Payment can be made to the office or via QKR.
First Aid
Spring has sprung and so has hay fever. We have already had several cases of hay fever at the school with children coming to the sick bay with swollen, red eyes. Some of the symptoms include:

- sneezing
- a runny or stuffy nose
- itchy ears, nose and throat
- red, itchy or watery eyes
- headaches

In some cases, the symptoms of hay fever can be so severe that a person can’t sleep or concentrate, and may feel tired or unwell.

If your child suffers from hay fever, please bring some Antihistamine to the school, clearly labelled with your child’s name, grade and dosage required. A permission note should also be attached. All medication is to be handed in to the office, NOT kept in school bags.

Please let us know if your child has already had their medicine that morning.

Sabina Riordan
First Aid Coordinator

Energy Breakthrough Fundraiser
Our second fundraiser is a night out at the Bendigo Stadium where ordering a meal will raise much needed funds for the EBT team. If you would like a night off cooking, with some great company, get a group together for Thursday 15th September, 6.00pm onwards. Please let Roger, Elaine or any of the parents of the EBT team know if you are able to come to this fundraiser event, by Monday, 12th September. The whole school and wider community is welcome to support this event.

Elaine, Roger, EBT team

Prep News
Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Jaxon, Cody, Cooper, William and Alex, our ‘Prep Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and persistent in completing class activities. Well done!

Prep Gym
The Prep children are really enjoying their time at gym and are learning lots of new skills. They will have their last session at Jet’s Gym next Monday 12th September.

Holiday For Chirpy
If anyone is able to bird sit Yellow Room’s bird, Chirpy, over the school holidays could they please see Mrs Ellis? Her cat just loves looking at Chirpy and licking her lips, so she needs a bird sitter. Thank you.

Hint For The Week
Encourage your child to dramatise favourite stories, fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Get out the dress-ups and props to put on a concert for family members.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
1P – Lexie for her enthusiasm towards learning and her interest in learning about different planets.
1CK – Ryan for working very hard in class.
1D – Evan for being a great friend to others.
1M – Matisse for writing a great cinquain poem about a cat.

Jets Gym
Our last session at Jets Gym will be on Monday 12th September. Some changes may be made to recess and lunch times on Mondays to work around our gym sessions.

**Learning Portfolios**

Please return these to school with the completed two stars and a wish form to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. We will be sending portfolios home next week.

**Sports Day**

On Wednesday 5th October students P-2 will have our Athletics morning. A note will be coming home to let you know what colour team your child will be in. It would be great to see the students dressed in team colours on the day to help develop team spirit!

**Swimming**

Swimming takes place for all students from Monday 31st October until Friday 4th November. A note will be coming home shortly for parents to complete. This will assist the YMCA to place your child in the appropriate class for lessons. Please return this as soon as you have completed it.

**Grade 2 News**

**Students of the Week**

2F – Brodi S for trying his best to listen to the instructions.
2B – Blake W-D for displaying confidence at gym.
2G – Breanna L for her confidence in maths and achieving some excellent results.
2H – Darcy H for his outstanding attitude and enthusiasm in all areas of his schooling.

**Learning Portfolio**

This is the last call for learning portfolios to be brought back to school as teachers need them to show case student’s term 3 work. If these are still at home please send them back to school as soon as possible.

**Junior School Athletic Sports**

A reminder that due to the junior school athletic sport being cancel because of bad weather earlier in term 3, we will be holding this event at the beginning of Term 4. A note outlining the details has been sent home today.

**Under the sea songs, poems and plays performance**

All Grade 2 students have been working hard this term to practise under the sea songs, poems and plays as per our speaking and listening component in Integrated studies. We will be performing these in front of our Grade 1’s on Thursday 15th September. There will be two performance times

2B&F will perform from 9.15am – 11.00am
2G&H will perform from 11.45am – 13.00pm

This will be held in our building, parents are more than welcome to come along and watch.

**Grade 2 work**

This week Grade 2 students have been working on understanding multiplications and using different strategies when trying to solve these problems.

**Parents Please Provide**

The children in Grade 2B and 2F are learning to write letters. Could you please provide a stamp for your child so they can post you their letter home.

*Thanks Sue and Jeanine*
Middle School News

**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the Week**
3B – Tyler M for displaying a growth mindset in maths.
3N – Charlize L for all her hard work in class and being a great friend.
3CT – Tristan P for his maturity and effort in class.
3CT – Emerson B for excellent reading in class.
3RD – Ashton M for his enthusiastic participation at Jets Gym.

**Jets Gym**
Grade 3 students will be back at gym tomorrow. **Friday 9th** and again on the **16th**. Students in 3CT and 3N do not return back to school from gym until 2.00pm. We are asking students in those grades **not** to have lunch orders on these days as we’re not back to school in time to collect them from the canteen.

**Camp Curumbene**
Camp meetings are currently being held and students are getting very excited. A clothing list went home last week outlining everything children are required to bring to camp. If you didn’t receive one please see your child’s teacher.

**Camp Payments**
Thank you to everyone who has already paid for camp in full. Notes went home on Tuesday to families that still had a balance remaining. Camp must be paid in full by **Tuesday, 13th September**.

**No Hat, No Play**
As per the school’s Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat to school as of today the 1st September. Students who do not bring an appropriate hat to school are required to sit under the hat tree during recess and lunch.

**Bendigo Town Walk**
Notes went home on Monday about our Bendigo Town Walk being held in Term 4. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist on the day.

**Grade 4 News**

**Students of the week**
4M - Eddie G for his problem solving skills during his science experiment.
4G - Bailey S for great contributions in Guided Reading.
4T - Cooper L for doing a great job comparing and contrasting two characters.

**BIKE ED: Ride to the Botanical Gardens**
The conclusion to our Bike Ed program was the ride to the Botanic gardens on Monday which was a great success. The students did a great job of riding as a big group and completing the different activities at the gardens.
THANK YOU to all the parent helpers, Matt from Cyclescape and Brad from the gardens for allowing us to do this activity. Please keep encouraging your child to keep practising the skills they have learnt so they are ready for camp.
Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Camp is fast approaching and we require final payments by Tuesday 13th September 4pm. These payments can be made at the office (cash or EFTPOS) or via the QKR app.

**Excursion: Tuesday 18th October**

Green excursion notes were sent home on Friday. This payment is not due until after the holidays on **Thursday 13th October**. This excursion ties in with our Term 4 environment topic.

Upper School News

**Grade 5 News**

**Students of the Week**

5K - Aaron S for his effort when writing his procedural text on natural disasters.
5O - Tannisha M for being a positive, helpful and caring member of the class.
5W - Zoe KB for her positivity and improved effort in her work.

**Integrated Projects**

Integrated projects are due this Friday, 9th September. Students have had ample time over a 5 week period to complete 4 tasks within class time.

**Diaries**

Notes may have been written in diaries in regards to camp payments. Please ensure that you are continuing to make payments this term and into next. The final camp payment is due on **Tuesday, 22nd November**. Please see the office if you are unsure of your balance owing.

**Hats On**

Students have started wearing their hats again, in line with our SunSmart policy. Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat for their break time outside. Hats can be purchased from the school’s uniform shop.

**Last Day of Term 3 Activity**

Next **Friday, 16th September** is our last day of term. There will be a ‘Footy Colours Dress Up Day’ on this day, with students out of uniform donating a gold coin. Students will be dismissed early at 2.30pm. If you wish to collect your child early on this day, please do so before the start of lunch or at the start of lunch. This makes it easier for you to find your child.

**Grade 6 News**

**Students of the Week**

6B - Taylor M for taking a lead in our new classroom goals.
6G - Floyd V for working really hard in class all week. Fantastic effort!
6P - Nick D for effort made with organising an activity for his inquiry.

**Homework**

This week’s homework will be an ICT task and was handed out today. This is expected to be submitted by next **Thursday, 15th September** and will be our last piece of homework for Term 3. We appreciate parents continuing to support and emphasise the importance of adhering to a regular homework routine.

**Anglesea Camp**

As parents are aware, our school camp is taking place from **Wednesday 23rd - 25th November** at Burnside Camp in Anglesea. Although this is still a while away, we encourage parents and families to make regular payments to avoid paying a large sum by the due date. The final balance is due on **Wednesday 9th November by 4.00pm**.

**WCB Performance Rehearsal**

On **Monday 12th September**, all Grade 6 students will be walking to Weeroona College Bendigo to watch the rehearsal for their whole school production. We will be leaving WHPS by 9.30am and returning by 12.30pm.
**WCB Enrolment Forms**

There are still a number of families who have yet to return their enrolment forms to Weeroona College Bendigo. This document is extremely important as it ensures your child’s placement in Year 7. If you have not posted this back to WCB, please bring it in to Jaime Gray as soon as possible.

**Our Theme of the Week**

Our theme of the week this week was Planet Week which suggested by Sophie. Throughout the week the children have been making things in art & craft to do with space such as planets, rocket ships, spaceships, stars and aliens. We also had many colouring pages of all the planets for the children to have fun colouring in.

**Fab Legend of the Week**

Our Fab Legend of the Week this week was Riley. Riley has been working really hard improving his Time Management and has also shown strong leadership and communication skills in the past week. Riley really enjoys attending OSCHC and gives everything a try. Congratulations Riley and keep up the awesome work.

**Consider OSCHC for your Child?**

We always encourage families to drop into OSCHC and have a look to see what fun we get up to. In After School Care our children are always kept busy with indoor activities from art and craft to construction and we get outside for ball games and playground time. We also have Fruit snack and second snack. Come and have a chat with our friendly staff for more information.

**Holiday Club Bookings**

Almost holidays here again. Once again we have two locations with Kennington and Golden Square Primary Schools available for you to choose. Plenty of fun to be had with excursions and incursions. For more information or to book in early please visit the Camp Australia website or call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 between 8am—6pm Monday to Friday.

**After School Care Team**: Jamie, Eilish, Tracy, Jenna, Jake, Josh and Jorgia.

**White Hills OSCHC phone**: 0402 590 272

**Camp Australia Customer Care**: Phone: 1300 105 343   Email: oshc@campaustralia.com.au

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

- Friday 9 September: Deb Button
- Tuesday 13 September: Kelly Adcock
- Friday 16 September: Closed

**Changed Price List**

A new price list will take place at the start of Term 4. Due to supply increases, some items have gone up $1 or $2.

**Opening Times 2016**

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

Kim Engi, Terri Massese & Deb Button

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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

- Thursday 15 September: Kate Duncan
- Thursday 06 October: Fiona Grant

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

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**SICKBAY ROSTER**

- Friday 9 September: Kate Jongebloed
- Friday 16 September: Rochelle Cossar

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Friday 9 September: Sam Franklin
- Tuesday 13 September: Deb Button
- Wednesday 14 September: Katie McEwan
- Friday 16 September: Closed

**Helpers Wanted**

We are in urgent need of more helpers for our Term 4 rosters. Please contact us if you can help.

**Please note** that there is no honeycomb milk available, vanilla is now available in its place.

**Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm**

Orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag unless ordered through Oqr. (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