**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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### Calendar of Events

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

**Week 30**
- Thursday 15th September: EBT Fundraiser 6.00pm
- Friday 16th September: No Breakfast Club today
- Friday 16th September: Prep Swimming Payment Due
- Friday 16th September: Footy Colours Day Out of Uniform Day – Gold Coin Donation
- Friday 16th September: Canteen & Uniform Shop Closed
- Friday 16th September: Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

#### Week 31
- Monday 3rd October
- Wed 5th – Fri 7th October
- Wed 5th October

#### Week 32
- Monday 10th October
- Monday 10th October
- Tuesday 11th October
- Tuesday 11th October
- Wednesday 11th October
- Thursday 13th October
- Thursday 13th October

#### Week 33
- Monday 17th October
- Monday 17th October
- Tuesday 18th October
- Wednesday 18th October
- Thursday 20th October
- Friday 21st October
- Friday 21st October

#### Week 34
- Tuesday 25th October
- Wednesday 26th October

#### Week 35
- Monday 31st October
- Tuesday 1st November
- Wednesday 2nd November
- Thursday 3rd November
- Thursday 3rd November
- Friday 4th November
- Friday 4th November

#### Week 36
- Tuesday 8th November
- Wednesday 9th November
- Tuesday 22nd November
- Tuesday 22nd November
- Wednesday 23rd November
- Wed 23rd – Fri 25th Nov
- Wed 7th – Fri 9th December
- Thursday 15th December
- Tuesday 20th December
- Tuesday 20th December
- Tuesday 20th December

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### Principal’s News

**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 uniform 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.**

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**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.

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**School Payment Policies**

A reminder to parents about our Camps and Excursions payment policies. As is clearly stated within these policies payments are due 2 weeks prior to a camp and 2 school days prior to a performance or excursion. Many reminders are provided and we appreciate parents working hard to have payments finalized by the due date.

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**Headlice Checks**

Note regarding headlice checks went home this week. The school works hard to try and stay on top of this ongoing problem and understands how frustrating it can be as a parent. Please take the time to check for headlice over the holidays, school checks will be conducted at the start of Week 2 next term.

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**New Playground**

As part of our ongoing ground works the school have engaged Imagination Play to build a new playground to replace the turnover bars and monkey bars next to the new shed. This new playground should be installed before the end of Term 4.

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**Scott Ross**

**Acting Principal**
**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.

**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.

**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 this week. They will be due back on Friday 21st 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.

**Parent Club News**

**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

Junior School News

Prep News

Pupils of the Week
Congratulations to Bullion, Ryan, Ava, Heath and Jaida, our Prep pupils of the week for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and persistent in completing class activities. Well done!

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Head Lice
Over the holidays, we ask that all parents check their child/children’s head for head-lice so we can lessen the number of children with head-lice next term. Choose a time and day each week to check your child’s hair so you remember to do it, eg Friday afternoons or before washing your child’s hair. Checks are easier in the sunlight and if you wear a strong pair of reading glasses to magnify the little critters. Check your child’s hair at least once a week and treat it if necessary, remembering that if one child in the family has head-lice you will need to treat all your family. Reinfestation occurs if the eggs are not carefully removed from the hair. This is best done by scrapping your finger nails along the individual strands. If you find head-lice/eggs in your child’s hair, a second treatment must be done a week later as eggs not killed and left will hatch causing reinfection.

If every parent in our school checked their child’s hair weekly, and treated their children over the holidays, head-lice will be a lot easier to control at school.

Prep ‘INSECT-A-MANIA’ Mini Beasts Incursion
On Monday, 17th of October, Wild Action Productions will be bringing their ‘Insect-A-Mania’ Mini beast 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 $11.00 per child. Payment of $11 is to be made to the office or on Qkr before 4pm on Wednesday, 12th October 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 may be covered in full. A note with further details was sent home last week. Please check with the office if unsure.

Thank You
A special thankyou to the wonderful parents who have helped us in so many ways this Term. We look forward to your continued support during next term.

We wish all our children and their parents a safe, happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school refreshed and ready for a busy final Term of learning for 2016.

Football Colours Day
Football Colours Day will be held tomorrow, the last day of term. Children are asked to wear footy clothes or clothes in the colour of their favourite football team on this day. No football or soccer shoes please.

Hint for the Week
Keep reading, writing and counting at home during the holidays. This is the time when children can slip back in their Language and Maths work and we suggest that you encourage your child to count, write numbers, read, visit the Library and write journals and letters throughout the holidays, to help maintain the excellent level attained so far by our pupils.
Junior School Sports
On Wednesday, October 5th, Prep students will participate in a mini athletics morning. Notes have been sent home with a team colour on it for your child to wear on this day.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep swimming program will be held on the 10th, 11th, 13th, 19th and 21st October, at the Eaglehawk Leisure Centre, YMCA indoor heated pool. The program will consist of five 40 minute sessions based on the development of swimming and water safety skills and will be overseen by Aust Swim trained instructors. Students will work in graded ability groups to enable all skill levels to be specifically targeted. The cost for this program is covered if you have pre-paid for Special Events, have qualified for the state government Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). Contact the school office on 54430799 for further details.

However, if you have not yet paid, the cost is $53.00 per child.
This payment is due before 4pm on Wednesday, 5th October. As per the school’s Excursions policy, late payments will not be accepted.
Cash or EFTPOS payment can be made at the school office or pay online via the school’s QkR smartphone app.

Tips for Reading to Children
* As part of a routine, read aloud daily for at least 10 minutes. *Read three or four short stories daily. If your child loves a book, read it repeatedly. *Various books are suitable, including picture and beginners’ ones, especially those with rhyme. *Read with expression, feeling and animation. *Let children laugh at and sing about words.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
1P – Ebony J for her resilience when walking across the beam at gym.
1CK – Kacey for her writing about cause and effect.
1D – Aaron for his persistence when using the beam at gym.
1M – Keeble for improvements in his writing.

Learning Portfolios
These went home on Monday. Please take the time to look through them with your child.

Sports Day
On Wednesday the 5th of October students P-2 will have our Athletics morning. A note has been sent 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 the 31st of October until Friday 4th of 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.

Homework
This term homework books will have a Maths focus. Different problem solving activities will be added weekly. These will be great for the whole family to help with!

Snugglepot and Cuddlepie
We all had a fabulous time at Ulumbarra theatre last week. The students really enjoyed seeing the characters we had been reading and learning about come to life.

The Grade One Team

Grade 2 News
Students of the Week
2F – Alivia H for always completing her spelling homework and doing an amazing job.
2B – Nate M for using his reading strategies and working very hard.
2G – Aris W for his improved effort in maths & listening more carefully to instructions.
2H – Tayden S for clearly listening during gym instructions and falling safely.

Junior School Teachers
Grade 3 News

Students of the Week
3N - Lucy W for the terrific work she has been doing in maths.
3CT - Sarah K for being helpful in the classroom.
3RD - Jacob L for always putting in 100% and having a growth mindset when completing work.
3B - Jade B for being a kind and friendly member of 3B.

Jets Gym
Grade 3 students will have their final session at Jet’s Gym tomorrow, Friday the 16th. Students in 3CT and 3N do not return back to school gym until 2.00pm. If you are planning on signing your child out early on this day it will need to be after they return at 2.00pm.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios went home with your child on Monday. Please take the time to look over their work samples, remember to sign and return to school early next term.

Camp Curumbene
Students who are not attending camp are still required to come to school. Teachers will have activities prepared for them and they will be working in other classrooms within the school.

Bendigo Town Walk Excursion
Don’t forget to return notes for our Bendigo Town Walk excursion next term. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist on the excursion.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to these students of the week.
4M - Max M for his improved effort and participation in class discussions.
4G - Alyssa M for her great thinking in maths.
4T - Harry B for his great effort and participation in our bike ride to the Botanic Gardens.

Camp
Camp payments have now closed. We will send home a short reminder note about arrangements for the Wednesday (5th Oct) on the 1st Tuesday of Term 4. We are looking forward to putting into practice all the riding skills the students have learnt during the Bike Ed sessions, especially the on road skills. Keep riding over the holidays.

Excursion Tuesday 18th October- CERES Melbourne
This payment is not due until after the holidays (Thursday 13th October). This excursion ties in with our Term 4 environment topic.

Learning Portfolios
These came home on Monday, please take the time to discuss the work with your child and we appreciate a positive comment about their work. Please also sign the sheet as this shows us that they have given the portfolio to you to look at.

Alpha - The Little Mermaid
The students enjoyed watching the performance from the Alpha Crew this week.

Gym
Many students have shown great improvement in their gym skills and core strength during the 4 sessions of gym.

Holidays
Thanks again to all the parents that have assisted in the classroom or at Bike Ed sessions during this term. We really appreciate your support. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back healthy and rested.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

5K - Abbey D for her great work on her Integrated project.
5O - Tahlia B for her improved efforts in class.
5W - Makayla E for her excellent brochure for her Integrate project.

Reminders

Grade 5 Integrated projects were due last Friday, 9th September. Please check your child’s diary to see if there is a note from their teacher in regards to late work, or if there has been no submissions of work from your child.

Learning Portfolios were sent home on Monday, 12th September. Please read through your child’s work, see their reflection and return the learning portfolio by this Friday. This ensures that we have all portfolios ready to go for next term.

Our last day of term is this Friday, 16th September. School will finish early at 2:30pm. If you wish to collect your child early, please do so at the start of lunch (1:30pm).

Footy Colours Day is this Friday, 16th September. If your child wishes to dress in footy colours, there will be a gold coin donation.

If your child has any overdue library books, please have a look for them this week and over the holidays. If you cannot find the missing books, please speak with Anne Morrison (Library Coordinator) at school to arrange a replacement or payment.

The grade 5 teachers will have their planning day this Friday, 16th September. Students in grade 5 will have their specialist teachers and lessons for the day, so will not need to bring their diaries/books to school. They will require their pencil case and netbook.

There will be no lunch orders, canteen, or Breakfast Club this Friday, 16th September.

Please remember to continue making camp payments at the start of term 4. Our camp will be held at the start of December next term. More details will be handed out to students in Week 1 of Term 4, so please keep an eye out for that.

Have a safe and relaxing Spring break! See you all in two weeks, refreshed and ready to go.

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

6B - Jay Smith for a much improved homework routine.
6G - Lily Pearce for being a polite and helpful member of our class.
6P - Moo Law Eh for the improvement she is showing in her written work.

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 4pm.

WCB Performance Rehearsal

On Monday 12th September, all grade 6 students walked to Weeroona College Bendigo to watch their dress rehearsal of their production, ‘Aladdin’. The performance went for about 90 minutes and it was great to see some ex-WHPS students in lead roles!
**Our Theme of the Week**
We had two themes this final week of term Term 3. We had Pokémon Week suggested by Tate and Footy Week suggested by staff. For Pokémon Week we had a few pokémon hunts both inside and outside the OSHC room plus a pokémon drawing and colouring competition. For Footy Week the children brought their favourite footy team scarfs, beanies, jumpers and badges to wear throughout the week and we held a drawing and colouring footy competition. Winners will be announced first week back of Term 4.

**Fab Legend of the Week**
This week we were happy to announce Gracey as our Fab Legend of the week for the last week before the holidays. Gracey can't get enough of OSHC and is very much liked and respected by the OSHC children. Gracey is always wanting to help out other children and staff and is awesome at our cleaning up challenge.

**Considering OSHC for your Child?**
We always encourage families to drop into OSHC 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 Program**

**Walk to School in October**
This October, our school is participating in VicHealth’s Walk to School program, a month long activity that encourages children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school every day.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking a part of their daily routine as walking is fantastic for improving fitness, friendships and confidence. Walk to School is free, fun and there are fantastic prizes for schools up for grabs.

Community Room Art Project
Grade 2F created a canvas for the Bendigo Police Station. Well done 2F

Mrs. Watchman Art Specialist