## Calendar of Events

### Term 4 Monday 5th October - Friday 18th December

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**Week 32**

- Monday 12th October: Chinese Students Arrive
- Tuesday 13th October: Parent Club Meeting in staffroom 9.15am
- Wednesday 14th October: Gr 6 Transition Day to Weeroona 11.30am
- Thursday 15th October: Prep Minibeast Incursion Payment due 4pm
- Friday 16th October: White Hills PS 30th Anniversary
  - Scholastic By One Get One Free Book Fair
  - Gr 3 & Gr 4 Excursion: Bendigo Town Walk
  - Bendigo Cup Day Holiday
  - Gr 3 Major Excursion-Bendigo Town Walk
  - Music Count Us In
  - Gr 1/2 Swimming payment due 4.00pm

**Week 33**

- Monday 19th October: School Council Meeting 7.00pm
- Tuesday 20th October: Prep Minibeast Incursion 9.30am-12.30am
- Wednesday 21st October: Gr 3 Major Excursion Payment by 4.00pm
- Thursday 22nd October: 30 Year Anniversary & Multi Age Day

**Week 34**

- Wednesday 28th October: Gr 3 Camp Payment due 4.00pm
- Thursday 29th October: Gr 3 Camp Payment due 4.00pm
- Friday 30th October: Gr 4 Major Excursion Payment by 4.00pm

**Week 35**

- Mon 2nd – Fri 6th November: Gr 1/2 Swimming Program
- Tuesday 3 November: 2016 Prep Familiarisation Day
- Wednesday 4 November: 2016 Prep Familiarisation Day
- Thursday 5 November: Gr 4 Major Excursion Payment by 4.00pm

**Week 36**

- Tuesday 10th November: Gr 4 Major Excursion (CERES Enviro Park)
- Wednesday 11th November: Gr 6 Camp Payment due 4.00pm

**Week 37**

- Tuesday 17th November: 2016 Prep Familiarisation Day
- Wednesday 18th November: 2016 Prep Familiarisation Day
- Thurs 19th – Sat 21st Nov: Energy Breakthrough Maryborough

**Week 38**

- Wednesday 25th November: Gr 5 Camp Payment due 4.00pm
- Wed 25th – Fri 27th Nov: Gr 6 Anglesea Camp

**Week 39**

- Monday 30th November: Gr 6 Health & Human Session

**Week 40**

- Tuesday 8th December: Orientation Day
- Wednesday 9th December: Weeroona College Awards Night
- Wed 9th – Fri 11th Dec: Gr 5 Phillip Island Camp
- Thursday 10th December: Gr 5 Camp
- Friday 11th December: Gr 2 Sleepover

**Week 41**

- Tuesday 15th December: Eaglehawk SC Awards Night
- Wednesday 16th December: Attendance Award Student Morning Tea
- Wednesday 16th December: Bendigo Senior SC Awards Night
- Thursday 17th December: Gr 6 Graduation

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### Principal’s News

#### Welcome Back

Welcome back to our final term for 2015. We have another very busy term ahead and parents are asked to keep up to date with events by reading your newsletter and checking the Calendar of Events each week.

#### Ground Works

Over the school holiday period, work was completed on the retaining wall around the oval side of the Peter Davey Building, as well as the decorative gravel surface and pathway. Large deciduous trees are yet to be planted on the northern (oval) side of the building to provide shade in the hotter months of the year and additional seating will be installed. On the western end of the Peter Davey Building, near the ball wall, this area has been tidied up and asphalted so that children can play on both sides of the ball wall. The eastern end of the school oval has been laser levelled, topsoil spread, re-sown with couch grass, and additional soccer goals installed. An ‘adventure’ sandpit, with large rocks and tree trunks has been created near the Prep playground, with an existing tree providing shade. Our next project will be to replace the aged playground equipment in the infant area and along the eastern side fence. These works (and future works) are outlined in our school’s grounds master plan which can be viewed on the school website. School Council budgeting and local fundraising has covered the cost of these works.
Asthma & Hay fever Season
If children need medication for Asthma or Hay fever through the school day, please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date.

Head Lice: Now is the Time to Check
We ask that all parents check their child/children’s head for head lice to reduce any infestation. Choose a regular date to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary, remembering that if one child in the family has head lice you will need to treat the whole family. Checks are easier in the sunlight and wearing a strong pair of reading glasses helps to magnify them. Reinfestation occurs if all the eggs are not carefully removed from the hair. This is best done by scraping your finger nails along the individual strands. If you find live lice or eggs in your child’s hair a second treatment must be done a week later, as eggs not killed and left in the hair will hatch, causing reinfestation.

School Production DVD
School production DVD orders have been sent home with students this week.

Canteen Volunteers Needed Urgently
With our school numbers growing, we urgently need extra helpers in the canteen on a Wednesday or Friday from 12.30pm to approximately 2.00pm. If you are able to help, please leave your name and number at the office.

Chinese Students at White Hills from our Sister School: Next Week
Next Monday, 12th October, we will welcome five Grade 5 Chinese students from our Chinese Sister School in Suzhou, Jinji Lake School, and their accompanying teacher. This is great news for White Hills PS as it is the first time that we will be hosting students from our Sister School. These students will stay with White Hills PS host families for 8 weeks and will attend school each day with their Aussie buddies. We are excited by their imminent arrival and I thank the Folwell, Costigan, Worme, Harrick, Walden-Dickie and Arnold/Caplan families for welcoming these students into their home. This is Mike Yang from Jinji Lake School who enjoys riding his unicycle and playing table tennis & chess!

Let Us Know If You Are Moving
If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2016 due to your family moving, please advise the school as soon as possible.
Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at White Hills for 2016, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as it is crucial for our planning.

Transition
Prep teachers are visiting pre-schools to get to know the children enrolled at our school for 2016. 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.

Prep Familiarisations Days
Our first Prep Familiarisation Day for children commencing school in 2016 will be held on Tuesday, 3rd November and Wednesday, 4th November, from 9.45am - 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, 17th November and Wednesday 18th, November from 9.45 to 11.45am. Notices with full details of our first Familiarisation Day will be distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents at 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.

Sunsmart Policy: Hats On
All students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats, even when playing or participating in activities under our outside shelters. Our SunSmart Policy is based upon the Cancer Council guidelines that hats should be worn when UV levels are above 3 on the index (usually at the beginning of September in each year). We source this information from the following website: www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Bendigo_VIC.shtml
Hats off occurs when UV levels fall below 3 on the index (usually at the beginning of May in each year).

Please remember, no hat, no play and only school broad brimmed hats may be worn.
Out of Uniform ‘Footy Colours’ Day
Last term our out of uniform day raised $491.00, which has been forwarded to the State Schools Relief Organisation. They provide support to needy families for school clothing and footwear.

Thank you to those students who participated.

Multi-age Multicultural Day for 30th Anniversary: Thurs, 22nd Oct
In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the opening of White Hills PS on its current site in October 1985, we will be conducting a Multi-age Day that acknowledges our past and how our school has changed over the years.
On Thursday, 22nd October we will celebrate our history and different cultures from around the world. Students will participate in a variety of activities representing the food, sport, art, language, clothing and customs of a range of countries. Students will work together in mixed age groups. The beginning of the day will include a Dress Up Parade where students and teachers will parade in traditional clothes from different cultures. Children should begin researching different countries and dig into the dress-up box to find a costume for the parade. Parents are invited to view lessons and participate with their child/ren and join the staff and other visitors for morning tea. Children will be required to bring their own play lunch and lunch on the day.

Bike Found in School Yard
This blue ‘Southern Star’ bicycle was found in the school yard over the holidays and we have kept it safe inside. Contact the school on 54430799 if it belongs to you or if you know the owner.
Please note that our bicycle enclosure is only locked from 9.00am to 3.30pm on school days. If you need to leave your child’s bicycle at school for any reason, please advise your child’s classroom teacher and we can arrange to lock it in the building overnight.

Five Ways to Survive Your Child’s Teenage Years
*Remember what it was like when you were a teenager. Allow your child to make mistakes and grow. *You can’t fight over every little thing they do, so pick your battles. *Give them space. A little time alone can be a blessing in disguise for your child. *Remain aware. Know what your child is watching, reading and looking at online. *You’re the boss; set rules. Have a curfew for your child and stick to it.

Damien Jenkyn,
Principal

Music/Drama News

Congratulations
Congratulations to our Drew Thorpe Singing & Music students who performed to a full house live audience for their Student Gig held at Musicman Megastore on Wednesday, 16th September. We are told it was standing room only and the students did a wonderful job with their best singing voices and instrumental performances.
Well done to Claire S, Mikayla C, Sienna A, Brooke M, Ellie Mc & Conan C.

Trevor Trewartha,
Music/Drama Coordinator
Rewards Program: Available in Term 4
With the withdrawal of the Lunar Light Band this term, we are releasing an alternative reward item in Term 4. Alongside our Outer Space Savers Money Box, students’ savings efforts can now be rewarded with our new Galaxy Glider (available while stocks last). Students will be able to test their skills with a game of frisbee with our new reward item.

Still in stock are the following reward items from our 2015 Outer Space Savers range:
- ET DVD
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens

Plus, we have limited stock available from our 2014 Deep Sea Savers range of reward items including:
- Scented Pencils
- Shark Plush Toy Keyring
- Swimming Bag

Sam Franklin,  
Student Banking Coordinator

Parent Club/Fundraising News

Next Meeting: Meeting Day is now Mondays
Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 12th October in the staffroom after assembly.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program Finished
To date we have counted a total of 40,740 points.

Parent Club/Fundraising Committee

Library News

Double the Fun!
Scholastic's 'Buy One Get One Free' Book Fair

The Library will be hosting a different type of book fair this term – Buy One Get One Free! Instead of the school receiving the commission for each book sold, you get it! With every book purchased you can select another book of equal or lesser value for FREE! And with the book fair so close to Christmas, it would be a great time to buy gifts for family and friends.

Put these dates into your calendar and start saving! First in best dressed. No reorders.

3 days only – 18, 19 & 20th November.

Sue Briggs,  
Library Coordinator
Congratulations to our Birthday Children

Prep News

Pupil of The Week
Congratulations to Bullion, Bella, Matisse and Xavier, our ‘Prep Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and persistent in completing class activities. Well done!

Prep ‘Insect-A-Mania’ Mini Beasts Incursion
On Wednesday, 21st 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 $10.00 per child. Payment is to be made to the office or on Qkr before 4.00pm on Friday, 16th October. No late payments will be accepted in accordance with WHPS policy.
NB: If you have applied and qualify for the new Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund (CSEF), the cost of this incursion will be covered in full.
A note with further details will be sent home the first week of Term 4.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep swimming program will be held on the 12th, 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th November, 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 school’s 2015 Special Events Credit, or the recent 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 $51.00 per child. This payment is due before 4pm on Monday, 9th November. 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.
Please do not send any money until a special information note is sent home closer to the program commencing.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
PMP will recommence next Monday, 12th October. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30 pm on Monday, October 12th. A second semester roster has been sent home this week.

Grade 1/2 News

Student of the Week
2RD – Emerson B for being brave at gym and having a go on her own.
2B – Keely N for being a good friend to many.
2/W – Hayden F for showing persistence towards his reading. Good job!
2/S – Mattia A for participating in all the gym activities, even though some were scary.
1/P – Jonah M and Rory B for their caring nature and for always being kind to others.
1CK – Rylan C for his great improvement with reading.
1/T – Jeslyn D for working hard on her spelling words each week.
1/M – Jack T for working really hard in all areas of learning in the last week of Term 3.

Hats On
There are some students who do not have a navy broad brim school hat to wear at play time and during physical education sessions. Students not wearing a school hat will need to sit under a shaded designated area. Please check that your child’s name is clearly labelled on their hat.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios went home at the beginning of the week 1, Term 3. Please look at and discussion Term 3 work samples with your child. When you have finished looking at the portfolios, please return them to school so that we can keep them safe, ready for the end of the year.
Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Students are encouraged to bring to school a labelled drink bottle containing water to have in the classroom.

Sunscreen
Students will be provided with sunscreen to apply during recess and lunch time. Students are encouraged to put sunscreen on before they come to school during the warmer weather.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week
Oliver B – for your interest in reading, keep up the good work!
Sarah B – for being the bravest demon at Gym, great job!
Chilli S – for consistent effort in our classroom, completing all work and following class rules.

Homework
Homework will commence in week 2 following the camp.

Camp
This week we are off to camp Curumbene. The students are all very excited and it promises to be a full program with many great learning experiences over the 3 days. The expected time of arrival back at school on Friday is 3.00pm.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week
4/G - Cameron E for her wonderful approach to learning.
4/K - Trista H for designing, observing and explaining her interesting experiment.
4CT - Claudia M and Jayda Mc for making good choices in the yard.

Derby Hill
Greetings from Derby Hill. We have all settled in nicely and having a great time. We have been busy riding our bikes and exploring the camp. Don’t forget we return at approximately 4.00pm on Friday.

Learning Portfolios
Thank you to the families who have returned their learning portfolios. Teachers have been enjoying reading the positive comments from parents about their child’s learning.

Grade 4 Major Excursion
A note will be going home on Monday 12th October about our grade 4 major excursion to CERES Community Environment Park in Melbourne on Tuesday, 10th November. Each grade will require 1 parent helper. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you are able to assist.

Homework
Due to camp this week, homework will begin next week.

Contacting New Readers
We have recently purchased a number of new take home readers. Before these can be added to our tubs for children to read we need some assistance with contacting them. If you are able to assist please speak to one of the grade 4 teachers.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 News

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are rested and ready for a busy Term 4.

Students of the Week
5/K - Sam H for his efforts at the Footy Carnival last term.
5/P - Jemma D for skills requiring strength during our Gym sessions.
5/W - Nikiya A for his engineering skills at the Maker Faire at Weeroona College last term.

Learning Portfolio
If you still have your child’s Learning Portfolio at home, please be sure to send it back to school by the end of this week. Thank you.

Camp Forms and Payment
Medical Information forms were sent home at the start of the week. Please complete these and return to your child’s classroom teacher before Tuesday 20th October.
The balance of the Grade 5 Camp must be paid before Wednesday 25th November, as per the school’s camp policy. Please see the ladies at the front office if you require an up to date balance.

Hats
Some students do not have a broad brimmed hat. Please check with your child that they do have one and that it is clearly named, so that they can play safely out in the yard during the warmer months.

Lit Circles Reading, Spelling and General Homework
Lit Circles reading, spelling and general homework will commence again this week. Please be regularly asking your child what homework they need to do, along with what the due dates are for projects and homework. Important dates and notes will be written in their school diary, so please check these at least once a week.

Grade 6 News

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a very busy term and the last 11 weeks of the Grade 6’s time at White Hills Primary School.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to these students for the last week of Term 3
6/B - Jess K for her amazing goal in the class footy game.
6/G - Eva B for going above and beyond with her project pieces. Fantastic effort!
6/M - Sam L for his excellent organisation and time management skills when completing his project.

Learning Portfolios Due 9th October
Please make comment and sign the sheet at the back of your child’s Learning Portfolio and return it.

Weeroona Transition Visit Tuesday 13th October
Next Tuesday students who are attending Weeroona in 2016 will be attending a music come and try session between 11:15-1pm. Your child has a note in their diary to be signed as permission to get on the bus. As part of this there is also a parent information night on WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 7pm in the Performing Arts building.

Camp Payments Due Wednesday 11th November 4.00pm
Grade 6 camp is fast approaching (Wednesday 25th November- Friday 27th November).
Full payment of $290 is due in 5 weeks. Payments can be made on the QKR app, EFTPOS or cash in a named envelope to the office. If you are unsure of how much you owe please contact the school. Medical notes will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Chinese Students
We welcome the Chinese students to our school and look forward to learning about their culture and teaching them some typical Aussie things.

Walk to School in the Month of October
This month is walk to school month. We are encouraging our grade 6s to try and walk to and from school as often as possible. If it is not possible to walk all the way to school try and drop them off further away from so they can walk a portion of the way or meet up with friends to walk as a group. We are keeping a tally of how often the students walk to school.
Weeroona Uniform Shop Offer End of October
Is your child attending Weeroona College next year? If so, did you know that the Weeroona College Uniform Shop has discounts on all new uniforms for the month of October ONLY. Should you wish to take advantage of the current discounts, could you please telephone Janice at the shop on 5444 0879 to arrange an appointment for a uniform fitting. Shop hours will be extended for October to allow time for all new students to purchase their uniforms.
Thank you again, Janice Hosking, Weeroona College Uniform Shop

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Second Hand Uniforms Available
“Sold for cash only”
In stock for 3 months from time of receipt and then passed on to welfare if not sold within that period

**Opening Times**
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm
Kim Engi, Terri Massese & Deb Button

**SICKBAY ROSTER**

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**Community News**

**Bendigo Squash**
We invite your school to partake in FREE skills sessions. Between 26 October and 17 November, we are offering all primary and secondary schools the opportunity to book 60 or 90 minute skills sessions ALL free of charge. This is a valuable saving to your school.

**Bendigo Bank Fun Run**
If you are participating in the Bendigo Bank Fun Run in November, please join the White Hills Primary School team when entering and come into the school office to collect a “pledge” form. This way you are able to collect sponsors for your run, helping Bendigo Community Health raise much needed funds.
See Mr Scoble for more details