### Calendar of Events

**Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December**

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### Principal’s News

**Welcome Back:**
Welcome back to our final term for 2014. 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.

**We welcome new students, Shane C (PF), Natasha B (3TH) and their families.**

**Energy Breakthrough Fundraiser Pizza Day:**
**Tuesday, 21st October**
This will be our last fundraiser before we are off to the event at Maryborough on Thursday, 20th November. If you would like to support the 3 teams:
- Write your order on a paper bag (can be the back of a Canteen lunch order bag) clearly labelled with name, grade and order.
- Enclose money in an envelope in the bag.
- Pizza toppings are – Ham and Cheese or Ham and Pineapple. A fruit juice is also available.
- Cost is $2.00 per slice of pizza and juice $1.00. Multiple pieces of pizza can be ordered.

**Orders are to be returned no later than Friday, 17th October.**
Late orders will not be accepted

**Energy Breakthrough 2nd Fundraiser:**
**Tuesday, 14th October**
Next week on Tuesday, 14th October 6.00pm, we are holding a fundraiser at the Bendigo Stadium for the EBT teams. Come along and order a meal, with part of the costs going to the teams. Children welcome.

**If you would like to be involved in this night please contact the school with numbers no later than Monday, 13th October.**

**Thanks from Mrs Price, Mr Byron and EBT teams.**

**Chinese Students at White Hills:**
**2nd Week of Term 4**
On Tuesday, 14th October, we will welcome five Grade 5 Chinese students from Xincheng Garden School and their accompanying teacher, from the city of Suzhou, China. These students will stay with White Hills P.S. 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 host families for welcoming these students into their home.

**Social Service Fundraiser**
Congratulations to everyone for supporting the ‘Very Special Kids Piggy Bank Appeal’. We raised $1317.20.

**Thank you**
Head Lice Program
A reminder that the head lice program will be on Monday, 13th October and a follow up check on Monday, 20th October. Please make sure that you continue to send girls to school with their hair tied back. On the day of head lice checks, please ensure there are no elaborate hairstyles as our volunteers do not have time to redo them.
If you have not signed a consent form, please contact the office ASAP.

Term 4 Curriculum Days: Pupil Free Days
The following Pupil-Free days have been approved by School Council. Please add these dates to your diary or calendar. Children do not attend school on these days.
- Thursday, 6th November. Teachers will be working on student reports.
- Monday, 1st December. Teachers will be undertaking professional development.

Works Completed Over Holidays: Stage 1 of Grounds Master Plan
Over the holiday period a covered walkway was constructed between the main building and Peter Davey Building, a portico added to the Peter Davey Building, and polycarb roof over the rear entrance of the main building. Our next planned work will involve landscaping between the two buildings and into the Prep play area. An outline of Stage 1 works is displayed in the foyer of the main entrance.

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. (From the Herald Sun, October 5th, 2011)

Schools are Smoke-Free Zones
Please be aware that by law schools are smoke free zones; this includes both within school buildings and grounds. We would also ask that smokers refrain from smoking at the entrances to the school.

Let Us Know if You Are Moving
If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2015 due to your family moving on, please advise the school as soon as possible.
Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at White Hills for 2015, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as we are already planning for next year.

Process for Late Arrival after 9.00am
There are a number of students arriving late to school who are not accompanied by an adult. This is a parental duty of care issue. A parent or adult (over 18 years of age) MUST sign their child/children in at the office in the sign in/out book if they arrive after the 9.00am bell.
The child is then to hand the tear off slip to the class teacher when they arrive at the classroom. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom.
Your support with this process is appreciated.

Prep Familiarisation Days
Our first Prep Familiarisation Days for children commencing school in 2015 will be held on Tuesday, 4th November and Wednesday, 5th 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, 25th November and Wednesday, 26th 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 next week. 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 they will be slotted in to existing Prep grades in small groups 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 in these existing grades.

2015 Preps Enrol Now
If you have a child in Prep in 2015 and have not yet completed your enrolment form, we ask that it be returned to the school office now. Parents or older siblings can pick up enrolment forms from the school office.
Lost Property
Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, especially jackets, as the students tend to take them off whilst playing outside. If unnamed items are left in the lost property box for more than 4 weeks, they will be given to the sickbay or charity.

2015 Term Dates
Thursday 22nd January Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Friday 23rd January Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Term 1 Thursday 29th January - Friday 27th March (Friday 3rd April Good Friday)
Wednesday 28th January Teachers Commence
Thursday 29th January Students Grades P-6 Commence
Term 2 Monday 13th April – Friday 26th June
Term 3 Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September
Term 4 Monday 5th October - Friday 18th December

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

Music / Drama News
Singing/Drum Lessons
Singing lessons are due to begin in week 3 of this term. Enrolments are still available so please contact Drew on 0407 502 438 or drewthorpemusic@gmail.com ASAP
Drum lessons start this Friday (tomorrow), but there are still some enrolments available. Please contact Drew on 0407 502 438 or drewthorpemusic@gmail.com

Band / Choir
Encourage your children to keep up with pieces while I am away, it will certainly help (particularly the band members who play keyboard or xylophone). Otherwise we will have to spend quite some time on catching up.

The next performances for the band will be at the school fair on Friday 7th November with both bands giving a short performance during the afternoon/evening.

Mr Vern Wall, Music
Drama Teacher

Parents' Club & Fundraising News
Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, 5th November at 9.15am in the staffroom.

School Fair Friday, 7th 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.

What can you to do to contribute?

Plants & Seedlings
Now is a perfect opportunity for our gardeners to start potting up some plants for our plant stall.

Wine
Donations of wine for our Auction are much appreciated.

Ideas
If you have any other ideas in preparation for our fair, please come along to our meetings.

Stall Holders
Anyone wishing to hold a stall on the day, the cost is $20.00. Leave your contact details at the office. Please supply your own tables on the day.
Congratulations to our birthday children

Prep News
School Fair
The Prep grades require suitable items for Lucky Dips and Lucky bags for our activities at the school fair. We will also be holding a “Guess Where Clifford’s Flea Is” contest and ask that each Prep child brings a small chocolate bar, chocolate frog or wrapped lollies to be used as a prize for this activity. Please leave these items with your child’s teacher.

Hint For The Week
When your children have difficulty working out a word when reading, encourage them to:
• look for small “chunks” they know inside bigger words.
• say the word very slowly then blend the sounds together as they stretch them out.
• skip over the tricky word and read the rest of the sentence, then try it again.

Term 4 Integrated Unit
We have commenced our unit of work on mini-beasts. If you find safe insects, cocoons, caterpillars, etc. at home could you please send them to school in a clear, plastic container for the Preps to observe.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep swimming program will be held on the 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st 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 swimming program is included in the pre-payment of minor excursions. If you have not pre-paid swimming, or signed over your part of EMA to the school to cover events, the cost of the swimming program is $50.00, which covers pool admission and lessons with trained instructors, equipment hire and bus transport to and from the venue each day. 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 on Monday, 13th October. We look forward to seeing our wonderful helpers at 2.30pm on Monday, 13th October.

Grade 1/2 News
Learning Portfolios
Just a reminder to please ensure all learning portfolios are bought back to school as soon as possible. Classroom teachers need them back to start organising term 4 items to showcase.

Integrated topics
Grade 1 – Australia Now and Then
Grade 2 – Our home - Australia
This term grade 1 and 2 students will be learning about the above topics. The topics change each term, this is to ensure students are exposed to a variety of topics throughout their schooling. The grade 1 topic, ‘Australia Now and Then’, will focus mainly on how things have changed over time, while the grade 2 topic will look closely at the features of Australia, the different cultures we have living here and comparing and contrasting living in different parts of Australia (city or country).

Spelling homework
Spelling homework is continuing. Please ensure that your child is completing their spelling each night and handing it in every week on their classes chosen day. Again if you are unsure of the day these spelling books are due back to school for your child, don’t hesitate to go in and see the classroom teacher.

Swimming notes
Swimming notes were sent home last term. Our swimming program will take place from Monday 20th – Friday 24th October. Payment in full and the medical notes must be returned by 4.00pm Wednesday 15th October, which is in line with our schools Excursion Policy. The cost is $50.00 if you haven’t pre-paid.
School Fair Donations
To help with the organisation of our school fair, the fair committee are seeking donations from every grade level. Therefore each member of a grade is to donate certain items for our activities to be held on the fair night. Grade 1 and 2 children are asked to donate the following items.

Grade 1 – $2.00 novelty toy/items (books, tattoos, slinky, bouncy balls etc)
Grade 2 – Lolly bags
These items are to be given to your classroom teacher over the coming weeks.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News
Camp
Camp is lots of fun. Keep posted for next week’s reports in our newsletter!

Grade 3 campers to arrive back at school tomorrow at approximately 3.00pm.

Grade 4 News
Camp
We are currently having a fantastic time at the Blue Light Youth Camp in Maldon. Lots of bike riding and many fun activities which we are sure you will hear all about when we arrive home tomorrow afternoon.

Grade 4 campers to arrive back at school tomorrow at approximately 3.45pm-4.00pm.

Integrated topic
This term we will be looking at how the earth has changed over time and what environmental and human actions have made significant impacts. We will also focus on how we can be sustainable in order to look after the planet.

Homework
Homework will be sent home with all students next Friday, 17th October. Please remember to complete and return these by Thursday of each week.

Learning Portfolios
We hope you have taken the time over the break to go through your child’s learning portfolio, admiring the work they have completed so far. Please leave a comment about your child’s work in the provided space and return the portfolio to your child’s classroom promptly.

Major Excursion
We are currently finalising the details for our major excursion this year to the Scienceworks and Imax theatre. More information will be provided next week, so please watch this space.

Middle School Teachers

Sport News

Congratulations Analysse
Analysse and her team (Bendigo Calisthenics Sub Juniors) competed at Westside Competition in Melbourne on Saturday 4th October. They received 4 first places and 1 second place for their items and placed first overall and took home the trophy!

Grade 5 News
Welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a good break and that students have come back to work hard and achieve the best that they can.

As usual the term will be busy, with camps being the main event. Please check your payment records to see where you are with those so they don’t come as a shock when final payments are due on Tuesday 25th November.

Our major fundraiser for the year is the school Fair. Your child will have brought home a note with a request for a particular donation for one of the Fair activities. Please contribute if you can.

Lit. Circle novels have gone home this week with an expected number of pages to be read by this Friday. Homework is also back up and running.

We are looking forward to this year’s group of Chinese students who will be arriving next Tuesday to stay with some of our families and join our school community for their time in Australia.
Grade 6 News
Welcome back we hope you had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to all the exciting things that take place in term 4; camp, graduation, more transition to secondary school activities, the fair, carols night and much more. Below are just some reminders to help you keep up to date with everything that is happening in Grade 6 this term. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher to discuss any of these items further.

Camp Payments Due: Wednesday 12th November 4:00pm
A note was sent out at the end of term 3 outlining how much was owed for your child’s camp payment. Many of you have been making regular payments which we appreciate. We will be sending out another reminder note with 2 weeks to go. Please be aware as stated in our camp policy that if full payment is not made by the due date your child will not attend camp.

Fair Donations  Due: As soon as possible
A note was sent home at the end of last term requesting that Grade 6 students donate 3 to 5 non-perishable, in date items suitable for hampers. These need to be forwarded to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to seeing you on the night. Keep your eye out for further information about which stalls the Grade 6’s are in charge of and what other help might be required.

EBT Casey Event Saturday
We wish the 2 HPV teams luck for the Casey event on Saturday. After last year’s win we hope they can come away with the victory again as it is great preparation for the main event in Maryborough later on this term.

Homework  Due: Every Thursday Morning
As parents and families are aware, all Grade 6 classes receive homework every Thursday and is due the following Thursday morning. Please continue to support your children with this by developing a weekly homework and reading routine, and helping them with any parts they may find more difficult.

Lit Circles  Due: Reading to be completed by Fridays
Students will be choosing a new Lit Circle book this week. Please ensure that your child does the required reading before each Friday’s lesson. It also helps your child if you discuss with them what has happened so they can use this knowledge to help them with completing the tasks that are set each Friday.

Learning Portfolios  Due: As soon as possible
Please return your child’s learning portfolio to school as soon as possible so they do not get mislaid at home. We look forward to reading the comments you have made about your child’s work.

Upper School Teachers

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday 10 October Helper needed
Tuesday 14 October Karen Hawthorne
Friday 17 October Heather Veitch

2014 Opening Times
Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am-9.35am
Second hand items are available to buy at the uniform shop. Please note that any unsold 2nd hand uniforms will be given to families in need or used in sickbay if not sold after 3 months.

Team Leaders
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 10 October Beth Tamblyn
Paula Spivey
Tuesday 15 October Helper needed
Carolyn Wilson
Friday 17 October Anne McCrabb
Catherine Hester
Heather Veitch

Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm
All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag. (NO ENVELOPES), one per child please.
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

SICK BAY ROSTER
Friday 10 October Kym Gahan
Friday 17 October Dianne Kaplon

Please collect linen from the office

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday 16 October Rebecca Skipper
Thursday 23 October Pattica-Anne Agnew

Please arrive 2.30pm

LOST JUMPER
It would be appreciated if parents could check the tags on their children’s jackets/jumpers. It is common for children to accidentally pick up the wrong item after playing and wear it home. If anyone finds a jacket with the initials RM could you please return it to the office.
Community News

Social Tennis - Free membership
Valid until August 2015 if you sign up before end of this year
Free introductory lesson with every new membership
Membership includes free court hire, social night tennis and club events www.strathdaleparktennisclub.com
Contact Jim for more info jimwtennis@gmail.com
0431299930 Find us on Facebook!

Junior Golf Summer Series
Starts: Saturday 25 October 2.30pm
Details: $3.00 entry, play up to 9 holes, all equipment provided, new players (and adult helpers) are most welcome.
Contact: Jason Roberts 0439370737

[Image of a poster for the Junior Golf Summer Series]

[Image of a poster for the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band]