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 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December

Week 32
Thursday 16th October
Friday 17th October

Week 33
Mon 20th – Fri 24th Oct
Monday 20th October
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Tuesday 21st October

Week 34
Monday 27th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October

Week 35
Tuesday 4th November
Wednesday 5th November
Thursday 6th November
Friday 7th November

Week 36
Monday 10th November
Wednesday 12th November
Wednesday 12th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 13th November
Friday 14th November

Week 37
Monday 17th November
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Monday 17th November
Wed 19th – Fri 21st Nov
Thurs 20th – Sat 22nd Nov

Week 38
Tuesday 25th November
Tuesday 25th November
Wednesday 26th November
Wed 26th – 28th Nov

Week 39
Monday 1st December
Wednesday 3rd December
Wednesday 3rd December
Friday 5th December

Week 40
Tuesday 9th December
Wed 10th – Fri 12th Dec
Thursday 11th December

Week 41
Monday 15th December

Week Dates
Wednesday 17th December
Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December

2015 Term Dates
Thursday 22nd January
Friday 23rd January

SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm
Pizza Day Orders due by 9.30am
Gr 1/2 Swimming Program
Head Lice Follow up
Prep PMP 2.30pm
SC Curriculum/Environment Meetings 6.30pm
SC General Meeting 7.00pm
EBT Pizza Day
Gr 3 Bendigo Excursion Payment due 4.00pm
Bendigo Cup Day Holiday
Gr 3 Bendigo Major Excursion
Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30am-12.00pm
Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30am-12.00pm
Report Writing Day – Pupil Free
School Fair 4.30pm-7.30pm
Gr 1 Tea
Gr 6 Camp payment due by 4.00pm
Prep Swimming payment due by 4.00pm
SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm
Gr 4 Camp Major Excursion Payment due 4pm
Gr 1 Tea
Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm
SC Curriculum/Environment Meetings 6.30pm
SC General Meeting 7.00pm
Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm
RACV Energy Breakthrough
Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45am-11.45am
Gr 5 Camp payment due by 4.00pm
Gr 6 Camp payment due by 4.00pm
Gr 6 Anglesea Camp
Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
Weeroona College Awards Evening
Prep – Gr 1 Transition Session
Gr 2 Sleepover- Discovery Centre 5.00pm
Orientation Day
Gr 5 Camp to Phillip Island
SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm
SC Curriculum/Environment Meetings 6.30pm
SC General Meeting 7.00pm
School Carols Night 6.00pm
Grade 6 Graduation Night
Last Day Term 4
Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm
Bookpack Collection Day 9.30am-1.00pm

Principal’s News
Chinese Students at White Hills
Our five (5) Chinese students from Xincheng Garden Primary School in the city of Suzhou arrived at our school on Tuesday. The students – Leo, Potter, Betty, Lucy and Lisa have settled in well to their Grade 5 classes and will be with us for eight (8) weeks. They have been accompanied by their Chinese teacher, Bill. My thanks to the Costigan, Taylor, Walsh, Wakefield, Morse-McNabb and Etheredge families for welcoming these students into their home.

School Fair: Friday, 7th November
Only 2 weeks to go!
Our committee are now meeting weekly. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th November at 9.30am in the staffroom. Help is required with organising the fair. You can assist by contacting the school to offer your help and attending the next meeting.
We require your support with donations and helping your child’s grade with their activity. Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to offer your assistance.
A hard copy of the 2nd weekly ‘Fair Newsletter’ will be sent home tomorrow.

Energy Breakthrough Fundraiser Pizza Day:
Tuesday, 21st October
- 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 TOMORROW Friday, 17th October 9.30am.
No Late orders will be accepted.
Term 4 Curriculum Plans: Information for Parents
Term 4 Curriculum Plans for Grades Prep-6 are available on the school website. This information gives you an overview of what is being taught during Term 4 and can be downloaded from the school website under the Curriculum tab.

School Council Meeting
The next meeting of School Council will be held on Monday, 20th October, with the Environment & Curriculum meetings at 6.30pm, and the general meeting at 7.00pm. Would all School Councillors please attend.

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.

Bendigo Cup Day Holiday
Wednesday, 29th October is our local public holiday for Bendigo Cup Day. The school will be closed on this day.

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 11.45 am.
Notices with full details of our first Familiarisation Day were distributed in Pre-schools or sent to parents this week. If you did 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.

Factors Contributing To Children’s Resilience
1. The individual traits of the child, such as assertiveness, empathy for others and a sense of humour.
2. Relationships, including parenting, that meet the child’s needs, getting along with others and being accepted by their peers.
3. Community contexts, such as safety, security and routines, access to school and education and housing.
4. Cultural factors, such as affiliation with a religious organisation, clubs and groups and tolerance of different ideas and beliefs.
For workshops on developing children’s resilience, contact Resilience Australia, ph: 94270407, or email info@embracethefuture.org.au

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.
Congratulations to our birthday children

Exercise
If children learn to love exercise at an early age, they will be more likely to grow up having exercise as a part of their lives. Physical activity is critically important for bone health, preventing unhealthy levels of weight gain and self-esteem. Development and mastery of fundamental movement skills, such as throwing, catching, balancing, running and jumping, are important from a very young age because this has been shown to be associated with participation in physical activity. Children who are highly active have better quality and longer sleep than inactive children.

10 ways to get kids active
* Limit television/computer/video games. * Make activity safe-drink water regularly, wear good fitting shoes, warm up, cool down. * Establish a routine and set a time aside each day for physical activity. * Play with your children. * Take advantage of incidental exercise-take the stairs, etc. * Support your children’s sporting efforts. * Buy gifts that encourage children to be active—balls, bats, bike. * Let your children choose the activity—dancing, bush walking, playground, bike ride, etc. * If wet exercise inside—dance, play with balloons. * Walk your children to school or part of the way if you live a distance away.

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 drethorpemusic@gmail.com ASAP
Drum lessons started last Friday, but there are still some enrolments available. Please contact Drew on 0407 502 438 or drethorpemusic@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

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
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.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

PMP will be held next Monday, 20th October. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm.

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.

Hint For The Week

*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.

Correcting Mistakes when Reading:

If the mistake does not make sense, lead the child to correct the mistake by allowing time to self- correct. If the child does not self-correct after about 30 seconds, ask him/her to reread, then, if the child does not notice the error, ask “Does that make sense?”

Pupils Of The Week

Congratulations to our Prep pupils of the week who are participating well in class activities and are working hard to develop their resilience skills. Well done to Liam C, Koby L, Amy M and Rylan C.

Parents' Club & Fundraising News

School Fair Friday, 7th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm

(Only 2 Weeks away)

Thank You to the businesses who have so far donated towards our Fair

All Seasons, Bendigo Bank White Hills, Bendigo Bowling Centre, Bendigo Cinema’s, Bunnings, Bendigo Mail Centre, Clark Rubber, Coles McIvor Rd, Epsom Woolworths, Gameworld, Gourmet Fish Shop, Hair Talk Hairdresser White Hills, McDonalds Bendigo, Melbourne Hart, Midland Café, Nestle Plaza Lady, PFD, Pre Mix King White Hills, Roger Juniper Builders, Step Into Life, Symons Dairy, Toyworld, White Hills Post Office

Our 2nd Information flyer will go home with your child tomorrow. Check in the Grade news for donations urgently needed for our fair.

We still require: Plants & Seedlings, Wine and Grade donations

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.

Come along to our next meeting on Wednesday, 5th November at 9.15am in the staffroom to offer your assistance with final preparations.

Items at our Fair

Rock Climbing Wall
Giant Slide
Camel Rides
Various Stall Holders
LM Dance Demonstration
Food Court
Coffee Van
Show Bags
Various Activities with great prizes

School Fair

Friday, 7th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm

(Only 2 Weeks away)
**Prep Reading**
We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.00am & 9.30am on any school day.

**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.

**Grade 1/2 News**

**Grade 1 tea**
A pink note was sent home last week outlining the details for the up and coming Grade 1 tea. Please check your child’s bag and return this note as soon as possible.

**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.

**School Fair donations and helpers**
The school fair is fast approaching and Grade 1 and 2 children have been asked to donate the following items.
Grade 1 – $2 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. Each class has also been assigned an activity for the night and families are required to help. A roster will be sent home soon outlining specific times for families to assist with the activities, if you have a preferred time, please see your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

**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.

**Middle School News**

**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the week**
Congratulations to all of the students in grade 3 who attended Camp Curumbene. We had an amazing time. The behaviour was fantastic and many children really challenged themselves to try new activities ie: Flying fox and Abseiling etc. Red Faces was fantastic and it was great to see the practice that they had put into their item. Many thanks to the parents who came to support the teachers. Without your help we would not have been able to offer the children the experience of a camp.

**School Fair Activities**
**Rock Climbing Wall - 3TH see Mrs Travaglia or Mrs Bickerdike**
We will need: *Parent helpers

**Face Painting - 3W See Mrs Watson**
Helpers will be required to paint faces, colour hair, paint nails and apply tattoos.

We will need the following donations: *Hairdressing capes or old shirts, *Sponges for tattoos, *Nail polish, *Coloured hairspray.

We will need help to: *Set up, *Manning the stall, *Cleaning up the stall.

**Wine Auction and Plant stall- 3N See Ms Netherway**
We will need: *Parent helpers to man the stall, *Parents to set up and clean up the stall, *Parents to cover boxes, *We also need donations of wine and plants.

More on the fair to follow in future newsletters.
**Bendigo Town Walk**

We will be attending the Central Deborah Mines, Chinese gardens and Museum and the Talking tram on **Thursday 30th October**. Please make sure that the permission forms are coming back to school and that payments are being made towards the excursion. **Money and permission slips must be at school by Friday 27th October.** We will need 2 more parents to attend the walk with us. If you are able to help, please see your classroom teacher ASAP.

**Walk to school**

For the month of October, we are graphing all of the students who walk to school or use their scooter to get to school. If you drive your child to school we ask that you drop your child a block or two from school and allow them to walk to school. It would be great to see more children walking or scooting to school on a regular basis.

**Grade 4 News**

**Camp Thank You**

We would like to thank all of the parent helpers who attended the Grade 4 camp to Derby Hill, for their hard work and support throughout the program. Without your help, this camp would not be possible, so thank you. We would also like to thank all students who attended and congratulate them on their fantastic behaviour and achievements.

**Major Excursion**

Our major excursion this year will be on **Monday, 17th November**. We will be going to the ScienceWorks museum and IMAX theatre, which will provide students with hands on experiences and consolidate their knowledge of earth sciences which is our integrated focus for Term 4. We will be leaving the school at 8am, returning by 5pm. Please see the note sent home last Tuesday for more details, or contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**Learning Portfolios**

Please ensure you take the time to review your child’s work from the previous term and return their Learning Portfolio to their classroom as soon as possible, as we will soon be adding work to the portfolios.

**Homework**

Term 4 homework books will be sent home tomorrow and will be due back to school the following Thursday. If your child is having any difficulty with their homework, please come and see your classroom teacher for assistance.

**Home Reading routines**

Just a reminder that all students should be reading for at least 10 minutes every school night to help them to extend their reading abilities and comprehension. Please ensure your child is filling in the reading diaries and if parents could sign the diaries at least once a week that would be greatly appreciated.

**Students of the week**

This week all of the Grade 4 students were awarded student of the week for their fantastic behaviour and outstanding efforts on camp. Well done.

*Middle School Teachers*
Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Olivia - for a good start to the term.
Amanda B - for the effort and progress she is making with her work.
Mia B – for consistent effort with her work.

Welcome

Welcome to the Chinese students who have arrived and are settling into the various grades. We look forward to exchanging information about the two countries and learning from each other.

School Fair

Could you please send donations along for the specific fair activity that your child’s grade is running. We would also like some help with running the activity for ½ to 1 hour. More helpers means less time on the activity. Please see your child’s teacher or send a note.

Camp

Medical forms have been sent home. Please return them as soon as possible as they are a requirement for your child to attend camp. Keep making regular camp payments off the total cost.

Homework

Encourage your child to re-establish a good homework routine for term 4, including their Lit. Circle reading. Take some time to listen to them read or talk about their novel and to check their homework.

Learning Portfolios

These need to be returned this week.

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to these students of the week:
6/B- Tiannah H for a detailed and loud response in Lit Circles.
6/G- Aedan H for his creative short story in writing
6/M- Blair B for the extra effort he put into his Lit Circle response. Great presentation.
6/R- Jayden H for always being a polite and kind member of our class.

Chinese Students

We welcome the Chinese students from our sister school to WHPS and hope they have a fantastic experience in Australia. We are looking forward to learning more about their culture and linking it to our Asian topic.

EBT Pizza Fundraiser Orders Due tomorrow (Friday 17th Oct)
Frog in a pond orders Due Thursday 23rd October

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.

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.

Health and Human Relations RSVP Due Wednesday 12th November

A pink note was sent home last Thursday outlining the dates for the Grade 6 Health and Human Relations program run by Leona the school nurse and the date for the parent information session. This will be run by Leona and will outline the information that the students will receive. Please RSVP so we know if we have enough parents to run the session.
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.

Energy Breakthrough Report
Last Saturday the White Hills Energy Breakthrough team, went down to the Casey Fields in Melbourne for round 3 of the Victorian HPV series. It started with a bit of a mishap with ECOrush having a flat tire followed by a jammed break. TorpECO was doing very well holding out 6th position. With the help of John Lucas, ECOrush was up and going again and gained 17 spots from 23rd to 6th place. TorpECO also improved to 4th place. Over all it was an up and down race but we are all very proud of what we achieved and we are looking forward to our main race in Maryborough in November.
Written by Matthew T & Letesha B

Upper School Teachers

Sport News

Congratulations
VSSC (Mountain Biking)
Liam finished 2nd in the final race of the series held last Saturday morning and 2nd in the overall series. This weekend’s race was very exciting with Liam leading right up until the last corner. He should be very proud of his achievement and especially proud of his sportsmanship throughout the series.

Royal South Street
Congratulations to Analysse and her team members who competed at the prestigious Royal South Street Competitions in Ballarat today for the first time. With one 1st place, two 2nd places, one 3rd place and one 4th place, they took home reserve aggregate, 2nd overall, (12 teams competed). Great job girls.

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday 17 October       Heather Veitch
Tuesday 21 October      Terri Massese
Friday 24 October       Belinda Martin

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 Šens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

CANTEE ROSTER
Friday 17 October       Anne McCrabb
                        Catherine Hester
                        Heather Veitch
Wednesday 22 October   Janelle Purtill
                        Nicole Logan
                        Terri Massese
                        Belinda Martin
Friday 24 October       Dianne Kaplon
                        Suzie Grant

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 17 October       Dianne Kaplon
Friday 24 October       Suzie Grant

Please collect linen from the office

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday 23 October     Pattica-Anne Agnew
Thursday 30 October     Terri Massese

Please arrive 2.30pm
Bendigo Aquatic Centre
We will be operating Aquatic Education classes for all ages and abilities. Water Safety and swimming skills are important for your child’s confidence. We cater for infants, preschool, school age, adults and private classes.
Fees $14.40 per lesson
Discount available for multiple enrolments.
Be ready for summer, swim and survive!
Phone 54436151 or email its@bendigoaquatic.com.au to book in.

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

At this day-long event there will be two sessions of particular interest to primary students:
A football and netball clinic between 10.00am and 1.00pm in the Library Gardens
Author, Hazel Edwards, well-known for There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake, reading from and discussing her children’s books Hijab Girl and Boat Boy from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Bendigo Library performance space.