



## 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 2017: Monday 9 October – Friday 22 December**

#### **Week 32**

Fri 20 Oct

Gr 1/2 Swimming

#### **Week 33**

Monday 23 October

Gr 4 CERES Major Excursion 7.20am

Prep Swimming

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**Gr 2 Sleepover payment due 4.00pm**

Tuesday 24 October

Friday 27 October

#### **Week 34**

Wednesday 1 November

**Bendigo Cup Day Holiday**

Thursday 2 November

Music Count Us In

Prep Swimming

**Gr 6 Camp payment due 4.00pm**

Prep Swimming

Friday 3 November

#### **Week 35**

Wednesday 8 November

P&F Meeting 9.10am in staffroom

Thursday 9 November

Gr 2 Sleepover

#### **Week 36**

Mon 13 – Fri 17 Nov

Book Fair

Wed 15 – Fri 17 Nov

Gr 6 Camp

Thursday 16 November

Prep Tea 5.00-7.00pm

Friday 17 November

2018 Gr 1-6 Book Packs go out

#### **Week 37**

Thurs 23 – Sat 25 Nov

Energy Breakthrough Experience

**Gr 1 Tea Payment due 4pm**

#### **Week 38**

Monday 27 November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-11.45am

1<sup>st</sup> Group Prep Book Packs go out

Tuesday 28 November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-11.45am

2<sup>nd</sup> Group Prep Book Packs go out

**Gr 5 Camp Payment due 4pm**

Thursday 30 November

Gr 1 Tea 5.00-7.30pm

Friday 8 December

**2018 Gr 1-6 Book Packs due**

Tuesday 12 December

Orientation Day

2018 Preps 10.30am – 1.30pm

2018 Gr 1-5 11.30am – 1.30pm

Wed 13-15 Dec

Gr 5 Phillip Island Camp

Wednesday 20 December

Carols / Presentation Night

Thursday 21 December

Gr 6 Graduation Night

Friday 22 December

**Last Day Term 4, 1.30pm Dismissal**

### **Term 1 2018: Monday 29 January – Thursday 29 March**

### **Term 2 2018: Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June**

### **Term 3 2018: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September**

### **Term 4 2018: Monday 8 October – Friday 21 December**

## Principal's News

### School Camps a Hit

It was great to visit the Grade 3 camp at Currumbene last week and Mr Ross visited the Grade 4 camp at Maldon. All the students had a fantastic time on these camps and embraced all the experiences the camps offered. A huge thanks to our parent volunteers and staff for their enthusiasm and attendance at the camps. *Keep an eye out for further reports in Gr 3 & 4 News next week!*

### Single representative at the Regional Athletics

On Monday Amber F represented the school at Bendigo area at the Regional Athletics carnival at the Flora Hill track. She competed in the 11 years discuss and shot put. Amber managed to place 1<sup>st</sup> in her individual events, discus and shotput and will go onto the state final in Melbourne. We wish her all the best.

### NAIDOC Week competition winners

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. On Monday three students from WHPS were presented with prizes for their excellent colouring skills in a competition, they took part in during NAIDOC Week in July.

Leatisha S. was first in the Grade 2 category and Miller D. was 3<sup>rd</sup> in this age group while Abbey H was placed in the Prep age group. They all received a show bag of prizes at assembly.

### Lost Uniform

Parents please check the name labels on your children's clothing; the lost property box is full.

### Possible Uniform Change

The school has the opportunity to change to a new dress as modelled in the photo. This is a new style and currently no other Bendigo have this type of dress. The dress is made from a lighter material and if the community approves of this change, it would replace the current dress. Would you like to keep the old style dress or change to the new? Please let us know what you think.

Thanks to the handful of parents who have sent an email, your thoughts.

Please email your vote/thoughts to [white.hills.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:white.hills.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

The new style dress will be approximately \$25, Current dress is \$38



## Chinese Students Have Arrived

On Monday we welcomed 42 students from 7 Sister Schools in Suzhou Industrial Park, China. We welcome... *Lisa, Serane, Jackson and Hawk* who are all from Hanlin PS.

At Monday's assembly we presented special Ambassador's badges to every child from our host families. This included Abbey and Mitchell, Jakob, Drew, Charlie and Olivia, Jayda, Chilli and Fenian and Georgia. This is a unique opportunity to host a foreign student in your home and I again wish to thank our families for embracing this wonderful experience. I have included a photo of some of our Ambassadors after the assembly and the Chinese students with their hosts.



*Please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS.*

*Andrew Schaeche  
Principal*

## 40 Year Celebration of our School Site

This week marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening of our school site by the then Deputy Premier Hon Lindsay Thompson on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1977.

It was the culmination of a weekend celebrating the centenary of the original White Hills State School in Napier St-Bobs St. Traffic was diverted from the highway to enable a procession lead by the Bendigo Pipe Band to make its way to Plumridge St. Decorated bicycles, wheelbarrows, toys, many children and adults in period costumes and a bush band added to the cavalcade.

Further excitement took place when a couple of Frank Scarce's race horses broke loose and scrambled through the gathering. Over 100 trees were planted that afternoon by those attending. Some of those trees remain to enhance our school today.

*Barrie Winzar  
Former Principal*

## Parents & Friends (P&F) Group News

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** in the staff room after drop off. All newcomers are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with us.

*Thank you for all of your continued support  
Parents & Friends Group Fundraising Committee*

## Junior School News

### Prep News

#### Drink Bottle

All students should have a drink bottle with their name on it to be used in the classroom. This classroom bottle is for water only.

#### Brainfood Reminder

Brainfood is a quick snack of fruit or vegetables. It needs to be ready to be eaten. Please avoid fruit that needs to be peeled and avoid messy food such as watermelon or oranges.

#### Volunteering

Parents please be aware that if you are wanting to help with the swimming, you will need to have a Volunteer Working with Children Accreditation. These can be obtained online. **Without this, you will be unable to enter the change rooms.**

## Reminder

Just a reminder not to come into the building and rooms before the music goes at 8.50am. Teachers are busy preparing for lessons and also may not be in the rooms.

## Need To Chat?

If you have something important to talk to your child's teacher about, please **make an appointment or see them after school**, unless it is urgent. Trying to catch them in the morning, when they are trying to settle the students and begin learning for the day, can be quite difficult. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

## Grade 1 News

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Junior Athletics Sports. The weather was perfect, the event ran smoothly and the students had fun while being active. The students displayed good sportsmanship and had a go at all events. **Well done!**

### Grade 1 Tea

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – There will be a note coming home this week for our special tea at school.

### Drink Bottles

As the weather warms up, please send a drink bottle with your child. This will remind them to have a drink each time they go to their bag.

## Grade 2 News

### Grade 2 sleepover

Reminder - We are still waiting for a few forms to be returned. Please make sure you have returned your child's blue medical form which was handed out last term.

If you have any questions or concerns about the sleepover please arrange a time to discuss with your child's classroom teacher.

### Swimming

So far all of the children have enjoyed their swimming lessons. It has been a tiring week but the children have coped really well with an interrupted timetable.

*Junior School Teachers*

## Middle School News

### Grade 3 News

#### Camp

A huge well done to all the students for their behaviour and efforts whilst at camp. It was great to see everyone interacting together and trying new challenges. The "Ga Ga Pit" was certainly something new! We are sure everyone had a very good sleep on Friday night.

#### Excursion

A blue note went home last week explaining our upcoming excursion to The Central Deborah Gold Mine, Talking Tram Tour and The Chinese Dragon Museum on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Payment of \$35 is due on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

#### Homework

Homework for this term will commence tomorrow. As in the past, homework will be sent home each Friday and is due back the following Friday.

## Grade 4 News

### One Day in 5 – Join the Ride

Grade 4 students are participating in a 4-week project that fosters riding and walking to school via safe, signed routes. The project is being delivered during the Napier Street upgrade at Huntly, Epsom and White Hills primary schools. The idea is that switching short trips from car to other modes – even one day in five – will help ease congestion during the process.

Students will explore reasons for active travel, identify safe walking and cycling routes, go on an excursion to trial the routes, and present what they've learned at a launch after school on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The project has been funded by VicRoads and RoadSafe Central Victoria, and is being delivered by Nicola Dunncliff-Wells for the City of Greater Bendigo.



## **Grade 4 Major Excursion CERES Community Environment Park, Melbourne**

7.20am - Students arrive at school.

4.15pm – 4:30pm- Arrive back at WHPS.

What Students need to bring:

- School uniform and School Hat.
- Morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle in a small, labelled backpack. CERES has a Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle policy and asks that all visitors bring a rubbish-free lunch.

## **Upper School News**

### **Grade 5 News**

#### **Chinese Students**

We have welcomed 4 Chinese students to our school. They are from Hanlin Primary School in Suzhou and are with us for 8 weeks. We look forward to them sharing information about their life and school and giving them experiences in Australia.

#### **Camp**

Medical forms have been sent home and need to be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Camp payments must be finalised before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November (unless on a pre-arranged payment plan).

#### **Homework**

Homework was handed out Friday and is due back this Friday. Lit. Circle novels are also needed for Friday.

#### **Cyber Bullying**

On Wednesday we had a cyber bullying session run by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. It is important that students are aware of the consequences of cyber bullying and how they can be supported if they are experiencing it.

### **Grade 6 News**

#### **Camp**

Just a reminder that our major camp to Anglesea will be held on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November. Payments are due on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Can parents and guardians please make sure they are making payments for camp before this date. Also, students were given a medical form and parent/student camper agreement note on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Can parents please make sure that these forms are filled out and returned to school as soon as possible. Students were also given a clothing list for the students to keep at home for reference.

#### **Homework**

This week's homework is a Maths and spelling task, which will be handed out this Friday, and will be due back on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. If students do not hand in their homework, they will be kept in at lunchtime to complete the task. We appreciate parents' encouraging and supporting their child with the completion and submission of homework every week.

#### **Health and Human Development Sessions**

All Grade 6 students will participate in three, one hour health and development sessions preparing them for puberty, led by Leona Evans, our school nurse. These will occur on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Leona will also offer a parent information session for any parents who would like to discuss what these sessions include on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00-5.30pm. Notes will be handed out early in November.

#### **Grade 6 Graduation**

Graduation will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. More information regarding graduation will be given later on in the term.

*Upper School Teachers*

## SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 20 October **Chloe Roycroft**  
 Friday 27 October **Belinda Filbey**  
*Please collect from the office at the end of the day*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 20 October **Sam Franklin**  
**Kelly Adcock**  
**Caroline Robinson**  
 Wednesday 25 October **Kate Howells**  
**Sam Olsen**  
 Friday 27 October **Kristy Rowe**  
**Heather Veitch**  
**Dianne Egan**

### Extra Helpers Needed Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm

Orders are to be written on a **large paper lunch bag unless ordered through Qkr, (NO ENVELOPES), one per child.** Lunch bags are available for 10 for 60c or 10c each, with lunch orders and will be sent home.

**Urgent Reminder:** *If you are unable to assist with canteen duty, please arrange a swap or inform the office so that a replacement helper can be arranged.*

## Before & After School Care Program

### Fab Legend of the Week

This week we had Brady and Lily G as our Fab Legends of the Week. Brady is always polite and helpful towards others while Lily shows great leadership qualities.

### Themes of the Week

Our Themes of the week this week were Art Week, suggested by Blair H and Rainbow Week, suggested by Olivia.

### Before & After School Care Team

**Jamie (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant).**  
 White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272 Camp Australia  
 Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343 Email:  
[oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au)

## UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 20 October **Kelly Adcock**  
 Tuesday 24 October **Heather Veitch**  
 Friday 27 October **Heather Veitch**

### Opening Times

**Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm**  
*Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri*

## NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 26 October **Kristy Rowe**  
 Thursday 02 November **Sam Olsen**  
*Please collect from the office at the end of the day*

## Community News



**Mooncake** 月饼 Yuèbing is the most popular and important food eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋节 Zhōngqiū Jié — the festival is about moon appreciation and family reunion. Food with a round shape means unity and togetherness. For example, mooncakes represent good wishes and happiness.

### TOP 5 MOONCAKE

- Five Kernel and Roast Pork
- Red Bean Paste
- Lotus Seed Paste
- Snow Skin (non-baked)
- Vegetable and Fruit

**Mooncake Prices**  
 ¥5 – ¥200

The cost of a mooncake is actually quite low for one mooncake.

But mooncakes decorated in beautiful and luxury packs are sold at higher prices and sometimes the boxes are more expensive than the mooncakes themselves!

### Other Popular Food

- Duck: Different cooking methods
- Pumpkins: To bring good health
- Wine Fermented with Osmanthus Flowers: For a happy life
- Hairy Crab: A seasonal festival delicacy

shuǐ



water

Today's character is 水 (shuǐ), which means "water". To write this Chinese character, please follow rule #2.

**Rule #2:** When you are writing a character that is centred and more or less symmetrical (but not stacked from top to bottom), the general rule is to write the centre stroke first, then left, then right.



## BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB



The Bendigo United Cricket Club is located in central Bendigo at Harry Trott Oval. Close to schools and the CBD, we are a strong family club. Our club has a number of junior teams starting M10 Cricket right through to Under 18's, and we have forged a strong link between our senior and junior program. Affiliated with the Bendigo District Cricket Association, we have been established for over 150 years.

### Limited places still available for T20 Blast, Under 11's and Under 12's

For more information contact:  
 Byron Perrin at [bperrin@impulse.net.au](mailto:bperrin@impulse.net.au)

REGISTER HERE: <http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html>