Principal’s News

Bendigo Cup Day Holiday: Next Wednesday

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

School Fair: Friday, 7th November

Only 2 weeks to go!

Our committee are now meeting weekly. Their 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.

Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to offer your assistance.

See Parent Club News for more information

Visitors Policy

The school’s Visitors policy has been added to the school website under the Policies tab. This policy outlines the expectations & procedures for all visitors to the school and the terms & conditions of entry, to ensure everyone’s safety.

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.

EBT Thank You

Thank you to all the families who supported our last 2 fundraisers for EBT before our event in November at Maryborough. We had a wonderful night and meal with families, friends and staff at the Bendigo Stadium last week. We also thank those students who supported our pizza day and enjoyed pizza and a drink for lunch on Tuesday. We couldn’t do it without help from the hardworking parents of the EBT teams.

Thanks from Elaine and Roger
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.*

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.

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.

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 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.

Lead By Example
*From an article by Professor Geraldine Naughton. Sports Medicine Australia’s spokeswoman on children's physical activity.*

Children learn a great deal from their parents. If you want your children to eat well and exercise then lead by example. Children learn to like what they are familiar with. The best thing we can do as a family is model good food behaviour and good eating habits. So if you eat well as a family, your children will learn that this is what we eat as part of our food culture. One of the biggest issues with eating is snacking especially on foods that are not healthy. The time a child snacks is as important as what they snack on. Snacking before main meals will obviously result in them not eating much of the meal prepared. After school is a good time to snack, but make it a healthy one which won't fill them up too much.

The story is the same for exercise. Children with active parents are more likely to be active themselves and if children are active from an early age it will help them enjoy a happy childhood and become healthier adults. It is suggested that parents plan for free and preferably outdoor active play every day and set limits on the time spent on less active behaviours (eg. watching TV, using gameboys and computers.) Get into the game with your child. Get the whole family involved in a game of chasey or have races. Be silly. Let your children see how much fun they can have while being active. Put your kids in charge of their activity time. Let each child take a turn choosing the activity of the day or week. Park further away from the shopping centre and walk some of the way, use the stairs instead of the lift or get up earlier and go as a family to walk the dog. But most of all, every activity should be fun. If children are enjoying themselves they are more likely to keep being active.

**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.

**2015 Term Dates**

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**Term 1 Thursday 29th January - Friday 27th March** *(Friday 3rd April Good Friday)*

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**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
Choir
MUSIC COUNT-US-IN
Next Thursday, 30th October, as a participant in the Music Count-Us-In promotion the whole school will be performing a song, “Paint Me a Song” in the sports shed at 11.30am. This is to promote music education in schools and is an annual event that the school has been involved in for many years. The choir will be leading the singing of this song and we will be joining many thousands of school children all around Australia who will be singing this one song, on the one day at the same time. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend this special event.

CHORAL DAY
The choir will be attending the Bendigo Choral Day on Friday 7th November at St. Andrews Hall in Myers Street. The children will receive a permission note next Monday at choir and it is their responsibility to return that to the school as soon as they can. If they do not return their notice they will not be able to attend. The choir will have a full day of choral activities including a joint performance of all choirs at the end of the day of the song “Jubilate”. Parents may be interested in attending this performance.

Band
The Junior and Senior bands will be doing special performances at the School Fair on Friday 7th November. All parents and friends who are attending the Fair will be invited to attend the concerts in the school hall. We hope you will enjoy the music that the children play as they have been practising for some time now on the pieces.
The times of the concerts will be advertised in future newsletters.

Mr Vern Wall, Music
Drama Teacher

Parents’ Club & Fundraising News

School Fair Friday, 7th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm
(Only 2 Weeks away)

All Donations need to be left at school no later than Friday, 31st October

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, Bendigo Regional YMCA, Bendigo Stadium, Car Part Recyclers, Clark Rubber, Coles McIvor Rd, Envy Metal Polishing, Epsom Village Pizza, Epsom Woolworths, Gameworld, Gourmet Fish Shop, Hair Talk Hairdresser White Hills, Loaded Plate, McDonalds Bendigo, Midland Café, Nestle Plaza Lady, PFD, One Tree Hill Hotel, Pre Mix King White Hills, Roger Juniper Builders, Step Into Life, Symons Dairy, Tony McNamara (AFL Victoria), Toyworld, Troy Anthony (Coach of USA Women’s AFL Team), White Hills Pharmacy, White Hills Post Office

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

We still urgently require: Plants & Seedlings,
Tattoo’s, Coloured Hairspray, and Nail polish

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.
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 Shane, Darcy, Dylan and Nate.**

**Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**

PMP will be held next Monday, 27th October. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm.

**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**

The most important part of reading together is **enjoying** the book. Let children choose their own books and encourage them to talk about the books they have read.

**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 Reading**

We would appreciate help listening to children read between 9.00am & 9.30am on any school day.

**Grade 1/2 News**

**Student of the week**

2R Hayley F – For her amazing achievements in reading.
2B Sorcha M – For her imaginative stories in writing.
2W Lacey B – For coming to school with a huge smile.
2S Tahlia C – For asking for help during maths when something didn’t make sense.
1P Sienna C – For showing persistence when she finds an activity tricky. Great job Sienna.
1CK Josh C – For being persistent with his work even with a broken finger.
1T Logan T – For working really hard to improve his writing.
1M Poppi K – For always being a polite and caring friend.

**Grade 2 sleepover**

It is almost time for the grade 2 sleepover! Students will be heading to the Discovery Centre and coming back to school to sleep in the 1/2 building. This is due to the number of grade 2 students this year, the Discovery Centre cannot cater for the large number. A note will be coming home soon with more details, keep your eye out.

**Grade 1 Tea**

Just a reminder that the grade 1 tea is coming up. If you have not already returned your note, please do so as soon as possible.

**Learning Portfolios**

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 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.

*Junior School Teachers*

**Middle School News**

**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the week**

3/W- Kahlia B - for the excellent results she has achieved in all areas of her studies.
3/N- Cammryn Y – for her excellent writing recount about her time at Camp Curumbene.
3TH- Makaylia E – for the effort she puts into the presentation of her work.

**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 24th October.** We now have 4 parent helpers to come with us on the day. Thank you for the offers of help.

**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.

**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:

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

**Wine Auction and Plant stall**

3N see Ms Netherway
*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.

**Homework**

Books have gone home. Please make sure that you are testing the spelling words for the week. Homework is due Thursday.

**Learning Portfolios**

Please send portfolios back to school so that they can be re filled with more fabulous work ASAP.

**Grade 4 News**

**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. Please ensure you return the permission note to your child’s classroom teacher and all payments to go to the office, due **Wednesday 13th November**.

**Learning Portfolios**

We have begun placing work into our portfolios for Term 4 and we are noticing quite a few still missing. Just a reminder to please return them to your child’s classroom as soon as possible. Thank you

**Homework**

A reminder that homework is expected to be completed and returned to school by Thursday of each week. Well done to all students who handed their homework in on time this week.
Science Rotations
Last week we had our first science rotations focusing on the Earth, its place in space, the atmosphere and its structure. During this week rotations we looked at natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanoes and erosion, and how these events change the Earth and its structure.
Next week we will be looking at the impact humans have had on Earth and how we can make changes to conserve the environment.

Fair
The school fair is approaching very quickly and we would like to thank all families who have already donated cans of soft drink. We are still accepting donations, please deliver these to the classroom or office. We are also looking for parent helpers to assist us in running the stalls on the day. If you are able to assist please see your child’s classroom teacher to discuss times.

Students of the week
4K Anique G – For her enthusiasm towards learning and efforts in class. Well done.
4G Imogen H – For the wonderful attitude she always brings to class and being a supportive of others.
4CR Lateisha M – For her positive attitude and efforts in class.

Upper School News

Grade 5 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Students of the Week
Jamia TC for the confident way she is presenting her work and joining in discussions
Potter for a great start to WHPS and becoming a very good friend of ours.
Sebastion C for being a caring, considerate student.

Chinese Students
We have welcomed our Chinese students into the Grade 5 classes and into the school community. They are making some good friends and joining in with our students and class activities. They are practising their English and we are learning about their culture and some Chinese words.

Fair
Reminder that the school fair is fast approaching and if you are intending to donate required items, that you do so as soon as possible so that our hard working volunteer parents can get them organised. If you can spare some time to help with any of the activities please contact your child’s teacher.

Learning Portfolios
It is essential that they be returned so that they are here ready to have work placed in them.

Homework
Please check with your child as to whether their homework is completed by the due date and that netbooks are brought to school charged.

Integrated Studies
Our unit is on progress and change and we have been looking at some of the failures over the years. We have researched reasons why they failed and why they were needed in the first place. If you know of some inventions that have been a flop you might discuss them with your child.

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to these students of the week:
6B Isaiah L for always giving his point of view in class discussions.
6G Jacob C for brilliance and enthusiasm in class this week.
6M Taleah S for challenging herself in maths and trying worded problems with tricky division equations.
6R Kaili B for continuing to work hard and producing excellent results in all subject areas.

Fair Donations Due: As soon as possible
The school fair is only 2 weeks away!! Please make sure any non-perishable, in date items suitable for hampers are donated as soon as possible. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to seeing you on the night. Fair Helpers NEEDED to help run the Grade 6 stalls. Each stall needs a minimum of 8 parents between 4:30-7:30 to help run it. The more parents we have the less
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. The session 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.

Keep an eye out for camp related notes next week.

The 1st Australia & Chinese Picture Book Creation Competition
The students are currently involved in writing and illustrating a picture storybook with an Australian theme. These books will then be entered in to the competition to create a combined Australia and Chinese picture story book. The students have been taking part in lots of creative writing activities to get their imaginations rolling. We are looking forward to seeing the completed books and sharing them with each other and some of the younger grades as well.

Upper School Teachers

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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

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Terri Massese  
Belinda Martin |
| Wednesday 29 October | Jess Smith  
Debbie Popple  
Beth Tamblyn |
| Friday 31 October | Samantha Franklin |

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

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Community News

Garage Sale Trail
Join in the fun at The Parish Centre Hall, 494 Napier Street, White Hills. We have space for ten inside and eight outside private stalls 2m square, For $15 Each. Bbq, cold drinks, tea, coffee for sale, with free hot drinks for stall holders. Set up time is 6.30pm to 8.00am. Selling time is from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Book your own stall for $15. Contact Laura Ph: 0457 247 216, Email: Laurachant@Hotmail.Com

The Bendigo Baseball Association Come Try Sessions
The Bendigo Baseball Association wish to invite all school aged students to Come and Try baseball Twilight sessions. Come & Try nights will run for 3 Monday nights, November 10, 17 & 24 5:30pm children to arrive, Matches start 6pm - 7pm.

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.

Junior Golf Summer Series
Starts: Saturday 25th 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

Rochester Primary School No.795
Celebrating 150 years of Education in 2015
Past students and staff are invited to attend our celebrations on Saturday 31st October 2015 (main day). Keep this date free! Contact your class members and pass the information on. For more information please contact the school.
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T: (03) 54841 072 E: rochester.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Attention Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites!