

White Hills Weekly

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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 3rd October – Wednesday 21st December

Week 34

Friday 28th October

Gr 5/6 Interschool Choral Day 9-2.30pm

Friday 28th October

Gr 5 Tennis Workshop 10-11.30pm

Week 35

Monday 31st October

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Tuesday 1st November

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Wednesday 2nd November

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Wednesday 2nd November

Gr 6 H&HR Session

Thursday 3rd November

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Thursday 3rd November

Music Count Us In 11.00am

Friday 4th November

Gr 1/2 Swimming

Friday 4th November

School Fair

Week 36

Monday 7th November

Parent Club Meeting after Assembly

Tuesday 8th November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

Wednesday 9th November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

Wednesday 9th November

Gr 6 Camp Payment due 4.00pm

Wednesday 9th November

Gr 6 H&HR Session

Week 37

Mon 14th – Fri 18th Nov

Book Fair Round 2

Thurs 17th – Sat 19th Nov

Energy Breakthrough Maryborough

Friday 18th November

Gr 6 Graduation Bear due 4.00pm

Week 38

Tuesday 22nd November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

Tuesday 22nd November

Gr 5 Camp Payment due today 4.00pm

Tuesday 22nd November

Gr 1 Tea Payment due today 4.00pm

Wednesday 23rd November

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45 – 11.45am

Wed 23rd – Fri 25th Nov

Gr 6 Camp

Thursday 24th November

Gr 1 Tea 5.00pm-7.30pm

Friday 25th November

Prep Tea

Tuesday 6th December

Orientation Day

Wed 7th – Fri 9th December

Gr 5 Camp

Wednesday 14th December

Carols/Presentation Night

Thursday 15th December

Gr 2 Sleepover

Friday 16th December

White Hills Idol

School Fair – Friday 4th November

4.30pm - 7.30pm

Countdown, Only 1 week to go.....

Urgently needed non-perishable hamper items, 200g Cadbury chocolate blocks and vouchers for prizes to the value of \$10-\$20.

Help is required with organising the fair. Please contact your child's classroom teacher to offer your assistance

Attention Kids!

Save your coins for next Friday's School Fair, as there are plenty of fun activities and prizes to be won!!!

See Parent Club News for more information

Principal's News

Message from Mr Damien Jenkyn

Dear parents and students,

As you are aware, I have not been at White Hills PS since late March this year. During terms 2, 3 & 4, I have been undertaking an acting Senior Advisor role with the Department of Education and Training, supporting 28 schools across the Greater Bendigo region. In my absence, Scott Ross has been acting principal and Corey Warne has come across from Specimen Hill PS to take up the acting assistant principal position. I am grateful to both Scott and Corey for their excellent leadership of the school during 2016.

I write to advise you that I have now been appointed ongoing as a Senior Advisor and will not be returning to the principal position at White Hills PS.

Scott and Corey will continue in their acting roles for the remainder of 2016.

My six years at White Hills PS have been extremely rewarding, with the school growing from around 380 students to now over 600! I have been privileged to lead a fine, hard-working staff, who, have always focused upon improved outcomes and opportunities for our children. School Council has provided clear vision for our school during a time of rapid expansion and our Parent Club members and parent volunteers have been the backbone of our school community. I will miss my daily interactions with students at the school gate, in classrooms or in the playground. I have always believed in the importance of knowing each child as an individual, so they develop a strong sense of 'belonging' to their school.

I look forward to an opportunity to say goodbye to everyone prior to the end of the school year.

Best wishes,

Damien Jenkyn

Prep Familiarisation Days

Our first Prep Familiarisation Days for children commencing school in 2017 will be held on **Tuesday, 8th November** and **Wednesday, 9th November** from 9.45am to 11.45am. 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, 22nd November** and **Wednesday, 23rd November**, from 9.45am to 11.45am.

We ask that your child attends school on the allocated Familiarisation Day they receive, otherwise this results in an imbalance of student numbers.

Scott Ross

Acting Principal

When A Parent's Love Is Not Enough

Taken from an article published in "The Age", Oct 22nd, discussing the results of an ASG Student Social and Emotional Health report released recently by Melbourne University researcher Michael Bernard.

"This report found that one-third of Australian children, in the study of 10,000 students from 81 primary and secondary schools nation wide, are feeling stressed about their lives. Parents can do a lot to help children cope with pressures, especially by having a positive relationship with their child, spending time with them, showing affection, listening and not using a negative tone of voice.

Loving your child, Professor Michael Bernard says, is not enough. Parents can not expect children to learn values such as trustworthiness or social responsibility without discussing them. It is important to talk to children about how to make friends and manage conflict, he says.

Parents must also communicate high but realistic expectations about school work and expected behaviour. They must praise children when they work hard and must consistently enforce consequences for unacceptable behaviour.

Children need to be given responsibilities and the right to make decisions. The child needs to be in charge of something. They also need to be involved in decisions about home rules, such as when to do homework and jobs they do. Parents must also support their child's interests. While some parents take this to the extreme driving their children to numerous activities, Professor Bernard says research shows that the parents of children with a poor sense of wellbeing often haven't helped their child to develop interests.

Parents must show an interest in their child's education, from asking them about what they are learning to getting to know the teachers, attending school events and possibly joining school committees. If the child is interested in a particular subject, the parent should try to provide extension activities." *Continued next week.*

Parent Club News

Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held **Monday 7th November** in the staffroom after assembly.

School Fair

Friday, 4th November 4.30pm-7.30pm

We 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.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle books were due back last Friday. More raffle tickets will be available for purchase on fair night.

Urgent - Grade Donations required

Donations in each grade are **DUE TOMORROW** with your child. *Please check with your teacher for this information.*

Stall Holders – Spaces still available

We still have a few spots available for anyone wishing to hold a stall on the day, the cost is \$20.00. Please note that we don't permit you to sell drinks of any kind. Leave your contact details at the office. Please supply your own tables on the day.

Please secure your position now, as they are filling fast.

Thank you to the following Sponsors of our 2016 School Fair

@Home, Allara Motor Lodge, Anytime Fitness, Apco, Balgownie Estate Winery, Autobarn, Beechworth Bakery, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo Bank White Hills, Bendigo Bowling Centre, Bendigo Central Pharmacy, Bendigo Dyno Tuning, Bendigo Food Store, Bendigo Heritage Attractions (Central Deborah Gold Mines, Bendigo Tramways and Bendigo Joss House Temple), Bendigo Mower Service, Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo U.F.S Pharmacy, Body Shop, Cane and Kitchen, Cake Walk, Chef's Toolbox, Chemist Warehouse Central, Chemist Warehouse Epsom, Clark Rubber, Cute and Cosy, De'Lish Cafe, Discovery Centre, Doctor On The Way, Domino's, Eaglehawk U.F.S Pharmacy, Education Plus, Envy Metal Polishing, Epsom Cafe, Epsom Dental, Falcon's Baseball Club, Fee's Hair Bizz, Games World, Get Wrapped, Golden Dragon Museum, High on Pastry, Hip Pocket, J's Music, Hurricanes N.C, Jamerry, Kmart, Kyani, Le Reve, Marong Garage, Mary Kaye, McDonald's, Mr. Good Times, Momacs Goods, Mulligrubs, My Hair, Newmarket Bakery Coffee Drive-Thru, North Bendigo Junior Football Club, Nutrimerics, Pamperpatch, Premix King, Ray's Tent City, Rebel Sport, Repco, Reservoir Hotel, Rising Sun, Sandhurst Road Milkbar, Scentsy, Skin Ski and Surf, Small Things by Jess, Sportspower, Sports Co., Spotlight, Strath Village Flowers, Step Into Life, Strath Village IGA, Strathdale IGA Liquor, Subway Epsom, That Phat Bird, The All Seasons Hotel Bendigo, The Lakeview Hotel, The Light Switch, The Shed Guys, The Wellington at Botanical Gardens, The Zone, Total Tools, **Toyworld**, Tupperware, Tyrepower, White Hills Butcher, White Hills Pharmacy, White Hills Swimming Pool, Woolworth's Epsom, Your Inspiration at Home.

Music/Drama News

New Music And Drama Lessons

Flute, Singing and Drama Lessons are now up and running at White Hills. Come and join the fun. Hire flutes available.

Call Drew on 0407 502 438 or email drewthorpemusic@gmail.com



Junior School News

Prep News

Pupils Of The Week

Congratulations to *Taya, Maddison, Bonnie, Koby & Bowden* our Prep "Pupils of the Week" for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and resilient at school. Well done!

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.

Walk To School – October

Over October we have been encouraging the Prep children to participate in the Walk to School program. Children can ride, walk or scoot to and from school and the number of days they participate are recorded on a chart in our rooms. You can walk your children part of the way to school if you live a distance away. Eg from the Botanical Gardens.



Congratulations to our Birthday Children

Hint For The Week

Correcting Mistakes when Reading:

If your child has difficulty in working out a word, look at the word and find familiar sounds and blends, such as "r" at the beginning and "ing" at the end.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

PMP will continue next **Monday, 31st October**. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30 pm on Monday.

Grade 1 News

Students of the Week

1D – **Chloe S** for her hard working attitude towards her writing.

1M – **Ebony W** for working hard on her reading and writing.

1P – **Dakota** for making really good choices.

1CK – **Bianca** for clever reading and very impressive recount writing.

Learning Portfolios

Please return these to school with the completed two stars and a wish form to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. The end of year school reports will be sent home in the learning portfolio.

School Fair

As we are preparing for our upcoming school fair your child may receive a roster for one adult in your family to assist on the night. If you are unable to make it please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Swimming starts next week

Swimming takes place for all students **from Monday 31st October until Friday 4th November**.

Water Bottles

As the weather is finally starting to warm up a little bit we have noticed the children wanting to drink more. Please ensure your child has a water bottle to leave in the classroom during the day so that they don't need to access the bubble taps regularly during class time.

Grade 2 News

Students of the Week

- 2B – Hayley M for great improvements in her maths.
2F – Jack P-H for trying really hard at his writing and achieving his goal.
2G – Navaeh C for her extremely creative narrative writing, well done Navaeh!
2H – Byron G for his increased confidence in all areas of his learning.

Swimming

The program starts on **Monday 31st October** and continues through to **Friday 4th November**. The permission and swimming assessment forms need to be returned to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible because they need to be returned to the YMCA ahead of time.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week

- 3N – Harley M for improved reading, writing and spelling.
3CT – Lucy G for her maturity, organization and positive attitude each day.
3RD – Jessica L for her positive attitude and great resilience.
3B – Rylee T for being a helpful and supportive friend to everyone in the class.

Camp Curumbene Student Reflections

I like how it was a new learning experience for all. By Michael 3CT

I like how all the things that we did were safe. By Sarah LG

I loved how I not just had fun but learnt new things, it was a great experience for me! By Tarkyn Bentley 3CT.

Camp Curumbene had a number of activities it was a great learning experience and we all had fun. By Shahla.F By 3CT



Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Bendigo Town Walk

On Tuesday the Grade 3's attended the major excursion - Bendigo Town Walk. The students had a wonderful time learning about the history of Bendigo. Doing the mine tour and the Talking Tram was the highlight for many. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

School Fair

The School fair is fast approaching! A note went home last week seeking parents to assist with class stalls during the fair for 30 min intervals. If you are available please return the tick sheet as soon as possible. Grade 3 stalls include: Plant stall/Silent Auction, Face painting, Sponge throw and Chicken wraps. There is still time for families who wish to donate.

A big thank you to families who have already donated items.

Stationery

Many students are running low on basic stationery including pencils and rubbers. Please ask your child if they require any thing and top up if possible.

Learning Portfolios

Please ensure you have returned your child's portfolio. If you haven't, please sign and include a positive comment.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to these students of the week.

4G - Sophie M for the pride and effort she puts into the work she publishes.

4M - Mikayla C for improved participation in class discussions.

4T - Dylan T for completing his homework on time and asking for more.

Fair Donations - Friday 4th November 4.30-7.00pm

The fair is fast approaching if you have not made your donation of soft drink cans, we would appreciate them as soon as possible. Please send them along to your child's classroom.

Thank you to all those parents who have already donated goods.

Fair Volunteers

We are also after volunteers to assist in manning our class's stalls. If you are able to help, please see your child's classroom teacher. The more assistance we have the less time each parent will need to spend on the stall. Thanks in advance for your help.

Learning Portfolios

Thanks to those that have returned their child's LP with a comment and signature. If yours hasn't been returned please do so as soon as possible.

Cultural Chinese Day - Monday 31st October

30 Grade 4 students have been selected to take part in a Chinese Cultural Day with our Chinese students and the Grade 5/6 mandarin classes. We hope they enjoy this opportunity and it excites them to want to take up mandarin next year.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

5K - Ryan T for dealing with difficult and challenging situations with maturity.

5O - Hunter W for improved effort in class.

5W - Jorja E for working hard on new and challenging tasks.

Camp

Camp payments are due on **Tuesday 22nd November**. Please have all payments finalised on or before this date. Camp clothing lists will go out at the start of November.

Tennis Workshop Tomorrow for all Grade 5 Students

On **Friday, 28th October** there will be a free Tennis Australia workshop held at the tennis courts opposite Lake Weeroona. All Grade 5 students, minus the choir group, will be walking to the courts at 9.00am tomorrow, and returning to school by lunchtime, they will still be able to have a lunch order.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for the day, as well as their school hat, a water bottle and their recess.

Gr 5/6 School Choral Day Tomorrow

Also on Friday is a Choir workshop. Many grade 5 students will be attending this for the whole day, so they **will not** be attending the Tennis workshop.

School Fair

If you are able to help out with any of the Grade 5 stalls at the Fair on Friday, 4th November (next Friday!), please speak with your child's classroom teacher or return one of the helper forms. Thank you in advance!

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

6B - Anique G for showing great leadership in her role as house captain.

6G - Tyler C for showing maturity during class discussions.

6P - Lachlan G for concentration and effort on assessment tasks.

Homework

This week's homework will be a literacy task and was handed out today. This is expected to be submitted by next **Thursday, 3rd November**. We appreciate parents continuing to support and emphasise the importance of adhering to a regular homework routine.

Health and Human Relations Sessions

As part of the Australian curriculum, Grade 6 students are required to participate in health and human development sessions. These sessions will go for one hour and be conducted by Leona Evans, our school nurse who has had many years' experience in delivering these sessions to Grade 6 students. These sessions continue on **Wednesday, 2nd November and Wednesday, 9th November.**

Anglesea Camp

As parents are aware, our school camp is taking place from **Wednesday 23rd-25th November** at Burnside Camp in Anglesea. Camp is only 5 weeks away and it is 4 weeks until the payment deadline. We encourage families to make regular payments to avoid paying a large sum at the last minute. The final balance is due on **Wednesday, 9th November by 4.00pm.** A note went home to families yesterday who still have outstanding payments.

Camp Medical Notes

Medical notes for camp were handed out on Tuesday and need to be returned on **Tuesday, 1st November.** Students cannot attend camp without this note. Please return these forms back to your child's classroom teacher.

Weeroona College Bendigo - Year 7 CSEF Uniform Packs

State Schools' Relief (SSR) in continuing to support students who are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) by providing a subsidised Uniform Pack to students starting Year 7 in 2017. Families holding a valid means tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Please contact Julie Nicol at Weeroona College Bendigo on 5443 2133 to apply. Applications open 2nd November 2016. Please refer to the attached fact sheet for more information.

After School Care Program

Hat Season

Just a reminder to parents and children that we are now in Term 4 mode so we need brimmed hats in OSHC as well so if you would like to leave a spare hat with us at our OSHC room feel free to leave one with us.

Considering OSHC for your Child?

We always encourage families to drop into OSHC and have a look to see what fun we get up to. In After School Care our children are always kept busy with indoor activities from art and craft to construction and we get outside for ball games and playground time. We also have Fruit snack and second snack. Come and have a chat with our friendly staff for more information.

After School Care Team: Jamie, Eilish, Tracy, Jenna, Jake, Josh and Jorgia.

White Hills OSHC phone: 0402 590 272

Camp Australia Customer Care: Phone: 1300 105 343 Email: oshc@campaustralia.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 28 October	Kelly Adcock
Tuesday 1 November	Deb Button
Friday 4 November	Tammie Bourke

Changed Price List A new price list will take place at the start of Term 4. Due to supply increases, some items have gone up \$1 or \$2.

Opening Times 2016

Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

Kim Engl, Terri Massese & Deb Button

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 28 October	Helper Needed
Friday 4 November	Tarra Monro

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 03 November	Sherryn Taylor
Thursday 10 November	Kelly Adcock

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28 October	Tammie Bourke
	Heather Veitch
	Kelly Adcock
Wednesday 2 November	Joanne Guy
	Karen Hawthorne
Friday 4 November	Sam Franklin
	Katie McEwen
	Fiona Robinson

Helpers Wanted We are in urgent need of more helpers for our Term 4 rosters. Please contact us if you can help.

Please note that there is no honeycomb milk available, vanilla is now available in its place.

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.*

Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager