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 5th October - Friday 18th December

Week 34
Friday 30th October

Week 35
Monday 2nd November
Mon 2nd – Fri 6th November
Tuesday 3 November
Wednesday 4th November
Thursday 5th November

Week 36
Monday 9th November
Tuesday 10th November
Wednesday 11th November
Thursday 12th November
Friday 13th November

Week 37
Tuesday 17th November
Wed 18th – Fri 20th Nov
Thursday 19th November
Tuesday 24th November

Week 38
Monday 23rd November
Tuesday 24th November
Wednesday 25th November

Week 39
Monday 30th November
Monday 30th November
Thursday 3rd December
Friday 4th December

Week 40
Tuesday 8th December
Wednesday 9th December
Wed 9th – Fri 11th Dec
Thursday 10th December

Week 41
Monday 14th December
Monday 14th December
Tuesday 15th December
Tuesday 15th December
Wednesday 16th December
Thursday 17th December

Gr 1/2 Swimming payment due 4.00pm
Parent Club Meeting after the assembly
Gr 1/2 Swimming Program
2016 Prep Familiarisation Day
Prep Swimming

Prep Swimming Payment due 4.00pm
Gr 4 Major Excursion (CERES Enviro Park)
Extra Grade 6 Transition 9.30-11.00am
Gr 6 Camp Payment due 4.00pm
Prep Swimming
Parent H&H Info Session 5.00-5.30pm

Prep Swimming
Booklist Orders go out today
Prep Swimming

Gr 5 Camp Payment due 4.00pm
Gr 6 Anglesea Camp
Gr 2 Sleepover Payment due 4.00pm
Prep Tea 5.00pm-7.00pm

Gr 6 Health & Human Session
Prep to Gr 1 Transition Evening 6.00-6.30pm
Gr 5/6 Bike Ed Challenge

Orientation Day
Gr 5/6 Pool Party Payment due
Weeremoa College Awards Night
Gr 5 Phillip Island Camp
Gr 5 Camp
Bendigo South East SC Graduation Night
Gr 2 Sleepover

Gr 5/6 Pool Party
Gr 6 Graduation Payment due 4.00pm
Bendigo South East Awards Night
WHPS Carol night 6.00pm
Eaglehawk SC Awards Night
Bendigo Senior SC Awards Night

Principal’s News
Do Not Enter Staff Carpark: Two Recent Accidents
Despite numerous mentions in the school newsletter and at assemblies, we continue to have people drive into the staff parking area during pick up and drop off times. I once again ask that parents and visitors do not drop off or pick up in this area.

Many parents and children walk through the car park to access school buildings. For everyone’s safety we ask that you not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children. In recent weeks we have had two staff members’ cars damaged by people driving into the car park.

Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Warm Weather & Snakes: Discuss with your Child
This week a brown snake was sighted on the bike path alongside Holdsworth Rd. With the weather becoming warmer, and being located so close to the Bendigo Creek, it’s important for children to be on the lookout. I would encourage parents to have a discussion with their children to stay well away from a snake if they sight one, not to agitate it, and report it to an adult. Classroom teachers have also had this conversation with their students.

Prep Familiarisation Days
Our first Prep Familiarisation Day for children commencing school in 2016 will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, 4th 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, 17th November and Wednesday, 18th November from 9.45am to 11.45am. Notices with full details of our first Familiarisation Day have been distributed in Preschools or sent to parents at the start of this term. If you have not received a note please contact Jan Ellis. We ask that your child attends school on their allocated Familiarisation Day. They will be 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.
Multi-age Multicultural Day & 30th Anniversary Thanks

In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the opening of White Hills PS on its current site in October 1985, last Thursday we conducted a Multi-age Day that acknowledged our past and how our school has changed over time.

We celebrated our history and different cultures from around the world, with students participating in a variety of activities representing the food, sport, art, language, clothing and customs of a range of countries. I want to acknowledge how our students worked together in mixed age groups throughout the day; our older students looking after the younger ones so well. Thanks to our WHPS staff, volunteers and the staff and students of Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Weeroona College for all the work that went into planning and conducting activities throughout the day. I know the parents, relatives, friends and visitors who took part in the day had a very enjoyable time. My thanks also to Wendy Betts (Parent Club President in 1985) and Barrie Winzar (previous WHPS principal) for their organisation of a 30th Anniversary Reunion at the Eaglehawk RSL on Sunday, 18th October.

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.

Let Us Know If You Are Moving

If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2016 due to your family moving, please advise the school now. Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at White Hills for 2016, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as it is crucial for our planning.

Asthma & Hay Fever Season

If children need medication for Asthma or Hay Fever through the school day please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date. Inform the school office if your child has been medicated before school on any particular day.

Head Lice: Now is the Time to Check

We ask that all parents check their child/children’s head for head lice to reduce any infestation. Choose a regular date to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary, remembering that if one child in the family has head lice you will need to treat the whole family. Checks are easier in the sunlight and wearing a strong pair of reading glasses helps to magnify them. Reinfestation occurs if all the eggs are not carefully removed from the hair. This is best done by scraping your finger nails along the individual strands. If you find live lice or eggs in your child’s hair a second treatment must be done a week later, as eggs not killed and left in the hair will hatch, causing reinfestation.

The head lice program has ceased this year, so it is important that families are vigilant with checking at home.

Canteen Volunteers Needed Urgently

With our school numbers growing, we urgently need extra helpers in the canteen on a Wednesday or Friday from 12.30pm to approximately 2.00pm. If you are able to help, please leave your name and number at the office.

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 cannot 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.
Bendigo Bank Fun Run: This Sunday

Mr Scoble has registered a White Hills PS team in the Bendigo Bank Fun Run, so if students and families are planning to participate please register in the school’s team.

In addition the school has individual student ‘pledge sheets’ (similar to our walkathon) that are available at the office. Students collect sponsors for the event and the money raised goes directly to Bendigo Community Health. There are a variety of available distances to enter. For more information collect a pledge form at the office or go to www.bendigobankfunrun.com.au/

Damien Jenkyn,
Principal

Weeroona College Fiji Collection

The advance class at Weeroona College has asked our school to help them collect school supplies which they will use when they visit Fiji in late November. The aim of their trip is to help set up a school and therefore they are in need of lots and lots of school supplies which they will ship over before they leave.

They are in need of items such as pencils, pens, rulers, reading and writing books, glue sticks, etc.

The Grade 6 Community Connection group will be collecting these items over the next week. We ask that items be brought to school in a bag with your name on it. Grade 6 students will be coming around to the classrooms to collect items throughout the week. Prizes will be given to some lucky donors.

Any questions can be directed to Mr Byron.

Thanks for your support.

Coding Club

What is coding? Coding is computer programming. It is telling a computer what to do. In our club we will use a program called Tynker.

When: Every Friday at 1.40pm after the eating bell.

Where: Miss Williams’s classroom. You must be in Grade 2-6.

Why: It improves your problem solving and thinking skills.

’It is one thing to know how to use these technologies. It’s another, however, to understand the logic behind them. When learning to program, kids understand and tinker with the digital world they inhabit. Coding draws back the seeming “magic” of technology so they can truly understand the logic and science that controls this technology—a discovery that is all the more magical.’

If you would like more information about coding, scan the QR code on your phone.

Library News

Double the Fun!

Scholastic’s ‘Buy One Get One Free’ Book Fair

The Library will be hosting a different type of book fair this term – Buy One Get One Free! Instead of the school receiving the commission for each book sold, you get it! With every book purchased you can select another book of equal or lesser value for FREE! And with the book fair so close to Christmas, it would be a great time to buy gifts for family and friends.

Put these dates into your calendar and start saving! First in best dressed. No reorders. 3 days only – 18, 19 & 20th November.

Sue Briggs,
Library Coordinator
Next Meeting
Our next meeting is **Monday, 2nd November** in the staffroom straight after assembly. All welcome.

End of Year Celebration
Our end of year celebration will be held at Dribs ‘N’ Drabs in Bendigo on either the 4th, 5th or 12th December. Date will be decided on Monday. The discounted price of $60 per ticket will apply if we pay within 6 days of booking. This price includes meal and show. We hope to see everyone there for a great night out.

Parent Club Committee

Music/Drama News

Over Half A Million Voices participated in COUNT US IN today
At 12.30 today we participated in Count Us In (MCUI), with more than 500,000 students from over 2,100 schools sing the same song, at the same time, right across the country. From Bondi to Broome, Devonport to Darwin, Music: Count Us In gives children from all walks of life the opportunity to learn and practice a song that they play and sing with thousands of students from across Australia.

The School Senior Band and Choir will lead this event.

School Choir Notice
On **Friday, 30th October** our WHPS Choir will take part in an **Inter-Schools Choral Day** at St. Andrews Uniting Church Hall in Bendigo. We will have 4 sessions learning from music teachers from Bendigo district schools and we will also participate in a concert at 1.30pm and a workshop session with Mr. Peter Butler, a highly esteemed local music educator.

**Trevor Trewartha**
*Music/Drama Coordinator*

Junior School News

Pupil 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 Michael, Blake, Nathyn and Jaxon**.

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 “t” at the beginning and “ing” at the end.
**Prep Swimming Program**
The Prep swimming program will be held on the 12th, 19th, 20th, 23rd 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 cost for this program is covered if you have pre-paid for Special Events, have qualified for the school’s 2015 Special Events Credit, or the recent state government Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). Contact the school office on 54430799 for further details.

**However, if you have not yet paid, the cost is $51.00 per child.**

This payment is due before 4.00pm on Monday, 9th November. As per the school’s Excursions policy, late payments will not be accepted.

Cash or EFTPOS payment can be made at the school office or pay online via the school’s QkR smartphone app.

Please do not send any money until a special information note is sent home closer to the program commencing.

**Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**
Our final PMP session will be held next Monday, 2nd November. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm on Monday, 2nd November.

**Prep Reading**
We would appreciate help with listening to children read between 9.00am and 9.30am on any school day.

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**Grade 1/2 News**

**Student of the Week**

2RD – Zach M for his new enthusiasm towards home reading.

2/B – Shontaie B for making great choices.

2/W – Isaiah P-A for showing great dribbling skills during soccer practice.

2/S – Jessica L for being a friendly and helpful student.

1/P – Isaac G for all his hard work especially in reading.

1CK – Claire B for her excellent effort in reading.

1/T – Shane C for doing amazing writing and good reading.

1/M – Tate M for working really hard to use expression when reading.

**Student Absent Notes**
If students are absent from school, can parents please write a note or contact the school via phone. If students have an unexplained absence, then a note will be sent home for parents to complete. Please return these notes to your child’s classroom teacher promptly.

**Grade 2 Sleepover**
The Grade 2 sleepover will be on Friday 11th December. More details to come!

**Drink Bottles**
Students are encouraged to bring to school a labelled drink bottle containing water to have in the classroom.

**Grade 1/2 Swimming next week**
The Grade 1/2 Swimming Program will be conducted at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre YMCA, Eaglehawk, next week from Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November. Students will participate in 40 minute sessions each day. Please label student’s belongings and mark dates on your calendars at home. Any further queries, please see your classroom teacher.

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*Junior School Teachers*
Middle School News

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week
4/G- Xavier D for a settled approach to his learning and trying hard in all areas.
4/K- Aimee J for a great job with her times tables and improvements in maths.
4CT- Abbey D and Aidan P H for setting a great example to others in class.

Learning Portfolios
There are still a number of portfolios that haven’t been returned to school. Please read, comment, sign and return your child’s portfolio as soon as possible.

Grade 4 Major Excursion
Please keep notes and money coming in for our excursion to CERES Community Environment Park in Melbourne on Tuesday 10th November. Cash or EFTPOS payment of $41 can be made at the school office or you can pay online via the school’s QkR smartphone app. Payment and permission slip is due by 4.00pm Thursday, 5th November. As per the school’s Excursions Policy, late payments will not be accepted.

Walk to School
Students are being encouraged to walk to and from school for the month of October. We understand that not everyone lives within walking distance, so we are encouraging students to be dropped off a little further away from school than normal and walk the rest of the distance. Classes are keeping a tally of the number of times students walk to school throughout the month.

Choir
Good luck to all the Grade 4’s attending the Choral Day tomorrow. We are sure you’re going to have a wonderful day and hope that you enjoy the experience.

Middle School Teachers

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week
5/K- Penny H for her accuracy and concentration during our four processes math activity.
5/P- Zane for being more organised with his time and completing homework.
5/W- Jaime-Lee for being more organised and for her improved effort and concentration in class.

Learning Portfolios Overdue
We are still waiting on some Learning Portfolios that are at home. Please return these to school ASAP.

Camp
Medical notes were due last Tuesday. Please ensure that these are handed back before the end of this week so we can get further organised. Please remember to continue to make camp repayments at the office or via Qkr. The final camp payment is due Wednesday 25th November.

‘Our Environment, Our Future’ workshop
Last Friday we had four grade 5 students, Liam M, Isabella H, Eliza O and Samuel W, all attend the ‘Our Environment, Our Future’ workshop presentation day at the Botanical Gardens. Costa Georgiadis of ABC Gardening Australia fame was there to hear about the ideas our students have for the future of their school and town. It was a fun day and the students were able to learn lots from Costa, as well as the other participating schools. Well done!

Choir Day Tomorrow
Tomorrow is the Interschool Choir Day for all students involved in school choir practice.
**Weeroona College Fiji Appeal**

If you have any new school supplies, such as pens/pencils etc that you may be able to donate to the Weeroona College Fiji Appeal, please bring them along to school with your child to drop off to the Grade 6 students. Thank you in advance.

**Grade 6 News**

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to these students of the week

6B- Riley M for his excellent French welcome at our multicultural day. He also showed great leadership.

6G- Carson T for his creative costume on multi-age day and baking delicious bread for his teachers.

6M- Fletcher W for showing great leadership and helpfulness during the multi-age day activities.

**Camp Payments Due: Wednesday 11\(^{th}\) November 4.00pm**

**FINAL REMINDER NOTES WERE SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Grade 6 camp is fast approaching (Wednesday 25\(^{th}\) November- Friday 27\(^{th}\) November). Full payment of $290 is due in 2 \textbf{weeks}. Payments can be made on the QKR app, EFTPOS or cash in a named envelope to the office. If you are unsure of how much you owe please contact the school.

**Camp Medical Notes Due Monday 9\(^{th}\) November**

Please fill these in and return by 9\(^{th}\) November. If you have lost the form a new one can be printed off the school website, under 5/6 links.

**Health and Human Lessons Parent Info Session Thursday 12\(^{th}\) November**

A note came home this week outlining how the health and human lessons run in Grade 6. The note was also an invitation to parents to attend an information session with our school nurse to find out what will be presented in the 3 health and human sessions. Please RSVP by \textbf{Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) November}. If there is not enough interest, the parent session will not run.

**Weeroona Well Being Day Monday 2\(^{nd}\) November**

On Monday, Year 9 and 10 students from Weeroona will be coming to school to run activities and workshops with the Grade 6s on wellbeing. The topics that will be covered are healthy living (sleep, food, and physical activity), managing emotions and communication, trust and friendships, transitioning to high school.

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**Upper School Teachers**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Second Hand Uniforms Available**

“\textit{Sold for cash only}”

In stock for 3 months from time of receipt and then passed on to welfare if not sold within that period

**Opening Times**

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

\textbf{Kim Engi, Terri Massese + Deb Button}

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**Community News**

**White Hills Junior Cricket Club**

There are positions available in the White Hills Cricket Club Under 10 T20 Blast age group. Teams play on Friday nights @ Bieschler Park commencing on the 6\(^{th}\) of November.

Contact Andrew Stewart on 0403942551 for further details.