### 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.

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### Calendar of Events

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| **Week 36** Monday 10th November | Gr 1 Tea payment and notes due |
| Monday 12th November | Parent Club Meeting 9.15am |
| Monday 14th November | Gr 6 Camp payment due by 4.00pm |
| Monday 17th November | Prep Swimming payment due 4.00pm |
| Monday 17th November | SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm |
| **Tuesday 18th November** | Gr 4 Major Excursion Payment due 4pm |
| **Wednesday 19th November** | Gr 1 Tea |

### Principal’s News

#### School Fair: Friday, 7th November

**Only 1 week to go!**

Help is required with organising the fair. You can assist by contacting the school to offer your help and attending the meetings next Monday & Wednesday.

Please contact your child’s classroom teacher to offer your assistance and see Parent Club News for more information.

#### 2015 Student Placement Request:

Closes 4pm Next Friday, 7th November

The process of allocating children to grades is very complex, with teachers and coordinators spending many days developing class groups based upon sound educational factors.

Class teachers have already worked with children to nominate five (5) of their friends who they believe they would work well with. We endeavour to place them with at least one (1) of their nominated friends.

We consider the following factors when determining grades: even distribution of academic ability within grades, separation of children who do not work well together, gender balance, interpersonal development, friendship groups, attitude, maturity, individual needs and behaviour.

Parents are invited to put in writing a placement request based upon educational and social factors only.

Naming of a preferred class teacher is NOT part of this process.

Written requests are to be addressed to Damien Jenkyn, Principal, and forwarded by 4.00pm on Friday, 7th November.

Verbal requests will NOT be considered.

Late written requests will NOT be considered. Only this year’s letters will be considered, so do not rely on previous letters (or conversations) with the Principal or Assistant Principal from past years.

Parents should be aware that requests can place significant limitations on options for placement and there is no guarantee that a request can be met.

You will be advised in writing of your child’s allocated grade for 2015 on Thursday, 11th December.

#### 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.

#### 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
Working Bee Thanks
Many thanks to Trevor Roycroft (parent & carpenter) and his colleague Rod Draper for organising materials & coordinating last Sunday’s working bee to replace the retaining wall near the near the Netherway/Watson classrooms. Please support the local businesses that support our school. Thanks also to Andrew Stewart, Gavin Carter and Scott Bawden for their assistance on the day.

Use the Designated School Crossing on Plumridge Street
We ask for parental support in ensuring that ALL CHILDREN (even if accompanied by a parent) use the designated school crossing to cross the road.
DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE. The road crossing at the bridge is not a controlled pedestrian crossing and we have had near misses, as motorists and pedestrians are unsure of who has right of way. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal

Music / Drama News

Choir
CHORAL DAY
The choir will be attending the Bendigo Choral Day next **Friday 7th November** at St. Andrews Hall in Myers Street. The children have received a permission note 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 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 next week’s newsletter.

Mr Vern Wall, Music
Drama Teacher
Parents’ Club & Fundraising News

Next Meeting
Our next Meeting will be now held on Wednesday, 12th November due to next week being Fair week.

School Fair
Friday, 7th November, 4.30pm-7.30pm
(Only 1 Week 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, Jims Mowing, 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

Check in the Grade news for donations urgently needed for our fair.

We still urgently require: Plants & Seedlings.
Tattoo’s and Coloured Hairspray.

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.

Our final meetings are next Monday 3rd and Wednesday, 5th November from 9.00am in the staffroom.

Junior School News

Prep News
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 Connor T, Haley C, Jack T and E.J.

Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
PMP will be held next Monday, 3rd November. 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
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.
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 and 9.30am on any school day.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News
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.

Grade 4 News
Major Excursion
Our major excursion is on Monday, 17th November. We are going to the ScienceWorks museum and I Max 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. If homework is not handed in by the due date students will be expected to complete this during lunchtime.

Fair
The school fair is now only one week away. We are still 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. We are also still accepting donations of soft drinks, please deliver these to the classroom or office.

Students of the week
4/K Chloe O – For working hard in class and her improvements in reading.
4/G Jesse C – For his terrific focus with his learning and catching up on tasks.
4CR Lachlan G – For his excellent effort, persistence and hard work in class.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 & 6 Coding Classes

Calling all Students who enjoy creating new things and learning more about technology...

Learning to code is a rewarding, creative experience that teaches you more about the technologies you use every day. Tim helps you learn how to use fun, real tools that put you on the path to becoming a creative computer-programming genius!

Tim is running Fun Code Classes - designed for Grade 5-6 students! Limited spaces left on Tuesday or Thursday nights at 4.30pm in Bendigo at only $10 per week!

For more info, or to sign up online, visit http://www.codewithtim.com/courses/introduction-to-computer-science-for-school-students-grades-3-7

Who is Tim?

Tim lives in Bendigo and started programming at a young age, building applications for business and finance on MS-DOS, Apple, Windows and Linux platforms. Tim's career has crossed many areas of technology, from management of large corporate networks to focused software teams for the Healthcare, Finance and Education industries. Over the last decade, Tim's work has focused around internet technologies, where he builds large-scale platforms using the very latest technologies for the web.

Tim's passion lies in Education and he now directs a company that builds learning platforms, supporting 1000's of students across Australia.

To contact Tim directly, please call 0427 545 016

For updates, like us on Facebook http://fb.com/CodeWithTim

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to these students of the week.

6/B- Matt T for his excellent interview techniques while finding out more about India.
6/G- Dylan E for having a positive attitude in maths and getting fantastic results on his time sheet.
6/M- Jordan L-P for his excellent attitude towards maths. Great participation in class discussions and activities. Keep it up.
6/R- Ota Ota P for her terrific results with time when working with Mrs Gray.

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 time each will need to spend on the stall. Please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you are available to assist. Thank you for your help.

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 early next week. 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.

Community Connections

The students have been working hard on the wall mural on the back of the rebound wall. It is looking good and showcases the great things we do in our school. The Grade 6 students are very proud of their completed work. Not only were they involved in the actual painting of the mural but also the design.

Thanks from the Energy Breakthrough Team

Thanks to everyone that brought a slice or 2 of pizza last week. $880 was made from this fundraising event. Thanks again for your support, the Energy Breakthrough Team are very grateful.

Upper School Teachers
**UNIFORM SHOP**

Friday 31 October   Samantha Franklin  
Tuesday 4 November  Cherie Anderson  
Friday 7 November   Nicole Logan  

**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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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 31 October   Debbie Popple  
Beth Tamblyn  
Samantha Franklin  
Wednesday 5 November  Jayne Norton  
Paula Spivey  
Catherine Hester  
Friday 7 November   Nicole Logan

** 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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**SICK BAY ROSTER**

Friday 31 October   Fiona Robinson  
Friday 7 November   Alannah McGregor

**Please collect linen from the office**

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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

Thursday 6 November  Office Staff  
Thursday 13th November Bronwyn McConnell

**Please arrive 2.30pm**

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**Community News**

**Milo In2Cricket Program**

**Registration and participation afternoon**

**Wednesday November 5 – 4.30 to 5.45**

Glen Loddon Homes Oval - Scott St. White Hills  
Cost: $75 per participant  
10 week program - Wednesday afternoons  
November 6 to December 12 and February 4 to March 4 2015  
Milo In2Cricket is ideal introduction to cricket for 5 – 9 year olds. With each participant being provided with a Milo In2Cricket pack. Please bring a wide-brimmed hat and water bottle for the first session.  
Further Details contact: John Geary (0408 248282)

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**Attention all Dollarmite School Banking Children**

Commonwealth Bank are running another amazing promotion to reward regular saving. Students simply need to **make a School Banking deposit between 20 October – 30 November 2014**, regardless of the value. They are then automatically entered into the competition. The more times they deposit, the more chances they have to win.

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**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.
White Hills Swimming Pool 2014/15 Season
Tickets are now available for the 2014/2015 swim season and make great Christmas presents for the whole family. Please support your local pool and buy them from White Hills. Money can be left in an envelope addressed to Rosie Taylor at the school office with family details ie Family name and Christian names of all family members, ages of children, address and phone number. A family consists of all members on the same medicare card. It does not include independent children I will process them and leave tickets at the office for collection or you can contact me direct on 0417164973.
Prices are as follows:
- Adult Season Ticket valid Dec-March $95.00
- Child $70.50
- Family Ticket $181.00
- Concession Adult $72.00
- Concession Family $144.00
These prices are set by council and represent great value for money when you consider that they cover every visit to the pool for the entire season Compare these prices with many other leisure activities for which you would pay similar for one visit. (eg Taking the family to the movies)

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

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Enrol now for Summer
Visit www.vicswim.com.au or contact Kellie kellingworth@aquaticsandrecreation.org.au