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 35**

- Thursday, 5th November
- Friday, 6th November
- Monday, 9th November
- Tuesday, 10th November
- Wednesday, 11th November
- Thursday, 12th November
- Friday, 13th November
- Monday, 14th November

**Week 36**

- Monday, 15th November
- Tuesday, 16th November
- Wednesday, 17th November
- Thursday, 18th November
- Friday, 19th November
- Monday, 21st November

**Week 37**

- Monday, 22nd November
- Tuesday, 23rd November
- Wednesday, 24th November
- Thursday, 25th November
- Friday, 26th November
- Monday, 28th November
- Tuesday, 29th November

**Week 38**

- Monday, 30th November
- Tuesday, 1st December
- Wednesday, 2nd December
- Thursday, 3rd December
- Friday, 4th December

**Week 39**

- Monday, 5th December
- Tuesday, 6th December
- Wednesday, 7th December
- Thursday, 8th December
- Friday, 9th December

**Week 40**

- Tuesday, 10th December
- Wednesday, 11th December
- Thursday, 12th December
- Friday, 13th December

**Week 41**

- Monday, 14th December
- Tuesday, 15th December
- Wednesday, 16th December
- Thursday, 17th December
- Friday, 18th December

**Principal’s News**

**Parent 2016 Student Placement Request:**

Closes 4.00pm Next Friday, 13th 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, 13th 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 2016 on Thursday, 10th December.

**Prep Familiarisation Days**

Our second Familiarisation Days will be held on Tuesday, 17th November and Wednesday, 18th November from 9.45am to 11.45am. We ask that your child attends school on their allocated Familiarisation Day. 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.
Building & Grounds: Works Continue
There will be several buildings and grounds projects beginning in the near future and continuing into the 2016 school year.

New Relocatable Buildings
Due to our increasing enrolments, we are entitled to new relocatable buildings. In coming weeks, the Department of Education contractors will install two new Mod 5 buildings. Each Mod 5 building contains two classrooms.

As per our grounds masterplan (click here), these relocatables will be sited in the current staff car park. This is so valuable play space and recreation areas are not taken up by buildings. Our future plan is to redevelop the car park at the front of the school, however the Department of Education have not allocated funds for these works and School Council will be following up potential funding sources. Siting of the new buildings will involve relocating the existing green storage shed behind our big sports shed. The ‘Energy Breakthrough’ shed will be removed but we will be constructing a new shed towards the rear entrance of the school.

Seating & Shade Trees on northern side of Peter Davey Building
The block retaining wall, gravel path, decorative gravel surfacing and asphalt was completed on the northern side of the Peter Davey Building last school holidays. To finish this area, seating will be installed and large deciduous trees planted to provide shade.

Old Infant Playground Remodelled
School Council is currently seeking designs and quotes for replacing and remodelling the infant playground area. The first part of our works in this area has been the creation of an ‘adventure’ sandpit with large rocks and tree stumps. It has been very popular with the children.
Our local fundraising over the past two years has been put towards the ongoing upgrade of our play areas. The school is grateful for your support of our fundraising activities.

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.

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.

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.
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._

When A Parent's Love Is Not Enough Continued
_Taken from an article published in "The Age", 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 nationwide, are feeling stressed about their lives. Parents through their own optimistic behaviour and self-acceptance can show children that they should not take life so seriously or personally. Professor Bernard says today's children need programs such as You Can Do It because they are more stressed than previous generations. He puts this down to parents having less time because they are working, children growing up faster and higher academic expectations.

The report revealed that many students particularly struggled with the transition to secondary school. Many students did not feel they had the resilience to deal with peer group pressure and a new school structure when they constantly changed classes. But how can a parent talk to an upset adolescent about such issues? Professor Bernard says parents have to find that balance where they are firm with their children and earn their respect, while also being kind and listening to what is going on in their lives.

The good news from the report is that most children are happy most of the time. "That message gets lost. Young people today are okay because there are more routes to a destination."

_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*

Parent Club News

Next Meeting
Our next meeting is **Monday, 7th December** 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 Friday 4th December. Names and the cost of $60 per person (*price includes meal and show*) will need to be handed to the school office, Sam, or Mary by the end of this week to secure our booking. We hope to see everyone there for a great night out.

Christmas Hamper Raffle
Watch next week’s newsletter for information on the Christmas Raffle and a book of tickets which will be sent home with the eldest child of each family.

*Parent Club Committee*

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

Last Thursday, 29th October, a group of Weeroona Secondary students came to our school to run a short Hip Hop Dance workshop. Those students from our school who have shown an interest in the Hip Hop Dance program were able to participate. Students learnt a short dance that they were able to perform with the secondary students. Our Hip Hop group was also able to perform their Eisteddfod routine from earlier this year and the secondary girls were most impressed! Thank you to Sharni from Hiphopportunities and the Weeroona Secondary students for visiting our school and offering this opportunity to dance together. Hiphopportunities also run a community dance program. Those students who are interested can see Mrs Mumford for further information.

*Mrs Sam Mumford*
Please support “The White Hills Primary School Christmas Tree”

A Big thank you to all the students who made these amazing decorations!

Bendigo Marketplace is giving away $10,000 to one very lucky Bendigo school and we are delighted to invite your school to take part in our “Money Can Grow on Trees” Community Campaign which will be held from the 2nd November 2015 until the 13th December 2015.

Due to the wonderful response last year we have decided to run the community campaign again and are thrilled to let you know that this year will be bigger and better than the last and for those of you who missed out last year, this is your opportunity to sign up.

Bendigo Marketplace will be giving away a total of $15,000 in cash grants to winning schools. This year ISPT (owner of Bendigo Marketplace Shopping Centre) is partnering up with Bendigo Marketplace to share in the gift of giving by awarding an extra $20,000 worth of books to be shared equally among all participating schools. Each participating school will also receive a sports pack.

The Campaign: Local schools are encouraged to let their students Christmas spirit shine by creating handmade decorations which will then be displayed on a Christmas tree in the Bendigo Marketplace for all to see. Parents, friends and family can then vote for their favourite decorated tree by placing their Bendigo Marketplace receipts in the voting boxes provided. The school with the most votes at the end of the promotion will be awarded cash grants and other prizes.

THE 2015 PRIZES ARE:
1st place prize: $10,000 2nd place prize: $3,000 3rd place prize: $2,000 + $20,000 in school book resources divided between all participating schools thanks to ISPT Super Property.

Thank you
Mrs Watchman and Mrs White
Art Teachers

Junior School News

Prep 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 Jordan T, Lexie, Leatisha and Dakota.

Prep Swimming Program
The Prep swimming program will begin next week on the 12th, 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th November, at the Eaglehawk Leisure Centre, YMCA indoor heated pool.

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 next 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 QK app.

Drink Bottles
With the weather becoming hotter it is important that all children have their water bottles for use in the classroom.
Sleep
As the year is getting busier we have been noticing some of our Junior School children are becoming very tired, resulting in lack of concentration, tears and grumpiness. It is suggested by researches that children of Prep age require up to 11 hours sleep a night to function at their best. Please encourage your child to be in bed at around 8.00pm (we know this is difficult with daylight saving) so they can be ready for learning the next day.

Learning Portfolios
We ask that all Learning Portfolios are returned to your child’s class teacher next week so new work samples can be placed in them.

PMP Thank You
Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have helped with PMP over this year. Without your assistance this valuable program would not be able to be held.

Hint for The Week
Remember that getting meaning from print is what reading is all about. Talk about the book before and after you read it and discuss your favourite part of the story or new information you may have learnt from it. Often parents feel that their children should be reading at a higher level than what they have been placed by their teacher. By gaining confidence and fluency on an easier level assists children in developing understanding of what they are reading.

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

Grade 1/2 News
Student of the Week
2RD – Georgia K for her resilience when her computer was playing up.
2/B – Keiden B for wonderful improvements in his behaviour.
2/W – Liam W for making great choices inside and outside of the classroom.
2/S – Lincoln A for his beautiful manners and always working hard!
1/P – Cody M for being resilient and coming to school even when it’s tough.
1/CK – Alex M for always being a great listener.
1/T – Tayden S for trying hard to do neat handwriting and having a go at adding talking marks to his writing.
1/M – Darcy H for being persistent when writing.

Grade 1/2 Swimming
Tomorrow is the last day for the Grade 1/2 swimming program. Thank you to the parents who have come to watch and help students get changed back into their school clothes. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Grade 2 Sleepover
The sleepover for the Grade 2 students will be held on Friday, 11th December. Students will have some fun at the Discovery Science and Technology Centre and then sleep back at White Hills Primary School. An information note outlining all other important details went home last Friday. Thank you to those students and parents who have already returned their permission forms. Forms and payment are due by 4.00pm Friday, 27th November. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for further details.

Grade 1 Tea
The Grade 1 Tea will be held at school on Thursday 19th November, from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. An information note outlining all other important details went home earlier this week. Permission notes and payment is due by 4.00pm Monday, 16th November. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for further details.

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

Junior School Teachers
**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the Week**
- Bethany K for her concentrated effort in class and that beautiful smile.
- Karlee H for working very hard and completing all her work. Great job Karlee.
- Noah H for excellent results in his CARS reading test and for working hard to improve his literacy skills particularly spelling and reading.

**Bendigo Excursion**
The Grade 3 unit had a great excursion into Bendigo and explored the underground mine at the central Deborah gold mine and the cultural diversity of Bendigo at the Chinese Museum. A trip on the talking tram was also a highlight and the students all enjoyed a fabulous day of learning.

**Spelling Bee**
Last week winners from our spelling bee competition. Well done!

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**Grade 4 News**

**Students of the Week**
- 4/G - Venessa R for confidently participating during class discussions and sharing her ideas.
- 4/K - Emily J for being a lovely students to teach when Miss Gedye was away.
- 4CT - Hunter W for his dedication and positive attitude to all of his work.

**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.

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**Middle School Teachers**

**Grade 5 News**

**Students of the Week**
- 5/K - Joe C for his excellent work in our Math lessons!
- 5/P - Melody and Annie for the way that they have involved themselves in the classroom and how they’ve made good friendships.
- 5/W - Coupe M for his improved attendance over the past few weeks. Keep it up!

**Learning Portfolios**
There are still a few students who are yet to bring their Learning Portfolio to school. Please return these with your child ASAP. Thank you.

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**Upper School News**
Camp
Camp payments will need to be finalised by Tuesday 24th November before 4.00pm. A clothing information note will be sent home next Tuesday, so please be sure to check for this and stick it on the fridge as a reminder.

Tennis
Next Friday, 13th November is our Grade 5 Tennis Tournament excursion. Students will be walking to the Bendigo Tennis Courts near Lake Weeroona to take part in this tournament. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear, has their broad brimmed hat, plenty of water, as well as a packed recess snack. If you have nominated yourself as a parent helper, please get in contact with your child’s classroom teacher before the day.

Christmas Tree Competition
White Hills Primary School has entered a specially decorated Christmas tree in the Bendigo Marketplace competition. If you are shopping at the Marketplace, please use your receipts to pop in the White Hills Primary box to vote for our school. If we get the most votes (receipts), our school could win $10,000!

Netbooks
All student laptops, with their cases and chargers will be due back to school on Friday 4th December. A note was sent home this week about the netbooks.

Camp
Please remember to continue to make camp repayments at the office or via Qkr. The final camp payment is due Tuesday 24th November.

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to these students of the week
6B- Sophie G for a great start to WHPS.
6G- Eh Les Moo P for fantastic dedication to her school work and excellent behaviour.
6M- Jayden W for his excellent team work in IT.

Weeroona Well Being Day
On Monday Year 9 and 10 students from Weeroona came to school to run activities and workshops with the Grade 6s on wellbeing. The topics that were covered were healthy living (sleep, food, and physical activity), managing emotions and communication, trust and friendships, transitioning to high school.
Camp Payments Due Wednesday 11th November 4.00pm
Grade 6 camp is fast approaching (Wednesday 25th November- Friday 27th November).
Full payment of $290 is due in 1 week. 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 9th November
Please fill these in and return by Monday 9th 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 on Thursday 12th November
A note came home 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 Tuesday 10th November. If there is not enough interest, the parent session will not run.

Graduation bear order forms Due Friday 20th November
An order form will be coming home tomorrow for you to order a graduation bear or football that your child can get signed in the last week of school. This is a great memento for them to keep as a reminder of their time at primary school, it is however an optional purchase. In order to have them here in time for the end of the year no late orders will be accepted. Payments can be made on the QKR app ensure you select the correct item as they are different prices.

SICKBAY ROSTER
Friday 6 November Samantha Franklin
Friday 13th November Rochelle Cassar
Please collect from the office at the end of the day

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Thursday 12 November Samantha Franklin
Thursday 19th November Kelly Adcock
Please arrive 2.30pm

UNIFORM SHOP
Friday 6 November Kelly Adcock
Tuesday 10 November Judy Allen
Friday 13 November Heather Veitch

Second Hand Uniforms Available
“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
Kim Engi, Terri Massese & Deb Button

Community News
Bendigo Baseball Twilight Junior Summer Program set to start
Aimed for children 8-12 years of age BBA sets to run a family fun summer program Monday nights 6-8pm. You can find us at Albert Roy Reserve, Victoria St Eaglehawk, or for those in Strathfieldsaye, program taking place by Strath Dodgers at Recreation Reserve - Club Court Strathfieldsaye.
Equipment, uniform and coaches provided by local clubs. Matches only 90 minute games. Bring your kids down to the ball parks and have some fun.

For anymore details contact Pam Dawkins, Secretary on 0407 308 392

The White Hills Cricket Club will be running It's “MILO in2 CRICKET ”
Registration - Wednesday night, 11th November from 4.00pm at the clubrooms, Scott Street, White Hills. This beginners program is open for both Girls & Boys who are not yet ready for the under 10 T20Blast competition that runs on a Friday night.
The registration night is also an activity night with the program running on Wednesday nights for 6 weeks before and 6 weeks after the Christmas break. Regular times 4.30pm – 5.30pm
For more details email: whitehills@club.cricketvictoria.com.au
Ph 0417 483 124 ( Tom McCullough ) or Ph 0403 942 551 (Andrew Stewart)