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.

Purpose

**Calendar of Events**

**Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December**

**Week 35**
- **Friday 7th November**
  - Choir - Bendigo Choral Day 9.30am
  - School Fair 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Friday 8th November**
  - Junior Band Performance 5.00pm
  - Senior Band Performance 6.00pm

**Week 36**
- **Monday 10th November**
  - Gr 1 Tea payment and notes due
  - Parent Club Meeting 9.15am
- **Wednesday 12th November**
  - Gr 6 Camp payment due by 4.00pm
- **Wednesday 12th November**
  - Prep Swimming payment due 4.00pm
- **Thursday 13th November**
  - SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm
- **Friday 13th November**
  - Gr 4 Major Excursion Payment due 4pm
- **Friday 14th November**
  - Gr 1 Tea 5.00pm-7.30pm

**Week 37**
- **Monday 17th November**
  - Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- **Monday 17th November**
  - Gr 4 Major Excursion – Science Works
- **Monday 17th November**
  - SC Curriculum/Environment Meetings 6.30pm
- **Monday 17th November**
  - SC General Meeting 7.00pm
- **Wed 19th – Fri 21st Nov**
  - Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Thurs 20th – Sat 22nd Nov**
- **RACV Energy Breakthrough**

**Week 38**
- **Monday 24th November**
  - Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- **Tuesday 25th November**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45am-11.45am
- **Tuesday 25th November**
  - Gr 5 Camp payment due by 4.00pm
- **Wednesday 26th November**
  - Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45am-11.45am
- **Wed 26th – 28th Nov**
  - Gr 6 Anglesea Camp

**Week 39**
- **Monday 1st December**
  - Orientation Day
  - Gr 5 Camp to Phillip Island
  - SC Finance Meeting 6.00pm

**Week 40**
- **Tuesday 9th December**
  - SC Curriculum/Environment Meetings 6.30pm
- **Thursday 11th December**
  - SC General Meeting 7.00pm
- **Tuesday 16th December**
  - Eaglehawk SC Awards Night

**Week 41**
- **Monday 15th December**
  - **WHP5 Idol**
- **School Carol Night 6.00pm**
- **Weeroona College Awards Ceremony**
- **Prep – Grade 1 Transition Session**
- **Gr 2 Sleepover - Discovery Centre 5pm**
- **Gr 5/6 Netbooks to be returned to school**

**Friday 20th December**
- **Prep Swimming 1.30pm – 3.30pm**
- **Prep Familiarisation Day 9.45am-11.45am**

2015 Student Placement Request:

2015 Student Placement Request: Closes 4pm TOMORROW 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 TOMORROW 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.
Curriculum Day on Mon, 1° December: Pupil Free Day
This Pupil-Free Day has been approved by School Council. Please add this date to your diary or calendar. Children do not attend school on this day. Teachers will be undertaking professional development on the teaching of Reading.

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.

Prep Familiarisation Days
Our second Familiarisation Days will be held on Tuesday, 25th November and Wednesday, 26th November from 9.45am to 11.45am.
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.

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.

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.

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.

When A Parent's Love Is Not Enough Cont:
Taken from an article published in "The Age", 22nd October, 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. Parent's 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 OK because there are more routes to a destination."

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Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
Thank You to the businesses who have so far donated towards our Fair

All Seasons
Belle Ami Hair Design
Belmont Bar & Bistro
Bendigo Bank White Hills
Bendigo Bowling Centre
Bendigo Central Post Office
  Bendigo Cinema
  Bendigo Mail Centre
Bendigo Regional YMCA
  Bendigo Spirit
  Bendigo Stadium
  Body Shop
  Botanical Hotel
  Bunnings
Car Part Recyclers
City Copy Works
Clark Rubber
Coles McIvor Rd
  CVGT
Envy Metal Polishing
Epsom Village Pizza
Epsom Woolworths
Fire Alarm Essentials
  Gameworld
Gourmet Fish Shop
Hair House Warehouse
Hair Talk Hairdresser White Hills
IGA Long Gully

Jims Mowing (Mack & Mark Hanson)
  Loaded Plate
Marong Garage (Wayne Engi)
  McDonalds Bendigo
  Midland Café
  Nestle
  One Tree Hill Hotel
Pamperpatch Beauty Therapy (Jamie Childs)
  Parmalat
  PFD
  Pinkys Pizza
  Plaza Lady Salon
Pre Mix King White Hills
  Pure Pools
  Richardsons Bakery
  Roger Juniper Builder
  Step Into Life
  Symons Dairy
Tony McNamara (AFL Victoria)
  Toyworld
Troy Anthony (USA Coach- Women’s AFL Team)
  Tyrepower
  Waterworks Car Wash
Wendys (Market Place)
White Hills Pharmacy
White Hills Post Office
White Hills Swimming Pool (Rosie Taylor)
  White Hills Takeaway
Parentline

Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support. Parentline is a Department service which began in 1998. It provides information, support, and referral services to parents from 8.00am to midnight seven days a week. Whether you’re struggling with everyday tasks, or simply wish to discuss parenting ideas, Parentline is a valuable source of counselling and assistance. The qualified and experienced social workers and psychologists who staff the service answer approximately 13,000 calls per year from parents from all backgrounds looking for support and advice. They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs. Parenting is challenging, but Parentline can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring Parentline on 13 22 89.

Alison Byron

Music / Drama News

Choir

Choral Day Reminder

The choir will be attending the Bendigo Choral Day TOMORROW Friday 7th November at St. Andrews Hall in Myers Street, leaving at 9.00am. 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 at 1.30pm.

Band

Performing at School Fair

The Junior and Senior bands will be doing special performances at the School Fair tomorrow. All parents and friends who are attending the Fair are invited to attend the concerts in the school hall. The Junior Band will be performing at 5.00pm and Senior Band at 6.00pm.

Mr Vern Wall, Music
Drama Teacher

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 Cody M, Isabeau A, Jai and Ruby I.

School Fair

The Prep grades would love some extra help selling lucky dips, raffle tickets, lucky bags and envelopes at the school fair on Friday evening. If you can help at any time between 4.30pm and 7.30pm please see your child’s teacher.

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.

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.

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 Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

PMP will be held next Monday, 10th November. We look forward to seeing our parent helpers at 2.30pm.

Prep Reading

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

**Grade 1/2 News**

**Student of the week**
2/R Angus C – for his friendly nature towards other students and teachers.
2/B Eddie G – for a much more mature attitude towards his school work.
2/W Oliver B – for making fantastic choices in and outside the classroom.
2/S Shea S – for trying extra hard to make her narrative interesting and descriptive.
1/P Tarkyn B – for coming up with some creative ideas for a narrative.
1CK Brock B – for his excellent work on fractions.
1/T Max J – for trying hard to make his writing interesting.
1/M Tyler M – for his fantastic listening skills and for always trying his very best.

**Grade 1 tea**
Just a reminder to Grade 1 parents, that tea notes and payments are due back this Monday 10th November. Please make sure these are returned to the office.

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

**Learning Portfolios**
Just a reminder to please ensure all learning portfolios are bought back to school as soon as possible. Classroom teachers need them back to start organising term 4 items to showcase.

**School Fair donations and helpers**
The White Hills fair is here, please support our fundraiser. Money raised goes towards further improvements to our school.

**Junior School Teachers**

**Middle School News**

**Grade 3 News**

**Students of the week**
3/N – Laquisha H for her enthusiasm during our excursion and her brilliant camp recount.
3/W – Briannah S for challenging herself on our Bendigo excursion and overcoming her fears. Well done Bree!
3/T – for trying his best on his maths task. Keep up the great work Jaykob!

**Bendigo Town walk**
Our town walk was a brilliant activity. The children got a lot out of it and discovered many things they did not know. We are now talking about what we saw and how Bendigo has developed from our very humble beginnings. A HUGE Thank You to the wonderful parents who came along on the day to help.

**Fair: Helpers needed urgently**
3TH- helper needed from 6.30pm – 7.30pm time slot.
3/N- helpers urgently needed- only 1 offer of support so far.
3/W- more helpers needed for the face painting

**Learning portfolios**
Learning Portfolios are due back at school and we urgently require them so that they can be filled with all of the children’s wonderful work.

**Congratulations to this week’s Birthday children**
Grade 4 News

Students of the week
4/K Emma B- for her improved focus in class and returning her homework on time.
4/G Danica B – for her terrific concentration when reading and working on improving her strategies.
4CR Ruby D and Kimberly M – for their excellent cooperation and partner work this week. Well done.

Learning portfolios
Thank you to all students who have remembered to return their learning portfolios. There are still some that are missing, please return these as soon as possible as we are continuing to add work to these throughout the term.

Homework
It has been great to see most students are completing their homework to a high standard and are remembering to return them each Thursday. A reminder that if students do need assistance with their homework, they should approach their classroom teacher before or after school.

Major Excursion: Monday, 17th November
Our major excursion is just over one week away and we are all looking forward to ScienceWorkz and the Imax theatre. Please ensure you have returned your permission note with payments before Wednesday, 13th November to ensure your child’s attendance as we will not be accepting any late payments.

Fair
The school fair is on tomorrow and we cannot wait. Thank you to all the parents who have donated items and volunteered to assist in running a stall, if you are able to stop by and assist on the night, we would really appreciate the help.

Choral Day
Good luck to all students who will be performing as part of the White Hills P.S choir at the Choral day tomorrow.

Middle School Teachers

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week
Congratulations to last week’s Students of the Week
Daniel S- for his improvements in writing
Isabella Mc- for a confident performance at 5/6 Assembly
Lisa- for being a confident visitor to our school

Netbooks
Over the next few days teachers will be checking student’s netbooks for any damage so that it can be dealt with before they are collected on Friday 5th December. If your child knows they have some damage to their netbook, they need to inform their teacher.

Tennis
On November 11th the Grade 5 students will be attending the tennis at the courts near the lake. We will be leaving to walk to the courts at 11.00am. Students will take their recess and water bottle with them. We will watch some of the best junior tennis players from the state compete and return by lunchtime. We require one parent helper to walk with us, so if you are able to do this could you let the classroom teacher know.

Chinese Students
All our visiting Chinese students have settled in well to our school and their classrooms. Through interaction, we are experiencing cultural and language exchanges. On Wednesday the Chinese students took part in a wonderful learning experience with all the other Chinese exchange students, at the Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

Camp
We are still waiting for a few medical forms to be returned. Shortly we will commence our camp meetings so look out for notes coming home with further information. If you have not finalised camp payments, this is a reminder that they are due by 4.00pm Tuesday 25th November.

Homework and Lit. Circle Reading
Lit. Circles is every Friday morning so please remind your child that they need their novel for group discussion and activities. Homework is due back on a day specific to your child’s class. There are still some students who are not completing their homework by the due date. Homework completion and the return of it, is part of learning to be responsible and organised.
Fair
The big day has arrived and we are looking forward to a fun time whilst raising money for our school. Thank you to parents that have donated goods and have made themselves available to assist with stalls. Some stalls still require assistance so please contact the classroom teacher if you are able to help.

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

Congratulations to our Students of the Week
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.

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
Opening Saturday 29th November
Tickets are now available for the 2014/2015 swim season (valid from 15 Nov 2014 – 15 Mar 2015), can be used at any pool in Bendigo, 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).

Fun Languages Goldfields Holiday Program
We have an exciting pre-Christmas holiday program available for families in Bendigo. The fun, full-day, Christmas-themed 'language experiences' will be held on Monday 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December and on the morning of Wednesday 24th December, often a time when parents are still working but the children have broke for the summer holidays.

We are offering kids a choice of French, Mandarin or Italian programs. There will be kid's cooking, cultural dress ups, craft, calligraphy, games, puppets and role-play.

For more information, contact Sally-Anne on 0418 390 824, w: 1300 707 288 (Australian office)
or e: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au or visit www.lcfclubs.com.au or www.teachinglanguages.com.au