



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 2017: Monday 9 October – Friday 22 December

Week 36

Wed 15 - Fri 17 Nov

Thursday 16 November

Friday 17 November

Gr 6 Camp – Return time approx. 4.30-5pm

Prep Tea 5.00-7.00pm

No Breakfast Club Today

2018 Gr 1-6 Book Packs go out

Week 37

Mon 20– Fri 24 Nov

Monday 20 November

Wednesday 22 November

Thursday 23 November

Thurs 23 – Sat 25 Nov

Book Fair

Gr 4 Botanical Garden Walk 2.30-3.30

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Gr 1 Tea Payment due 4.00pm

Parent H&H Gr 6 Session 5.00-5.30pm

Energy Breakthrough Experience @ Maryborough

Week 38

Monday 27 November

Tuesday 28 November

Wednesday 29 November

Thursday 30 November

Friday 3 December

Monday 4 December

Friday 8 December

Saturday 9 December

Tuesday 12 December

Wed 13- Fri 15 Dec

Friday 15 December

Tuesday 19 December

Wednesday 20 December

Thursday 21 December

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-11.45am

1st Group Prep Book Packs go out

Prep Familiarisation Day 9.30-11.45am

2nd Group Prep Book Packs go out

Gr 5 Camp Payment due 4.00pm

Gr 6 H&H Session 5.00-5.30pm

Helpers & Staff Morning Tea 11.00am

Gr 6 Graduation Bear/Ball Orders due

Gr 1 Tea 5.00-7.30pm

P&F Dribs & Drabs RSVP 4.00pm

Gr 5 Camp Medical Notes due today

P&F Meeting after assembly

2018 Gr 1-6 Book Packs due

Christmas Raffle Donations due

P&F Dribs & Drabs Cabaret Show

Orientation Day

2018 Preps 10.30am – 1.30pm

2018 Gr 1-5 11.30am – 1.30pm

2018 Prep Book Packs due

Gr 5 Phillip Island Camp Depart 8.15

Christmas Raffle Books due

Gr 5 Camp Return Approx 4.30pm

Gr 5/6 Pool Party

Gr 5 Celebration Day

Carols / Presentation Night

Christmas Raffle Books drawn tonight

Gr 6 Graduation Night

Orientation Day

Orientation Day for those children commencing school in 2018 will be on Tuesday, 12th December, from 10.30am to 1.30 pm. During this day the children will be participating in play and activities while their parents attend an information session in the hall. Details of this transition session and book orders will be sent home with the children at their second familiarisation session. If you do not receive this information please see Jan Ellis. Please mark this date on your calendar so you and your child can participate in this important transition session. On this day children from Grade 6 will spend the day at their chosen Secondary Schools, while children in Grades 1-6 in 2018 will be given the opportunity to work in each of their new grades during this morning.

Principal's News

Helpers & Staff Morning Tea: Wednesday 29th November

The school staff would like to acknowledge the continued support of all our school helpers by inviting you to join us for a morning tea in the staff room on Wednesday 29th November at 11.00am. Please note this date in your diary/calendar.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Staffing News

I will be on Long service Leave until Monday 27th November. In my absence, Scott Ross will be Acting Principal once again.

School Council Summary

The following items were discussed or endorsed at our November meeting on Monday night:

- Parent Payment Policy (On school website)
- 2018 budgets
- 2018 book packs
- Watering of the school oval and associated issues of late
- School performance data including Attitudes to School (as completed by the students), parent and staff opinion data and NAPLAN.
- Participation of WHPS in the Overseas Learning Experience to China in 2018.
- The school's draft Annual Implementation Plan

Book Pack Information for 2018

On Friday 2018 Grades 1-6 students will receive a Book Pack summary for 2018. Please note: Full payment for Essential Education Items Part A (Student book pack & computer printing) MUST be paid on your allocated book pack collection date in January 2018 or prior to the end of the 2017 school year.

Prep Familiarisation Days

Our first Familiarisation Days were held this week for 2018 Preps. We had a great day and students enjoyed getting familiarised with our school.

Our second Familiarisation Days will be held on Monday, 27th November and Tuesday, 28th November, from 9.45 to 11.45am. These visits will consist of stories, making activities and play sessions both inside the classrooms and in the outside play area. **Children have been allocated one of these days to attend school so they can spend some time practising being Preps in readiness for next year.** Remember to put on sunscreen and bring a hat because if the weather is fine we will be spending some time outside.

Production DVDs

DVDs have arrived and were handed to families yesterday afternoon. If you ordered and paid for one, please check at the office.

Please let us know if there is anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS.

Andrew Schaeche
Principal

It's In The Bag - Christmas Appeal

During the course of term 3's integrated unit, awareness and discussions took place about organisations that assist others in the local community and worldwide. Grade 5P student Maddie Mc decided to bring awareness of an organisation, that her family are part of, here to the school community. The organisation is called Share the Dignity #IT'SINTHEBAG Christmas Appeal.

What is #IT'SINTHE BAG?

It is a charity that supports women and teenage girls who are homeless or are living in a refuge and need access to personal hygiene items that they cannot afford.

Maddie is asking students, parents and staff to donate items to the school then she and some Grade 5 students will make up the bags. Maddie has seen firsthand that the 'bags' can make a difference in a teenage girl's life.

Goods can be left at the Office or brought to Grade 5P classroom. Suggestions for items to donate are - hair accessories, personal hygiene items, drink bottle, pencil case - anything a young girl might need or use.

School collections will run for 2 weeks from the 17th November until 2nd December.

Let's see how much difference we can make in a young girl's life.

Maddie + Grade 5 P

Parents + Friends (P&F) Group News

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **Monday 4th December** in the staff room after assembly. All newcomers are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with us.

P&F Christmas Party

Our end of year Christmas breakup will be open for all members of the school community to attend. We will be going to Dribs & Drabs for a 3 course meal and a cabaret show on **Saturday 9th December**. Cost is \$65.00 per person.

RSVP with names of those attending, numbers and payment are due by Thursday 30th November 4.00pm

Christmas Raffle

Each child will be asked to donate a non-perishable item towards the hampers. Suggestions for hamper items: Serviettes, bonbons, shortbread, chocolate, puddings, jellies, canned fruit, after dinner mints, Christmas cakes, canned vegetables, wrapping paper, cards, Christmas decorations, mince tarts, cake mixes, craft items and books. **Donations are due to the office by Friday 8th December.**

Each family should now have their raffle books, which were handed out to classes Monday. **Books and money are due back Friday 15th December.**

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 20th December at the Carols evening.

Thank you for your continued support

P&F Group

Junior School News

Prep News

Return Portfolios

Please return your child's portfolio as soon as possible.

Prep Tea And Games

Our Prep Tea is tonight (Thursday), starting at 5pm – 7pm. The night will begin at the school playground for a play and tea and then move into the school hall for musical games and dancing until 7.00pm. Students need to be picked up from the shed.

Drink Bottle

All students should have a drink bottle with their name on it to be used in the classroom.

Brain Food Reminder

Brain Food is a quick snack of fruit or vegetables. It needs to be ready to be eaten, please avoid fruit that needs to be peeled and avoid messy food such as watermelon or oranges.

Grade 1 News

No pens Thursday

The kids had a ball (so did the teachers)! We did lots of learning in different ways, like plays, puppet shows, iPads, computers along with different ways of speaking and listening.

Overdue library books

Some letters are going home this week to those students with overdue books from our library. Please return at your earliest convenience.

Housekeeping

Please also check with your child if they need another writing book, pencils or any other supplies. We still have 6 weeks of school left and some students have run out of space in their books! Great writing Grade One's!! 😊

Grade 2 News

Grade 2 sleepover

We are all very proud of how successful the Grade 2 Sleepover was. The children enjoyed the Jumpz experience and the excitement of sleeping at school. For many it was a first experience away from home and all of them had a wonderful time.



Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Cemetery Walk

Due to circumstances beyond our control our planned excursion to the White Hills Cemetery has been postponed until next week. 3J and 3C will be on Wednesday after lunch. 3G and 3B will be on Thursday after lunch. We will again need parent helpers. Please see your child's class teacher if you are available.

Attendance

Congratulations to 3C for winning the 'Come Along Cup' this week. Can the Grade 3 team make it 3 in a row?

Grade 4 News

Botanical Gardens Visit – Sustainability

As part of our work on sustainability, we will be visiting the Botanical Gardens next week. There is no cost or permission form for this event. 4S and 4M will go on Monday 20th November 2.30-3.30pm and 4D and 4k will be attending on Wednesday 22nd November from 2.30-3.30pm.

Energy Breakthrough Visit

17 Grade 4 students have been selected to visit the EBT team in Maryborough on Friday 24th November. If you received a note, please return it ASAP. The students will be cheering on the WHPS team and get a taste of what it is like to be part of the EBT team.

Return Learning Portfolios

Thanks to those who have already returned their learning portfolios. Can those still at home please be returned as soon as possible.

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Camp Payments

Final payments due in a couple of weeks. Medical forms should be returned by now.

Learning Portfolios

We are still chasing LP that need to be returned to school.

Netbooks. We are checking that they are all in good condition as they will be collected next month. Make sure that the charger is in a safe place for when it all needs to be returned.

Inquiry Unit

Students are finalising their research for their 'big question' to do with 'Change That Has Made Our Lives Better'

Homework

Homework is due Friday. Remember to bring your novel for Lit.Circles.

Tennis

We saw some great tennis and participated in a hit on the courts under the coaching of Steve Storer. The students are to be congratulated for their participation on a rather warm day! Thanks to our parent helpers who also braved the heat.

Grade 6 News

Grade 6 Graduation Thursday 21st December

You should have received an order form for the graduation bear or ball this week, please return with money by **Wednesday 29th November**.

Camp

We are Looking forward to hearing some great stories from camp

Before & After School Care Program

Fab Legend of the Week

This week our Fab Legends of the Week are Maci, Chloe, Jack T & Sam

Theme of the Week

Our Theme of the week this week is "Robot Week" suggested by Sean and "Donkey Week" suggested by Jack T

Before & After School Care Team

Jamie (Coordinator), Jenna (Assistant).

White Hills OSCH phone: 0402 590 272 Camp Australia Customer Care Phone: 1300 10 343 Email: oshc@camptaustralia.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 17 November **Kimberley Dean**
Tuesday 21 November **Samantha Griffin**

Opening Times

Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm
Uniform Shop Leaders: Kim and Terri

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 23 November **Kelly Adcock**
Thursday 30 November **Samantha Griffin**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 17 November **Catherine Hester**
Friday 24 November **Andrea Wright**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 17 November **Jayne Norton**
 Kimberley Dean
 Teegan Stirling
Wednesday 22 November **Karen Hawthorne**
 Kate Howells
Friday 24 November **Tarra Monro**
 Heather Veitch
 Kristy Rowe

Extra Helpers Needed

Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm

Orders are to be written on a **large paper lunch bag unless ordered through Qkr, (NO ENVELOPES), one per child.**

Lunch bags are available for 10 for 60c or 10c each, with lunch orders and will be sent home.

Urgent Reminder: If you are unable to assist with canteen duty, please arrange a swap or inform the office so that a replacement helper can be arranged.

Students of the Week

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....
PM	Deanna	Always putting in a great effort and being a great role model	3J	Alivia	Practising touch typing even outside of typing tournament
PW	Tay Ra	His amazing drawing of his Bugs! Keep up the great job	3B	Lockie	Great progress with reading
PAS	Izaac C	Excellent behaviour at Multi-age day, Mango thought you were awesome!	3G	Rory B	Creative ideas during our Goldfields writing
PF	Ethan	Excellent reading at 'read to self' time. He is always ready for learning	3C	Navaeh	Working well on her Goldfields letter and extending her vocabulary
PT	Dayne	Amazing reading, great work Dayne!	4K	Kaylen	His improved behaviour and efforts during writing
PE	Declan	Putting wonderful finishing touches on his work	4D	Tyler M	Using emotive language in his persuasive writing
1F	Alex	Improved team work	4M	Mikayla	Excellent spelling results during the year
1B	Kaylee	Her excellent effort and contribution in maths	4S	Tyler C	His overall attitude to learning. A huge improvement
1D	Maddison	Always trying her hardest!	5P	Lachie	Their ability to continuously focus on their work and complete it to a high standard
1DW	Thomas	A great week of fabulous choices in & out of the classroom	5W	Jordan B	Showing initiative when seeking help for his homework
1P	Bailey P	His excellent behaviour & quirky sense of humour	5D	Jemma	Always being a great leader
2CK	Ayman A	Beautiful manners and respect for everyone at Grade 2 sleepover	6G	Megan	Consistently completing all tasks to a very high standard
2M	Angel	Having a great time at jumpz & being brave	6B	Blake B	His descriptive and exciting story
2B	Brady	Being resilient and having a great time at the sleepover	6V	Aimee J	Showing great perseverance with her comic life homework last week
2F	Sam Mc	Amazing work at Grade 2 sleepover	Sport	Justin C	Seeking help with the 'dig' a skill he was struggling with, rather than giving up!



Community News

Zodiacs Netball Club try out dates for Season 2018

The Zodiacs Netball Club affiliated with the BSNA will hold their annual tryouts for Grade 6 (2018) and Under 13's (Year 7 2018) teams for SEASON 2018 on the following dates:

Sunday 19th November

Registrations from 9:45am

Tryouts - 10am - 12pm

Monday 20th November

Registrations from 5:15pm

Tryouts - 5:30pm - 7pm

Attendance at both sessions is preferred for best chance of selection.

Tryouts will take place at BSE on the outside courts. Please make sure you bring along a drink bottle and be sun smart.

For further information please email zodiacbgo@yahoo.com.au

The South Bendigo Junior Netball Club is affiliated with the Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association (BSNA)

Playing at the Flora Hill Stadium over the winter season. The Club fields teams in:

- Primary Grades (4, 5 and 6)
- 13/U – players must be 13yo or younger as at the 31.12.2018
- Open Sections (1 to 4) – players must be 18yo or younger as at the 31.12.2018

Registration Day

Date: Sunday 26th November, 2017

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Venue: Harry Trott Oval

Who: All Primary Grade, 13/U and Open Section players wanting to play netball with South Bendigo in 2018

What: Skills Clinic followed by a BBQ lunch

Tryout Session

Date: Tuesday 28th November, 2017

Time: 4.30pm-6.00pm


Venue: Harry Trott Oval

Who: 13/U and Open Section players – Primary Grade players are **not** required to attend

What: Skills Clinic followed by a BBQ lunch

All players wanting to play junior netball with South Bendigo in 2018 are expected to attend.


Email southbendigojnc@gmail.com to express your interest or find out all other information for the 2018 SBFNC Junior Netball season by Wednesday 22nd November.



Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise

Organisation: White Hills Primary School
Project: Energy Breakthrough participation
Grant: \$1,000.00
Date: November 2017

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Weekly Chinese

When eating a meal in China, people are expected practice good dining habits. In order to avoid offending diners, here are a few points you should pay attention to:

Seating

The seating arrangement is probably the most important part of Chinese dining etiquette.

Round Table

If round tables are used, the seat facing the entrance is the seat of honor. The seat on the left hand side is the second-most important seat of honor.

Square Table

If there is a seat facing the entrance, then the right hand seat when facing the entrance is for the guest of honor. If there is no seat facing the entrance door, then the right hand seat when facing east is the seat of honor.

Eating

- Let older people eat first, or if you hear an elder say "let's eat", you can start to eat.
- You should pick up your bowl with your thumb on the mouth of the bowl, the first finger, middle finger and the third finger support the bottom of the bowl and palm is empty.
- Do not stick chopsticks vertically into your food when not using them, especially not into rice, as this will make Chinese people think of funerals.

Today's character is 半 (bàn). It means "half", "in the middle of" and "half past", etc. Please check out the phrases below.

一半 (yí bàn): half
半天 (bàn tiān): half of the day or a long time
半路 (bàn lù): halfway

To write the character "半", you need to follow Chinese character order rule #3.

Rule #3 For strokes that cut across many other strokes, they are often written last. The vertical line in character "半" is written last.



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