

White Hills Weekly

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Week 40
Thursday, 8 December
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Purpose

At White Hills Primary School we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social and emotional needs, preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Calendar of Events

Term 4: Monday 3rd October – Tuesday 20th December

Week 40

Wed 7th – Fri 9th December **Gr 5 Camp- departure 8.30am**
Thursday 8th December 2017 Grade notification today
Friday 9th December **Book Pack Orders Due - Last Day**
Friday 9th December **Grade 6 Country Expo 2.30pm-3.30pm**
Saturday 10th December **Parent Club Breakup- New China 6.30pm**

Week 41

Monday 12th December **Gr 5/6 Pool Party Permission Forms Due**
Tuesday 13th December **Prep Breakup Party 1.00pm**
Tuesday 13th December **Uniform Shop Last Day 3.30-4.00pm**
Tuesday 13th December **Gr 5/6 Pool Party**
Wednesday 14th December **Attendance Morning Tea 10.45am**
Wednesday 14th December **Gr6 Graduation Tea Notes/Pay Due 4pm**
Wednesday 14th December **Carols/Presentation Night 6.00pm**
Thursday 15th December **Step Up Day 11.30am-1.30pm**
Thursday 15th December Reports go home today
Thursday 15th December **Gr 2 Sleepover**
Friday 16th December **Gr 5 Class Party 10.30am**
Friday 16th December **White Hills Idol 11.30am-1.30pm**

Week 42

Monday 19th December **Gr 6 Graduation-Bendigo Baptist Church Students 5.30pm & Parents 7.00pm**
Tuesday 20th December **Out of Uniform Day-Gold Coin Donation**
Tuesday 20th December **Uniform Shop Closed**
Tuesday 20th December **Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**

2017

Tuesday 24th January **Book Pack Collection Day**
Wednesday 25th January **Book Pack Collection Day**

Term 1 2017: Monday 30th January – Friday 31st March

Week 1

Monday 30th January **First day for Teachers**
Tuesday 31st January First day for Prep – Gr 6 students
Tuesday 31st January **Uniform Shop Open 9.00-9.30am today**
Wednesday 1st February **Prep Rest Day**
Monday 6th February **Parent Club Meeting after assembly**
Tuesday 7th February **Student Banking Commences today**
Wednesday 8th February **Prep Rest Day**
Friday 24th February **School Photos**
Monday 13th March **Labour Day Holiday**

Principal's News

Breakfast Club

There will be no Breakfast Club next week. Friday, 9th December is the final morning breakfast club will operate in 2016.

Before School Care

Starting next year Camp Australia, in conjunction with White Hills PS will be offering Before School Care. Between 7.00am and 8.35am students will be supervised at school. Please contact the Camp Australia team for more information.

Orientation Day Thank You:

Thank you to the parents who assisted with Orientation Day, providing a cuppa, speaking to the new parents and working hard in the Uniform Shop. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Qkr Payments

When making payments for excursions, lunch orders, book packs, etc, please ensure that the correct children are selected, as this may result in students missing out.

Out of Uniform Day: Tuesday 20th December

As is generally the case, the final day of term is an out of uniform day. We remind students that shoes must have covered toes and singlet tops are not to be worn as per the schools sun smart policy. Gold coin donations will go towards supporting **Bendigo Health**.

End of Term Dismissal: Early Finish-1.30pm

All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on **Tuesday, 20th December**. Children will have their normal morning recess break at 11.00am and then have lunch at home after dismissal at 1.30pm.

2017 Book Pack Orders & School Charges:

Return Tomorrow

All Book Pack order forms must be returned to the office **tomorrow Friday, 9th December, 2016** to enable us to finalise the order with our supplier.

Please attend to this promptly.

The school accepts pre-payment of all items prior to the end of the 2016 school year at the school office or via the Qkr smartphone app.

Book Pack Collection Days are **Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th January 2017** in the school hall. If you choose not to pre-pay for the Book Pack and other charges, the Book Pack must be paid on collection day.

See your Book Pack information for details.

Uniform orders available on Book Pack Days

Uniform shop is open 9.30am – 1.00pm on both days.



Uniform Shop: Closed Last Day of Term

The Uniform Shop will be closed on the last day of term, **Tuesday 20th December.**

2017 Grade Notifications sent home today

Parents have been advised in writing of their child/children's allocated Grade/s for 2017 today.

Grade 5 students are away on camp. Their notices will be distributed on **Monday, 12th December.** Grade 5 parents can collect the notice in person at the office from Scott Ross or Lauren Ray after 3.45pm today if they wish.

Step Up Session

A 'Step Up' transition session for our students in their 2017 grade groupings will take place on **Thursday, 15th December** from **11.30am-1.30pm.** Students will be involved in activities in their 2017 grade with their 2017 teacher.

Whole School Carols Night: Wednesday, 14th December

Our school Carols Night will be held on **Wednesday, 14th December** in our school grounds. The night will commence with families bringing their own basket tea at 6.00pm. The school band will commence playing at 6.15pm, followed at 6.30pm by class performances. It is expected that the night will conclude before 8.00pm.

As all children at the school will be involved in this night we ask that parents keep this date free and we look forward to your attendance.

The format of the Carols Night is as follows:

- The event is **alcohol-free.** As the evening involves children, we ask that parents, friends and relatives **do not bring alcohol.**
- The **playground areas are out of bounds during the performances.** Parents are welcome to supervise their pre-school children on the Prep playground during performance times but we ask that pre-school children are not to be running around any performance or sitting areas.
- School buildings and grounds are **smoke-free.** This is a state law.
- School children are to be seated in their class groups in front of the stage area so they are ready to go on for their performance. They should **not** be sitting with their family or on any playgrounds.

Adults should display good audience behaviours by facing towards the performers and limit their talk whilst performances are taking place. Your support is appreciated. **Please no pets.**

Scott Ross
Acting Principal

Parent Club News

Next General Meeting 2017

Our next General Meeting will be held next **Monday 6th February** in the staffroom after assembly. All newcomers are welcome to attend our friendly meetings. We look forward to seeing some new faces in 2017.

End of Year Break up

Our end of year break up will be held at the *New China Restaurant for a meal and Karaoke on Saturday 10th December commencing at 6.30pm.*

Thank You

A very special thank you to all Parent Club members for generosity of their time, dedication, input, ideas, friendship, support and laughter throughout 2016. It has been a very busy, fun, and successful year.

A big thank you to all the businesses, families and individuals who have supported Parent's Club ventures through donations of all kinds to make our fundraising efforts successful.

Wishing you all a safe, happy holiday season, and a positive 2017.

Parent Club / Fundraising Committee

Classes for 2017 are as follows:

PE	Janet Ellis
PF	Dinah Freeman
PM	Samantha Mumford
PT	Naomi Thomson
PW	Jann Watson
PAS	Emma Allan & Liz Stewart
1B	Sue Baker
1D	Jade Deppeler
1P	Kylie Pitt
1DW	Ainslee Donaldson & Sarah Wood
1F	Bree Bentley
2B	Chloe Blackley
2F	Jeanine Fitzgerald
2M	Kaitlyn Morrissey
2CK	Sally Coburn & Lauren Kilcullen
3B	Kristy Bateman
3C	Christine Connaughton
3G	Alan Gillies
3J	Ashlea Jenkyn
4D	Eddy Dickins
4K	Hayley Kirk
4M	Gayle Millard
4S	James Sait
5D	Daniel Wridgway
5P	Elaine Price
5W	Rebecca Woods
6B	Roger Byron
6G	Jaime Gray
6V	Carly Van Den Heuvel

Junior School News

Prep News

Pupils Of The Week

Congratulations to *Sam C, Nik P, Georgie C, Lilly M and Taya*, our Prep “Pupils of the Week” for this week. These Preps are becoming confident and resilient at school. Well done!

Prep Break-Up Party

The Prep grades will have a special break-up party in the brick area on **Tuesday, 13th December** beginning at 1.00pm. We ask that each Prep family brings a **small** disposable plate or container of party food for us to share. **Please no food containing nuts.** The children will still need to bring their playlunch and a drink on this day. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch.

Learning Portfolios

Learning Portfolios, containing work samples and your child’s second semester report, will be sent home soon. Some children have still not returned their portfolio. Would these please be sent to school tomorrow to allow teachers to complete them?

Carol Night

This week children in the Prep grades were given a note with their costume requirements for Wednesday night. We ask that parents do not go to great expense or trouble with these costumes. The Preps will be one of the first items so if they can come dressed in their costume, if it is not too hot, it will help with organisation.

Prep Reading And Writing

The Prep children will bring home their word and spelling lists tomorrow. We ask that parents revise these lists every couple of days and use every opportunity for their child to read and write over the holidays, to help maintain the high standard they have reached this year.

Hint For The Week

Research shows children who read and write in their holidays retain and improve skills taught in school. Over the holidays spend some time visiting the local Library. Look at and borrow books to read together. Keep reading and writing each day to maintain the great standard our children have reached this year. **Just because the school year is ending, doesn't mean the learning has to stop!**

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.

Drink Bottles

With the weather becoming hotter it is important that all children have their water bottles for use in the classroom.

Booklists For Grade 1

Parents are asked to note that the whiteboard, duster and reader and library bags purchased in the Prep Booklist at the start of 2016 will be passed on to your child's Grade 1 teacher at the end of this year for use in 2017.

Thank You

Thank you to all the Junior School parents who have assisted in any way this year. Without your support we would not be able to provide the quality programs available at our school.

Grade 1 News

Students of the Week

1P – **Lilly K** for her kind, friendly and hard working nature.

1CK – **Tynan** for a great week of getting on with his reading independently.

1D – **Jordan G** for being such a happy, helpful student this year.

1M – **Tahlia D** for being confident to share her ideas and problem solving strategies.



Congratulations to our Birthday Children

Carols night

Students are encouraged to dress-up in Christmas costumes or themed clothes however it is not essential to go to any expense.

Grade 2 News

Students of the Week

2F – Livia H for being a wonderful student all year.

2B – Jordan M for working hard on his 2nd narrative.

2G – Daniel M for his improved concentration and effort in language. Well done!

2H – James T for his positive attitude and engagement in all lessons.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week

3N – Jayden W for an excellent year's work and the fabulous progress made.

3CT – Georgia G for her hardwork and persistence to achieve great reading results.

3RD – Jade B for her outstanding oral presentation about Polar Bears.

3B – Isaiah P for showing resilience towards his learning.

Homework

Homework should be completed for the year now. Congratulations to all students for their terrific effort and organisation with homework this year.

Reading

Students need to return all of their school readers and library books for the year. Students will still read in class and encouraged to read own choice books at home.

End of Year

As the year progresses and nights are busy with festive occasions, students are becoming very tired and worn out and are struggling to concentrate in class. We encourage students to try and get a good night's sleep, bring brain food and a drink bottle for hydration each day.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week

Congratulations to these students of the week:

4G- Kristen T for the thinking she uses when creating her persuasive texts.

4M- Chilli S for her willingness to always work with others.

4T- Lochie T for trying his best to get his work completed.

Library And Home Readers

If your child has overdue library books or home readers at home we would appreciate them being returned ASAP as we are trying to organise them for next year.

Sustainability Inquiry

Well done to Sonny and his team on writing such a persuasive letter to Epsom Bunnings that we got 4 fans donated. Great for the sustainability of our school as the air conditioners won't have to work as hard.

The other students have been seeing their ideas come into action as well, some have put up stickers near light switches to remind staff and students to turn off the lights. Other students have created their own green organics bin to try and encourage students to put their fruit rubbish in there instead of going to landfill.

This project has been fantastic in the students seeing their ideas and actions come to life.

Thanks again for the kind donation from Bunnings Epsom, much appreciated.



Busy Final Few Weeks

Your child will be coming home tonight with a note about their Grade teacher for 2017. This week they have also participated in an orientation day activity and a peer transition session with the Grade 5s.

They met their 2017 Prep buddy during the Orientation Day. Next week there is the step up session, where they hopefully meet their 2017 teacher in the space they will be in and the rest of their class. Reports are coming home next week in their Learning Portfolio, so if this is still to be returned please do so this week.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

5K- Jaykob T for his creative narrative.

5O- Finley M for his improved effort in class.

5W- April N for being a quiz superstar.

Camp

We are having lots of fun at camp and should arrive back at the school tomorrow, Friday, 9th December at 4.30pm.

Parents must collect students off the bus, unless they have called the school or have a note written to tell the teachers otherwise. Please be waiting at school at this time. If we are running late, we will call the school to notify families.

Class Allocations for 2017

Class allocations for 2017 will be handed out to students today. As Grade 5 students are on camp, these notes will be handed to them on their arrival back to school on Friday. If parents would like these today, please see Mr Scott Ross or Mrs Lauren Ray after their 3.45pm gate duty.



Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Grade 5/6 Pool Party

The Grade 5/6 Pool Party will be held on **Tuesday, 13th December**. Students must bring their permission forms back to school by **Monday, 12th December**. If your child doesn't have a pool tag, they are to bring **\$3.00 for entry** on the day. Small snacks will be available to purchase from the Team China group at the pool, the main pool canteen will be closed.

Students **must have** their own **lunch and plenty of water for the day, as well as their school hat, wear uniform, bring bathers, a t-shirt or rashie to swim in, a towel, and a bag for wet clothes.**

Students will not be allowed to swim if they do not have a spare t-shirt or rashie to swim in.

Class Party

Class party notes were sent home last week. Grade 5 class parties will be held on **the morning of Friday, 16th December**. **Girls have been asked to bring along a sweet plate of food to share, and the boys have been asked to please bring along a savoury plate of food to share.** Please remember to have no nuts in your food you bring along. We will be eating food at around **10.30am**, so if you would like to bring any warm food, please drop it off to your child's classroom around that time. Thank you!

School Carols

Our School Carols evening is going to be held next **Wednesday, 14th December**. We would love to see all of our grade 5 students and their families there for the evening. We have a rocking number that we have been practising!

Next Thursday, 15th December is our 'Step Up' Day where grade 5 students will spend the middle block of the day in the grade 6 rooms with their new teacher for 2017.

If your child will be finishing the school year earlier due to planned holidays, please ensure that you let their classroom teacher know beforehand. Thank you.

Grade 6 Shirts 2017

Grade 6 school shirts for 2017 will need to be tried on for size. Please remind your child to visit the uniform shop after school on Tuesday or Friday over the next week. Once your size is chosen, you cannot change, so please be mindful of this when ordering.

Grade 6 News

Students of the Week

6B - Ricki-Lee W for the great effort she has been putting into her work.

6G - Analyse B for conquering her fear of the ocean and going body boarding.

6P - Jemma D for quietly going about her work and always doing her best and then displaying great skill on the netball court.

Homework

Our last piece of homework for Term 4 was due today. There will be no further homework assigned this year.

Grade 6 Country Expo

Throughout the last 5 weeks, all grade 6 students have been working on researching a country of their choice, with a focus on a particular area, such as cuisine, sport, architecture etc. We will be holding our expo on Friday, 9th December from 2:30-3:30pm and would like to invite parents and families to come along to see what their child has achieved.

Grade 5/6 Pool Party

Our Grade 5/6 Pool Part will be held on **Tuesday, 13th December** from 10.00am-3.00pm at the White Hills Swimming Pool. The cost is \$3.00, which covers the entry to the pool. Students must bring their permission forms back to school by **Monday, 12th December**. Small snacks will be available to purchase from the Team China group at the pool, the main pool canteen will be closed.

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Grade 6 Graduation - Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortoun

Our Grade 6 Graduation celebration will be held on **Monday, 19th December from 5.30pm - 8.30pm**. The cost is \$36.00, which covers the dinner, memento, photo pack and bus hire for our rehearsal. This payment is due on **Wednesday, 14th December** by 4.00pm. *Payment available via Qkr.*

Senior School Teachers

After School Care Program

Theme of the Week

Christmas week suggested by Lucy, and Super Hero week suggested by Mason. During the week we held a Christmas Tree competition and the winners will be notified next Monday.

Fab Legend of the Week

Our Fab Legend this week is Jahliya. Jahliya loves after school care especially the art and craft table. Jahliya is always polite to all children and staff members. Congratulations Jahliya.

Holiday Club Bookings are Open

Once again we will be hosting holiday club at Kennington and Golden Square Primary Schools throughout the Christmas and New Year holidays. Some of our exciting adventures will be the movies, jumps and the Fun Factory. Please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au or call our customer service team on 1300 105 343 for bookings or more information.

After School Care Team: Jamie, Jenna, Jake, Josh and Jorgia.

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NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday 15 December **Nat Schroeter**
Thursday 2 February 2017 **Kelly Adcock**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 9 December **Heather Veitch**
Tuesday 13 December (Last Day) **Kate Duncan**
Friday 16 December **Closed Stocktake**

Book Pack Days 2017

Tuesday 24th January 9.30am – 1.00pm
Wednesday 25th January 9.30am – 1.00pm

Opening Times 2017

First day Tuesday 31st January

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

*Thank you to all our volunteers during this year.
Kim, Terri and Deb would like to wish everyone a Merry
Christmas & Happy and safe New Year.*

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 9 December **Nat Schroeter**
Friday 16 December **Belinda Filbey**
Tuesday 20 December **Anna Treble**

Please collect from the office at the end of the day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 9 December **Brent Monro**
 Dianne Egan
 Heather Veitch
Wednesday 14 December **Carolyn Wilson**
 Fiona Grant
Friday 16 December **Fiona Robinson**
 Kelly Adcock
 Heather Veitch

Helpers Wanted 2017 We are in urgent need of more helpers for next year. Please contact us if you can help.

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.*

Mrs Helen Williams, Canteen Manager

Community News

Celebrate The Season

Saturday 10th December from 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Hargreaves Mall. Come and celebrate the season with a festive photo booth for Christmas photos themed face painting, singing, roving elves, and balloons. For more information please call 54346000.

Come and Try Diving Clinic

Friday 13th January 9.00am-5.00pm

Bendigo Aquatic Centre

3 sessions for the kids/students/beginners (must be able to swim 10metres)

1 Session for Teachers (Personal development)

\$20 per session – you can do 1 or all 3.

\$50 for teacher's session (refundable through Education Dept.)

Contact Darren Field – Bendigo Divers Secretary on 0408391277 or email bendigodivers@gmail.com

Basketball for Women

Looking for some fun and exercise? The Bendigo midweek basketball association is looking for new players for their 2017 season. Get some friends together to make a team or join an existing team and meet new people. We play on Wednesday mornings at the Bendigo stadium and crèche is available for the kids. We don't play through the holidays. Contact Jenny for more information 04135997804 or jennybozz@gmail.com