

# White Hills Weekly

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**Week 41**  
Thursday, 15 December  
Jeudi 15 Décembre

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Week 41**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Reports go home today  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December **Gr 2 Sleepover**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December **Gr 5 Class Party 10.30am**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December **White Hills Idol**

#### **Week 42**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December **Gr 6 Graduation-Bendigo Baptist Church**  
**Students arrive 5.30pm & Parents 7.00pm**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Gr 1/2 Party 10.30am -11.00am**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Out of Uniform Day-Gold Coin Donation**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Uniform Shop Closed**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal**

## 2017

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January **Book Pack Collection Day**  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January **Book Pack Collection Day**

### **Term 1 2017: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **Week 1**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January **First day for Teachers**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January First day for Prep – Gr 6 students**  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January **Uniform Shop Open 9.00-9.30am today**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February **Prep Rest Day**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Parent Club Meeting after assembly  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February **Student Banking Commences today**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February **Prep Rest Day**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February **School Photos**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March **Whole School Curriculum Days**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March **Labour Day Holiday**

## Student Reports

Student reports and portfolios were distributed today.

## 2017 School Commencement

School begins for all students on **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 8.50am.**

## First Aid

A reminder that all medications, including Epipens and Ventolin, need to be picked up from the office before the end of the year. Please ensure that medication brought in next year is in date and clearly labelled. New Asthma Management Plans should be completed over the holidays ready for the new year.

## 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.**

## Principal's News

### **Thanks to our Helpers in 2016**

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank the following people for their assistance and dedication to the school throughout the year: our hardworking Parents' Club; Canteen - Helen and Jacinta; Uniform Shop Coordinators – Kim, Deb and Terri; Student Banking – Sam; library helpers; parents who assisted with reading, sport and P.M.P; parents who assisted with sick bay washing, canteen, the newsletter, camps, excursions, head lice program; members of the Curriculum, Environment and Finance subcommittees, School Council members and all others who contributed in any way this year. Your support of our school is outstanding and greatly appreciated by us all. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



### **Curriculum Days – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2017**

Next year the school is investing in Professional Development (PD) for staff to assist them to better understand and assist families who require support. The PD is conducted over 2 days and has been scheduled for Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Camp Australia will be offering full day sessions on these days should parents require their service.

### **Out of Uniform Day: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

As is generally the case the final day of term is an out of uniform day. We remind students shoes must still 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

Parents who have pre-paid Book Packs & school charges in 2016 should go to the 'Pre-Paid' area on our Book Pack Collection Days **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9.30-1.00pm**

### **Uniform Shop: Closed Last Day of Term**

The Uniform Shop will be closed on the last day of term, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



## Carols Thank You

*Our school Carols Night was held last night. Thank you to parents, relatives and friends who attended the event, the children for their performances and the teachers who helped prepare their items. Thanks to Mr Trevor Trewartha for his organisation of the night.*

## 2016 Student Awards

**Congratulations to our award recipients for 2016:**

**BJ Winzar** - Jordan A

**Academic** - Emma B and Sam W

**Sports** - Jemma D and Dylan A

**Art** - Takara A and Jesse C

**Music** - Analyse B and Jakob W

**French** - Alannah G and Riley B

**Masonic Lodge** - Jasmine W

**Chaplaincy** - Tyler C and Penny H



## 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.

*Wishing you all a very happy Christmas, a relaxing and safe holiday break.*

*Scott Ross  
Acting Principal*



## Parent Club News

### Next General Meeting 2017

Our next General Meeting will be held next **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 at the New China Restaurant was a very enjoyable celebration of the end of a wonderful year in Parents Club!*

### 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*



*Merry Christmas*





# Junior School News

## Prep News

### Pupils of The Week

*Congratulations to all our Prep pupils for a great year of learning, making friends and fun. Keep working hard in Grade 1!*

### Prep Reading And Writing

The Prep children have brought home their word and spelling lists this week. 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.

### Reader and Library Bags

Reader and Library bags have been sent home. Hats will be sent home at the end of term. We ask that parents wash these and store them ready to bring to Grade 1 next 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!**

### 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 and 2 News

### Students of the Week

*Congratulations to all our Grade One and Two students for an excellent year of learning and fun!*

### Grade 1/2 Party

The children in grade one and two will be having their end of year Christmas party on the last day of term, **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** between 10.30am – 11.00am.

*If your child is **Grade One** please organize a small plate of something savoury.*

*If your child is in **Grade Two** please organize a small plate of something sweet.*

**Remember, as it is the last day of term, the children will not require lunch because the school day will end at 1.30pm.**

### Merry Christmas!

*All of the Grade One and Two teachers wish you a wonderful and safe Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing your children next year, either in our classes or around the school.*

*Junior School Teachers*



*Congratulations to our Birthday children*

# Middle School News

## Grade 3 News

### Home Reading

Please return all your school readers for the year for end of year stocktake. A big thank you to all the families who have returned theirs.

### Pencil cases 2017

Book packs for 2017 do not include a pencil case. Please ensure your child has one ready with their name on it for day 1 next year. Pens, pencils and textas are included in the booklist so families are not required to buy extras of these. Any questions see your class teacher.

### Merry Christmas and Thank You

*Wishing all the Grade 3 families a Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday.*



## Grade 4 News

### Students of the Week

*Congratulations to these students of the week:*

**4G - Jack G** for his wonderful attitude to school and displaying great friendship qualities

**4M - Ruby M** for being an outstanding friend

**4T - Seraya C** for being a helpful, cheerful member of the class.

### 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.

### Reports & Learning Portfolios

Your child will have brought home their semester 2 report today with their learning portfolio of work for term 4. This is a fantastic record of their Grade 4 work in 2016.

### Carols Night

Thanks to all the students, parents and family members that attended the carols night, last night. It was great to spend time with everyone getting into the Christmas spirit.

### Step Up Session

Today the students got to visit their classroom and teacher for 2017 for 2 hours. It was a great opportunity to meet the rest of their class and get used to the space they are going to work in next year.

### Merry Christmas

*Thanks again to all the parents and other family members who have helped out the Grade 4's in any way this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back happy and healthy in 2017.*

*Middle School Teachers*

## Upper School News

## Grade 5 News

### Class Party

Class party notes were sent home last week. Grade 5 class parties will be held **tomorrow morning Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Grade 6 News

### Grade 6 Graduation - Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortoun

Our Grade 6 Graduation celebration will be held on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm - 8.30pm**.

*Senior School Teachers*

# After School Care Program



## Theme of the Week

Butterfly Week suggested by Heath and Ninja Turtle Week suggested by Cooper R.

## Fab Legend of the Week

This week our Fab Legend is Sierra. Sierra is always friendly, happy, and keen to give everything and anything a try. Congratulations Sierra!

## 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](http://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 2 February 2017 **Kelly Adcock**  
Thursday 9 February 2017 **Kate Campbell**

*Please collect from the office at the end of the day*

## UNIFORM SHOP

Friday 16 December **Closed Stocktake**  
Tuesday 31 January 2017 **Open 9.00am-9.30am**  
Friday 3 February 2017 **Kelly Adcock**

### Book Pack Days 2017

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 1.00pm**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 1.00pm**

### Opening Times 2017

**First day Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 16 December	<b>Fiona Robinson</b>
	<b>Kelly Adcock</b>
	<b>Heather Veitch</b>
Friday 3 February 2017	<b>Dianne Egan</b>
	<b>Kelly Adcock</b>
	<b>Sam Franklin</b>

**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*

## SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 16 December	<b>Belinda Filbey</b>
Tuesday 20 December	<b>Anna Treble</b>
Friday 3 February 2017	<b>Katherine Dezattista</b>

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