**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.

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### Calendar of Events

**Term 1: Wednesday 27th January - Thursday 24th March**

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School Council Nominations Close 4.00pm  
School Photos/Family Photos 8.15am |
| Week 5 | Goal Setting Interviews  
Preps at home today |
| Week 6 | Labour Day Holiday  
Pupil Free Day  
Gr 3-6 Swimming payments due 4.00pm  
National Ride to School Day |
| Week 7 | Easter Raffle drawn at Assembly  
Gr 3-6 School Athletics  
CSEF Forms due 4.00pm |

**Term 2: Monday 11th April - Friday 24th June**

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Grade 2 Melbourne Museum Major Exc |
| Week 10 | ANZAC Day  
Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall |
| Week 11 | Footsteps Dance Payment due 4.00pm  
Footsteps Dance Program  
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**Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September**

| Events | Year 1 – Year 2  
Book Week  
Literacy & Numeracy Week |
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**Term 4: Monday 3rd October – Wednesday 20th December**

| Events | Year 3  
Pupil Free Day  
Bendigo Cup Day Holiday  
Music Count Us In 11.00am |

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### Principal’s News

**School Photos:** Tomorrow Friday, 19th February.  
Please note the following:
- Envelopes are to be brought back tomorrow for photo day.
- There will be NO Photoshopping of absent children into class photos. If children are ill tomorrow, they are not to be brought to school for the class photo. We cannot organise for a reshoot of a class photo.
- Absent children will be followed up for individual photos on another day (date to be advised).
- Family order forms are available at the office.
- Family Photos will be taken at 8.15am in the hall.

**Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF): Apply Now**

Information and an application form for the CSEF were sent home to all families last week.

**How do I apply?**

A parent/guardian must complete the CSEF form and return it to the school office with a copy of their valid Health Care or Pension Card. The school will photocopy your card for you if you bring it to the office.

Applications must be submitted to the school by the end of Term 1 – Thursday, 24th March, 2016.

Contact the office on 54430799 for further information.

**Family Welcome Barbeque: Thank you**

We thank you for your attendance at the Welcome Barbeque on Tuesday night. Our ‘information booths’ provided an opportunity for parents and teachers to informally chat about school programs. We’d be keen to hear your feedback about how this format can be improved. Thanks to our Parent Club volunteers for providing the barbeque.

**Early Notice: Pupil-Free Day on Tuesday, 15th March**

Teachers will be undertaking a professional development day on Tuesday, 15th March. Students do not attend school on this day. This is the day after the Labour Day long weekend – Monday, 14th March is a public holiday.

**School Council Elections**

Nominations close at 4.00pm today Thursday, 18th February 2016. All information regarding the School Council Election process is displayed on the main notice board in the office foyer.

Please contact Damien Jenkyn on 54430799 for further information or nomination forms.
Volunteers Required: Additional Learning Support Program

Weeroona College, with the support of White Hills PS, has established a homework club to support grade 4 to year 10 students with a language other than English background. A coordinator has been appointed, however volunteer assistance is required. The Weeroona Additional Learning Support (WALS) program will operate every Wednesday during school terms from 3:45-4:45pm in the Merin building at Weeroona College, beginning Wednesday, 9th March. Volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check, be prepared to commit for the 2016 school year, and participate in some professional learning to support them in their role. Please contact Damien Jenkyn on 54430799 if you are interested, or require further information.

QKR Smartphone Payment App

Our QKR smartphone payment app (pronounced ‘quicker’) enables you to make online payments from your smartphone for items such as Special Events, excursions, camps, canteen and uniform shop orders. A guide to setting up the app on your Apple or Android phone is available on the school website via this pathway - ‘School Info’ tab > ‘Information for Parents’ > New QKR Payment System Help Guides.

Take a shortcut by clicking on this link: http://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/qkr_set_up_guide.pdf

Please note the following:
- QKR canteen orders close at 9.30am on canteen days (Wed/Fri)
- There are no over-the-counter canteen sales available via QKR
- QKR payments close at 4.00pm every school day
- Final payments for excursions, camps and Special Events close on QKR at 4.00pm on the due date. This is consistent with the school’s camp and excursions policies and late payments will not be accepted.

Schools are Smoke-Free Zones

Please be aware that by law schools are smoke free zones; this includes both within school buildings and grounds. We would also ask that smokers refrain from smoking at the entrances to the school.

Staff Car Park: Do Not Drop Off or Pick Up in This Area

Please note that the staff car park is for staff only. Many parents and children walk through this area to access the buildings. For children’s safety we ask that you not drive in to this area to drop off or pick up children.

Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Naming Clothing

Each year we have a large amount of lost property at school. Please clearly name all clothing, including hats, so that it can be quickly returned to its owner.

No Jewellery

Our school has a compulsory uniform policy which can be viewed on the school website under the ‘Policies’ tab or by clicking on this link http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/60/Policies

For health and safety reasons, students are not to wear jewellery to school. The following excerpts are from the school’s uniform policy:
- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a uniform policy that we believe provides choice, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and is cost effective for families.
- The uniform options (Appendix 1) as per the White Hills Information Booklet applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg. green, blue, pink or purple rinse) are discouraged.
- All long hair should be tied back. Hair ties and head bands are to be navy, pale blue or school check.
- Other than clear nail polish and clear lip gloss, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable are navy broad brimmed hats consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside from September to April and on excursions and camps as required. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student uniform policy, including details of uniform items and the uniform shop opening times, will be published in the newsletter.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the uniform policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Crossing the Road: Children & Parents Use the Crossings

For your child’s safety we ask that all children use the crossing at the back of the school (Bosquet St) and wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road. Parents should come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult. Similarly, we ask that at the front of the school (Plumridge St) ALL CHILDREN and accompanying parents use the designated school crossing to cross the road. DO NOT CROSS AT THE BRIDGE – this is not a controlled pedestrian crossing.
Developing Healthy Eating Habits

Ensuring that your child's lunch box is full of the right foods not only will make them eat well, but the right foods will help them at school when it comes to both concentration and learning. Include fruit, especially fresh or tinned fruit in your child's lunch. Avoid other fruit products such as fruit bars or straps as they are high in sugar and low in fibre and also stick to your child's teeth causing tooth decay. Put in vegetable sticks with a dip, or make up a small container with a variety of options such as carrot sticks, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or cucumber. Leave out the potato chips. Cheese, yoghurt and milk are good choices, but due to their high sugar content, leave out the dairy desserts and flavoured milk. Leave out donuts, cakes, oven-baked savoury biscuits, chocolate bars and muesli bars. The best drinks for children include water and milk which can be frozen to help keep food in the lunch box cool.

Source: Go For Your Life. For more information visit www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au.

Process for Late Arrival or Early Departure: It's a Safety Issue

If a student arrives late to school, or departs early (for a valid reason), they must be signed in or out by an approved adult at the school office in the Sign In/Out book. Parents must NOT collect a child directly from the school yard or classroom. This is a parental duty of care and child safety issue. A tear off slip from the Sign In/Out book must be provided to the class teacher for a late arrival or early departure. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom. Your support with this process is appreciated.

Damien Jenkyn,
Principal

Parent Club News

Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting and will be held on Monday, 7th March, after assembly in the staffroom. The $2.00 Annual Membership is to be paid, which enables you to vote.

All newcomers are welcome to attend and find out what Parents Club is all about! You are most welcome to bring along younger siblings to our meetings, so come and enjoy a cuppa with us!

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle books will be distributed to families soon. This raffle will be drawn on Monday 21st March at Assembly.

Hot Cross Bun Day: Wednesday 16th March

Forms will be coming home soon.

Keep an eye out in this spot for future events and fundraisers.
Parent Club / Fundraising Committee
Student School Banking has now commenced on Tuesdays each week. Your bank books (Bendigo Bank or Commonwealth Bank) need to be posted into our payment post box at the school office before school commences each Tuesday.

This year we have decided to introduce our local Bendigo Bank with their Student Banking Program. For the short term, we will be running two Student Banking programs, one with the Commonwealth Bank, and one with the Bendigo Bank. We will not be registering any new students with the Commonwealth Bank program, and are offering for new students to opt for our local option at the Bendigo Bank.

**Bendigo Bank: Student Banking Program**

Application forms are available at the school office. Please return to White Hills Bendigo Bank Branch for processing. Children with existing Bendigo Bank accounts are also welcome to use this service. Please bring the Birth Certificate and Medicare Card of the child, along with parent’s driver’s licence for identification purposes.

Thank you,
from your Student Banking coordinator,
Sam

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**Junior School News**

**Prep News**

**Picking Up Children From School**

Parents are reminded that children can only be picked up from school by the child’s parents or one of the people listed as the emergency contact for the child on their enrolment form. If you wish another person to pick up your child the school/classroom teacher must be contacted, (a letter or phone call will be sufficient), informing us of who will be collecting your child to ensure their safety.

**Prep Assessment**

As part of our Prep assessment program, some children and parents have been asked to attend school for a short time on **Wednesday, 24th February** to complete Maths/Language assessments. This testing, lasting about half an hour, will be carried out in the Prep rooms and parents/ grandparents/ carers are welcome to quietly observe their child being tested. Please note that some children will not be required to attend these Wednesday sessions as they will be assessed on other days. If you are unable to come to your assessment time please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

**School Nurse Visit**

Leona Evans, the Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school at the start of Term 2. All parents or guardians of prep children are requested to complete a Health questionnaire and return the form to the classroom teacher by Friday 26th February.

We encourage all parents to sign the forms and consent to a nurse check as it often picks up problems with hearing or eye sight or other issues which can affect learning. (The forms need to be returned even if you do not want your child to see the nurse; just fill in the non consent part.) This is a free service.

Parents with children in other Grades who would like to have their child checked by the nurse, can see Mrs Ellis to get form requesting this.

**Prep Attendance**

Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays until after the long weekend in March but if your child becomes tired on other days let them have a sleep-in if necessary and bring them to school at a later time. Some parents may prefer to pick up their child at lunchtime for a rest but remember to tell the class teacher and sign your child out at the office. If you have any concerns with your child at school please see your child’s teacher to arrange an interview time. Please note that for February the Prep children will be having their lunch at 1.00pm to allow them to have a playtime in the yard without the other grades. The children will return to their classrooms at 2.00pm for a quiet rest time before beginning afternoon activities.

**Prep Lunches**

With our early lunch time, we ask that Prep children do not have lunch orders during February as lunches are not prepared before 1.30pm. We also ask that children DO NOT have money to spend on over the counter sales at the canteen until the end of February, as we are at play when the canteen is open and it is difficult to find children in the yard to take them to the canteen.

**Transition Survey**

Each year our school asks parents to complete a short survey to assist us in improving our transition program for Preps. This survey will be sent home next week and we would appreciate if as many parents as possible would complete it and return it to the school office or Mrs Ellis. Thank you.
Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Language Hint For The Week
Practice is an important part of learning to read. Spend some time each night listening to your child read and reading a favourite storybook together.

School Starting Time
The school doors open at 8.50am. We ask that children do not come into the classrooms before this time as teachers are often out of the classrooms preparing for activities for the day and children will not be supervised. Entry for Preps is through the brick area next to the Prep rooms not through the front or hall doors.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
1P – Brayden T for a wonderful week and trying hard with all of his learning.
1CK – Brady G for being a wonderful friend and always trying really hard.
1M – Richard M for always working hard and being organised.
1D – Alshiba H for always concentrating and getting her work completed.

Reading Helpers
Our students and teachers welcome your help with hearing children read. Please check with your child’s teacher about what days and times suit best. We really appreciate any time you can give, and encourage you to listen to a group of children during the reading session.
Please support your child to bring their reader bags to school every day.

Brain Food and Water Bottles
Brain Food must be fruit or vegetables, and should be quick and easy to eat. Please do not send anything that is sticky or runny, or needs to be eaten with a spoon.
Remember to send a water bottle with your child.

Grade 2 News
Students of the Week
2B – Nate for trying hard in all areas.
2F – Shane for confident reading.
2H – Lockie for a great labelled diagram produced during free writing time.
2G – Layla for being organised and always completed work to the best of her ability.

ICT
Please ensure that the Acceptable Computer User Agreement forms are returned to your classroom teacher as soon as possible so your child is able to utilise learning programs as soon as possible.

Spelling Homework
Spelling homework was sent home this week. Please practice the spelling words with your child each night and return the book every Monday.

School Photos
School photos are running tomorrow so make sure you bring your photo orders form with money. If you would like family photos you need to be at school by 8.15am.

Grade 2 Major Excursion
The Grade 2 excursion to the Melbourne Museum, Jurassic World exhibition will be going ahead on Monday 18th April. More information will be sent home shortly.

Junior School Teachers
Grade 3 News

Students of the Week
3N- Harley M - for his increased concentration and effort
3CT- Michael S - for his excellent effort with all of his learning tasks.
3RD- Brock B - for fabulous concentration and determination on his maths work.
3B- Dusty C - for showing persistence towards his problem solving task.

Drink Bottles
We have noticed a number of students aren’t bringing drink bottles to school. Please ensure students have a drink bottle filled with water that they are able to sit on their tables during class time.

Goal Setting Interviews
Thank you to all the parents who have attended the Goal Setting Interviews this week. It has been lovely to meet everyone and discuss your child’s goals they set for their future learning. We are also looking forward to catching up with those who have scheduled interviews next week.

Swimming
A note went home last week about swimming lessons being held during the week 7th-11th March. Please ensure you return your permission note to your child’s teacher.

New Classrooms
There was lots of excitement across the grades this week when we received the news that our classrooms were ready to move into. The Grade 3 teachers have been very busy over the last few days moving into and setting up the learning spaces in the new building.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week
4G- Jack G for his wonderful attitude to learning and willingness to tackle new concepts.
4T- Ava M for concentrating on her work and working hard.
4M- Jesse W for her excellent home reading routine. She is building up a great bank of new vocabulary.

Readers
Please continue to hear your child read on a regular basis and write a comment in their reading log. We have spoken to the children about making sure they read their ‘at level’ book each night, particularly when sharing out loud, as this assists with fluency and expression. Other books may also be read as part of their home routines.

Camp
A note will be sent home in the near future regarding an expression of interest for our Term 4 camp to Maldon. This will help enable us to finalise costings.

Swimming
Could you please ensure that your child’s swimming permission note and payment are returned to school.

School Photos
Just a final reminder that school photos will be taken to tomorrow.

Goal Setting Interviews
The interviews have been going well, with students choosing a variety of relevant and achievable goals. A published version of these goals will be sent home soon.

Welcome BBQ
It was pleasing to catch up with many of you on Tuesday evening. For those unable to attend, we have attached a Grade 4 information sheet to the website.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 News

Students of the Week
5K- Harry M for his outstanding effort in all learning tasks
5O- Briannah S for a positive and enthusiastic start to the school year.
5W- Matthew S for being a kind, helpful, focussed and organised student each day.

Swimming Program
Swimming program information sheets and permission forms were sent home with all children last week. Please ensure that you return the signed form to your child’s classroom teacher, as well as make final payment if you are yet to do so.

Netbook information sessions
Netbook information sessions were held this past week. Students will be taking home their netbooks if they have attended this session with a parent, have returned the netbook policy form, as well making full payment. As they start to bring their netbooks home, please be vigilant in monitoring your child’s use of the netbook. All netbooks need to be fully charged each morning when they come to school and must be carried in their protective case at all times. Students have also been involved in some cyber safety sessions over the past weeks, and have been reminded that apps such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat have age requirements.

School Photos Day Tomorrow Friday, 19th February
School Photos Day is this Friday, 19th February. Family photos will be held in the hall and you will need to be at school by 8:15am if you are having a family photo taken. Photo forms and money are due on this day.

Lately there have been a few students wearing jewellery to school that is not a part of our school uniform policy. Below are relevant excerpts from our uniform policy as a reminder as to what can be worn:
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Grade 6 News

Student Leaders
Congratulations to all our students who have leadership position this year.
Student leaders
House Captains
Napier – Jesse C and Anique G
Plumridge – Nick D and Alannah G
Raglan – Jacob S and Taylor M
Bosquet – Joe Mc and Takara A

Reading
This year our grade 6 students will once again be required to complete Literate Circles reading each week. The amount of reading required each week is agreed upon by each group on a weekly basis to ensure everyone can contribute to group discussions. Please ensure your child is completing this reading and take the time to discuss the book with your child.

Homework
Students will be given homework on Thursdays each week and will be due back on the following Thursday. If you have any questions about homework, please contact one of the grade 6 teachers.

Bupa
The students who have been selected to take part in our Bupa program this term will need to remember to bring roadworthy bikes and helmets every Friday, rain, hail or shine.
**HPV Racing News**
We have selected two teams to compete in the first round of the Victorian HPV Championships next weekend at Casey. Once this event is completed we will be opening up the team positions to anyone in grades 5 and 6 to try out for the teams.

**Grade 6 Tops**
Orders have now closed.

**Phys Ed News**

**Weetbix Tryathlon**
We have had an excellent response to the Weetbix Tryathlon with many students entering the event. If we have over 15 students in the event we go in the running to win $5000 for the school. Entries close shortly for the March 6th event. Pamphlets are available from the PE notice board.

**Cross Country**
This year we will be running a cross country event for the parents in conjunction with our school cross country. Usually in May this gives you ample time to train up run down your child!

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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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

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**Opening Times 2016**
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm

Kim Engi, Terri Massese & Deb Button

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**NEWSLETTER ROSTER**

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**Found**
A keyless entry key has been found at the front of the school on Wednesday afternoon this week, if you have lost a key please call at the school office.

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**Community News**

**Falcons Netball Club Bendigo**
We are still accepting players until Wednesday 2nd March.
For more information, contact Mikaela Abdy 0484822249

**Bendigo Psychology: Helping the Anxious Child Sessions**
Bendigo Psychology will be hosting a session entitled “Helping the Anxious Child”. Helping the Anxious child Sessions are designed to give parents, teachers, carers and health professionals a better understanding of how to help their Anxious child/teenager/student.

The session will be held Wednesday 2nd March 2016 with Neuropsychologist, Dr Lenka Schirmer, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at 499 Hargreaves Street.

The cost is $45 and bookings are essential. Interested participants can email admin@bendigopsychology.com.au or phone 5443 2284 to secure a place with payment.
Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Eligibility to participate in this workshop:
» Parents or carers of children and young adults aged 6 - 25 years, who are living at home and diagnosed with Autism
» Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

When: Wednesday, 16 March 2016 – Friday, 18 March 2016
Where: Bendigo Bowls Club, 169-183 Barnard St., Bendigo VIC 3550
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)
Cost: FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)
Registration: Register via the “Events & Workshops” section of our website www.autismspectrum.org.au

SOUTHBENDIGO FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS

for

JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

from Under 9s through to Youth Girls
are now open for the 2016 Season

REGISTER ON LINE

SOUTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
- Fox sporting Pulse
If you have any questions about the registration process, please email
juniorsecretary@southbendigofnc.com.au
or telephone 0417 108 067.