### 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 1**

- **January** - **Friday 27th March** (Friday 3rd April Good Friday)

**Week 4**
- Mon 16th Feb-Fri 27th Feb
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 19th February

**Week 5**
- Tuesday 24th February
- Tuesday 24th February
- Wednesday 25th February
- Friday 27th February

**Week 6**
- Wednesday 4th March
- Wednesday 4th March

**Week 7**
- Monday 9th March
- Monday 10th March
- Wednesday 11th March
- Wednesday 11th March
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**Week 8**
- Mon 16th – Fri 20th March
- Wednesday 18th March
- Wednesday 18th March
- Thursday 19th March

**Week 9**
- Monday 23rd March
- Wednesday 25th March
- Thursday 26th March

**Term 2**

- Monday 13th April – Friday 26th June

**Week 1**
- Saturday 25th April
- Wednesday 6th May
- Friday 8th May
- Friday 8th May
- Thurs 28th May - Sat 6th Jun
- Wednesday 3rd June
- Monday 8th June
- Thursday 11th June
- Wednesday 17th June
- Tuesday 23rd June
- Wednesday 24th June

**Term 3**

- Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September

### Principal’s News

#### Family Welcome Barbeque: Thank you

We thank you for your attendance at the Welcome Barbeque on Tuesday night. Numbers were well up on last year and our ‘information booths’ provided an opportunity for parents and teachers to informally chat about school programs. We’re keen to hear your feedback about this new format.

#### School Council Election

Nominations close at 4.00pm today Thursday, 19th February 2015.

All information regarding the School Council Election process is displayed on the main notice board in the office foyer.

#### Installation of Synthetic Turf

Our new turf will be laid between the main building and Peter Davey Building beginning Friday, 13th March. It should be completed over the weekend. There is also tree-surround seating to be installed around our mature Chinese elms that have been planted in this area. Our next stage of works will involve improving drainage from this area towards the back gate and replacing the pathway, Prep play area & seating, and improved surfacing around parts of the Peter Davey building.

#### Special Events Credit: Closes Fri, 27th Feb at 4.00pm

To claim the 2015 Special Events Credit (Part B) parents must present a valid Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card at the office for copying before 4.00pm on **Friday, 27th February**. As per School Council policy (see link), late submissions will not be accepted. [http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/80/Information-For-Parents](http://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/80/Information-For-Parents)

#### 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.*

#### Early Notice: Pupil-Free Day on Tuesday, 10th March

Teachers will be undertaking a professional development day on **Tuesday, 10th March**. Students do not attend school on this day. This is the day after the Labour Day long weekend – **Monday, 9th March** is a public holiday.
Congratulations to our Birthday Children

Gastro
We have had reported cases of Gastro across all areas of the school. Please ensure if your child is unwell, to keep them home at least 24 hours after their last motion.

Term 1 Curriculum Plans: Information for Parents
Term 1 curriculum plans for Grades Prep-6 are available on the school website now. This information gives you an overview of what is being taught during Term 1 and can be accessed from the school website under the Curriculum tab.

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.

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.

Personal Items Are Not Insured
The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school. Parents, students and staff are reminded that personal items brought to school are at your own risk.

Student Accident Insurance
The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance attendance/transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

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.

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 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.

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.

Damien Jenkyn
Principal

Congratulations to our Birthday Children
Attendance
Thank you to all the wonderful parents / carers in our school who are making a mighty effort to get your children to school every day and on time. The only time your child should be away is when they are so sick they need the whole day in bed. Please remember to call school if your child is going to be away and then fill in the absence note when they return.

Special Morning Tea
Special Morning Tea for all the students who have two or less day’s absence this term, they will be invited to a very special morning tea with our Principal – Mr. Jenkyn and our Assistant Principal – Mr. Ross on the last week of term. I’m hoping we will give them a shock by having nearly the whole school turning up!! Wouldn’t that be fun?

Every Day Counts
All families should have received a leaflet about Every Day Counts, please be sure to read it. If you didn’t get one, please contact the school office.

Student Goal
As you would be aware, this year all students have an additional goal of: ‘that STUDENT will have less than 4 days absence from school this semester.’ Please try very hard to ensure your child achieves this goal.

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 8am 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 time enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring Parentline on 13 22 89.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Alison Byron
Wellbeing Teacher

Free Brass Instrument Music Lessons
WHPS L-Platers Brass Group
Is your child in Grade 4 or 5 and you’re keen for them to learn to play a Brass instrument?
Mr. Trewartha will be providing free group lessons at school for up to 12 students in either Grade 4 or 5. Lessons will take place in the music room at lunch times. The group will learn as an ensemble in the weekly 40 minute session. All instruments are provided free by the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band and Bendigo Youth Brass.
All music tutor books and materials are free.

What’s the catch?
I expect all students to be at the weekly lessons, to practice at home and to commit to the program for the year.
Still interested: We will be holding a come and try session at school on Wednesday 4th March at 5.00pm in the WHPS Music Room.
For more information please contact Trevor Trewartha at WHPS

Instrumental Music Tuition
If you are interested in taking part in Music lessons at school, please contact our instrumental teacher, Drew Thorpe. See attached flyer for details.

Trevor Trewartha,
Music/Drama Coordinator

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Parent Club/Fundraising News

Frog in the Pond: Tuesday 24th February
Return forms by 4.00pm TODAY Thursday, 19th February

Parent Club Membership
The Parent Club $2.00 membership must be paid prior to our AGM for you to be eligible to have voting rights.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting
Our AGM will be held Wednesday, 4th March at 9.15am, where our new committee will be elected for the coming year. We welcome new members.

Easter Raffle: Drawn Monday 23rd March at Assembly
Return by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 18th March

Hot Cross Bun Day: Thursday 26th March
Return by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 18th March

Parent Club/Fundraising Committee

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, 25th 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.

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 Information Bag
Prep children will soon be given a green bag containing materials for them to keep, and information to assist parents in understanding school programs. We ask that parents read the information produced by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and keep it for future reference. Would you please return the green bag to school, as it will be used to protect your child’s Learning Portfolio.

Prep Information Night
Thank you to all the parents who attended our Information Night last Thursday. Thank you also to Di who assisted with childcare and Plo Kaw who translated our session for our Karen families.

Prep Pancake Making
Thank you to the parents who helped the Preps make yummy pancakes on Tuesday and those who sent along toppings for our pancakes.

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 was sent home this 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.
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.**

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.

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.

Grade 1/2 News
Students of the Week
2RD – Tayla S for her amazing start to home reading.
2/B – Tayte S for always using his manners.
2/W – Ellie M for being a kind student to everyone in 2W.
2/S – Taylah G for always trying her best and asking for help when she doesn’t understand. Keep it up Taylah!
1CK – Charlie L for her conscientious work habits and clever reading.
1/T – Thomas B for working hard to complete work on time. Well done Thomas!
1/M – Lilly M for always working quickly and quietly to produce some terrific work.
1/P – Yan Myo for working so hard to keep our classroom organised and tidy.
Byron G for being a caring and helpful friend to new students in our grade.

Welcome BBQ
Thank you to the parents who attended the WHPS Welcome BBQ on Tuesday evening. It was a terrific opportunity to meet parents and families. Thank you to the parents who asked questions and collected an information handout from the Grade 1/2 booth. If you were unable to attend and would still like a copy of the information, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Goal Setting
Goal setting interviews have commenced this week and will continue next week. Please be aware of your child’s interview time. If you missed your interview time or are unsure when to attend, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Water Bottles
As the hot weather continues, please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them at school. This allows your child to have a drink in the classroom.

Junior School Teachers

Middle School News

Grade 3 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to our students of the week
3/N – Aymee R for her fabulous work ethic and the excellent results she has achieved
3/O – Brian A for great results and following class rules
3/W - Taleah V and Latisha D for a brilliant effort at being at school every day and ready to learn. Well done! Keep it up!

Goal Setting interviews
The Goal Setting is progressing well with most parents attending the meetings. Please make the effort to phone school if you are unable to attend.

Acceptable Use Policy-Student Contract
An Acceptable Use Policy-Student Contract was sent home to all students this week. Please remember to read through the document with your child and return it to school by next Monday.
Timetables
Our class timetables have now been put on to the Grade 3 webpage.

Thank you to the parents that made the effort to attend the information night. It was great to catch up you.

Grade 4 News
Students of the Week
4/G - Paige M for displaying a great deal of pride and effort into the work she does.
4/K - Elise Mc for presenting her work to a high standard and making a great start to WHPS.
4CT - Kori C for his excellent organisation and mature approach to work.

Goal Setting and Welcome BBQ
Thank you to those who attended the BBQ on Tuesday, it was good to catch up. Also thank you to those families who have already attended a goal setting interview, we look forward to seeing other families in the near future.

Grade 5 News
Students of the Week
Congratulations to our students who received awards this week
Jasmine W-T for the responsible way she carries out tasks and her beautiful smile.
Telayah A for coming to school with a positive attitude.
Dylan R for his perseverance and ‘can do’ attitude, even with a broken arm.

Goal Setting interviews
Goal Setting interviews are going along nicely. It is good to meet parents and have a chance to briefly talk about the way your child has settled in to their grade 5 year.

Netbook Sessions
Parents and students have attended the netbook information session and students are excited about the time drawing closer with them getting their netbook.

Welcome BBQ
Great to see so many parents at the BBQ on Tuesday night and to meet some for the first time. We hope you checked the information on our grade 5 board explaining some of the new things to expect in grade 5. If you have any questions, you can arrange to meet with us or come in to the room to quickly check on something. Communication can also be via the Diary.

Student Diaries
It is important that your child gets into the habit of remembering their Diary everyday and to bring back their homework and Lit. Circle book on the due day.

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
6/B - Shanae C for a great start at WHPS. You fit in perfectly.
6/G - Darcy G for the excellent effort he put into his fortune teller activity in Lit Circles.
6/M - Fletcher W for displaying great sportsmanship in Grade 6 sport.

Lit Circle Books
A reminder to parents that students have received their first Lit circle book for Term 1. Students are expected to read their book at home and bring it back to school each day in their clear plastic zip bag.

Homework
Homework will be handed out to all grade 6 students every Thursday. This week’s homework is to be completed by your child’s Goal Setting Interview. They need to work out 1 Maths goal and 1 Literacy goal and discuss these goals with their parents before the interview.

Student Absences
If your child is absent from school they need to provide their classroom teacher a written note the day after their absence that explains why they were away.
Swimming Program
Notes were distributed out to students on Wednesday, outlining the Swimming Program for 2015. Permission notes and payment is due by **4.00pm Wednesday, 11th March.**

Reminders
Acceptable Use Policy Notes Due: Friday 20th February
Goal Setting Interviews are taking place until Friday

**Upper School Teachers**

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**Community News**

**North Bendigo Junior Football Club**
Registration Day 19th February from 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Under 9’s & 10’s - $90 per player
Under 12’s, 14’s, 16’s & 18 youth girls - $140 per player
**Free** pair of socks with every full paying member on this day.
Look forward to seeing you there.
For further information contact:
**Nicole Logan** (Treasurer) 0414594157
**Elisha Dingfelder** (Secretary) 0497645007

**Sabelle Calisthenics**
We are a ‘Not for Profit’ sporting club located in Golden Square. We are currently offering two FREE come and try classes to new students.
For More information please contact Taneka Ruschmeyer
0438 879 361  sabellecalisthenics@gmail.com   www.sabellecalisthenics.com

**Found**
A scooter has been found in the school grounds. If you have lost one recently, please see the staff in the WHPS General Office.