### 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: Wednesday 27th January - Thursday 24th March

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#### Week 9
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#### Term 2: Monday 11th April - Friday 24th June

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#### Week 11
- Monday 18th April
- Tuesday 19th April
- Wednesday 20th April
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- Friday 22nd April

#### Week 12
- Monday 25th April
- Tuesday 26th April
- Wednesday 27th April
- Thursday 28th April
- Friday 29th April

#### Week 13
- Monday 2nd May
- Tuesday 3rd May
- Wednesday 4th May
- Thursday 5th May
- Friday 6th May

#### Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September

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#### Term 4: Monday 3rd October – Wednesday 20th December

| Wed 5th – Fri 7th October | Gr 3 Camp |

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### Principal’s News

#### Labour Day Public Holiday: School Closed
Monday, 14th March is the Labour Day public holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

#### Pupil-Free Day: 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.

#### Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF): Apply Now
Information and an application form for the CSEF were sent home a fortnight ago.

**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.

**Student Health Care Cards not accepted.**

#### School Council
The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21st March 7.00pm. Would all school councillors please attend.

#### 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 a parent/guardian. A late arrival or early departure must be recorded in the Sign In/Out book. Head Lice follow up check 9.30am. Your support with this process is appreciated.

#### School Athletics Grade 3-6
The school athletic carnival for Grades 3-6 is fast approaching. Wednesday 23rd March will be an action packed day. Please feel free to come and support your child during this event. If you can help out on the day please let Mr Scoble know.
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.

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 (swimming, gym, performances), 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.

School Nurse Visit: Return Forms Tomorrow
Leona Evans, the Primary School Nurse, will be visiting our school at the start of Term 2. All parents or guardians of prep children should have completed a health questionnaire and return the form to the classroom teacher tomorrow! 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 section.) 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.

Reading With Your Child
Children who are read to at home daily for just 15 minutes can improve their reading ability at school by up to 40%, according to a Centre for Community and Child Health study. Reading to a child is not only a great way for parents to bond with their child, it stimulates the child to develop communication skills that will assist them at pre-school and school. Some ways to increase your young child's reading:
- Give children their own books at an early age, even if they chew them.
- Read in lots of different locations; on the bus, at home, in waiting rooms.
- Let your child hold the books and turn the pages.
- Encourage children to be active during reading; pick some books they can act out.
- Join a library.
- Don't make reading a test- you’re not teaching them to read, you’re teaching them to enjoy books.

Work It Off
The executive director of www.fitness2live.com.au Michael McCoy, says the reason most people eat fast food is because it is convenient, we like the taste and it's reasonably inexpensive. But even though those foods may be easy, burning them off is not. It takes an adult about 40 minutes of circuit training at the gym to burn off one meat pie. To burn off a burger, large chips and a large soft drink we would need to walk for 3 hours, while we need to walk for 32 minutes to cancel out a small chocolate bar. To test more foods or activities, visit www.fitness2live.com.au

Scott Ross
Acting Principal
Congratulations to the following parents who have taken up office positions for 2016:
President – Nicole Logan
Vice President – Amy Griffiths
Secretary – Samantha Franklin
Assistant Secretary – Natalie Schroeter

Easter Raffle
This raffle will be drawn on Monday 21st March at assembly.
Please return all money and raffle tickets by 4.00pm Wednesday 16th March.

Hot Cross Bun Day: Wednesday 16th March
Orders have closed.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th April in the staffroom after assembly. All newcomers are welcome to attend, you are most welcome to bring along younger siblings to our meetings, so come and enjoy a cuppa with us!
Keep an eye out in this spot for future events and fundraisers.
Parent Club / Fundraising Committee

Prep News
Pupil of the Week
Congratulations to Bailey S, Ryder A, Laura R, Rylah D-D and Levi R, our “Prep Pupils of the Week” for this week. These Preps are caring, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!

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Language Hint For The Week
From an article written by Paul Jennings- an author who has written many books for boys.
Fathers that read and write at home provide a good role model for boys. Neuroscientists have found that much of the way children behave is based on imitation. Fathers who read are likely to have sons who read. It doesn't matter what the reading material is. It can be car magazines, newspapers, novels, sport's books, etc. Just by reading for pleasure the father shows that this is something that men do by choice. It tells a boy that books are part of the male culture and may be read with pride. This is why it is important for men to join in the reading of the nightly bedtime story. Reading a story aloud is a wonderful bonding activity and expression of love. But when a father reads, it is also an example of a masculine activity.

Prep Lunch In The Botanical Gardens
On Friday, March 18th, the Preps will be having lunch and activities with their buddies at the White Hills Botanical Gardens. On this day we ask that children do not have a lunch order and bring their lunch and a prima/water drink in a named plastic bag.
Prep Attendance
Prep children will now attend school on Wednesdays, but if your child becomes tired with a full week of school, 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 in and 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.

This week our sound is t.

P.M.P. (Perceptual Motor Program)
Our Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P.) will start on Monday, 18th April 2016. This program will operate in the Physical Education shed on Monday afternoon every week between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. These specialised sessions greatly benefit the Preps’ gross and fine motor coordination and concentration skills. However, parent help is essential on a regular basis to ensure these small group tasks function effectively. Activities are organised by teachers, are explained to parents and are simple to operate. (If you need to bring a preschooler along that is fine as long as they do not distract the Preps from their activities). If we have sufficient parents offering to help, a roster will be made with parents helping every 2 weeks.

If you can help (and we would love you to) could you please return the form sent home today, to a Prep teacher by Friday, 11th March 2016.

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
1P – Taylah H for her wonderful listening, hard work and ability to always work quietly.
1CK – Kohen B for his confidence when trying tricky new words.
1M – Axel F for trying his best on all learning tasks.
1D – Emma W for her enthusiastic attitude towards her work.

Botanical Gardens
A blue note was sent home last week about our walk to the Botanical Gardens in the last week of term. We may need one or two parents to assist. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are interested.

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. Many parents are sending oranges or watermelon which makes a real mess and cannot be eaten quickly. Remember to send a water bottle with your child.

Reading
Please support your child to bring their reader bags to school every day. We also encourage you to help with classroom reading if you have any spare time. Please see classroom teachers for information about reading programs.

Spelling Books
Spelling Books were sent home last week and need to be returned to school on Mondays. Many students have been practising their words each night which is great.

Grade 2 News
Students of the Week
2G – Amy M for making quicker starts with her writing and getting more completed.
2H – Madi G for working hard in Mathletics.
2F – Thomas B for great partner and team work.
2B – Sophie trying hard to complete all set tasks.

Major Excursion.
Thank you to all the parents who have already returned the medical and permission forms. Please ensure that these are returned to the classroom teacher as soon as possible and payments can be made via the office or the QKR app.

Spelling Homework
Spelling homework is expected to be completed and returned every Monday. Please ensure your child is practicing their words at home as often as possible.

Grades 2F and 2B were looking at words that had ‘ook’ in them last week. Together we could name 32 of these words. How do you think you would go?

Junior School Teachers
Grade 3 News

Students of the Week
3N - Sierra P for her terrific work ethic and concentration skills.
3CT - Mikayla M for her outstanding effort and behaviour in all lessons.
3RD - Tammy F for becoming a more independent worker and starting work straight away.
3B - Mark T for being more organised with his homework.

Camp
A note will be going home this week about the 2016 Grade 3 Camp to Camp Curumbene in Corop. The dates of the camp are from the 5th to 7th October. The total cost will be $206.00. A deposit of $40.00 is due by Friday, 20th May.
A blue note went home on Monday, reminding families who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, that applications close on Thursday 24th March.

Homework
It has been pleasing to see the time and effort many of our students have been putting into the presentation and completion of their homework. Please remember that homework is sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned to school by the next Thursday.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week
4G - Cooper K for the creative flair he adds to the presentation of his published work.
4T - Catrina M for being an outstanding mathematician.
4M - Latisha D for her fantastic attendance this week. Keep it up, we love having you in our class.

Camp
Thank you to those families who have already returned their camp notes and those parents who have expressed an interest to come to camp.

Swimming
It has been pleasing to note how organised the children have been when getting ready for their sessions, which has enabled them to maximise their time in the pool. Tomorrow will be the final session.

Ride to School Day
Thank you to those students who made the effort to ride, walk or scoot to school last Friday (despite the weather). We look forward to more of the same in the near future.

School Athletics
Our athletics day will be held on Wednesday 23rd March. Children have been practising the various events. We encourage students to dress in their house colours for the day.

Book Covering
Thanks to those families who have offered to cover some of our new readers.

Healthy Lunch at the Gardens
As the conclusion to our ‘Ready, Steady, Go’ unit of work, students in Grade 4 will be walking across to the Botanical Gardens on Monday, 21st March, to take part in some activities and to eat lunch. We will leave school at 11.45am and will return by 1.30pm. A note will be sent next week with more detail. We will require some parent helpers to assist, please see your child’s classroom teacher if you are available on the day.

Middle School Teachers
**Grade 5 News**

**Students of the Week**
5K - Alirah R for her outstanding effort with the practice NAPLAN Language Conventions pre-test.
5O - Trista H for an excellent start to her ‘padlet’ page.
5W - Roman M for his interesting, humorous and structurally sound persuasive writing text.

**Swimming**
Swimming program commenced this week, lessons finish tomorrow.

**Pupil Free Days**
On Monday and Tuesday (14th-15th March) of next week, there will be no school days for all students due to the public holiday and a curriculum day.

**Camp**
A preliminary Grade 5 camp note will be sent home on Friday 18th March. Please keep an eye out for this in your child’s diary pack or bag.

**Phys Ed News**

**Weetbix Tryathlon**
Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Weetbix triathlon. On a hot morning students did a remarkable job of competing and smiling the whole way round. Getting presented with a finisher’s medal from either Geelong captain Joel Selwood or former world triathlon champion Emma Carney, was a highlight for many.

**School House Athletics**
These are fast approaching and students are currently refining their techniques in preparation for the March 23rd event. If you are able to help on the day please contact Mr Scoble.

**National Ride 2 School Day**
Last Friday was National Ride To School Day. Riders were greeted with warm conditions on the day impacting on total numbers for 2016. A big thank you to Sam Franklin and Mr Gillies for escorting the Weeroona end group to school. It is encouraging to see so many bikes are in the racks on a daily basis, as we have excellent, safe routes to school along the creek. Keep up the active travel, even park away from the school and walk the final distance.

**Stewart Scoble**
Phys Ed Coordinator

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**Opening Times 2016**
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm and Friday 3.30pm-4.00pm
Kim Engi, Terri Massese + Deb Button

**NEWSLETTER 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
**Chaplaincy Trivia Night**
Bendigo ACCESS Ministries Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group are holding their Chaplaincy Trivia Night which is part of the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival on Monday 21 March at the Eaglehawk Town Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Make up a table of six or less (NB more than 6 not accepted). Admission $15pp, Bookings 54421732 or 54483912 or rayandro@bigpond.com or bjrains@bigpond.com by Friday 18 March. BYO nibbles, non-alcoholic drinks & glasses, Tea and coffee available during the evening.
*Many thanks, Jenny Rainsford, Committee member*

**Living Together**
A special event during the 2016 Bendigo Festival of Cultures exploring how we live together, acknowledging we’re all different. Come along to connect, participate, discuss challenges, share existing initiatives and contribute new ideas to foster an even brighter future for our community.
Tuesday, 15 March, 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Morley Johnson Building, 23 Mitchell St, Bendigo
Everybody is welcome.
For more information and register visit [www.makeachange.org.au/livingtogether](http://www.makeachange.org.au/livingtogether)