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

**Week 9**
- Thursday 24th March
- **CSEF Forms due 2.30pm today**

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

**Week 10**
- Monday 11th April
- Parent Club Meeting after assembly
- **Gr 2 Major Excursion Payment 4.00pm**
- **Gr 4 Camp Deposit Due 4.00pm**

**Week 11**
- Tuesday 12th April
- Gr 2 Melbourne Museum Major Exc
- Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
- **Prep PMP 2.30pm Sports shed**
- **Gr 5 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm**

**Week 12**
- Thursday 14th April
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Head Lice follow up check 9.30am**
- **Gr 1 Life Cycles payment due 4.00pm**
- **Gr 6 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm**
- Team China Dinner 6.00pm
- Aerobics Prelims

**Week 13**
- Monday 18th April
- Grade 1 Life Cycles Incursion
- Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall

**Week 15**
- Wednesday 20th April
- **Education Week**
- **Open Day**
- Information Sessions 10.00am & 7.00pm
- **Footsteps Dance Payment due 4.00pm**
- **Footsteps Dance Program**
- Grandparents / Special Person’s Morning
- 9.00am-11.00am
- **Gr 3 Camp Deposit due 4.00pm**
- **African Drumming Performance**
- Footsteps Dance Program

**Week 16**
- Monday 24th April
- **African Drumming Performance**
- Footsteps Dance Program
- **Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Payment due 4.00pm**

**Week 17**
- Monday 27th April
- **Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion**
- Footsteps Dance Program
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Footsteps Dance Program
- Student Led Conferences / Pupil Free Day

**Term 3: Monday 11th July - Friday 16th September**
- Monday 18th July
- Head Lice Check 9.30am after assembly
- High Lice follow up check 9.30am
- **Book Week**
- Literacy & Numeracy Week

**Term 4: Monday 3rd October – Wednesday 21st December**


**Education Week: 16 - 20 May**

**Open Day & Information Sessions (Morning & Evening)**

Open Day and Information Morning and Night at White Hills Primary School will be held during Education Week. **Open Day, on Tuesday 17th May from 9.00am – 3.30pm, is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class.** It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to Prep teachers about the terrific programs available at our school.

A **morning Information Session will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 17th May at 10.00-11.00am, and an evening session at 7.00pm –8.15pm.** These information sessions are especially designed for Year 2017 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or have already chosen White Hills Primary.

**Childcare is available at both these sessions.**

**Prep – 2 Oral Health Checks**

Many parents have returned the permission forms for the Bgo Community Health – Oral Health Team to check their child’s teeth. Dental hygiene is very important and these free, in school checks may lead to a referral to BCHS dental health care clinics. Checks are scheduled for the second week back in term 2.

**Teach Your Child To Bounce Back From Life's Uncertainties. Part 2**

A selection from an article by Alison Campbell Rate

Mastering a task often means to fail, feel bad and then try again until there is success. Persistence is required in spite of feelings of failure. Playing computer games where there is exhilaration for the child who tolerates the frustration of failure and rises to the challenge to try again is a classic example. By giving children the skills to identify, tolerate and act on uncomfortable feelings, they develop personal mastery and experience triumph.

Take a lesson from your toddler. Toddlers are persistent! No matter how often they fall, bump their heads and tumble down stairs, nothing will discourage them from reaching their goal. Without a resilient attitude to failure there can be no progress. In fact failure is an essential building block to success and should be talked about as such with your child when opportunities arise.

Parents are enormously influential through their modelling of social and problem solving skills and the way they handle their own experiences of failure and disappointment. By putting resilience skills into your own life and demonstrating them to your children in real ways, you will enable them to do likewise. (Next term we will show some ways to build resilience in your children )

**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 should have by now completed a health questionnaire and returned the form to the classroom teacher.

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 a form requesting this.

**Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2016**

Many French girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months. They need to stay with a volunteer host family who is willing to welcome them, include them in their daily lives, and who can afford an extra member at the family table, as there is no payment involved. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 or by email and let me know of your interest. Those coming for 3 months will be here in May, those staying longer are here in July. Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Klaus Schumann,
SCCE Community Coordinator
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com
**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](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.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

*We look forward to seeing you all back well rested and ready to begin Term 2 on Monday 11th April.*

*Scott Ross*

*Acting Principal*

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**Parent Club News**

**Easter Raffle**

Our raffle was drawn at Monday’s assembly, congratulations to the following winners:

1st Bobbie F
2nd Imogen P
3rd Kimberly M
4th Jack T

*Thank you for supporting our first major fundraiser.*

**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!

**Mother’s / Special Person Day Stall**

Our Mother’s / Special Person Day stall will be held on **Friday 6th May**. Every child is asked to please donate a gift to the value of $2.00. *(Please ensure all gifts are new).* During the holidays is a great time to have a look around for gifts.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

*Parent Club / Fundraising Committee*

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**Junior School News**

**Prep News**

**Pupil of the Week**

*Congratulations to Kimberly M, Tyson C, Taya T, Samuel G and Shelby D, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are caring, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!*

**Grandparent’s Morning**

As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend on **Friday, 20th May** from 9.00am to 11.00am. Parents are asked to mention this date to grandparents/ friends so they can be available for this special time. Invitations for grandparents / special friends will be sent home closer to the event.
Bird Sitting
If anyone is able to look after the Yellow Room bird, Chirpy, over the holidays can they please see Mrs Ellis. Mrs Ellis cannot look after the bird because she has a big, hungry cat at home.

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Tortoise Area
The Preps would like to set up a look and find area in our tortoise enclosure. If anyone has garden gnomes, china animals, etc that you no longer need that can be hidden in the area can you please give them to Mrs Ellis.

Shoes For Preps
If you are buying new shoes for winter for your Prep child, please consider buying pull on shoes/boots or ones with velcro, so that children can put on their own shoes. Please remember to name your child’s shoes inside, as with the wet and muddy playgrounds the children are often taking off their shoes before coming inside. Think of this- 103 pairs of shoes, taken off and put on twice a day is a lot of shoe laces to tie if many children can’t put on their shoes by themselves.

Language Hint For The Week
On the holidays make a scrapbook of family photos or places you have visited. Write captions underneath, label pages, make speech bubbles, etc. Read this book together and share it with special friends and relations. Remember to bring it to school to show your class.
Keep practising reading and making up new words over the holidays so the children maintain the wonderful learning they have achieved this term.

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).
A PMP roster has been sent home with your child this week if you have offered to help.

Thank You
A special thank you to the wonderful parents who have helped us in so many ways this Term, we look forward to your continued support during next term.
We wish all our children and their parents a safe, happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday 11th April refreshed and ready for a busy Term of learning.

Junior School Teachers

Grade 1 News
Students of the Week
Congratulation to the following Students of the Week:
1P – Dakotah for great listening and lots of hard work.
1CK – Summer M for her wonderful listening and retelling.
1M – James C for working and concentrating hard.
1D – Angel B for her excellent effort in spelling.

Botanical Gardens
Our students visited the White Hills Botanical Gardens on Tuesday and had a lovely time looking at the different living things. A big thank you to those parents who helped out out!

Reading and Spelling Books
Don’t forget to continue reading and spelling routines over the holidays.
Life Cycle Incursion
Yellow notes for this incursion were sent home last week. Please make sure you complete the permission form and return it to school as soon as possible. If you are eligible for CSEF funding there is no cost for this. Those not eligible will need to include $11.00 when they return the permission form. If you have any questions, please ask your child’s teacher.

We hope all of our students and their families have a happy and safe holiday break.

Junior School Teachers

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week
3N - Jayden WC for making wise choices and an excellent work ethic.
3CT - Max J for a positive attitude in the classroom.
3RD - Brock B for making a great attempt at using brackets during his maths challenge.
3B - Logan T for improvements with his handwriting.

Grade 3 Camp: 5th - 7th October
The total cost will be $206.00. A deposit of $40.00 and permission notes are due back by Friday, 20th May. (Please note that CSEF will not cover the cost of camp deposits).
Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund closed today.

Learning Portfolios
Learning Portfolios went home on Monday. Please take the time to look over your child’s work samples and celebrate their learning. Please remember to write a positive comment, sign and return the portfolio to school early next term.

End of Term
Term 1 has certainly gone past quickly. The students have settled well into the Grade 3 routines and have had a wonderful term. We wish all families a safe and happy holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of Term 2.

Grade 4 News

Botanical Gardens Excursion
Thank you to those families who were able to come along and assist with the activities at the Botanical Gardens on Monday. The students enjoyed sharing their ‘suitcase for success’ with children from the other grades.

Learning Portfolios
On Monday students took their Learning Portfolios home. Please take the time to discuss your child’s learning and write a comment about their progress before returning the portfolio early next term.

Home Reading Routines.
Please enjoy the break and we encourage students to continue to maintain their reading routines.

Camp Deposits
Camp deposits are due by Friday 15th April.

Middle School Teachers
Grade 5 News

Students of the Week

5K - Blake M for being an enthusiastic and dependable classroom helper.
5O - Caden G for excellent efforts in maths, working hard to improve his knowledge of probability, decimals and fractions.
5W - Siobhan A for her patience and considerate nature.

Camp

Camp information notes were sent home last Friday. Please return the permission form AND payment at the same time. The $40 non-refundable deposit and permission form is due by 4pm on Friday, 22nd April.

Lit Circles

Students will need to read their new Lit Circles book over the holiday period. By the first Friday back of Term 2, students should have read half of their book.

Sovereign Hill Major Excursion

If you are interested in being a parent helper for our Sovereign Hill excursion or Grade 5 camp this year, please send along to school a written expression of interest that also has a copy of a current Working with Children’s Check. Please pass on all written expressions to Mrs Rebecca Woods in Grade 5W. Thank you.

Have a safe and happy Easter break! We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and rearing to go for a busy Term 2.

Phys Ed News

Premier’s Active April – Join the Fun.

April is fast approaching, so this is a quick reminder that when school commences in Term 2, the Premier’s Active Challenge would have begun. Sign up now https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/

In 2015, over 100,000 Victorians participated in PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL and enjoyed the benefits that come from increased physical activity. This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

School House Athletics Aerial Shots
**Stewart Scoble**  
*Phys Ed Coordinator*

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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 Engl, Terri Massese + Deb Button*

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**Community News**

**Happy 3rd Birthday FunLoong**

**Saturday 16 April** from 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Hargreaves Mall with Bong Bong Hat Band, traditional Chinese Dancing performed by the Central Victorian Lion Team and lots more for free!