### Calendar of Events

**Term 2 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 27th June**

**Friday 23rd May**
- Preps Grandparents Day 9.00am-11.00am

**Week 16**
- Wednesday 28th May
  - Division Cross Country-Bendigo Race Course
- Friday 30th May
  - P-6 Footsteps Dance payment due today

**Week 17**
- Monday 2nd June
  - Sausage Sizzle orders Last day by 9.30am
- Wednesday 4th June
  - Sausage Sizzle for Leteshu, no canteen
- Friday 6th June
  - P-6 Footsteps Dance Program

**Week 18**
- Monday 9th June
- Wednesday 11th June
- Friday 13th June

**Week 19**
- Monday 16th June
- Tuesday 17th June
- Wednesday 18th June
- Thursday 19th June
- Friday 20th June
- Friday 20th June
- Saturday 21st June

**Week 20**
- Monday 24th June
- Thursday 26th June
- Friday 27th June
- Friday 27th June

**Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September**

**Week 22**
- Monday 21st July
- Wednesday 23rd July
- Thursday 24th July

**Week 23**
- Monday 28th July
- Tuesday 29th July

**Week 24**
- Monday 5th August
- Thursday 7th August

**Week 25**
- Thursday 14th August
- Monday 18th August
- Monday 18th August
- Wednesday 20th August
- Monday 25th August
- Tuesday 26th August
- Friday 29th August
- Monday 1st September
- Thursday 2nd September
- Friday 5th September
- Friday 5th September
- Monday 8th September
- Tuesday 9th September
- Wednesday 10th September
- Thursday 11th September
- Monday 15th September
- Monday 15th September
- Monday 15th September
- Monday 15th September
- Tuesday 16th September
- Friday 19th September

**Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December**

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### Purpose

At White Hills Primary School we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which values for academic, physical, social and emotional needs, preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

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### A Farewell Message from Bev Harvey, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with a combination of sadness and excitement that I am informing the school community that I have accepted a new position as Assistant Principal at Mt Eliza PS on the Mornington Peninsula. My last day at White Hills will be next Friday, 30th May and I begin at Mt Eliza on Monday, 2nd June.

I have been the Assistant Principal at White Hills PS for 3 years and 8 months. From my very first day I was impressed by the warmth and openness of this community. It has been a privilege to work here with such wonderful children, dedicated staff and caring parents. In the time I have been here our enrolments have grown by an additional 150 students. I have especially enjoyed working closely with Damien to lead and support the school through the rapid growth in these past few years.

I will miss White Hills PS, this is a great community and I have appreciated my time here. I wish every family all the best and hope that every child enrolled here continues to enjoy the exciting educational opportunities provided by this school.

**Bev Harvey**

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### Congratulations Bev

I take the opportunity to congratulate Bev on her new appointment. I know she is looking forward to the challenges of a new (and larger) school and the prospect of life on the peninsula. We have both enjoyed our close working partnership over the past four years, working together with staff, parents, School Council, students and the community to continue a tradition of educational excellence at White Hills PS. I wish her all the best for the future. Our loss will be Mt Eliza’s gain!

Mr Scott Ross will take on the Acting Assistant Principal role from Monday, 2nd June for the remainder of Term 2. He will be working in the Assistant Principal role on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays he will continue team teaching with Mrs Jaime Gray in Grades 6/R & 6/G. On the days he is out of the classroom, Ms Di Riepsamen will be taking over his teaching duties.

**Damien Jenkyn**

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### Congratulations

To the Junior and Senior Multi Instrumental Bands and the Aerobics teams on their fantastic effort at the competitions on Friday and Saturday. Please read Music/Drama and the Aerobics news.
Sausage Sizzle for Letesha
A special sausage sizzle lunch to help fundraise for Letesha to participate in the School Sport Australia National Cricket Championships in Darwin, will be held on **Wednesday 4th June**.

**Sausage in Bread with Juice (Apple/orange) $3.00. Extra sausage in bread $2.00**

Please write order/s on brown paper bag/s with money enclosed and return to school office. *One order per bag only*

Name:
Class: (eg. 6 Ross)
Qty sausages:
Drink: Apple / Orange

**Orders close Monday, 2nd June by 9.30am. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED**

Please note that there will be no canteen lunch orders on this day.

Thank You
Over Education Week we have had displays of our students’ work placed in local businesses. A special thanks to DeLish on Napier, the Bendigo Bank, AMCAL Pharmacy White Hills and the White Hills Butchery for allowing us to use space to show the great work our children do. Please visit these businesses to view student work on their windows or inside the building. Thank you also to the parents who promoted our school and encouraged parents to come and visit our school on Open Day. Thanks also to Ms Kirk, Ms Netherway and Ms Millard who helped with childcare and the terrific student leaders who helped with the school tours.

The Importance of Breakfast
More than 40% of children miss breakfast at least one school day a week. While 8% of children never eat breakfast, an MBF Healthwatch survey found that 58% never miss it. “Research shows that skipping breakfast results in reduced learning, reduced attention and poor food choices for the rest of the day,” said Dr Christine Bennett, chief medical officer of Bupa Australia. “The importance of making time for children to enjoy a healthy breakfast before going to school cannot be overstated,” Dr Bennett said.

Botanic Gardens Extension: Works Begin in June
We have been notified by the City of Greater Bendigo that works will commence on the Botanic Gardens extension (the paddock behind the school in Bosquet St) during June this year. This is likely to have a significant impact upon the drop off and pick up of students in this area. We are in discussions with the CoGB for them to develop a plan for maximising vehicle access to this area whilst works are taking place.

*Our School Council has had significant input into the streetscape plans for this area to ensure the following:*
- parking has been maximised; with the inclusion of disabled parking spaces
- vehicle flow for entry and exit in this area is improved
- a marked pedestrian crossing is located on Bosquet St
- proposed shared pedestrian/bike paths connect with existing paths, without the need to cross roads

A plan of the Botanic Gardens Extension Streetscape Plan can be viewed on the school’s website. School Councillors are happy to talk to you about the development.

Missing Uniforms – Please check at home
We have had a number of reports of named uniforms going missing at school. Please check the label on your child’s uniform in case they have accidentally brought home someone else’s uniform. If so, return them to the classroom teacher to be given back to the owner. Thank you for your support.

Process for Late Arrival after 9.00am
There is a growing number of students arriving late to school who are not accompanied by an adult. This is a parental duty of care issue.

A parent or adult (over 18 years of age) MUST sign their child/children in at the office in the sign in/out book if they arrive after the 9.00am bell.

The child is then to hand the tear off slip to the class teacher when they arrive at the classroom. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom.

Your support with this process is appreciated.

Bike Enclosure Opening Times
A reminder to families that our bike enclosure is locked on school days after 9.00am and not opened until 3.30pm. If your child’s bike/scooter needs to be collected earlier, please come to the office. **The enclosure is not locked overnight.**

If for any reason your child is unable to collect their bike/scooter after school, please let us know and we will lock it in the school building overnight.

Mr Damien Jenkyn
Principal
Congratulations to our birthday children

Music / Drama News

Congratulations Junior & Senior Bands
Congratulations to the Junior and Senior bands on their efforts at the Bendigo competition last Friday. The Junior Band received a Silver Certificate and the Senior Band a Gold Certificate. An outstanding achievement and well worth the extra practise we had over the last three weeks. Well done to you all!

Choir – Bendigo Eisteddfod Competition
The choir will be attending the Bendigo Eisteddfod Competitions on Friday, 20th June. The choir is practising hard in preparation for this event. We will be singing three songs at the competition in the Novice Choir class. We will be sending home permission notices in the next couple of weeks. When you receive a notice please sign and return ASAP to Mr Wall.

Drum Lessons – Important Notice
A reminder that those children who indicated that they would like drum lessons that the lessons start this week (Friday). All drum lessons will be in the school hall on Fridays. There are still positions available. If interested please contact Drew on 0407502438 or email drewthorpemusic@gmail.com

Mr Vern Wall
Music / Drama Teacher

Aerobics
On Saturday, 17th May Sammy’s Girls coached by Mrs Tanner, The Party Rockers coached by Ms Gedye, Victory Coached by Ms Williams and The Beaty Betts coached by Ms Sartori departed White Hills at 9:00am to head to the Geelong Arena for the Schoolaerobics Preliminary Finals. The Beaty Betts were up first in the Stage 2 section. They had a wonderful routine and finished 6th in the Stage 2 section and made it straight through to the state finals. Sammy’s Girls finished 3rd in the Primary Open section and have also earned a position in the finals. Unfortunately we had to leave the competition before we could get the results of Victory and the Party Rockers. Both teams competed in the Stage 1 sections and did the best performances they have ever done. Judges will supply feedback from all the teams’ routines and this will be used to better our teams for the State Finals. We arrived back to White Hills at 10.00pm all very tired and worn out. Well done to all the girls who competed at the aerobics, you did a wonderful job!!!

The teams who did not make it straight through to the finals will compete in a Wild Card section at the state finals on Saturday, 21st June. The Wild Cards are held in the morning of the 21st and if they win the wild card section they go into the afternoon section with those teams who made it straight through to the finals.

*Information about the upcoming State Finals on Saturday, 21st June will be sent out closer to the date.

Mrs Jaclyn Tanner
Aerobics Coordinator
Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 4th June** at 9.15am in the staffroom.

Family Movie Night - **Thursday, 19th June**
Our Family movie night will be held on Thursday, 19th June at 6.30pm. The movie is “How to Train a Dragon 2”. Please watch this space for when tickets go on sale.

**Colouring Competition** – A colouring competition for students will run in conjunction with the Family Movie Night.

School Fair – **Friday, 7th November**
We have commenced working towards our school fair and are currently asking for donations from local businesses for prizes and activities at the fair. If there are any families in our school community who have a business and can help out with donations of vouchers or items, can you please leave them at our school office. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Chocolate Fundraiser
Chocolates will go home at the end of the Term 2.

Supa Cookie Carry Packs
There are 3 boxes left of Cookies available to purchase (on payment of $50.00) from the office!

**Prep News**

**Grandparents / Special Person Morning**
As part of Education Week the Prep grades will hold a special morning for Grandparents or older friend tomorrow, Friday 23rd May from 9.00am to 11.00am.

**Pupils of the Week**
Congratulations to **Cody B, Rory B, Indiana B and Jayden E**, our Prep ‘Pupils of the Week’ for this week. These Preps are organised, enthusiastic and helpful in class. Well done!

**Footsteps Dance Program**
The Footsteps dance program commences next Friday, May 30th and will continue until the end of Term 2. The Preps will attend this program in the Sport’s shed between 9.40-10.20 am each Friday.

**Spare Clothes**
If your child has been changed at school into school clothes, could these spare clothes please be washed and returned to school as soon as possible as we have a limited supply.

**Water Bottles**
Even though the weather is becoming cooler it is still necessary for your child to bring their water bottle to school, so they keep hydrated and ready to learn.

**Language Hint for the Week**
This week encourage your child to write letters to their friends, a prep they want to make happy or someone they have difficulties playing with, etc. The only thing we have to remember is that only friendly and kind things can be said in these letters and cards. Please encourage your child to reply to any letters they receive.

**Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)**
PMP will continue next Monday. We look forward to seeing our great helpers at 2.30 pm.
Grade 1/2 News

Students of the Week
2/R Harry O – For working extra hard on his writing, evening choosing to come in at lunch time to finish.
2/B Abbey C – For excellent home reading.
2/W Max M – For always using lovely manners.
2/S Ruby M – For working hard to improve her reading fluency.
1/P Teeka Y – For working hard on her descriptions and using interesting words.
1/CK Mia S – For her excellent number work.
1/T Max J – For working hard on his Bee information report.
1/M Oliver M – For always giving 100% to all of his school work.

Lost - Whiteboard marks
A whiteboard mark was included in all students’ bookpacks this year and there are quite a few students who have lost them already. Teachers do a lot of work on individual whiteboards and therefore need a whiteboard marker. If your child has lost theirs, can it please be replaced as soon as possible as we do not have enough spare ones.

Naming Student Clothing
Parents are reminded to please name any items of clothing coming to school for your child / children. We currently have a large number of unnamed jumpers sitting in a pile that we are unable to return to their owners.

Footsteps Dance Program - Payments
The Footsteps Dance Program is starting on Friday, 30th May. A note was sent home reminding those families who have not pre-paid for Special Events to send in the payment in order for your child / children to participate in this program. Please make sure payments are paid, in full, by 4.00pm Wednesday, 28th May.

Grade 3 News

Students of the Week - Congratulations
3/N - Bella B for her concentrated efforts in class, her getting along skills and having a beautiful smile.
3/W - Siobhan A for always being ready to learn by being organised. Well Done!
3/TH - Mason L for a super sensational run at the recent school cross country.

Camp Deposit - due
Deposits are due by Friday, 30th May. If you are having difficulty paying the deposit, please see your class teacher ASAP.

District Cross Country
We are seeking parent help next Wednesday, 28th May to walk across to the Race course for the District Cross Country. If you are able to help, please see your child’s class teacher. We will be leaving school at 10.00am

Regular Home Reading
Please make sure that you are reading each night with your child and that you are signing your child’s reading log. These 10-15 minutes of reading each night are essential in helping to build your child’s reading strategies and stamina.

Homework
Please also make sure that homework is returned by Thursday each week. Students are able to return their homework early for extra points. We are noticing a trend of a number of students who hand their work in late or not at all.

Footsteps Dance Program begins on Friday, 30th May. Notes went home last week for students who have not paid yet. Please Finalise as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to attend.

Learning Portfolios
Please return any portfolios which you may still have at home.

Grade 4 News

Students of the Week - Congratulations
4/G Ma Nay - For his wonderful conversations and sharing of his ideas during guided reading.
4/CR Jordan F - For his dedication and positive attitude towards his class work.
4/K Jakob W - For his brilliant work in maths especially when using subtraction.
Cross Country
Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our school event last week. Not long now till the big event! See main part of newsletter for more details.

Homework
It has been pleasing to see the quality and organisation of student’s homework so far this term. If students have any questions or concerns encourage them to see their classroom teacher as early as possible. Keep up the great home reading routines too!

Band and Aerobics
Congratulations to all of the students in Grade 4 who represented our school at these two events.

Camp
Please send your camp payment booklet slip and money to the office, not to the classroom upon payments and place in the Post-box in the foyer of the office.
First camp payment is due Friday, 30th May.
Final camp payment is due by Friday, 9th September.
Total cost for Grade 4 camp is $190.00.
Any parents with queries about payment please see your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Learning Portfolios
Thankyou to all the families who have returned their Learning Portfolios and the positive comments written. We are still chasing up a few. If you still have your child’s portfolio at home please return to school filled out immediately as class teachers are beginning this term’s entries.

Parent Helpers
Any parents available to assist with contacting our new home readers would be greatly appreciated. The quicker they are done, the quicker the kids can take them home to read! If you can assist at all please speak to your classroom teacher. Thank you to the parents who have assisted already.

District Athletics
Congratulations to all our students who represented White Hills Primary. You should be very proud of achievements and behaviour on the day. A big thank you to Miss Gedye for attending and the other teachers involved.

Middle School Teachers

Upper School News

Grade 5 News
Footsteps Dance Program
The Footsteps Dance program starts on Friday, 30th May.

Major Excursion – Sovereign Hill
Permission notes for our fabulous excursion to Sovereign Hill on Thursday, 19th June went home recently. Please note the $47.00 payment for the day needs to be paid 2 days prior to this excursion.

Grade 6 News
Students of the Week
6/B Isiah L for managing his own learning which is resulting in improved learning.
6/G Wendie M for her effort in the cross country and training really hard.
6/M Josh M for making an improved effort towards his studies
6/R Jake M for his consistent and hardworking effort in maths.

Visit from the Mayor
As part of our Community Connections program, the Grade 6 students were lucky enough to have the mayor of Bendigo, Barry Lyons, come and speak with us. Mr Lyons discussed a variety of topics revolving around the Bendigo Council, the three levels of government as well as his own personal journey into politics and eventual role as mayor. It was a real honour to have our mayor talk to us about leadership and he left with the parting words of ‘You can achieve anything you want if you set your mind to it’.
Homework
As parents and families are aware, all Grade 6 classes receive homework every Thursday which is due back the following Thursday morning. It is disappointing that many students are choosing not to complete their homework at all. If parents can continue to remind students to submit their homework to their class teacher every Thursday, that would be appreciated.

Learning Portfolios
A reminder to parents and families that our Learning Portfolios need to be signed and returned to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Cross Country - Congratulations
Congratulations to Jacob C and Letesha B who both came 1st in the U12/13 boys and girls age group. Kodi A and Tahlia E placed 2nd and Julian L and Kaili B came in 3rd. Wendie M came 1st for the 11 year old girls. Well done to all students who participated.

Open Day
Well done to all of our Grade 6 Student Leaders who assisted with our Open Day on Tuesday. All students acted maturely and enthusiastically and represented our school positively.

China – student / teacher visit
Good luck to our Grade 5 and 6 students: Lewis D, Matthew T, Bailey C, Fabian F and Hope M who are flying out to China next Thursday morning. We wish them all the best and cannot wait for our Skype session while they are in China!

Grade 5/6 Father Son Night
A reminder to families that we are holding a Father / Son Night on Tuesday, 27th May from 6.00pm-7.00pm in Room 6 & 7 (Mrs Gray and Mr Ross’ room) for Grade 5 and 6 boys and their fathers.

Upper School Teachers

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

| Thursday, 29th May | Kate Nichols |
| Thursday, 5th June | Office Staff |

Please arrive 2.30pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Friday, 23rd May   | Simone Hinck          |
| Wednesday, 28th May| Samantha Franklin     |
| Friday, 30th May  | Rebecca Skipper       |
|                    | Cindy Hilson          |
|                    | Rebecca Darcy         |
|                    | Dianne Egan           |
|                    | Debbie Popple         |

 Helpers to arrive at 12.30pm

All orders are to be written on a large paper lunch bag, (NO ENVELOPES), one per child please.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

| Friday, 23rd May | Belinda Martin |
| Tuesday, 27th May| Samantha Franklin |
| Friday, 30th May | Jodie Austin |

2014 Opening Times

Tuesday 9.05am – 9.35am and Friday 9.05am-9.35am
Second hand items are available to buy at the uniform shop. Please note that any unsold 2nd hand uniforms will be given to families in need or used in sickbay if not sold after 3 months.

Team Leaders
Julie Sens, Leigh Taylor and Kim Engi

SICK BAY ROSTER

| Friday, 23rd May | Naomi Boyd |
| Friday, 30th May | Kate Jongebloed |

Please collect linen from the office

Found Small bike and helmet near the school, enquire at the school office.

Community News

Members of The Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee
Invite you to join them on Monday, 26th May 2014 at the West Bendigo Stadium for their Annual Dinner and AGM. Guest speaker Chris Helm, is a member of Melbourne based ‘Skipping Girl Vinegar’ Band. He is also a support School Chaplain. Musical entertainment by a group of the school chaplain’s. The Cost is $28.00 pp, bookings and payment essential by Monday, 19th May to Ray Harvey, 9 Samuel Court Spring Gully 3550. Enquiries to 54421732.
Bendigo East Baseball Club Vacancies
The Bendigo East Baseball Club has vacancies for boys or girls from 6 years and up to play T Ball and junior Baseball in the Bendigo Baseball Association 2014 competition. Our club fees are only $45 to $65 per player for the season. Baseball training is held at the Ken Wust Oval, Quarry Hill. For more details go to www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au

Fungi Forage among the Oaks of Picnic Gully
Sunday 25th May 9.30am - 12.30pm, Registration: fungiforaging.eventbrite.com.au
Join with the Bendigo Field Naturalists experts on Fungi in the magical setting of the Harcourt Oak Forest in our beautiful autumn. This event is free and designed to ensure long lasting memories of the joy to be found in our local bush. Made possible by the wonderful work of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group.

Bendigo Autism Asperger Group
It is now only a few days until the FREE BAAG (Bendigo Autism Asperger Group) AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT which is being held on Thursday 29th May. Dr Wendy Lawson will be speaking and answering questions at this event and it will be a very informative day, commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 12.30pm. Registration is unnecessary - however, if a larger group is coming, it would be helpful if you could let us know for catering purposes.

Some of the wonderful Art work being produced and on display for Education Week