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Term 4 Week 2, 16th October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a fabulous afternoon which had our school bursting with colour, laughter and energy as students took part in the **White Hills Primary School Colour Fun Run!** It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces as students ran, walked, and danced their way around the course, covered in vibrant colours from head to toe.

The Colour Run was held to **raise funds for our Energy Breakthrough team**, who are busy preparing for their upcoming event in Maryborough. The funds raised will go towards supporting team equipment and resources, helping our students continue to represent White Hills Primary with pride.

A reminder that we have a curriculum day tomorrow, **Friday 17th October, which is a pupil free day.** Teachers will be working with writing consultant Narissa Leung to continue their work on teaching writing.

Calendar of Events Term 4 2025

Term 4 – 6th October – 19th December

***Fri 17th* – Curriculum Day (No students to attend school)**
***Tues 21st* –** Project Rockit
***Weds 22nd* –** Wacky Wednesday for Preps
Wed 29th – Bendigo Cup Public Holiday (Student Free Day)
***Thurs 30th* –** Region Volleyball
***Fri 31st* –** Halloween School Disco

November:

***Tues 4th*–** Prep Familiarisation Transition Session
***Weds 5th* - Curriculum Day (No students to attend school)**
***Thurs 7th*–** Prep Familiarisation Transition Session
***Fri 7th*–** Blast Cricket
Mon 10th – Pevan and Sarah Excursion (Preps)
Mon 10th – Scholastic Book Fair (8:30-9am & 3:30-4pm)
***Tues 11th to Mon 17th* –** Prep Swimming
***Mon 17th to Fri 20th* –** Grade 1 & 2 Swimming
***Tues 18th*–** Prep Familiarisation Transition Session
***Thurs 20th* –** Prep Familiarisation Transition Session
***Thurs 27th* –** Prep end of year celebration (4:45-6:30pm)
***Thurs 27th – Fri 28th* -** Grade 6 Excursion Bendigo Tech School

December:

***Weds 3rd – Fri 5th* –** Grade 5 Camp Phillip Island
***Thurs 4th* –** Grade 1 end of year celebration
***Thurs 4th – Fri 5th* -** Grade 2 Sleepover
***Tues 9th* –** Statewide Orientation Day
***Tues 9th*-** Christmas Concert (6pm Gardens for the Future)
***Wed 10th* –** Grade 6 Enterprise showcase
***Wed 17th* –** Grade 6 Graduation
***Thurs 18th* –** Grade 5 & 6 Pool Party
***Fri 19th*-** Last day of Term!!! Finish at 1:30pm

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Week 4 Wednesday 29th October: Bendigo Cup public holiday
- Week 5 Wednesday 5th November: Pupil Free Day for Assessment and Reporting

Next week our preps will have Wacky Wednesday. We cannot wait to see the wacky costumes and hair from both our students and teachers.

World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day is coming up in week 4, Friday 31st October. Next week, students will be given a special page to complete for their classroom teacher and it would be great if you could please return these to our school office as soon as possible.

Regional Athletics Results

On Monday 13th October some very talented students competed in the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics. All students put in a stand out effort and delivered some excellent results.

- Wildret E – Finished 1st in the Triple jump and will continue on to the State Athletics in Melbourne
- Maddison B - Finished 3rd in the discus
- Jasper D – Finished 3rd in the shot put
- Alirah N – Finished 3rd in the shot put
- Olivia M and Emilie C put in a tough endurance performance in the 800m and 1500m

White Hills PS is very proud of the performance from our students.

Student Leader Parliament Excursion

On Tuesday, the student leaders and I, a House Captain, took a train to Melbourne to see Jacinta Allan at Parliament House. We got to see a session in the Green Room and learned about the history of Parliament and how it was built. After watching how the session worked, we got to ask Jacinta a bunch of questions, like how she prepares for a session and deals with negative comments. She then invited us to see her office and some of her team. After that, we went home and talked about what an amazing experience it was.
Willow P

On Tuesday, the 14th of October, the Student Leaders of WHPS and one House Captain (unfortunately, one of our Student Leaders couldn't make it) went to Parliament. We caught the 6:53 express train to Melbourne and arrived at Southern Cross Station at approximately 8:49. We then took a train to Parliament Station and came up to the steps of Parliament House. Upon the steps were many members of the Victorian Government.
That day, the 14th of October, the Parliament of Victoria was going to discuss a treaty with the Aboriginal peoples. We had morning tea while a smoking ceremony was taking place. We then went into Parliament and had our tour.
We learned many interesting facts, such as that Parliament is made up of several different buildings, all constructed at different times, and that the Red Room has statues of Greek goddesses.
After the tour, we had lunch before meeting with Jacinta Allan. When we returned, we found that Jacinta was busy at a press conference. We didn't give up hope and watched the start of the Parliament sitting. One of the Members of Parliament had a political slogan on her shirt and nearly got kicked out! Then our tour guide noticed that Jacinta Allan had left the sitting (which is allowed) and told us this was our chance to meet her.
We left the viewing gallery to meet her and asked Jacinta a few questions. She then asked if we would like to see her office — we all said yes! Her office was spacious and very pretty.
It was such a wonderful experience, and we all enjoyed it very much.
Lexie A

Dress Code Reminder

Just a reminder to all families about some key points from our Student Dress Code policy. This policy is developed in conjunction with the School Council. School uniforms promote equality by reducing socio-economic disparities, foster a sense of community and pride, improve focus on learning by minimising fashion distractions, and enhance school safety by making it easier to identify students and outsiders.

We ask that parent and carers monitor and remind students that:

- School uniforms are required to be worn
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

- Cosmetics/make-up may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. Fake nails are not permitted as they can be dangerous during daily school activities. Students will be asked to remove fake nails.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair ties and head bands are to be navy, sky blue or school check.
- Students may wear out of uniform jumpers during the colder months to and from school, however it is expected that school jumpers are worn during school hours.
- School hats must be worn from the 18th of August onwards.

We appreciate your continued support and assistance in keeping up our uniform standards.

Kind Regards,

Bec & Kim

Congratulations to all our students of the week from Week 1

Congratulations to Alex for receiving the principal award!

Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

Next Tuesday 21st October, all students in grades 3-6 will be taking part in anti-bullying and cybersafety sessions through facilitator, Project Rockit.

PROJECT ROCKIT is Australia's youth driven movement against bullying, hate and prejudice. We have been working across schools in Australia over the past 19 years, reaching over 250,000 students. Drawing together an evidence base of research and lived experience, the workshops take a vastly different approach to the standard 'anti-bullying approach...' Rather than presenting a lesson, motivational talk or lecture, the workshops take a 'show not tell' approach - using a toolkit of high energy activities, role plays, discussion, experiments and 'aha' moments to break through stigmatised issues and allow students to explore their own learning and beliefs.

UNITE builds a shared understanding of what bullying is and how it impacts those targeted. Students are empowered with strategies to promote a culture of taking action to support each other.
The big idea: “Each one of us has the power to challenge bullying, even in the smallest and simplest ways.”

BELONG introduces students to the important role that they play in building inclusive school communities, empowering them with foundational strategies and empathy to combat social exclusion and increase awareness of diverse perspectives.
The big idea: “Each one of us matters, and we all have the power to make everyone feel like they belong.”

We encourage all parents and carers to register for the free webinar that Project Rockit run. Details are below:

Digital Futures Community Connection Webinar: Young People & The Algorithm

Date & Time: Nov 18, 2025 07:00 PM in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Description: The Digital Futures Community Connection Session aims to build community literacy and spread awareness of the importance of supporting children and young people into their digital future.

Come along and hear research presented by PROJECT ROCKIT CEO, Lucy Thomas about the way young people engage and think about the algorithm. This technology underlies many aspects of our children's screen use and game time. This session will provide you with insight and some practical ideas about how you can discuss and support your child with the way the algorithm can impact on their lives.

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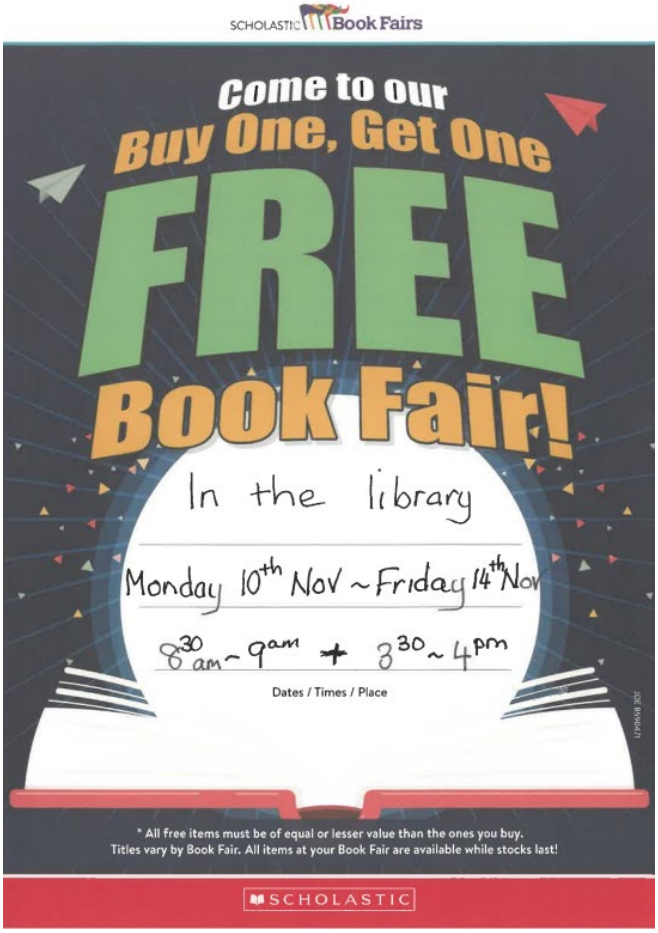

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