White Hills Primary School No 1916
Week 1 Term 1 ***Wednesday 1 February 2023***
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White Hills Weekly

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 2023: Monday 30 January – Thursday 6 April

Week 3	
Wednesday 15 February	G5 netbook info session 5:00pm
Thursday 16 February	G5 netbook info session 9:00am
Friday 17 February	**School Photo Day**
Week 4	
Monday 20th February	G5 netbook info session 5:30pm
Week 5	
Monday 27 February	Prep Parent Helper Info Sessions 9am & 4pm
Week 6	
Thursday 9 March	Prep Parent Helper Info Sessions 9am & 4pm
Week 7	
Monday 13 March	**Public Holiday**
Wed 15 Mar – Fri 17 Mar	NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
Week 8	
Mon 20 Mar – Fri 24 Mar	NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5
Week 9	
Mon 27 Mar to Fri 31 Mar	Grades 3 – 6 Swimming
Week 10	
Mon 3 Apr – Tue 4 Apr	Grade 3 Camp – Creswick
Wednesday 5 April	School Athletics
Thursday 6 April	**Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal**
Friday 7 April	**Good Friday Holiday**

Term 2 2023: Monday 24 April – Friday 23 June

Children's Medication
If your child requires medication administered during school hours, please bring it to Sabina in the main office. This includes Epipens and Ventolin which have been taken home over the holidays. All medication must be in-date and clearly labelled.
All medication is to be kept at the office.
New up-to-date Asthma Management Plans should also be completed and returned to the school office.

Newsletter Day in 2023 will be a Wednesday NOT Thursday

Newsletter Online: Your Email Address is Required
The newsletter is posted online each week on a Wednesday this year.
Please fill out a parent email form (available at the office if you have not already notified us), or you can subscribe through our website at www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au. Each Wednesday you will receive an email notifying you that the newsletter is available on the school's website. Click on the email link to access the newsletter.

Principal's News

Welcome Back!
Hi everyone,

A warm welcome to all our students and their families and staff to the 2023 school year. I hope everyone has had a restful break. I would like to especially welcome new students and families to our school and I hope that your partnership with us at White Hills will be an enjoyable and positive experience.

Newsletter Day in 2023 will be a Wednesday instead of Thursday

Start up Interviews
Thanks to families who were able to attend the Start Up Interviews on Monday 30th January. We hope that you found this a worthwhile and valuable experience. As this is the first time we have conducted interviews on the first school day of the year, we are seeking feedback from our community to improve it for next year.
Please click on the following link to provide feedback:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSO6Ajyzqw0xy3YFsOn1kSKMcDW5U7y7d9SprQomyYhNDJXA/viewform?usp=sf_link

New Guitar Teacher Required
Unfortunately for the school, Bill Volkofsky (instrumental guitar teacher) will not be returning to his role here this year. The school is actively searching for a new guitar teacher and we will let the community know once we have someone in place.

Communication with Staff at WHPS
We take great pride in providing many options for communication between parents and staff. We will continue to use staff work emails and Class Dojo for communication between home and school. We have policies to support our communication processes and they can be found on the school's website at www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au. We strongly encourage all families to read these documents so that everyone understands how we expect these communication options to be used.
The key message that we want all families to understand is that both Class Dojo and staff email addresses are not instant messaging options. If you need to contact the school or your child's teacher about urgent matters, please phone the school on 54430799.

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 approved adult at the school office. 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 computer 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.

Saver Plus
Saver Plus is a free financial education program where participants can plan ahead for study costs and get up to $500 for education expenses after 10 months. If you have a Health Care Card and are studying yourself or have a child studying you may be eligible to join the program. Email for more information. EnquiriesSP@bsl.org.au.

Every Day Counts
You and your child are an important part of our school community.
We are so excited to have your child in the classroom, where they can receive the support that they need to succeed and have a happy experience at school this year.
Every day of attending school counts. Being at school supports your child's learning, social and mental wellbeing.

Supporting our students
Schools will be making sure classrooms are as safe as possible for students and will be monitoring their mental, physical and social wellbeing.
Our school will support students who need to catch up. Teachers will work with students to understand who may need extra learning support. Some students may be offered tutoring or other assistance to ensure that they are able to participate and enjoy their lessons.
White Hills PS also have programs and staff who can respond to a range of student health and wellbeing needs.
If you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can contact your child's teacher or myself, and you can talk with us about how the school can support your child.

The Fathering Project
The end of the school holidays can sometimes be a source of anxiety for parents and children.
Our go-to tip for starting the term off on the right foot is partnering with your child's school in 2023.
This is especially important when your child is younger, and it is good to start the habit of staying connected with the school.
By developing a good relationship with the school and your child's teachers, you send powerful positive messages to your child about the importance of attending school and learning.
Top Tips
1. Introduce yourself to the teacher at the beginning of this year.
2. Attend the class parent meeting at the beginning of the year to find out about the teacher's goals, expectations, rules and limits.
3. Remember both you and the school want the best for your child, so you need to work together to find the best strategies and actions to support your child.
Dad joke of the week
"Tomorrow my son and I are getting glasses. After that? We'll see..."

Compulsory Netbook Sessions: Grade 5 Students & New Grade 6 Students
2023 Grade 5 parents and students (and new Grade 6 parents and students) will be required to attend a compulsory netbook information session. The School Netbook Program will be outlined in the session and parents and students will sign an Acceptable Use Agreement.
Students will not be able to take their Netbook home until the $150 contribution has been paid and the student and a parent have attended a Netbook Information Session. A note was sent home at the end of last year with the following options available:

Netbook Information Sessions will all be conducted as below:
- **Wednesday 15th Feb. – 5.00pm – (Staffroom-main building)**
- **Thursday 16th Feb. – 9:00am – (Staffroom-main building)**
- **Monday 20th Feb. – 5:30pm – (Staffroom-main building)**

We will send a copy of the notes home that we received last year to remind families of the session they indicated they will be attending.
Additional notes will be sent home this week for those who have not made a booking.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.
Payment amounts this year are $125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.
If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 54430799 and ask for an application form.
You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.
Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Privacy Collection Statement – Primary Schools-Information for parents and carers
Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.
Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/privacy_collection_notice.pdf. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

Please let us know if there's anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS.
Andrew Schaeche,
Principal

Smile Squad is coming

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in February 2023.
Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.
This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care
We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.
Sign up to Smile Squad at: https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic
OR use the below QR code:

Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 17th February 2023.
Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.
The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?
No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

Music should be fun and engaging, and this is my approach to teaching it. I do not focus on making rockstars, I focus on the development of creativity, coordination, and the belief that through effort comes result.
I do my very best to make students laugh and have fun, even while learning difficult and challenging pieces.
I have written my own music books for students to learn from - one copy is supplied each year as part of the lesson fee. Additional copies are $50.

A little about me:
I have over 25 years playing experience and more than 15 years teaching experience. I play live concerts in my own bands, and often perform with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra. I am also involved in musicals, theatre productions, touring bands and music festivals. I teach at a number of public and private schools around Central Victoria.
I completed CERT IV Training & Assessment at Bendigo TAFE. I'm a member of the Victorian Music Teachers Association (VMTA)
I have passed numerous Music Exams (first class honours/honours and I'm also an Associate Member of the Australian/New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA)
I am fully covered with all insurances and public liabilities and have a WWC Check too.

PAYMENTS:
Lessons are charged at **$225 per term**. This pricing covers the book, a pair of sticks and the guarantee of AT LEAST 8 lessons per term.
I will always aim for 10 lessons per term, but this gives flexibility for camps, public holidays and absent students.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Thanks again,
Adam

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Check out my Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons/

REGISTRATION DAY
RETURNING & NEW PLAYERS
Grade 3 to 18 years and under
Saturday 4th Feb 2023 9am - 12pm
Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve
353 Midland Highway Huntly
Enquiries : flamesjnc@gmail.com
BENDIGO NORTHERN FLAMES
Bendigo Northern Flames Junior Netball Club

Bendigo Eaglehawk Badminton Association Inc
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BADMINTON
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
WHATS ON FOR JUNIORS?
WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING - U12 (6:15-7:15PM) U18 (7:30-8:30PM)
FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION - 6:45-8:30PM
ENQUIRE TODAY BY PHONING 0499 731 811

MARCHING/DRILLDANCE
FREE COME AND TRY DAY
AGES 8-12
(CONTACT US FOR OTHER AGES 4YEARS-ADULT)
WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH 5:30-6:30PM
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EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY 2023

All Current and new players are encouraged to attend our registration day to be held Sunday 5th February , 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Registrations will be held at Eaglehawk Football Club Rooms, S&R Park 2 Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk

Registrations open for Under 9, 10 mixed, 12,14,16 Boys & 12,15, 18 Girls

keep up to date on our Facebook page, you can also register your interest to play by email: ehawkjfc.reg@gmail.com

EAGLEHAWK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

EPSOM FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1977

COME & TRY DAY

Saturday - February 11th
11am - 2pm
Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

Fun games & activities for the kids to play!

BBQ

Register on the day to play in 2023!

www.epsomfc.com.au

Epsom FC - Soccer in Bendigo

We are looking for:

STRIKERS NETBALL CLUB

Players aged between 11- 17.
Game Day Saturday @ Golden City Netball Association (Red Energy Stadium).

PLAYERS WANTED 2023 WINTER

strikernetball@gmail.com