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Term 1 Week 2 February 6th 2025 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders

We had an exciting start to Week 2, with a visit from Carlton Players. Our students and teachers are working hard to establish their classroom routines and it's great to see the positive classroom environments in action across the school this week.

Our Preps have had a fantastic start to school, and we are very proud of how well they have settled into the school routine. We remind our Prep families that the next three Wednesdays are testing days, and your child will only come to school if they have an assessment time booked. Preps will start full weeks at school in week 6 starting Monday, March 3rd.

Next Friday, February 14th, will be School Photo Day. Each student will have an individual and class photo. Family photos for siblings are also available, and these will be taken before 9 a.m. Times for these photos will be communicated via Compass closer to the date. If students are absent on photo day, a catch-up day is organised for the following Friday, February 21st.

Families are reminded that any medication for students should be clearly labelled, preferably with a chemist label, and given to the front office for storing and administering.

This is a reminder that students need to bring a clearly labelled water bottle and hat to school, especially with the heat at the moment. We have a Hot Weather Timetable in place for when the temperature reaches over 36 degrees. When it reaches 36 degrees, students are kept indoors for lunch or recess. Parents are encouraged to read our SunSmart Policy, which can be found on our website (https://whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/).

Wattlevale Farm is back and fully stocked, ready for a wonderful 2025. It offers a fantastic variety of seasonal produce locally grown and sourced from neighbouring farmers at incredible prices, as well as lots of delicious fruit ideal for snacking or packing in lunchboxes on a hot summer's day. We encourage our families to support Wattlevale Farm and our local farmers, with some proceeds being donated to the school!

Honesty box system or Bank details:
Wattlevale Farm; BSB- 063097; ACC- 91812173

Regards Bec & Kim

***Calendar of Events* Term 1 2025**
Wednesday 29th Jan – Thursday 28th March

Term 1
4th Feb – AFL Carlton Players Years 3 – 6
11th Feb – Netbook Information Session 9:00am & 5.30pm
14th Feb - School Photo Day
5th Mar - Foundation students attending fulltime.
10h Mar - Labor Day Public Holiday (No School)
17thMar - Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program (all week)
4th Apr - Last Day Term Early Finish 2.30pm
School Holidays 5th April – 21st April

Term 2
22nd April Term 2 Starts

Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team is seeking volunteers to support our Breakfast Club program, currently running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30am – 9:00am. With your help, we aim to expand this program to provide breakfast to students every weekday. If you're interested in joining our team, please reach out to Ricky at 03 5443 0799 for more information. Your contribution can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Regards Ricky & Brioney

2025 Housekeeping

Communication
We take great pride in providing accessible communication methods between parents and staff. We will continue to use staff work emails and Compass email contacts 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 Compass emails/ chat services and staff email addresses are not instant messaging options. Our teachers are busy teaching during class time and will not be checking their emails during this time. If you need to contact the school or your child's teacher about urgent matters, please phone the school on 5443 0799.

Process for Late Arrival or Early Departure:
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 and ensures that we can maintain the safest environment for our students.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications
The CSEF 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 seekers and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are $150 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 5443 0799 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 by the end of the Term 1.

Supervision responsibilities before and after school

At White Hills Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.40am before school and until 3.40pm after school. There may be staff in attendance at the school before and after those times, but those staff may be involved in tasks such as meetings or lesson preparation. This means that these staff members will not be supervising students. I know that a number of parents accompany their children to school and wait to see that they are settled. This practice is encouraged, as parents are supervising their own children.

Formal before and after school care is available within the school grounds and is operated by OSHClub. Please see the office if you would like more information on OSHClub.

SunSmart

With the summer heat, we are more vigilant than ever about being SunSmart at WHPS. Students are required to wear their hats at school and students without hats will need to spend lunch and recess time under the shaded 'hat tree'. Sunscreen is available in classrooms. Hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier Bob Stewart.

School Uniforms:

Please make sure you label all items coming to school eg. school uniforms, hats, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles. Our Lost property is overflowing already with NO NAMED ITEMS. Labelled items are returned to classrooms.

Mobile Phones (Smart Devices):

White Hills Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. We prefer that students do not bring personal mobile phones to school.

Students who choose to bring mobile phones (smart devices) to school must have them switched off and handed into the school office at the start of the day. Phones will be secured in locked storage at the office.

Mobile Phones must be switched off once students enter the school grounds in the morning. When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office – not on the mobile phone.

Staff Car Park Safety

Our staff carpark is a designated space for staff only. We have noticed that this is frequently used throughout the day by parents and carers. Please refrain from using this car park as it is a high-risk

area and students are not permitted in this area. To ensure that we maintain the safety of our students, please use the parking spaces provided, outside the school.

Handing in Money

From time-to-time students may be required to bring money to school for an excursion or event. It is important that any money handed over by a student needs to be in an envelope with all the relevant information written on the front prior to being handed to the office.

Please feel free to drop in or contact the admin team if you need any help.

Regards Sabina, Danni, Fleur and Alannah

Students of the week - Term 4 Week 1 – ASSEMBLY

Please come along to our assembly this Friday to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students!

Junior School Awards		
1AK	Gabi-Bella	For being a fabulous role model for our classmates on how to be your best, and for a wonderful start to grade 1!
1G	Zarviah G	For a wonderful start to Grade 1 and showing respect to her teachers and classmates.
1F	Flynn R	For a great start to Grade 1 focusing on his tasks and respecting all those around him.
1M	Willow	For following all classroom expectations and showing respect to others. What an incredible start to Grade 1!
1A	Augie Carrick	Augie has had a tremendous start to the year! He has extended himself, focused and been a star student. Well done!
2F	Jaxon	For being a kind, respectful and thoughtful class member.
2E	Charlie	For being a considerate and respectful friend to his new class members.
2TD	Liam H	For his amazing home reading routine and willingness to help others in the classroom. What a fabulous start to Grade 2!
2K	Rosie	For an awesome start to grade 2 by showing great organisational skills and always having a smile on her face.

Senior School Awards		
3R	Kahlani I	For having a brilliant start to grade 3, trying her best in all learning activities and always demonstrating our classroom expectations.
3V	Gay K'Paw	For her superb start at White Hills Primary and for being a leader in the classroom who demonstrates all of the school values.
3C	Natasha	For being an outstanding role model for others. Natasha always tries her best and has been a delightful class member
3L	Oscar Newman	For having a fabulous start to the school year and for being a great classmate in 3L.
4O	Scarlett	For being kind, caring and respectful to others!
4HW	Skylar	Skylar has kicked off the year with amazing confidence, giving her absolute best every single day!
4CL	Mak	For a fantastic start to the school year and showing our school values in every aspect of his learning.
4G	Mason L	For using initiative and being respectful to his peers in the classroom.
5D	Peyton R	For displaying excellent manners and bringing a positive vibe to our classroom
5PB	Ruby	For a wonderful start to the school year! Ruby leads by example and is a great member of our classroom.

5W	Ivy	For a smooth transition into life at White Hills Primary School!
5B	Chayse	For raising his hand to add to class discussions and working respectfully on all tasks.
6B	Rosa E	For a wonderful start at White Hills. She has been a lovely addition to our class showing respect to all, support to her peers and giving her best in class.
6K	Elijah CB	For the way he works independently at his table, respecting the learning of his peers.
6F	Alex B	For demonstrating confidence by reading a book to the class.

Specialists

Art Mrs.Watchman	Theo Connor	For trying his best in Art to create a colour wheel. Well done !
Music Award Mr Marsh	Rosa Eisen	For her wonderful attitude both in music and band. Rosa looks like she'll be an amazing new addition to the school Rock Band!
Art Mrs White	Edie J 5W	Edie listened well to instructions in Art and was an inspiration to others around her.Thanks for Being Your Best Edie!
STEM Mrs Treloar	Lola W (4W)	For her amazing engineering skills when making her 3D name tag.
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Geoffrey (6F)	For discovering some amazing tricks with light and reflections.

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U10 Mixed
U12 Boys
U12 Girls
U14 Boys
U15 Girls
U16 Boys

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