White Hills Primary School No 1916
Week 2 Term 1 ***Wednesday 8 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
Friday 3 March	School Council Nominations close
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

Staying safe from mosquitoes

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice , families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

Further information

- A handy guide to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease
- Better Health Channel information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases.

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

School Council Elections

Each year, approximately half our school councillors finish their 2-year term of office. This provides continuity and the opportunity for gradual changeover of School Council representatives throughout the years. Retiring council members are eligible to renominate for an additional term of office. This year there will be **THREE** parent and **TWO** DET employee (Department of Education and Training) vacancies.

Retiring Councillors are:

Parent Members

David Treloar, Justin Thacker and Simon Dean

DET Members

Lauren Ray and Carly Van Den Heuvel

I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the above listed School Council members for their valuable contributions to our school. Their work and commitment are greatly appreciated.

In line with the Department's scheduling of School Council elections, nominations are called from, Friday, 17th February 2023. Nominations will close at 4.00pm on Friday, 3rd March 2023.

Nomination forms are prepared and available at the school office. Please contact Andrew Schaeche on 54430799 or Andrew.schaeche@education.vic.gov.au for further information or nomination forms.

All information regarding the School Council Election process is displayed on the notice board in the office foyer or click on the following link:

https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1675815043school_council_electionsinformation_for_parents.pdf

This is located on the school website under school information-school council.

School Photos- Friday, 17th February

Leading Image will be here on Friday 17th February for school photos. Please note: this year all school photo orders are booked online. To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Select your State
4. Enter your special unique Access Key

Please note: Individual and family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day. Family photos will be taken at 8.15 am in the Art Room.

Access Key SAKE3LVE

Privacy Collection Notice

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 on the website at: https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/privacy_collection_notice_2.pdf

COVID 19 Updated Advice for 2023

Rapid antigen testing

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits are available from the office.

Managing a confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive to COVID-19 report that result to school.

Where a student is identified as a positive case, the following steps should be taken:

Principal actions: identification and notification

1. Parents/carers should complete the Student COVID-19 COVID Test Portal if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test). Where a parent/carer informs the school by phone or written notification, the school should complete the Schools COVID Case Management Tool.
2. Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test should be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.

Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and the school has a supply of face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Fathering Project

Play is a game changer when it comes to your kids.

When dads play with their kids it not only builds connection, it impacts their social, emotional and cognitive development.

Younger children especially benefit from playing with their dads - whether it's role play, rough and tumble play, games or activities - it all counts.

Whether you have returned to work, or still have time off for the school holidays. We encourage you to make play a priority!

Top Tip

1. Have quiet time. Quiet time allows children to be more imaginative and creative with their play. Assisting their development.
2. Turn off screens. This provides the opportunity for your children to be more creative with their play without any distractions.
3. Take part in role play. Role play helps children to explore the world around them. Get involved - showing your curiosity, imagination and creative thinking will encourage your child to do the same.

Dad joke of the week

"I used to have a teacher called Mrs Turtle. She tortoise well..."

REPEAT Notices

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.

Start up Interviews

Thanks to families who have completed the survey. So far, we have had 43 parents complete the survey. I will share the results in a few weeks.

Please click on the following link to provide feedback:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSO6Ajyzqw0xy3YFsOn1kSKMcDW5U7y7d9SprQomyYhNDJXA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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. A letter will be sent home with all students tomorrow that has your child's teacher's email address and all specialist staff. 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.

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)**

A copy of the note has been sent home to remind families of the session they indicated they will be attending.
Additional notes have been sent home 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.

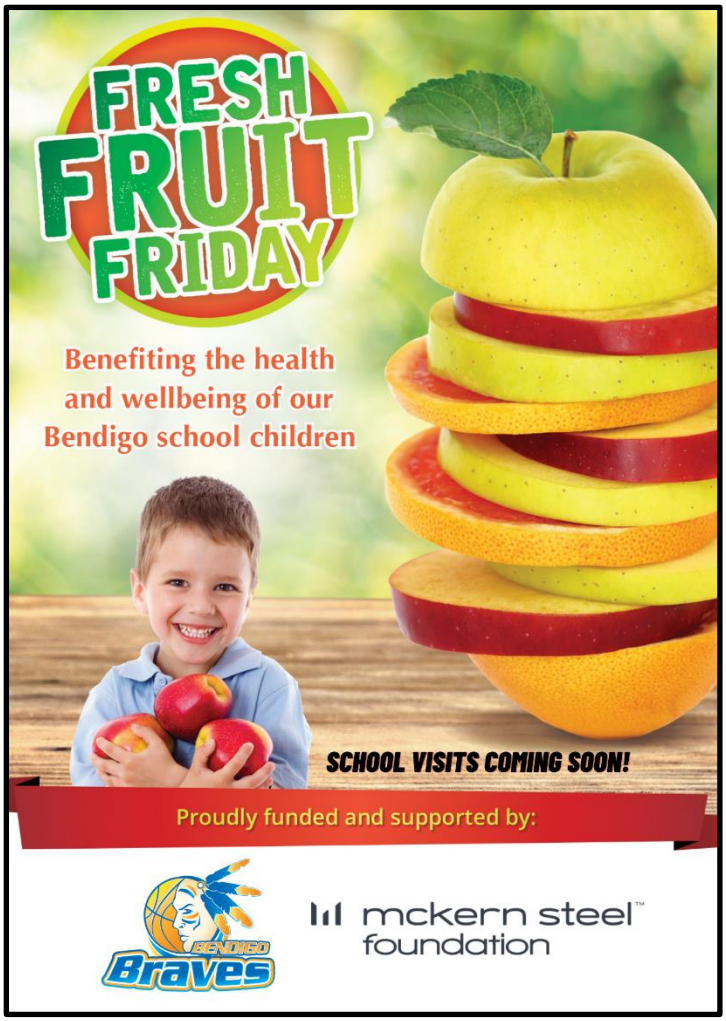
Saver Plus
Saver Plus is a free financial education program where participants can plan ahead for study costs and get up to $500 for education expenses after 10 months. If you have a Health Care Card and are studying yourself or have a child studying you may be eligible to join the program. Email for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

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 1, Week 2 Assembly (3 February 2023) – RESPECT

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR…	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR…
PP	Cooper S	For showing responsibility when completing his morning routine.	**4O**	Wednesday S	For a respectful and confident start to the year.
PE	Evelyn R	For being a considerate and respectful friend to her new class members.	**4C**	Geoffrey B	For being helpful, caring and showing respect to everyone in our class!
PF	Nevaeh D	For showing respect to teachers and wonderful support to her peers.	**5R**	Lily H	For the way she respectfully treats all members of our class and the school community, fostering a great start to the year.
PD	Lily G	For being such a respectful and considerate student in Prep D. Well done Lily on a great start to school!	**5W**	Matilda S	For the respect she's shown to her classmates! Resulting in a positive start at WHPS.
1AK	Alexandra B	For a fabulous start to Grade 1 and for being a responsible and considerate classmate.	**5HB**	Sebastian I	For showing respect to the teachers and his classmates.
1TD	Cooper G	For demonstrating respect towards his teachers and peers and working hard in all areas.	**5D**	Tyrone B	For being respectful to classrooms when collecting and emptying the recycling bins.
1G	Declan S	For an amazing start to the year and showing respect for his classroom, peers and teachers.	**6R**	Bridie W	For being inclusive and treating members of our classroom with kindness, therefore making new friends.
1B	Jasper W	For being respectful to their peers and teacher and keeping their locker tidy.	**6B**	K'Pru	For setting a great example to the rest of the class on how to show respect to everyone.
2TW	Sylvie R	For always showing respect and kindness to students and teachers in 2TW. What a wonderful start to Grade 2, Sylvie!	**6MW**	Tyler H	For his smooth transition to WHPS and for respecting the school environment by picking up all the tags outside from the Grade 6 shirts without being asked.
2P	Kyu Kyu	For beginning the year in such a respectful way, always using her manners.	**6F**	Anna I	For respecting her peers in and out of the classroom and taking pride in her school.
2M	Alira P	For always showing respect in the classroom by waiting quietly and patiently for the next instruction.	**Music Award (Mr Marsh)**	Dusty S	For great enthusiasm towards the production as he prepares to audition for an acting and vocal spot in the upcoming school play "Unprecedented"!
3M	Ava H	For being such a helpful and respectful student in the first week of school!	**Chinese Award (Ms Hung)**		
3V	Ruby S	For being respectful to all her classmates and helping others.	**Art Award (Mrs White)**	Kenzie PF Ari PP Avah 6MW	For respecting materials in the Art Room and creating such wonderful portraits of themselves in the first week of Art!
3C	JD	For a wonderful start to his time at WHPS.	**Art Award (Mrs Watchman)**	Jovi B 2M	For being a kind and responsible Art assistant.
4HB	Vivienne C	For being a respectful student to others during her first week at WHPS. Welcome Vivienne!	**Sports Award (Mr Scoble)**		



Join a great local soccer club
Golden City Soccer Club is looking for new players

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play this season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have teams for all age levels and abilities. We have all-girl teams at most age levels and have 42% female membership in our juniors. Soccer is a great sport for girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand in 2023.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at:
https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336

Please get in touch for further information.

Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com

SMILE SQUAD

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.

Bendigo Ford FUN RUN

DETAILS
Event: The Bendigo Ford Fun Run
Date: Sunday 5 March 2023
Events: 1km Kids Dash, 5km Run / Walk, 10km Fun Run, 21.1km Half Marathon
Location: Rosalind Park, Bendigo

Website: http://www.bendigofordfunrun.com.au

The Cause: Proceeds raised will support a great local cause: a new children's outdoor rehabilitation play space at Bendigo Health through the Bendigo Health Foundation.