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Term 1 Week 8 March 20th 2025 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week this week with Grades 3-6 Swimming. The feedback from our students is extremely positive and they have enjoyed their lessons. Our swimming program is an important part of our curriculum and White Hills PS incorporates swimming lessons as part of the physical education curriculum. These lessons teach students essential swimming techniques, water safety, and basic rescue skills for older students.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is finalised tomorrow, and we are incredibly proud of the efforts of all our students participating. The main goal is to assess individual student performance in literacy and numeracy, helping identify areas of strength and where additional support may be needed. NAPLAN results help to assess our overall performance of students and our school. This data can be used to improve teaching strategies, allocate resources, and support schools that are struggling.

Prep Launching into Learning

It was great to see many of our parents and carers attending our Prep Launching Into Learning Session. Students were very excited to share new learning with their families. Students are always excited to take home their first reader following these sessions.

Active Maps - Breakfast Launch 27th March

Our partnership with Bendigo Health Services is continuing this year. In 2024, our student leaders worked on developing an ‘Active Travel Map’ which highlights safe pathways to school. This is promoting active travel to school. Our ‘Active Map’ has been sent to Bendigo Council for approval, and we are excited to announce that we are ready to launch this map to the community.

On Thursday the 27th of March, we will launch the 'Active Travel Map' to the community at a Before School Breakfast. From 8.30am, Bendigo Health will be providing a healthy breakfast for any students and families. Come along and enjoy the launching of our new school map.

School Photos

Your child(ren) will be coming home with their school photos today. If you are a split family, please come and collect your photos at the office so we can ensure we are giving them to the correct parent. FAMILY photos have NOT arrived yet so please hold tight a little longer for those.

School Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting and March meeting will be held on 24th March at 6.30pm. At this meeting, the 2024 Annual Report to the school community will be presented. This is a summary report for last year and covers literacy, maths and aspects of wellbeing and engagement. This is an open meeting; meaning any members of the school community can attend. Once endorsed by Council, the Annual Report will be uploaded to the school website, but parents are welcome to pick up a hard copy from the office following this meeting.

HARMONY WEEK **Monday 17 - Sunday 23 March 2025**

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. The message of Harmony Week is ***everyone belongs.*** While Harmony Week celebrates Australia's rich cultural diversity, it is also important to focus on the urgency of combating racism wherever and whenever it arises as part of T**he International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Friday 21st March.**

Even though at White Hills PS we celebrate cultural diversity and inclusion every day, we plan on celebrating with a ***Harmony Day next Friday, 21st March.*** ***We ask that students wear a 'splash' of orange on the Friday to celebrate the diversity within our White Hills PS community.*** This is not an out of uniform day, but can include items such as orange hair accessories, orange socks, orange wristbands etc.

We encourage you to have these important conversations with your children about what it means to be culturally respectful and inclusive. If you would like to access further information, please visit www.harmony.gov.au

End of Term Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 4th April. We will have recess from 2:00 until 2.30pm, but due to Department of Education regulations, we are unable to dismiss students until 2.30pm. Parents may collect children earlier if they wish. Please make sure you sign out your child/children before taking them home if you leave early.

Regards Bec & Kim

***Calendar of Events* Term 1 2025**

Wednesday 29th Jan – Friday 4th April

Term 1

24th March – Grade 6 STEM Group
24th March – Prep Parent Reading Helper Session
24th March – Prep Parent Helper Session
27th March - Active Maps Launch
27th March – Prep Parent Reading Helper Session
27th March – Prep Parent Helper Session
1st April – Whole School Cross Country
3rd April - Grade 5 Excursion - Sovereign Hill
3rd April – Grade 6 Excursion – Soldiers Memorial
4th Apr - Last Day Term Early Finish 2.30pm
School Holidays 5th April – 21st April

Term 2

22nd April Term 2 Starts
23rd April Whole School Athletics at Flora Hill Athletics Track
6th May – Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast
7th-9th May- Grade 6 Camp- Burnside Anglesea
16th May – Division Cross Country
30th May – Division Hockey – Ironbark Hockey Centre

The Wellbeing Team are holding a Mother's & Special Person Day breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day on Tuesday 6th of May.

8am-8:50am on the basketball court.

More details to come

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

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

Regards Sabina, Danni, Fleur and Alannah

Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

We'd like to introduce our Wellbeing Team for 2025.

Jess Clark- Anglicare Early Help Practitioner
Kristie Lacey- Wellbeing Coordinator (works Mon-Wed)
Ricky Cawley- Student Wellbeing and Engagement worker (works Mon-Fri)
Brioney Thompson- Wellbeing Worker (works Tues-Fri)
Bec Woods- Mental Health Wellbeing Leader (works Tues-Thurs)

Our team is supported by our fabulous Education Support Staff, who work with our students who require extra support.

THE ZONES OF REGULATION

This year, as a part of our curriculum, students at White Hills Primary School will be learning about the Zones of Regulation. Our goal is to teach students more about their emotions and to further develop their self-regulation skills. Self-regulation is an essential skill in life, and in all learning environments. Students will participate in activities and discussions designed to help them recognise when they are in each of the different Zones as well as learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the Zone they are in. Students will learn new vocabulary, skills in reading other people's facial expressions, gain perspective about how others see and react to their behaviour, insight into events that trigger their behaviour, calming and alerting strategies, and problem solving skills.

The Zones of Regulation teach about different ways that children feel and behave into four "Zones":

Blue (Slow) Zone- when your body is running slowly, such as when you are tired, sick, sad or bored.

Green (Go) Zone- when you are ready to learn and "good to go." You feel happy, calm and focused.

Yellow (Caution) Zone- when you feel your engine beginning to run high, such as when you are frustrated, overwhelmed, silly, wiggly, excited, worried, anxious, or surprised.

Red (Stop) Zone- is when you have "flipped your lid" and there is a loss of emotional self-control. You have extreme feelings such as terror, uncontrolled anger, aggression, or elation.

Students of the week - Term 1 Week 8 – ASSEMBLY

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

Junior School Awards

Prep M	Isabella A	For her great listening skills, being a great friend and always trying her best!
Prep C	Blair and Charlie	For always trying their best and showing respect to all teachers.
Prep D	Owen H	For showing respect to our classroom norms and always being a kind and helpful friend to everyone.
Prep H	Koby	For showing respect to his classmates and teachers.
1F	Mason	For always demonstrating respect for our school routines and showing kindness to others.
1G	Matilda	For always showing excellent manners, respect and looking out for her classmates.
1AK	Oscar	For being a great role model in our classroom and always working quietly at his table.
1M	Emilee S	For consistently showing respect to her peers and teachers.
1A	Archer S	Archie has worked so hard to become a focused, organised, respectful, resilient and aspiring student! Fantastic work!
2F	Annabelle	For consistently demonstrating respect towards others and tackling every work task with passion and creativity.
2E	Toby	For always working hard and being engaged during every lesson.
2TD	Eleanor	For always being kind, caring and willing to help others.
2K	Kenzie	For always being respectful towards others and providing a helping hand.

Senior School Awards

3R	Jett A	For being an excellent role model and leader in the classroom. Jett is always respectful not just to teachers but to his peers as well.
3V	Noah H	For his creative ideas during narrative writing, well done Noah!
3C	Matilda	For being brave and trying new things during swimming, you are a star Matilda!
3L	Molly	For trying her best and persisting during NAPLAN. Well done, Molly!
4O	Chloe	For always trying her best and being persistent with all tasks!
4HW	Mary	For having an amazing week in engaging in learning.
4CL	Jobe	For displaying a growth mindset in all tasks to engage in his learning.
4G	Indianna	For displaying great resilience and being inclusive to all peers. Great job Indi
5D	Danielle	For demonstrating resilience when in the blue zone and turn her day around.

5PB	Amity	For respecting our classroom by always keeping it neat and tidy.
5W	Nixon	For respectfully discussing and understanding topics.
5B	Laylah	For treating all her peers and teachers with respect and being a helpful hand around the classroom.
6B	Muchovey	For always showing his peers how to respect everyone and for standing up for what's right. He really takes a lead in this area of the school.
6K	Scarlett A	Because she sets a wonderful example of respect by valuing others' ideas and speaking with kindness.
6F	Mia O'G	For tackling learning activities with enthusiasm.

Specialists

Art Mrs Watchman	Logan A 6B	For striving to be his best in art and always being kind and helpful.
Art Mrs White	Flossie P 1AK	Floss enjoys coming to Art every week, expressing herself through her vibrant artwork, and sets a great example for her peers with her creativity and enthusiasm.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Isla S 4G	For her excellent approach to fitness. Being respectful of everyone working at different levels.
Music Mr Marsh	Wildret E	For his fantastic commitment to the band, particularly to learn such a challenging song so early in the year. You sounded amazing last week Wildret!
STEM Mrs Treloar	MuTha, Bithia & Julia 6K	For the amazing shadow puppets they have created ready to film next week.
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Jasper 4O	For making an amazing, working model of a flying fox for his playground.
Chinese Qiang Fu	Lily B 2F	For displaying great learning attitude and actively participate in classroom activities.

Well Done to all our amazing Students!

Student Leaders 2025

Meet some of our Student Leaders

I am really happy to be a student leader as I am looking forward to representing our school, being a good role model and having lots of leadership opportunities. I am looking forward to being a part of our ANZAC service and hosting tours for families. I would like to see students continuing to follow our school values and trying their best.
The best thing about WHPS is our teachers and how we they are helping us all to be kind and considerate people.

Lucia

I am really happy to be a leader of this school, especially in being a role model to other students and showing them how to be a good member of our school community.
I am looking forward to the leadership conference and becoming a better person and leader, as well as hosting tours of our school.
I would like to see all of our students being respectful and inclusive of each other, and for our school yard to stay clean.
The best thing about WHPS is the opportunities we are given here and the teachers we have.

Alex

I am happy to be a student leader because I get to lead events, like our assemblies. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to build my confidence in leading school events and tours. I would like to see more kids actively playing outside and enjoying our play spaces. The best thing about WHPS is our school facilities and play spaces.

Jasper

I am grateful to be a student leader because it is a privilege to work closely with our Principal, Mrs Harper, to make decisions for our school. I am looking forward to doing tours of our school for new students and families, as well as improving my confidence with public speaking. I would like to see students respecting our yard, our belongings and each other.
The best thing about WHPS is the kind and respectful teachers we have.

Mia

Some Artwork from our amazing students

FALCONS BASEBALL CLUB

JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED

Ages 5+

Season Starts April!

SCAN ME!

Come & try Baseball!

Tuesdays 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Wednesdays 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Fridays 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Albert Roy Reserve, Eaglehawk

Contact Seb Smith - 0468 968 490

Adventurous Autumn School Holidays

Monday 7 - Thursday 17 April

Enjoy adventurous activities at the Y this Autumn.

Activities include a Dog Man movie and a variety of incursions and excursions that explore the great outdoors and enhance your child's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

BOOK NOW

the Y

JOIN US TODAY!

Mother's Day Classic

Walk or run for breast and ovarian cancer research

LEARN MORE

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025

REGISTER ONLINE NOW: MOTHERSDAYCLASSIC.COM.AU

Eaglehawk Precinct - 20 Simpsons Rd, Eaglehawk

(right next to the skatepark)

TYPE 1 DIABETES FAMILY CENTRE

Little Ninja Warriors Excursion

Let your little type 1 warrior swap numbers for nunchucks (figuratively, of course!) and unleash their inner ninja for a day of action-packed fun.

Kids with type 1 are invited to take on the ultimate play centre challenge—bouncing across the biggest jumping castle in central Victoria, diving into slides and tunnels, and exploring a multi-level playground built for adventure. Feeling extra daring? Test your skills on the thrilling climbing walls!

DATE: Tuesday 8 April 2025
TIME: 10am—1pm
WHERE: Little Ninja Warriors, Epsom
WHO: Type 1 kids and their siblings!
COST: $21 each
REGISTER: https://bit.ly/LittleNinjaWarriorsExcursion2025
BRING: Comfy clothes, hypo kit and a water bottle!
*grip socks provided, and there's a café on site for food and drink

If you have any queries, please contact Bec at becritchie@type1familycentre.org.au

TYPE 1 DIABETES FAMILY CENTRE

Little Ninja WARRIORS

Adam Bourke Drum Lessons

Learn drums at your own pace
in a fun and relaxing environment

30 Years Experience
Qualified Music Educator
WWCC
Fully Insured
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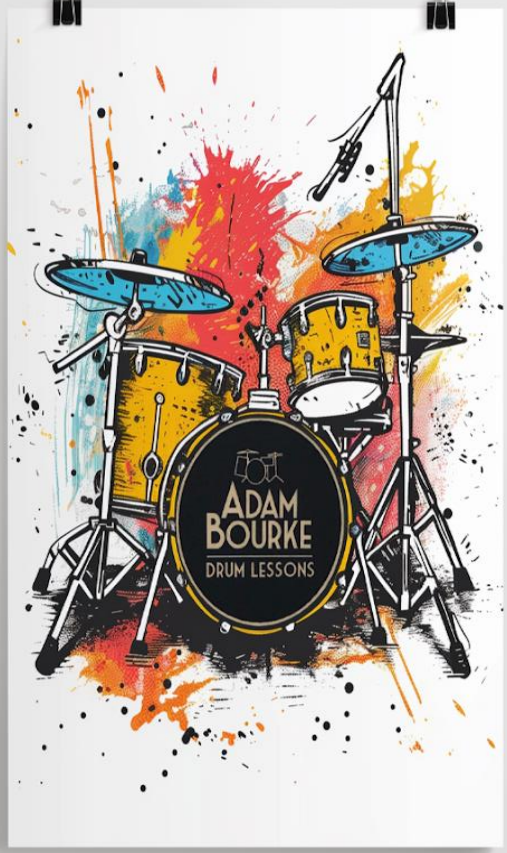

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KEYBOARD Lessons

SOLO & GROUP
Lessons available

SOLO: *20 minutes*
GROUP of 2: *30 minutes*
GROUP of 3: *40 minutes*

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