White Hills Primary School No 1916
Week 8 Term 1 ***Wednesday 22 March 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 8

Wednesday 22 March	Fathering Project - Outdoor Games & BBQ Gardens of the Future 5:30-7:00pm
Thursday 23 March	Colour Run 2:30pm

Week 9

Mon 27 Mar to Fri 31 Mar	Grades 3 – 6 Swimming
Friday 31 March	Ride/Scoot to school
Friday 31 March	P&FG Open Air Cinema

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

Week 1

Monday 24 April	**First Day Term 2**
Tuesday 25 April	**ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
Wednesday 26 April	School Cross Country

Are you a dad with a child navigating their gender identity? We know it can be tough, but the most important thing you can do is support your child. We've got some tips to help you understand how you can be an ally, whether it's for your own child or other children in the community.
Remember, every gender-diverse young person is different, and their experience may be different, but they all need to be listened to by their loved ones. It's okay if you don't have all the answers, but being a trustworthy, open-minded, and supportive dad can make all the difference to your child's wellbeing and mental health.
Top Tips
1. Respect your child's privacy and right to confidentiality. Let them know you will always respect their wishes before disclosing anything.
2. Listen to your child and let them know you love and support them no matter what. Remember that every gender-diverse young person is different and needs to be heard.
3. Take a step-by-step approach to exploring your child's gender identity. Consult with your child and let them guide the process.
Dad joke of the week
Did you know that T-Shirt is actually an abbreviated version of Tyrannosaurus shirt... Because of the short arms...

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

End of Term Dismissal

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Thursday, 6th April, as Friday is the Good Friday public holiday. 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. However, 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.
Our final assembly for the term will be on Friday, 31st March where the Easter raffle prizes will be drawn.
Term 2 begins on Monday, 24th April, with Tuesday, 25th the ANZAC Day public holiday.

School Council

The new council met for the Annual General Meeting and March meeting on Monday evening.
The following items were discussed and/or endorsed:

- 2022 Annual Report (copies available at the office or from the school's website-once attested online)
- The following were elected to office positions this year:
  President – David Treloar
  Vice President – Simon Dean
  Finance – Natalie Reynolds & Caroline Robertson
  Secretary – Lauren Ray
- Painting of Prep and Grade 6 portables, OSHClub room windows and surrounds and rusting poles around the school.
- Removal of the bottle brush tree between the main building and Peter Davey (Grade 3-4 community-BER building), removal of Elm trees behind the Grade 6 portable adjacent to Plumridge Street.
- Fundraising Calendar for 2023 (see below)
- Risk assessment documentation for approval for camps for Grades 3-6
- Energy Breakthrough training risk assessment
- Fundraising, personal property, Sunsmart policies

We still require one parent representative for school council. If you are interested in being on council, would like more information or would like to nominate someone please let me know as soon as possible.

Ride/Scoot to school with some Teachers

Our next planned ride is next Friday, 31st March, and we are hoping to have many students (and their families) join us. Several staff members have committed to support riding with students and parents along the creek-side track from both directions.
Mr Scoble & Mr Byron will be starting at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15 riding slowly along the bike track. They will make another stop at the Scott Street bridge at 8:25 before finishing at school. Mr Schaeche will be coming from the opposite direction starting a Weeroona Avenue at 8:15. They will then make their way along the bike track stopping at the Bridge on Knight Street (behind Weeroona College) at 8:20 and then again near the playground just off The Boulevard in the Peppercorns Estate at 8:25. They will then follow the bike track to school. We look forward to riding to school with many students next Friday.

Fundraising Calendar 2023

TERMS	MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	GROUP
Term 1	February			
	March	Thursday 23rd	Colour Run	Energy Breakthrough
		Friday 31st	Open Air Cinema Easter raffle drawn	PFG
	April	Thursday 6th	Out of Uniform - Royal Children's Hospital	School
Term 2	June	All month	The Wooden Store Fundraiser	PFG
		Friday 16th	Donut Day	PFG
		Friday 23rd	Out of Uniform- State's School Relief	School
Term 3	July			
	September	Monday 4th Thursday 14th	Pie Drive order forms due Delivery Pie Drive	PFG
		Friday 15th	Out of Uniform -To be chosen locally	School
Term 4	October			
	November			
	December	Friday 15th	Christmas Raffle drawn	PFG
		Friday 20th	Out of Uniform - Local hospitals	School

REPEAT NOTICES

Instrumental Music

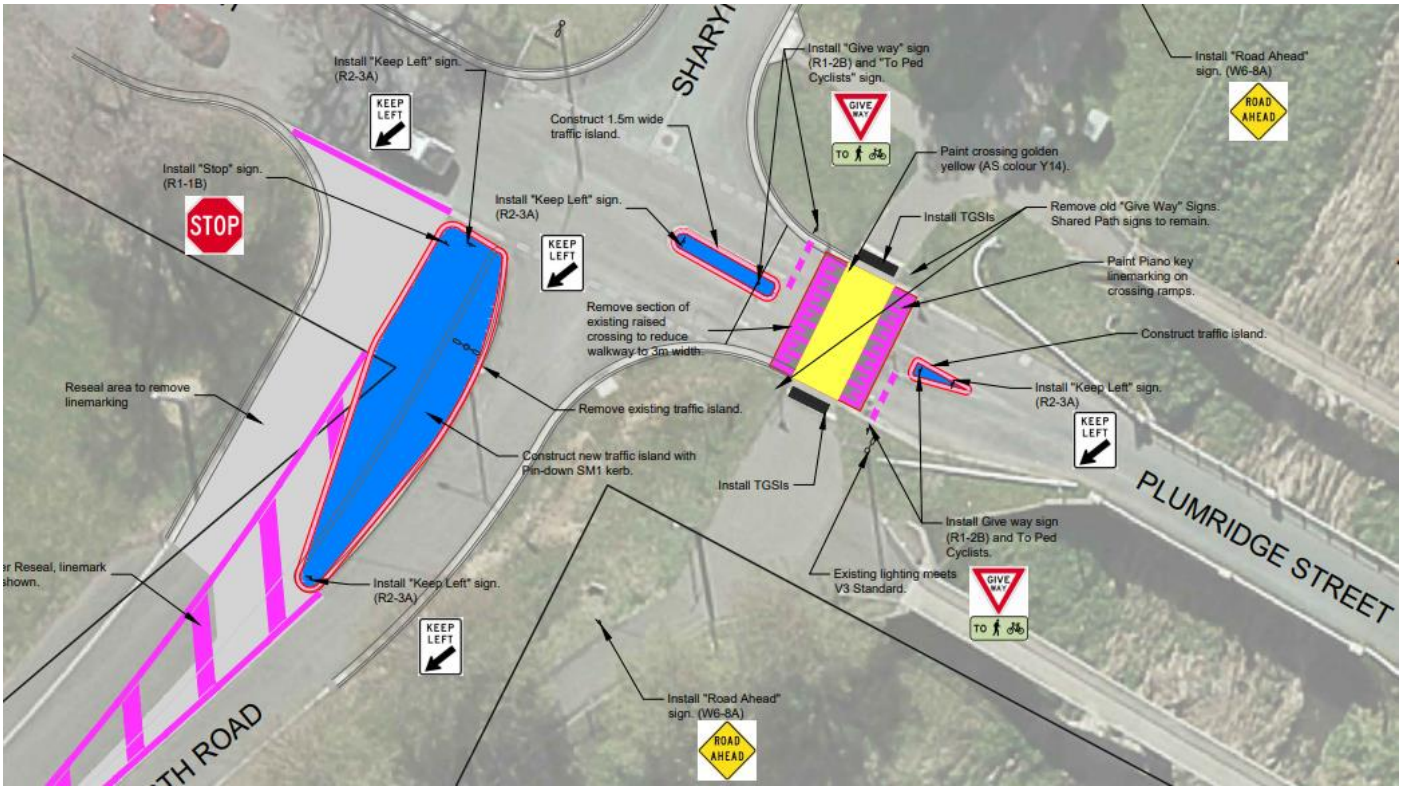
If families are wishing for their child to participate in private instrumental music lessons during school hours, the following options are available at White Hills PS. Please contact the music teachers directly to access lessons for your child.

- Singing – Louise MacGregor (0431 599 044) littlelungsmusic@gmail.com
- **Guitar/bass/ukulele** – Mason Matheson (0422 252 907) mason.matheson@gmail.com (begins Term 2)
- **Drums** – Adam Bourke (0409 530 880) Adam_bourke@live.com.au
- **Piano/keyboards** – Madelyn Kidd (0467 869 726) madelyn.mgkmusic@gmail.com

We are lucky enough to welcome Mason as our new guitar teacher. Mason comes with a great deal of experience as a guitar teacher through Muso's Stuff. He will begin in Term 2, but families can contact him now to arrange lessons. (see flyer in the newsletter this week).

Proposed Blackspot Safety Upgrade

The construction of a Pedestrian Safety Upgrade on Plumridge Street is proposed to commence in the near future. The works will be located near the intersection of Plumridge Street and Holdsworth Road. It will include an upgraded Raised Safety Platform, reconstruction of traffic islands and associated line marking. It is scheduled to commence in late March and be completed by May. The April school holidays have been targeted for any closure of Plumridge Street to reduce the impact of school traffic. However, there will be some unavoidable inconvenience regarding traffic and pedestrian access.



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 by the end of the Term 2 please.

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

Andrew Schaeche,

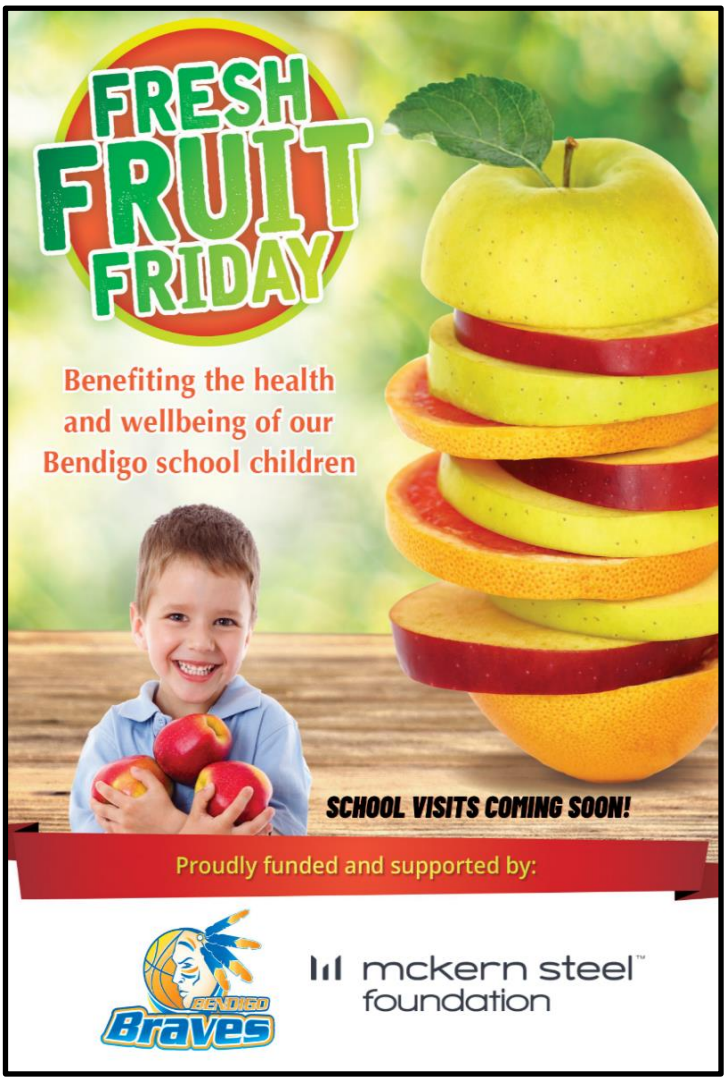
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 1, Week 7 Assembly (17 March 2023)

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR…	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR…
PP	Sienna H	For always having a go at everything! Sienna works hard in all classes.	**4HB**	Logan A	For writing a fantastic information report about Great White Sharks!
PE	Alivia-Grace I	For showing confidence and responsibility in the classroom.	**4O**	Cody S	For consistently working hard on all tasks and working well with others.
PF	Amelia P	For consistently showing kindness and respect to her peers and teachers.	**4C**	Blake J	For being a delightful listener, working hard and sharing great ideas.
PD	Amelia M	For always following instructions and being a great role model during independent reading.	**5R**	Jamaica G	For her commitment to her maths learning, integrating data analysis into other areas of our day.
1AK	Claire S	For her increased confidence in the classroom and always doing her best!	**5W**	Lacey B	For demonstrating a great level of resilience and positivity.
1TD	Zoe B	For always trying her best in all areas of her school work.	**5HB**	Xavier K	For being a great teammate by making helpful comments to his classmates.
1G	Rhian W	For being an amazing class helper and always listening intently to others.	**5D**	Aalirah B	For attacking all of her learning with positivity.
1B	Delilah A	For continually being respectful by working at the expected noise level.	**6R**	Jessica S	For always treating members of our school community with kindness.
2TW	Isabella B	For staying focussed during math sessions and respectfully waiting her turn to talk.	**6B**	Ruby A	For her determination in her learning.
2P	Stella L	For always working like a Super Stella and always showing respect to others.	**6MW**	Alex B	For her creative writing and willingness to share her ideas with the grade.
2M	Leena H	For being switched on during shared reading and always being ready to share her ideas.	**6F**	Ler Kaw	For showing respect to his classmates and being able to work with a wide range of students.
3M	Sophie H	For always putting in her best effort and aspiring to do her best in all learning tasks!	**STEM Award Mrs Treloar**	Eva J 5R	For her creative design solution in her miniature creek.
3V	Eli K	For being an excellent leader in our sport lesson and helping his classmates.	**Sports Award Mr Scoble**	Ruby E 5W	For her excellent application to fitness related activities.
3C	Willow D	For her increased confidence in the classroom and always doing her best!	**Chinese Award Ms Hung**	Millicent R 6MW	For showing great respect and responsibility. She always follow instructions and did very beautiful writing.

Parents and Friends Group

The PFG has been shopping up a storm, finding all the best treats for our Easter raffle! Don't forget to **buy and return your tickets** for a chance to win a share of the goodies! There are 4 choc-a-block prizes to win and all the profits go back into the school.
Prizes galore!!!
Did you know you can win more prizes by entering the **Sonic 2 colouring competition**? It's $1 to enter. Grab them at the office. There are prizes for prep, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 judged by the art teachers and top entries will be displayed at the Open Air Cinema.
While we're on the subject of the Open Air Cinema, do you have your tickets? Pre order tickets and food to avoid the rush on the night.
Lastly, we'd love to see more parents at the next PFG meeting on Monday 3rd April at 9.15am! It's a great way to get involved in our community, help out the school and make some new friends!
Hope to see you there!
Emily Unt Wan
PFG Secretary


FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children
SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!
Proudly funded and supported by:
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JOIN THE FUN!
White Hills Auskick Centre
Scott Street Oval
Friday's 4:15pm starting May 5th
Brock Rogers - 0492 923 496
Whitehillsauskick@gmail.com
Scan the QR Code to register!

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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.

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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