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Term 2 Week 1 April 24th 2025 Newsletter

Welcome back for Term 2!

It is wonderful to see all our students back this week and ready for a fabulous term ahead.

ANZAC Service

This afternoon we held our student-led ANZAC day service. Our student leaders spoke with passion and clarity and are commended for their efforts. Thank you to Mr Byron for his work in preparing our students for this occasion. I am pleased that we were able to share this experience with our broader school community. Our student leaders will be visiting the Melbourne Shrine on Monday to attend a school ANZAC day service.

Athletics Day

The opportunity for our whole school to participate in our athletics day at the Flora Hill Athletics Complex yesterday was well received by our students, staff and parents. Congratulations to our students for their efforts and determination to do their best. A special thank you to staff for their organisation and assistance in coordinating the events and to Mr Scoble and Mrs Tanner for overseeing the school athletics. Well done to all involved!

Scholastic Book Fair

You are invited to the Scholastic Book Fair held in the library next week. It is taking place from Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May. The Book Fair will be open each day at the following times:

- 8.30am - 9.00am
- 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Open Air Cinema Night

The Parents and Friends group have organised our annual open air cinema night for the 2nd of May (Term 2). We are excited to announce that 'Minecraft' will be the movie selected for the upcoming

cinema night. They are organising some tasty treats to be sold on the night so make sure you put this date in your diary and join us on the oval for a fun filled evening.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue #3 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday 9th of May. No late orders will be accepted. Please view the latest catalogue here: https://scholastic.com.au/media/12478/bc_3-25_issuu.pdf

To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit: https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx
The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash.

For paper copy book orders remember to please include your child's name, room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to the office with correct payment by the due date.

Student free days for Term 2 2025

The following curriculum days have been approved by the School Council

- Wednesday 28th May – Reporting & Assessment
- Monday 9th June - King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
- Wednesday 2nd July - Parent Teacher Interviews (students come to the interview)

Please note these dates in your diaries. We will also provide reminders via Compass as we get closer to these dates.

Statewide timeline to manage Prep enrolments for the 2026 school year

The statewide enrolment timeline provides Victorian government primary schools with clear timeframes for enrolling students who will commence Prep in the 2026 school year.
The timeline seeks to support schools and families by making the Prep enrolment process simpler, clearer and fairer.

The timeline includes key dates, activity descriptions and an overview of responsibilities to help schools to plan for their Prep enrolments. Key dates and activities for schools in the 2025–26 timeline include the following:

- Schools can receive enrolment applications from parents and carers from the start of Term 2, 2025. This follows the release of 2026 zones on the department's Find my School website and the publication of Foundation enrolment information packs.
- Enrolment applications from parents and carers are to be submitted by Friday 25 July 2025.
- Schools notify parents and carers of the outcome of enrolment applications between Monday 28 July and Friday 8 August 2025.
- Written appeals from parents and carers are to be lodged with schools by Friday 22nd August 2025.
- Schools notify parents and carers in writing of the outcome of appeals by Friday 5th September 2025.

Regards Bec and Kim

My name is Bec Harper and I am excited to introduce myself as the new school principal for White Hills Primary School.

I have a deep passion for education and a strong commitment to the values that shape our school: Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, and Aspiration. These values guide my daily conversations and interactions with students, parents, and teachers. Together with the staff, we are dedicated to providing a safe school community that fosters meaningful learning and growth for our wonderful students.

I began my career at Flora Hill Primary School as a specialist teacher in Art, Science, and Drama before moving to Quarry Hill Primary School, where my leadership journey commenced. I have completed many Literacy Leadership courses, as I am deeply passionate about improving literacy outcomes. Since 2018, I have served as the leading teacher of Literacy at White Hills Primary School.

I am a mother of three adult boys and have recently become a grandmother. I moved from New Zealand to Australia early in my life and grew up in Cairns, which is why you will often see me bundled up in thick jackets during winter. I have many hobbies, including reading, Pilates, cooking, gardening, and traveling. Our school dog, Rosie, lives with me, and you will frequently see her by my side.

I feel privileged to work at White Hills Primary School alongside an amazing staff who demonstrate such commitment and dedication to all of our students each day. I am excited to transition from Acting Principal to Substantive Principal at White Hills, allowing me to continue building our community.

I am always approachable, so if you ever need assistance or support, please reach out to me through the office. Positive and open partnerships between home and school are vital to ensure great outcomes for our studetns. We can only help solve problems when we are aware of them. I am also on duty most mornings, and you can chat with me then.

I look forward to our journey together!

With warm regards

Bec Harper

On the last day of Term 1 we had an out of uniform day which was a gold coin donation. That went towards the National Breast Cancer Foundation and as a school we raised $551.70.

National Breast Cancer Foundation

Calendar of Events Term 2 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July

Term 2

24th April – ANZAC Day Service at 1pm
28th April – Student Leaders visit The Shrine of Remembrance
2nd May – Open Air Cinema Night
6th May – Mothers & Special Persons Breakfast
9th May - Mothers & Special Persons Stall
7th-9th May- Grade 6 Camp- Burnside Anglesea
13th May – Foundation Parent Information Session 9:15am-10am & 6pm-6:45pm
16th May – Division Cross Country
20th May – EAL Kyabram Excursion
30th May – Division Hockey – Ironbark Hockey Centre
4th & 5th June – Division Soccer

Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team are 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

Are you a parent or carer of a child living with a disability, neurodiversity or mental illness?

You can attend a free 30 minute one on one session with a qualified social worker from RIAC, at school.

- Learn about available supports and services appropriate to the needs of your child.
- Learn strategies to confidently advocate for your child.

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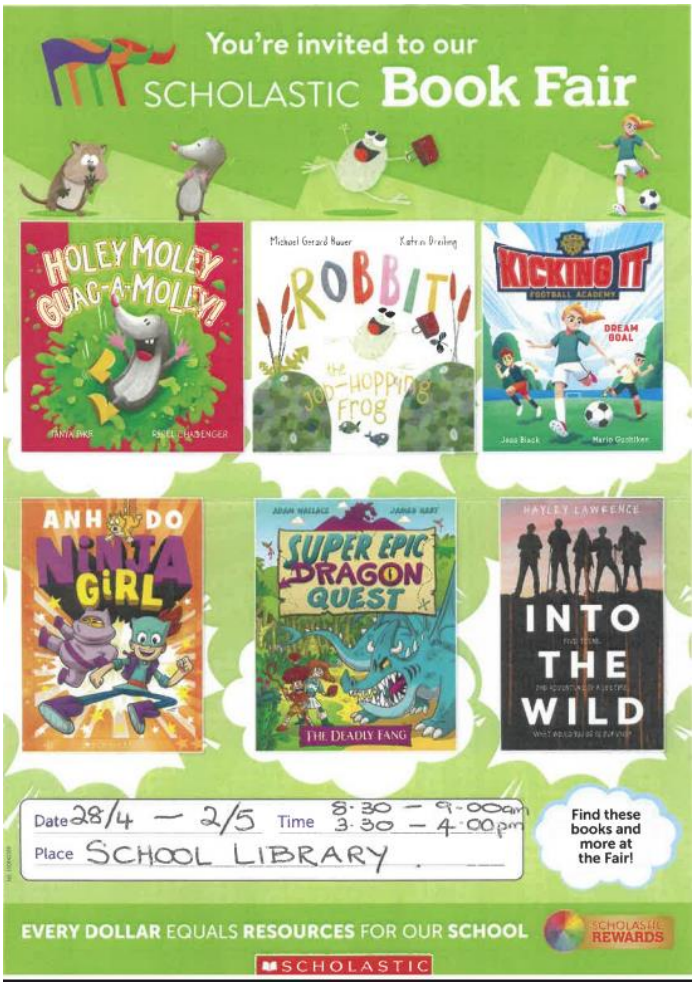
Rights Information and Advocacy Centre

To book an appointment, please contact Brioney in the Wellbeing Team



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

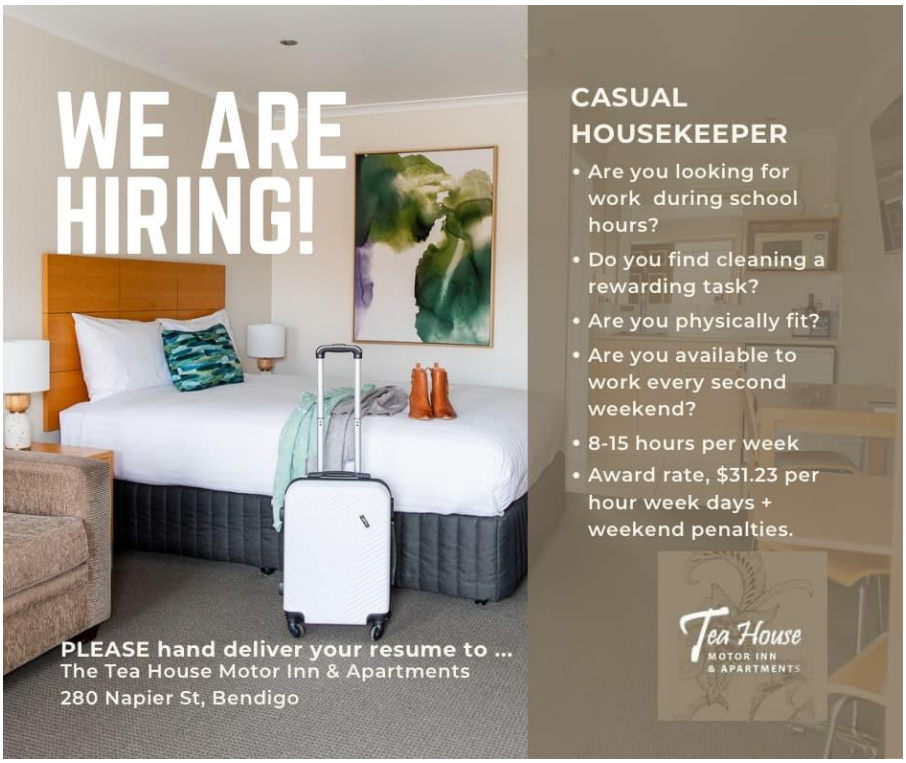
Regards Sabina, Danni, Fleur and Alannah

ANZAC Day Service at WHPS 2025

Whole School Athletics 2025

Well Done to all our Students!

From our community



Bendigo Memory Walk & Jog
Saturday 3 May

MEMORY WALK & JOG

To Whom it may concern,

Memory Walk & Jog brings communities together around Australia – to get active and beat dementia.

This year we are hoping to raise $2.5 million so that Dementia Australia can continue to provide more counselling sessions, more community information and respond to people desperately seeking information before, during and after a dementia diagnosis.

The **Bendigo Memory Walk & Jog** is **on Saturday 3 May at Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Bendigo.**

Please find event timings below:

Bump In Date/ Time:	Friday 2 May, 08:00 - 17:00
Event Date/Time:	Saturday 3 May, 08:00 - 11:00
Bump Out Date/ Time	Saturday 3 May, 11:00 - 15:00

We would love to have you at your local Memory Walk & Jog and would like to offer you a 20% discount. Simply go to the Bendigo event page below and enter promo code **BENLOCAL20**
https://www.memorywalk.com.au/event/bendigo
Thank you for your support and understanding

Kindest regards,
Jason Turik
National Manager Fundraising and Events
Dementia Australia

Memory Walk & Jog 2025 adheres to all conditions of The City of Greater Bendigo council permits.

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