White Hills Primary School No 1916
Week 1 Term 2 ***Wednesday 26 April 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 2 2023: Monday 24 April – Friday 23 June

Week 1	
Thursday 27 April	School Cross Country
Friday 28 April	Ride/Scoot to School
Week 2	
Thu 4 May-Wed 10 May	Book Fair
Week 3	
Tuesday 9 May	Mothers and Special Persons Breakfast 8:00am to 8:45am Mother's Day Stall
Wed 10 May–Fri 12 May	Grade 6 Camp – Anglesea
Thursday 11 May	Grade 1 Excursion – Echuca
Week 4	
Tuesday 16 May	Prep Information Sessions Morning 9:30-10:45am Evening 7:00-8:15pm
Friday 19 May	Open Day 9:00am-2:30pm

Promoting Our School
We have found that the best way to promote our school to new families is through you, our parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child's pre-school or who has a Prep child for next year and has not chosen a school, talk to them about our school and please invite them to attend an information session (listed in this addition). Perhaps you could come with them to help them feel more comfortable. Remember that you, our parents, are the best ambassadors for our school.

School's ANZAC Day commemoration
On Monday, the school held its ANZAC Day ceremony. This year, our special guest was Steven Lee who served for more than 30 years in the army and spoke about his family ties with war and the army. The choir contributed with the singing of the National Anthem and 'We Are Australian' whilst some student leaders shared their thoughts on why ANZAC Day is important to them. Student leaders were again outstanding in their leadership of this event and were both articulate and eloquent. This service is very important for our school community to commemorate those individuals who have served in war and conflicts and to help educate this next generation so the sacrifices made are not forgotten.

Principal's News

Welcome Back!
Hi everyone,
Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and busy Term 2. I have included a brief overview below of some of the activities that will take place this term.
Some upcoming highlights of Term 2 includes the following:

- Camps – Grades 4, 5 & 6
- Grade 1 Excursion – Echuca
- Grade 6 transition
- School Book Fair
- Kung Fu and Dragon Dance Incursions – Grades 5 & 6
- Curriculum Day – Writing (pupil free day) 13th June
- Phoenix FM visit – Grade 6 leaders
- Attitudes to School Survey (Grades 4-6)
- Fathering Project airplane making and flying competition
- District Athletics
- Bendigo Writer's Festival and Author visit
- School, District & Regional cross-country events
- Division soccer and hockey
- Parents & Friends Group Mother's Day stall and breakfast
- Education Week Open Day and Activities
- Alpha Production Performance – Hercules
- Mid-year reports

Staffing News
The school's Chinese teacher, Miss Wendy Hung has secured a teaching position in Melbourne and will begin on Monday, 8th May. Next week will be her last week here. Bendigo Senior SC have advertised a position and are interviewing next week.
EAL interpreter Paw Law Eh has moved to Nhill and she has been replaced temporarily by Mu Aye. Htoo Bo will be returning from family leave in Term 3.

Ride/Scoot to school with some Teachers
Our next planned ride is this Friday, 28th April and we are hoping to have many students (and their families) join us. Our last ride we had approximately 16-18 riders join us. Several staff members have committed to support riding with students and parents along the creek-side track from both directions.
Mr Scoble will be starting at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am riding slowly along the bike track. They will make another stop at the Scott Street bridge at 8:25 before finishing at school. I will be coming from the opposite direction starting a Weeroona Avenue at 8:15. I will then make my 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. I will then follow the bike track to school. We look forward to riding to school with many students on Friday.

Out of Uniform Fundraiser
On the last day of Term 1, the out of uniform day raised a total of $604.45 to be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Thanks to families for supporting this school fundraising activity.

Mother's Day Stall & Breakfast
The Parent's & Friends Mother's Day stall will be held on Tuesday, 9th May. Students are asked to bring along $2 to buy a gift from the stall. Thanks in advance to all the families who will be providing one or more items to be resold at the Mother's Day stall, your support is greatly appreciated.
Our school wellbeing team will be conducting a Mothers/Special person breakfast on this day from 8:00-8:45am on the basketball court.

The Fathering Project
As your kids grow into teenagers, it's normal for them to want to establish their own independence and spend more time with friends. However, it's important during this time you try your best to maintain a family connection which is crucial for your teenager's emotional stability and overall well-being.
Teenagers who have warm, consistent relationships with their parents have higher self-esteem, less depression and anxiety, and more positive social interactions. So, it's important to take an active interest in your teen's life, keep communication open, and build mutual trust and respect.
Remember, your teen is going through a lot of changes and one of the biggest challenges for them is balancing their desire for independence with maintaining family connection.
As they become busier, it may be harder to find moments to connect, but it's crucial to take deliberate action where possible to find moments to stay connected.
Top Tips
1. Participate in activities as a family. Creating lasting memories of fun times is crucial for family connection.
2. Make the most of time in the car. Drive them to and from friends' houses or outings and spend the travel catching up. When they are learning to drive, supervise their driving practice.
3. Take an interest in their friends. This will give you valuable insight into how they are coping socially and emotionally, as well as connect you to the young people that are most important to your child.
Dad joke of the week
I stopped by a stand that said lobster tails $2. I paid my $2 and the guy said "Once upon a time there was this lobster..."

Education Week Open Day and Activities
The school will be conducting an Open Day and Information sessions at White Hills Primary School during Education Week.
Open Day for all families will be on Friday, May 19th from 9.00am – 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child's class.
2024 Foundation (Prep) Information Sessions will be held on
Tuesday, 16th May – (MORNING) 9:30-10:45am
(EVENING)7:00-8:15pm.
These information sessions are intended for 2024 Prep parents interested in learning more about White Hills Primary School.
Childcare is available at both these sessions.

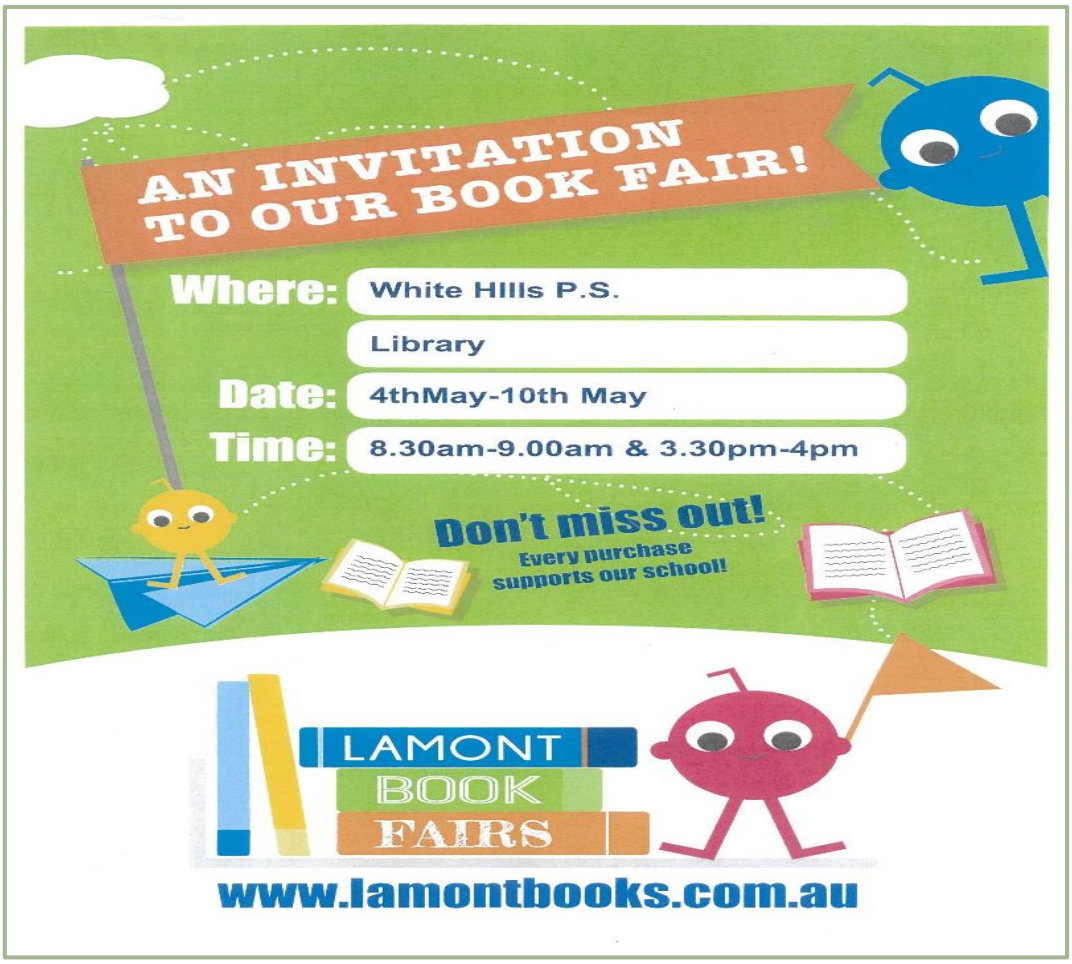
Repeat Messages
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care 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.

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

Easter Parade

A number of WHPS students participated in the Easter Parade as part of the Bendigo Senior Secondary College float. I know all the students loved dressing up and being part of this event.

Preparing wreaths for ANZAC Day



NATURE PLAY WEEK
kids do better outside!

Northern Bendigo Landcare Group invite families to a

Nature Play Week event

When: Saturday 29th April 10am – 12pm

Where: Goldleaf Wetland Huntly, bound by Pasley St, Cassons Crescent and Holmes Rd. We will meet in the area off Pasley St.
(Limited parking available in Airey and Pasley St. Consider walking/riding to the site.)

Who: Children of any age accompanied by an adult

What: Discover Goldleaf Wetland and have fun in the great outdoors. Something for all ages. Explore and play or enjoy;

- Bug hunting
- A birdwatching challenge or a nature treasure hunt
- A tree study or hoop study
- Snuggling up under a tree to read a book together

Why: Because it's fun !! Oh and a growing body of research shows that playing outside can reduce anxiety, improve mood and concentration, develop physical and social skills and make us happier.

Dress for the weather; shallow water play may feature so consider gumboots and a change of clothes

Bring snacks, water and a picnic rug.

Toilet facilities will be available.

Stay for a little while or the whole time – no need to book, just come along

Northern Bendigo Landcare Group

Everyone welcome

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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