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Term 2 Week 4 15th May 2025 Newsletter

## *Dear parents and carers*

It has been a busy few weeks at White Hills, with many highlights. I was fortunate to attend the Grade 6 camp at Burnside, Anglesea. I was impressed by all students as they demonstrated such a growth mindset by embracing the many challenges presented during the camp. All students participated in bodyboarding, the climbing wall activity and the ropes course at Livewire Park. It is always fabulous to see the development of our students through their camping experiences.

### *Education Support Day*

Education Support (ES) day is tomorrow, Friday the 16th of May. Students are working hard in class to create a card for an ES member to acknowledge their work across the school.

Thank you to our dedicated Education Support staff for the invaluable work you do each day with our students. Your commitment, patience, and care make a significant difference in their learning, confidence, and overall wellbeing. Your support helps create an inclusive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. We are lucky to have such a wonderful ES team! Look out for photos on Facebook and Instagram on Friday.

### *Cybersafety Project*

We have had the Cybersafety Project at White Hills PS for the last two days teaching us protective behaviours to promote online safety. As part of this program, they also complete a staff presentation to update our knowledge in this fast-changing area. Keep an eye out in our newsletters for further information to support you in navigating online safety.

## *Mother's Day Stall*

There were many excited students on Friday as they went shopping for the Mother's and Special people. This event was a massive success with $1 230 Raised towards upcoming school projects. Again, I want to acknowledge the efforts of our Parents and Friends group who made this event possible. We absolutely love seeing the happy faces of our students as they go shopping!

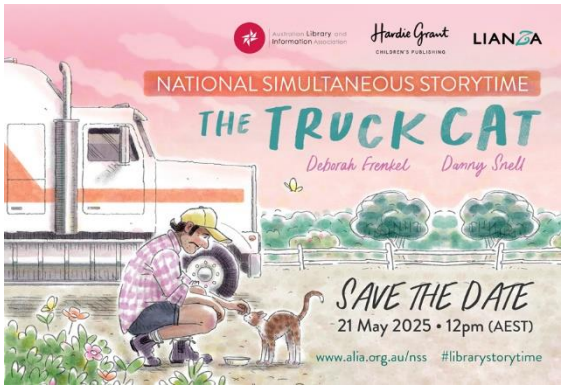
## *Prospective Preps 2026*

We held two information sessions for our prospective Prep families for next year. We had many families attend this evening and look forward to welcoming new families to our community next year.

June is a busy time for school enrolments, and we encourage families to apply to their school of choice during this period. If you have a child who will be enrolling at White Hills in 2026, please do so as soon as possible. To begin the enrolment process, you can contact Danni Oswald, our office transition contact, who will be happy to guide you through the steps.

## *Education Week: May 19th – 23rd 2025*

During Education Week, White Hills Primary School will host a Showcase of Learning event on Wednesday afternoon at 2.40pm. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and friends to visit their child's classroom and help celebrate the wonderful learning experiences happening in each of our classrooms.




On Wednesday, 21st May, as part of Education Week, the school will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year's book is titled 'The Truck Cat' by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell. We look forward to enjoying this book.

## *Facebook and Instagram*

Don't forget to follow White Hills PS on Facebook and Instagram. We can't wait to share more regularly all the wonderful and special things that happen at White Hills Primary School.

You will know that you've landed on the right page when you see our beautiful school dog Rosie.

## *Regards Bec and Kim*

## *Calendar of Events* Term 2 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July

**Term 2**

16th May – Division Cross Country
20th May – EAL Kyabram Excursion
26th May – King Arthur Production Incursion
**28th May – Student Free Day**
29th May – Grade 1 Echuca Excursion
30th May – Division Hockey – Ironbark Hockey Centre
4th & 5th June – Division Soccer
12th June – District Athletics (Qualified Students only)

**4th July - Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm**

## 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, Bec & Jorja

## EAL Excursion Reminder

Just a reminder that we have our EAL Excursion next Tuesday the 20th of May, please ensure your student has their lunch and snacks packed for the day. They will be required to wear full school uniform, and it will be during school hours.

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and White Hills Primary School is excited to be taking part!

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 and aims to help young readers develop a lifelong love of reading.

It is not a competition; it is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5th September 2025.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

This year, the Challenge is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme '20 years of words and wonder' and a year of special activities. For details, follow the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook

Since it began in 2005, more than 4.5 million young readers have taken part and together read more than 63 million books!

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

You can also contact our school's Challenge coordinator, Miss Alison O'Neill and Mrs Alison Hawkey with any questions.

Happy reading!

**Students of the week - Term 2 Week 4 – ASSEMBLY**

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

## Junior School Awards

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| **Prep M** | Sania | For always doing her best writing, drawing and colouring. AMAZING BOOKWORK, KEEP IT UP! |
| **Prep C** | Larnaymoo | For working really hard in all classes and always showing respect |
| **Prep D** | Braxtyn B | For choosing to be positive when faced with setbacks and giving his best in all tasks. |
| **Prep H** | Violet F | For working really hard to sound out words when writing. |
| **1F** | Mia | For setting her desk up each day and being responsible getting on with her tasks. |
| **1G** | Isla | For always being a respectful and responsible member of our class and reaching 100 nights of reading. |
| **1AK** | Nyah | For always being her best and for her fabulous descriptive sentences about insects this term. |
| **1M** | Isabelle | For showing all school values and aspiring to do her best work in class. |
| **1A** | Braxton B | For making responsible decisions inside and outside the classroom. He has extended himself and aspired with his learning tasks. Great work! |
| **2F** | Kyson | For giving his best effort on all work tasks. Kyson, you never give up even when something is challenging! |
| **2E** | Charlotte | For maintaining a positive attitude in the face of morning setbacks by putting in her 'best effort' to begin her day! |
| **2TD** | Tia | For being a responsible learner and persisting with her writing this week. |
| **2K** | Mia | For being a responsible student who continues to work hard. |

## Senior School Awards

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| **3R** | James L | For his brilliant attitude towards learning tasks and contributing positively to all class discussions. |
| **3V** | Clarke S | For her positive mindset towards work tasks and always showing respect in the class. |
| **3C** | Alex B | For her excellent attitude towards writing and working hard on her information report. Well Done Alex! |
| **3L** | Meelo | For working hard during class time and demonstrating a positive attitude during class discussion. Well done, Meelo! |
| **4O** | Hser Htoo | For always putting in his best effort and having a positive attitude towards learning! |
| **4HW** | Abel | Abel has consistently given his best in all activities this term. His effort and attitude are outstanding! |
| **4CL** | Alira | For trying her best in all tasks and displaying resilience in every area of her learning. |
| **4G** | Isla | For consistently showing all school values and being willing to help others in the classroom. |

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| **5D** | Violet D | For demonstrating responsibility by being organised quickly and staying on task during. |
| **5PB** | Marley | For always trying her best in all tasks. Her effort is always amazing! |
| **5W** | Ollie E | For showing a great level of maturity and resilience. |
| **5B** | Emilie | For being responsible in the classroom by being organised with her belongings and being helpful to her peers. |
| **6B** | Arlie T | For responsibility for the Energy Breakthrough program. He is always getting jobs done to a high standard and often in his own time. |
| **6F** | Skyla F | Fantastic effort on camp, showing persistence when completing all the challenging activities. |
| **6K** | Ella B | For her outstanding behaviour on Grade 6 Camp and her willingness to challenge herself and give everything her best effort. |

## Specialists

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| **Art Mrs Watchman** | Kayden C 6B | For being a kind and helpful student. |
| **Art Mrs White** | Jordyn W 5W | Jordyn was an inspiration to her entire class as she painted her Frida portrait in watercolours, skilfully using layering and bleeding techniques. |
| **STEM Mrs Hauxwell** | Archie (Prep M) | For conducting his experiment thoughtfully and making excellent discoveries about waterproof materials. |
| **STEM Mrs Treloar** | Kai 2TD | For always working responsibly during STEM lessons. |
| **Chinese Qiang Fu** | Tahlia (1IF) | For displaying a great learning attitude and actively participating in classroom activities. |
| **Music Mr Marsh** | Sophie H 5D | For her terrific efforts on the Banjo. Sophie learnt how to play a Taylor Swift song, and it sounded amazing! |
| **Sports Mr Scoble** | Ella J | For her excellent effort during lessons on hockey. |

## Well Done to all our Students!

## Principal Award!

# Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

In Term 4, students in Gr 3-6 at White Hills PS will be taking part in Project Rockit, which focuses on cybersafety. In addition to this, the team at Project Rockit are offering a free Parent & Carer Education Webinar online to ALL WHPS families across Prep-Grade 6 ***next Wednesday, 21st May from 7-8pm.***

These webinars are designed to support parents and carers by empowering families to tackle cyberbullying and digital challenges effectively.

In this webinar, you will explore how digital tools like telehealth and virtual reality are transforming mental health support for families. Join psychologist Claire Iagoe and host Dan Donahoo as they unpack how tech can empower connection, support, and open conversations at home - while also helping to protect young people from harm. Learn how to harness innovation for accessible, personalised mental health care.

**All sessions for parents are *free*** and all sessions are recorded and shared with those who register.

***To register, please scan the QR code above on your phone. If you would like support to register, please see one of the Wellbeing staff members at school.***

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eSafety Commissioner

**https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents**

**The eSafety website is a fantastic resource for parents and carers. It offers:**

- Online safety basics, including how to use parental controls on devices
- Safer gaming advice for families
- Cyberbullying information and reporting advice

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