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Term 2 Week 8 June 6th 2024 Newsletter

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News from the School Leaders:

Dear Parents and carers,

As we work towards the closure of another term, this week we have experienced heightened absences of both students and staff. The availability of replacement teachers has been scarce and in some cases, this has resulted in the need to split some classes. Fortunately, with the smaller grade sizes across the school this year, this has been made a little more achievable, although we would prefer for this not to occur. Thank you to our staff for their accommodation of these arrangements.

Prep 2025 Enrolments

We are now accepting Prep 2025 enrolments. If your child has a sibling here at White Hills Primary School and are starting school in 2025, please fill out an enrolment form and hand it into the office. Also, if you know of any family or friends wishing to send their child to White Hills Primary School, please pass on this information. Enrolment information and forms can be found at Enrolling in Foundation (www.vic.gov.au) or you can collect one from the office. Enrolment forms are due by Friday the 26th of July.

Winter Uniform

With the arrival of some cooler days, I am pleased to see most students arriving to school in their full winter uniform. Students are reminded that they must be dressed in their school uniform each day. Non-school clothing should be kept for wearing at home. If a student is unable to wear school uniform, parents are asked to communicate their reason to their child's classroom teacher via Compass. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

School Review

In Term 4, the White Hills Primary School Community will be undertaking a school review. The school review informs the development of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan. This plan guides future planning across the school. The review will involve consultation with all stakeholders of the school community. We are currently completing the Child Safe Standards checklist which needs to be completed prior to our Term 4 review. We will provide updates about this process.

Wattlevale Farm Market Stall

We have been excited to launch the Wattlevale Farm Market Stall at the Bosquet Street entrance of the school. If you are needing some fresh seasonal produce, you will be able to purchase items using the honesty box that is attached. The produce is amazing and has sparked a great deal of interest amongst the community.

This is a great way of supporting our local farmers who are also a family within our school community. Come and buy some local produce with some proceeds to be donated to the school.

Tag On Launch

We were excited to send home our tags yesterday promoting the new 'Tag On' system at White Hills PS. This first 'tag on' for students will be next Friday the 7th of June. This system enables parents to receive a notification when students arrive safely to school by active travel (walking, riding, scooting). Students will also receive house points when they 'tag on'. We will have a coffee van in the Prep playground area for parents wishing to join the launch. A light breakfast will be provided for students at the launch. This program has been in partnership with Bendigo Community Health Services.

Ride to School/Walk to School

Our next planned ride to school is this Friday, to support the launch of our new 'Tag On' system. We invite students and their families to join us for a crisp morning ride. Mr Scoble will be starting at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am riding slowly along the bike track. He will make another stop at the Scott Street bridge at 8:25am before finishing at school. Ms Davies will be coming from the opposite direction starting at Weeroona Avenue at 8:15am. She will then make her way along the bike track stopping at the Bridge on Knight Street (behind Weeroona College) at 8:20am and then again near the playground just off The Boulevard in the Peppercorns Estate at 8:25am. Ms Davies will then follow the bike track to school. We look forward to riding to school with many students on Friday.

To support the launch, Mr Arrowsmith and Ricky will be meeting students at the bridge in the botanical gardens to walk with any students who would like to travel actively and tag on to receive their first house points on Friday.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and White Hills Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024. Children from Prep to Grade 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Grade 3 to Grade 6 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the book list and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge

Last week your child will have received a permission slip to enter the challenge. Please return this permission note if you would like your child to enter the challenge.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue #4 of Scholastic Book Club is due Thursday 13th of June. No late orders will be accepted.
You can view the latest catalogue here: https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/10414/bc_4-24_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. Rewards points are given to the school for each order, helping us to buy many fantastic books to put into our libraries.

Soccer Tournament

We have had some of our senior students at the Epsom Soccer Grounds for a soccer tournament today. We look forward to hearing a report back in the next newsletter.

Bendigo Young Buskers

BYB is a community run project that was created by Peter Lane and Kaine Marsh late in 2023. The concept for BYB originally came about during the Covid lockdowns as a way of keeping solo musicians 'in the business' after Covid decimated local musician incomes, particularly with no help coming from the government in this field.

Once lockdowns were all over, there was still a yearning for entertainment from those that had attended the 'Covid Concerts', and so the focus became giving young performers an opportunity to display their talents and skills.

Since then, and with our 10th concert about to occur (June 8th @ The Old Church On The Hill), BYB has grown bigger and gone from strength to strength. Each month is filled with children aged between 10 & 18 getting up on stage in front of 100+ audience members to entertain the crowds, and it's been delightful to watch some of these young performers grow in confidence and skill.

The experienced committee have a range of main goals, with the two primary ones being:

1. Creating a safe, friendly and encouraging space for young musicians to express their musical talent, develop friendships with people with common interests, and to support each other through what can be a very difficult process when performing to an audience.
2. Developing the skills and knowledge needed to enter the music industry in the local area (Bendigo). Children attend 1-2 workshops/jam sessions each month to discuss stage etiquette, instrument and song preparation, advice about performing and using sound equipment and the space to ask any question about the music industry they wish to learn more about.

As BYB has progressed, we now have a Bendigo Young Buskers Band that performs at the end of each concert. This band usually rehearses the Saturday afternoon of the concert night (12-2pm) in Mr Marsh's music room at White Hills Primary School. All young musicians are welcome, even if they'd just like to watch the process of how to play in a band with other musicians. The skill levels range from beginner to high level, with our older BYB musicians being amazing role models for the younger ones. It's not uncommon to see a couple of children in a corner working together on a song, guitars in hand, away from the spotlight, practising for a band song.

Concerts during winter are currently held at the Old Church On The Hill. To get all the information, you can jump on Facebook and search for the Bendigo Young Buskers group (It's a closed group, so you must ask to join in), or you can check out our Google Website at https://sites.google.com/view/bendigo-young-buskers/ where you can see past performances, information on the BYB Volunteers and application forms to sign up and perform! We also have an Instagram account (very fresh!) which will have some content displaying our wonderful performers.

Last month, on May 11th, two of our talented school bands played and absolutely delighted the Audience with their versions of "Bad Blood" and "Viva La Vida". It was a wonderful experience for them, which has lead to a number of the band children signing up for the next concert. We are hoping to perform again in August as more of our schools band (there are 6 school bands currently!!) become confident enough to brave the stage. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for updated information about their performance!

And, feel free to email Mr Marsh at bendigoyoungbuskers@gmail.com for more information!

		Student of the week
Prep D	Phoebe	For her amazing efforts in recording the sounds she can hear during writing this week!
Prep F	Havannah	For working so well on her writing and making great progress!
Prep E	Zane	For being so productive during writing task!
Prep B	Isaac	For working hard on his patience and waiting for his turn to speak.
Prep H		
1AK	Mia H	For working hard to improve her writing and for always working responsibly with others.
1G	Elsie	For being an absolute superstar this week, reaching for the stars everyday! Keep it up Elsie!
1F	Evie A	For working incredibly hard on her projects and being a dedicated learner!
1B	Kaden	For striving to do his best during writing sessions.
2W	Delta	For working hard to be a responsible learner in our room and aspiring to do her best in Maths this week.
2P	Say Myint Paw	For always trying super hard to do her very best work.
2TD	Odie TM	For always being inquisitive and full of questions.
2K	Ayden	For working hard to be a responsible class member and always giving his best effort.
3M	Georgia B Layla R	For always demonstrating our classroom expectations and striving to do her best in all learning areas. For being an amazing friend to others!
3V	Bella W	For being a positive member of the class who attempts all tasks with a smile
3C	Jade	For always striving to do her best in all learning areas
3L	Charlotte	For always being a resilient and respectful member of our class
4O	Alarah	For always displaying the school values and putting in her best effort!
4HW	Iskandar	For challenging himself in maths sessions and clearly showing his thinking.
4BL	Kymba	For being resilient in all tasks and bringing a can do attitude every day.
4G	Logan G	For showing great resilience and working productively during class time.
5D	Cody S	For being organised quickly and putting in outstanding effort in everything at school!
5R	Arlie T	For starting to work towards a more consistent home reading routine
5W	Mia O	For showing great responsibility with her home reading!
6K	Jamaica G	For always completing tasks to a high standard with outstanding effort put towards presentation.
6B	Grace J	For her leadership and team work at the soccer day!
6MW	Bridgette W	For her resilience in managing her injury and continuing to display a positive attitude in the classroom.
6F	Paige W	For her resilience when working at challenging learning activities.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Arlo R 1F	For demonstrating his creativity when building his insect shelter.
STEM Mrs Millard	Flynn L 1B	For sharing his knowledge about insects and aspiring to make his bug shelter in 1 session.
Art Mrs.Watchman	Claudia 4BL	For always coming to Art with a smile and a positive mindset.
Music Mr Marsh	Darcie B	Darcie has made outstanding progress with her vocals in music lessons over the last 4 weeks. With her starting score at 0/100, she worked hard that lesson to get to 9/100. However, by the end of her 4th lesson, she had achieved a score of 92/100 and made Mr Marsh cry a little bit! Brilliant effort Darcie!
Art Miss Hivon	Gemma 2P	For creating unique and bold work, while always helping classmates.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Valiant PE	For his resilience in PMP.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Amity on receiving last weeks Principal Award

Orders can be placed on Compass or via the Office

Strawberry & Chocolate Iced Donuts $2:50 each. also available in a Gluten free option $3:00 each.

Cinnamon Donuts $2:50 each also available in a Gluten free option $3:00 each

Calendar of Events

Term 2 2024
Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 2

Week 7
31st May - Division Hockey on Compass
31st May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 8
6th Jun - Division Soccer on Compass
7th Jun – Tag on Launch
7th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 9
10th Jun - Kings Birthday Public Holiday (No School)
13th Jun - Finance Meeting
14th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 10
17th Jun - School Council Meeting
20th Jun – Year 2 Melbourne Museum on Compass
21st Jun – Donut Day at school on Compass
21st Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 11
25th Jun – Cinderella Incursion Whole School
26th Jun – Quantum 3V & 3M Event on Compass
27th Jun – Quantum 3C & 3L Event on Compass
28th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 2.00pm
28th Jun – Last Day Term 2 Early **Finish 2.30pm**

Happy Holidays 28th June ~ 14th July 2024

School Beanies for sale at the office

$13:00 each

MOVE Your Way

Bendigo Community Health Services is working with White Hills Primary School to empower students to walk, cycle or scoot to school via fun and engaging TagOn technology.
Come along and learn about the Move Your Way program.

Friday 7th June

Starting 8:20am

8.15 - Ride/Walk to School

8:20 - Breakfast & Coffee

8:30 - BCHS Presentation

8:40 - TagOn presentation

FREE COFFEE & HEALTHY BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

Hot drinks are not available for students

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bendigo Community Health services

eSafetyparents

Online gaming information for parents and carers

Gaming can be used for a range of other purposes. These include general school education, right through to specialist workplace training (for example, flight simulations and various defence and cybersecurity exercises). While gaming often has positive effects on the mental health and wellbeing of participants, it also has risks — like most online activities.

We acknowledge that gaming can be a complex issue to navigate. If you would like further information on how to regulate gaming in the home and the risks of excessive gaming. Please click on the following link: [eSafety - Gaming Information]

Drum Lessons

"I believe in making music an enjoyable and engaging experience, and that's exactly how I approach teaching. My focus isn't on creating rockstars; instead, I emphasize fostering creativity, coordination, and instilling the belief that effort yields results.

Even when tackling challenging pieces, my priority is to create a fun and lighthearted learning environment, often with lots of laughter. To facilitate learning, I've authored my own music books, with one copy provided annually as part of the lesson fee (for new enrolments) Additional copies can be obtained for $50 each.

Here's a bit about my background: I bring 30 years of playing experience and almost 20 years of teaching experience to the table. I regularly perform live concerts with my own bands and collaborate with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra. My involvement extends to musicals, theatre productions, touring bands, and music festivals. I am also Tour Manager for a prominent Australian band. Certified with a CERT IV Training & Assessment from Bendigo TAFE, I'm an active member of the Victorian Music Teachers Association (VMTA). I hold numerous Music Exam accolades, including First-Class Honors, and I'm an Associate Member of the Australia & New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA). Furthermore, I have comprehensive insurance coverage, public liability protection, and a valid Working with Children (WWC) Check.

For payment, lessons are priced at $250 per term, and guarantees a minimum of 8 lessons per term. While I strive for 10 lessons, this structure allows flexibility for camps, public holidays, and student absences.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I'm excited about the fantastic year ahead and looking forward to making music enjoyable for everyone."

Thank you, Adam Bourke 0409530880 Check my Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons