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Term 2 Week 9, 19th June 2025 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

This past week has been very busy at our school as we conducted our school review fieldwork days. During these days, the review team met with teachers, parents, students, and members of the leadership team to identify our future priorities. It has been a privilege to focus on the many positive practices in place and to receive feedback on areas we can improve.

Throughout the process, students' ideas and opinions have been important in sharing what they love about White Hills PS and what they would like to see in the future.

Calendar of Events Term 2 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July

Term 2

20th June- Prep 'Wild Action' Incursion (payment due 16th June)
2nd July- Parent Teacher Conferences
4th July - Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm (Out of uniform)

Term 3

24th July- Grade 2 Excursion (Melbourne Aquarium)
29th July- Girls Division Football
30th July- Boys/Mixed Division Football
5th August- Getting Ready for School Night 6pm (2026 Preps)
6th August- Division Netball
9th August- EBT Race – Sandown
18th – 20th August – Gr 4 Camp Campaspe Downs
22nd August – Book Week Dress Up Parade

Staffing Changes

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Jorja Ward back to White Hills Primary School to support our Disability and Inclusion practices. Jorja joins us from Kaliana and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills that will enhance our inclusive approach to education.
Additionally, we welcome Ms. Samantha Sims to the specialist team as the Art teacher during Mrs. Watchman's absence. Ms. Sims has already started her position and is enjoying getting to know all her classes.

Term 3 Production - Thursday 11th of September, 7pm

We have exciting news to share! Students in Grades 3-6 will be performing in our upcoming production titled "Dancing Through the Decades" at the Ulumbarra Theatre. Productions like this provide our students with valuable opportunities in the performing arts, and we consistently see positive growth as

a result. Kinect2Dance will be working with all Grades 3-6 students each week to prepare for the performance.
Early next term, we will provide more information about ticket sales and costumes. Tickets will be priced at $20. Stay tuned for further updates!

District Athletics

As the fog lifted on a cold Thursday morning, our athletes lifted as well, showing our school values, aspiring to do their best. Our school is in a very competitive district with Kennington, Girton and Strathfieldsaye our competitors on the day. We were extremely proud of our school athletes for their sportsmanship and behaviour. This was one of the best groups to attend District Athletics, that we have seen in a long time. For our students competing, just earning your spot to compete at this level is an excellent achievement.
Results for the day were some of the best we have had at district level. A school highlight for the day were the results of our relay teams. With six 1st places, three 2nd and one 3rd.

Individual Results

200m Div 1: Bridget F 1st, Jasper D 2nd
Div2: Scarlet M 3rd, Rielly D 3rd.
100m Div1: Bridget F 1st, Gemm Q 2nd, Riley H 2nd, Freya M 2nd, Jasper D 2nd, Wildret 3rd
Div 2: Naveah S 2nd, Luey F 2nd, Max C 1st, Dahlia H 1st, Maddison B 2nd.
800m Olivia M 1st, Soraya H 2nd, Emilie C 1st, Billie L 3rd
400m Pippa J 3rd
Discus: Maddison B 1st, Samuel S 2nd, Jasper D 1st, Georgia B 2nd.
Shot Put: Harry L 3rd, Maddison B 1st, Wildret E 3rd, Alirah N 1st, Peyton R 2nd, Jasper D 1st, Xain D 2nd, Bridget F 3rd.
Triple Jump: Olivia M 2nd, Wildret E 2nd, Max C 3rd, Freya M 1st.
Long Jump: Wildret 1st, Alirah N 3rd, Freya M 3rd, Bridget F 1st.
Hurdles: Alarah S 3rd.
High Jump: Wildret E 3rd, Mak K 1st, Arlia D 2nd, Riley H 1st, Bridget F 2nd.

We are looking forward to seeing who qualifies for the Division Athletics, the next stage of the athletics progressions. Congratulations to all students who attended, you did yourself and the school proud.

Enrolments for 2025

At this stage, we have approximately 62 enrolments for Foundation (Prep) for 2025. If you have a sibling of a current student at our school who will be starting next year, please collect a full enrolment form and drop it in as soon as possible. Individual tours are available by contacting the school office.

Student Reports - Semester One

Semester One student reports will be released on Monday, June 30th. We encourage parents to take the time to review their child's report to celebrate their learning journey during Terms 1 and 2 this year. You will receive a notification when the reports are available. If you would like a printed copy, please contact your child's teacher.

End of Term Dismissal: Friday, 4th July 2.30pm

Students will be dismissed at 2:30 PM on Friday, July 4th. The school day will run as usual, with recess from 2:00 to 2:30 PM. Due to Department of Education regulations, we cannot dismiss students before

2:30 PM. However, parents may collect their children earlier if they wish, but they must sign them out at the office. Please note that there will be no assembly on this day.

Out of Uniform Day on the Last Day of Term

As is our tradition here at WHPS, students can come out of uniform on the last day of the term, along with a gold coin donation. This term, funds raised will be forwarded to a charity selected by our Student Leadership team.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent -Teacher Conferences are now open for bookings. They will be held on Wednesday, July 2nd. Interviews will be held between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Students will only attend during their scheduled conference on this day. Parents/carers will be provided the opportunity to book an appointment using Compass. Bookings will be open until Monday the 30th of June. Please note that students in 2E will have their conferences on Tuesday 22nd of July, at the beginning of Term 3.

Key Objectives for the conference:

- Meet and get to know each other
- Build a positive relationship
- Share information about your child's interests and learning
- Talk more in-depth about your child's student report.

The specialist teachers will be offering an alternative showcase of their subjects during the day with more information to come closer to the date. We look forward to strengthening our positive parent and school partnership during these interviews.

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.

White Hills Primary School

143 likes • **213** followers

Kind Regards,

Bec & Kim

Student of the Week

Term 2 Week 9

We invite our families to assembly this Friday to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students!

Junior School Awards		
Prep M	Charli A	For extending her writing skills to include words from our word list into her sentences!
Prep C	Archie Mc	For being a helpful member of the class.
Prep D	Patrick	For being engaged in his learning and completing his reading tasks on time.
Prep H	Abel	For being resilient when completing his morning routine.
1F	Flynn	For completing all his class work, and being respectful to others.
1G	Havannah	For always showing resilience and being a wonderful friend to others.
1AK	Ashton	For his amazing improvements in spelling this week. Well done Ashton!
1M	Aaleyah	For being an amazing and caring friend to all her peers!
1A	Seth E	For always contributing to our discussions with knowledgeable answers and making responsible choices. Seth has shown increased focus and progress with his class work. Keep it up!
2F	Oliver	For working hard on his listening skills and sharing his terrific thinking in Maths.
2E	Reagan	For striving to do his best when sharing his mathematical thinking on subtraction equations.
2TD	Charlie F	For being a responsible learner and concentrating on the presentation of his dinosaur information report.
2K	Seb E	For always being a responsible learner and a good role model in class.

Senior School Awards		
3R	Toyah F	For putting in an amazing effort towards her literacy learning tasks and implementing feedback. Well done Toyah.
3V	Izack F	For taking responsibility for his learning this week and listening to instructions. Well done Izack!
3C	Arlyia B	For working hard on her Information report about the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Your sentences were super Arylia, well done!
3L	Kace	For working really hard on his information report about the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Great work, Kace!
4O	Hailey	For taking responsibility for her learning and putting in her best effort in all areas.
4HW	Ivy	Ivy has shown incredible growth in confidence with her maths skills. She's worked hard all week with determination and a positive attitude. Great job, Ivy!

4CL	Ayrah	For using a growth mindset and resilience towards challenging maths tasks.
4G	Issy	For joining in on class discussions and treating others respectfully.
5D	Poppy	Poppy always brings a focussed approach to her learning and organises herself to begin quickly.
5PB	Lilly	For being the only member of our Literature Circles that was organised, by having her chapters read and her job completed.
5W	Lee Lar	Always applies himself with dedication and perseverance. His positive attitude and eagerness to grow inspire those around him.
5B	Lyla	For working hard and persevering during Math sessions to use the extended subtraction strategy to solve problems.
6B	Cody S	Cody is a student who puts 100% into everything he does. He works hard in the classroom and shines out in the yard. He is a terrific friend and is always looking out for others when they may need help. Be Like Cody!
6K	Madison F	Whether in group projects or independent work, she shows responsibility by staying focused and accountable.
6F	Emerson H	For working hard to achieve her goals when writing.

Specialist Awards

Art Mrs White	Heidi S 6K	Heidi worked extremely well on her digital art piece, using geometric shapes to design a creative 3D animal head. She showed great focus and digital skills.
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Bailey V Prep M	For always showing curiosity in STEM and being a good role model for his classmates.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Meelo and Isla 3L	For amazing collaboration and building a fabulous sphero powered boat.
Chinese Qiang Fu	Beau V 1G	He made an effort to remember and speak more Chinese words and participated in class activities very actively.
Music Mr Marsh	Alina C 3C	For her tremendous effort this term on all musical instruments. A future band member for sure, Alina has mastered the ukulele, piano and guitar, being able to play songs on all 3 instruments without any aids. Brilliant work Alina.
Sports Mr Scoble	Marley H 5PB	For her excellent approach to our netball unit and effort in class.

Well Done to all our students!

Principal Award!

Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

Tips for successful School Conferences

Go in with a positive attitude

Approach the interview with a positive and relaxed attitude. Remember you and the teacher are partners in your child's learning. Be clear and confident in raising any concerns and allow the teacher to answer or clarify your questions and worries. Teachers want to help students achieve their best – you're on the same team.

Do your homework

Read your child's report before the conference to understand where your child's strengths are, and any areas that they may need support in.

If your address, phone number, emergency contacts, email, living situation or relationship status has changed, please share this with your child's teacher.

If your child receives any allied health support or intervention, or has any new reports with recommendations, please bring notes about their progress and goals to share with the teacher.

Before the meeting, jot down any questions or comments you have. Common questions may include:

- How is my child fitting in with other children? Do they have friends? Are they being a good friend and role model?
- What are the children working on now/next term?
  - Use this to then help build your knowledge and skills in these areas, and to use in conversations with your child to avoid the 'don't know' or 'nothing' reply when you ask them about what they have been working on at school.
- Is there anything about my child's needs that I should know? Is there anything I can be doing to help my child at home?

Walk away with an agreed plan

If the teacher raises issues about your child's learning, development or behaviour, your goal will be to understand the plan to manage that during the school day and how you can help at home. Ask the teacher what sort of strategies they have in mind and how you can help.

After the interview

It's important to discuss the meeting with your child and really congratulate them on their strengths. If the teacher made suggestions of things you could do at home, discuss these with your child and commit to following through with them. Try to stay connected to the school where possible by attending events, volunteering at Breakfast Club or in the Parents & Friends Group and keeping on top of news on Compass or in the newsletter.

Division Athletics 2025

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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AFL PLAY
4 - 7 YEAR OLDS
A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!
8 - 12 YEAR OLDS
Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!
Bendigo School Holiday Program
Friday 18th July at Weeroona Oval
9am to 3pm - $55 which includes a football
A day of footy fun!

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C GRADE PENNANT team competitions run Thursday nights over two seasons. Summer starts 1st Week of school Term 1 through to the end of Term 2 and the Winter season starts 1st week of school Term 3 to the end of Term 4. No matches during school holidays.

Playing time is around 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Wear a pair of rubber soled 'non marking' runners. Balls provided. Bring your own bat or loan equipment available.

Great for returning players as well as juniors.

A friendly sociable atmosphere where everyone can enjoy.

Have fun or strive to improve.

JUNIOR PROGRAM is open to beginners and experienced players for fun and learning to improve table tennis skills. The program runs four times a year in line with school terms and is open to Girls and Boys up to 17 years of age.

Starts first Friday of Each Term and runs each Friday between **6pm-8pm** during the term.

Wear a pair of rubber soled 'non marking' runners. Balls provided. Bring your own bat or loan equipment available.

Registration $5 per school term (including insurance cover). Subs $5 per Friday night.