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Term 3 Week 1, 24th July 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone for the new term! We hope all families had a restful break and we look forward to continuing our positive and productive partnerships throughout this term.

Curriculum Day

Friday, 8th August, will be a Curriculum Day for all staff, so students are not required to attend school on this day. The professional learning sessions will focus on further developing our school values and vision.

Please note that OSH Club will operate as usual on this day.

Calendar of Events Term 3 2025

Term 3 21st July – 19th September

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29th July- Girls Division Football
30th July- Boys/Mixed Division Football
30th July – Fathering Project
5th August- Getting Ready for School Night 6pm (2026 Preps)
6th August- Division Netball
8th August – Curriculum Day – **No Students to attend School**
9th August- EBT Race – Sandown
18th – 20th August – Gr 4 Camp Campaspe Downs
22nd August – Book Week Dress Up Parade
3rd September – Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast
4th September – Showcase of Learning
5th September – Father's Day/ Special Person Stall
11th September – School Production

The Fathering Project Returns

We are excited to relaunch our Fathering Project at White Hills PS. Mr Dickins will be organising a relaunching event next term on the 30th July from 5.30pm-6.30pm. This will be a pizza night with a tower building challenge. Pizza will be provided for dinner (gold coin donation). Invitations will be sent out at the end of this week. This has been a hugely popular event, and we look forward to its return.

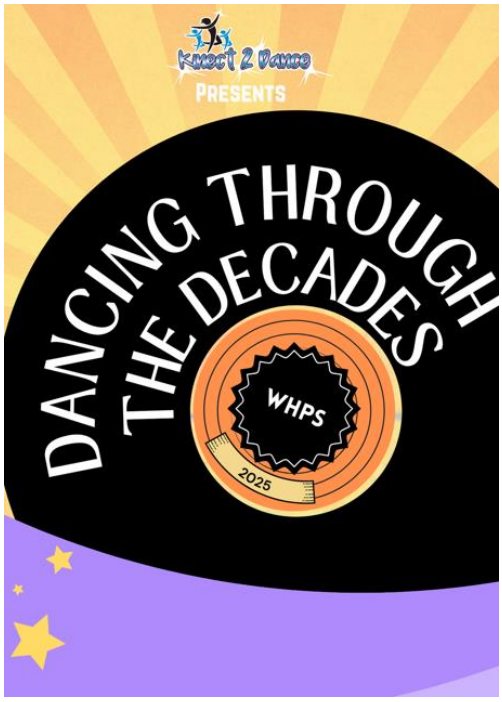
The Fathering Project honours every father and positive male role model who dedicates himself to raising his children with love and care.

This commitment, dedication, support and protection make all the difference in helping children thrive and reach their full potential

Book Week

Book Week is a highlight of the year that both students and staff eagerly anticipate. We're excited for a week full of fun, engaging reading activities, and celebrations of wonderful books.
Our much-loved Book Week Parade will take place on Friday, 22nd August, so start planning a costume inspired by your favourite book character. Additionally, we will have multi-age day rotations featuring activities based on some of the newly shortlisted books.

Dancing Through the Decades Production
Thursday 11th of September, 7pm



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 growth as a result. Kinect2Dance will be working with all Grades 3-6 students each week to prepare for the performance. They began their routines this week. Students will be asked to wear clothes from home for the costumes. These will be simple ideas e.g. yellow tops and jeans or rock and roll gear. We will send this information home next week so that you have plenty of time to prepare.

Tickets will be priced at $20. Stay tuned for further updates!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

This term we are offering exciting extra-curricular competitions for our high performing students in Years 2-6. The ICAS competitions are academic competitions that recognise academic performance in a way similar to sports or the arts, with engaging, fun questions designed to test students' higher order thinking skills. ICAS also provides rich insights into students' strengths and weaknesses, helping to unlock student potential. These assessments motivate, engage and challenge students outside of the traditional classroom environment and celebrate academic achievements and reward students with medals and certificates.

This year, we will be providing select students the opportunity to participate in Mathematics, Writing and Science Competitions. If your student has been selected, you will receive an event notification on compass and will need to give consent for your child to participate. All costs associated with each competition will be covered by the school.

We look forward to sharing the results with you.

Kind Regards,

Bec & Kim

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SPORTS TOPS!!

2026 PREP PARENTS AND CARERS-YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR:

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Is your child starting school soon?
Feeling excited... and maybe a little nervous?
We've got you covered!

Tuesday
August 5th

6-7PM

School Staffroom
(enter via front office)

This friendly, informative session will give you the chance to:

- ✅ Meet staff who'll be supporting your child at school.
- ✅ Discover practical tips for building your child's independence and confidence.
- ✅ Ask questions about routines, uniforms, preparing and more.
- ✅ Connect with other families beginning the same journey text.

Whether you're wondering what how to support early literacy and numeracy at home, or just want to know what a typical school day looks like then this evening will give you the answers and peace of mind.

Starting school is a big milestone - not just for students, but for families too. Child minding will be available on the night, so you can relax, focus, and make the most of the session.

Our aim is to make the transition as smooth, fun, and positive as possible for everyone involved. So come along, bring your questions, and take the next step in preparing your child for a successful start to school.

We can't wait to see you there!

Please rsvp via the Google form link below or by contacting the office.

RSVP via the Link on the Compass message or by contacting the office

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Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

If you know of any grandparents, parents, or carers who may be able to help support our Breakfast Club, please let the office or Wellbeing staff know. Thank you!

How did you go at helping to build healthy sleep habits with your child over the holidays? Revisit the Term 2 Week 11 newsletter if you need a refresh on some helpful sleep strategies.

Strategies For Talking About School With Your Child

Talking with your child about the school day shows you're interested in what's going on in their life. This interest can boost your child's mental health, happiness and wellbeing. It can also have a positive effect on your child's behaviour and achievement. It shows your child that you value school and education, which encourages them to value it too.

When your child first gets home from school in the afternoon, they'll probably be tired and hungry or thinking about other things. So easing the transition from school or after-school activities to home can help your child feel more like talking.

1. **Make time to talk**. Avoid asking your child lots of questions straight away. Give them some downtime then make the time to talk. This can often be when you're doing something with your child. For example, your child might like to talk when you're walking the dog, driving in the car, or preparing dinner together.

2. **Give your child your full attention if they want to talk with you about their day.** Putting down your work or phone when they are sharing about school shows that you are 100% dedicated to them at that moment, and that what they say matters more to you.

3. **Take seriously whatever your child tells you.** For example, you can say things like, 'That's interesting. Then what happened?' or 'And how do you feel about that?'

4. **Use respectful language when you talk about the school and teachers with or in front of your child.** For example, 'I can see that's frustrating, but Ms Adams is your teacher and you need to speak respectfully to her', or 'Yes, that seems unfair, but perhaps you don't know the whole story'.

Student of the Week

Term 3 Week 1

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

Junior School Awards		
Prep M	Iz H	For being a responsible and kind student to everyone and a terrific friend to our new student!
Prep C	Arlo	For always trying his best and bouncing back when he is challenged.
Prep D	Jaxston	For staying focused during reading time.
Prep H	Archer	For settling back into school really positively.
1F	Manan	For working hard to be resilient and bounce back when there are challenges.
1G	Mac	For striving to do his best work even when he hasn't been feeling 100%. Amazing resilience Mac!
1AK	Nyah G	For showing great resilience when she was hurt earlier in the week. Fabulous resilience Nyah!
1M	Rhapsody	For always showing resilience even when things can get tricky.
1L	Aurora	or not letting having an injured elbow stop her from having a great start to term 3.
2F	Blake	For being resilient and preserving with his writing.
2E	Negan B	For displaying resilience and having a wonderful start to Term 3!
2TD	Holly E	For her resilience and persistence when faced with challenging tasks.
2K	Alex C	For showing great resilience and bouncing back when faced with challenges this week in class.

Senior School Awards		
3R	Xavier T	For a wonderful start to Term 3, organised and always following instructions the first time. Keep it up Xav!
3V	Aria A	For showing resilience and bouncing back when faced with difficulties, well done!
3C	Tash	For showing resilience towards challenges in maths and sharing excellent solutions. Great job Tash!
3L	Delta	For showing resilience and persistence when working on challenging tasks, well done!
4O	William	For being resilient and putting in his best effort with all learning tasks.
4HW	Roczen	Roczen for a fantastic start to the term and putting in a great effort in all areas. Keep up the positive attitude and hard work!
4CL	Bridget F	For being a supportive and considerate friend to others in need.
4G	Issy	For having a great week in the classroom and being willing to try new things.

5D	Sophie H	For her awesome dance moves during production practice, showing persistence when they were tricky.
5PB	Billie	For always having a positive attitude towards school and working hard to achieve her goals.
5W	Jackson S	For working hard and giving his best efforts towards the Zones program.
5B	Eli	For improving on being an engaged reader and working hard on all tasks.
6B	Maggie F	Maggie has been working really hard at focusing on what a great person she is. She brings joy to all her peers and teachers with her kind nature and friendly, bright smile and quick wit.
6K	Logan D	For the way he has settled back into term 3 with a focused attitude.
6F	Rhyse M	For a positive attitude in class and staying on task.

Specialist Awards

Art Mrs White	Andrea S 4O	Andrea showed great talent in creating pipecleaner flowers, confidently using her modelling skills to twist, shape, and construct detailed and imaginative floral designs.
Art Mrs Sims	Manan 1F	For creating excellent artwork this week.
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Ivy B 5W	For demonstrating curiosity about Space and smashing the Kahoot Quiz!
STEM Mrs Treloar	Sophia T 3L	For completing all her work in STEM and creating a great sequence of moves for her secret handshake.
Chinese Qiang Fu	Lyla R 5B	For displaying a great learning attitude and actively participating in classroom activities.
Music Mr Marsh	Jak K 1M	For being outstanding in his first week of music - dancing to all the songs and discussing why he liked the J-Pop and Blues songs. Terrific start Jak!
Sports Mrs Tanner	Emmi O 5W	For putting in an awesome effort and demonstrating a good skill level when playing invasion style games.

Congratulations to all our students!

FUN FOOTBALL ACTIVITES

FEMALE COACHES

NEW FRIENDS

5 WEEKS FOR $20

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4-7 YEARS OLD

AFL Superkick

7-12 YEARS OLD

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COMMENCES THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST

4PM TO 5PM

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WINTER
FUTSAL
TERM 3
PROGRAM INFORMATION
Prepare to ignite your passion for Futsal at the state-of-the-art Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct! The stadium will come alive with fast-paced, action-packed matches, showcasing the talents of young athletes on the court!
Come along, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on your champions from the stands!
• WEEKLY MATCHES
• REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY
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WINTER SEASON DETAILS
DAY: Wednesday TIME: 4:15pm - 7:30pm DATES: July 30 - Sept 17
VENUE: Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct
AGE GROUPS: Under 6 - 18 COST: $112
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