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Term 3 Week 3, 7th August 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone has been enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine this week. Just a few reminders about some upcoming events next week:

- Year 5 and 6 Division Volleyball; Thursday 21st August
- Year 6 Kung Fu with Confucius Classroom; Thursday 21st August
- Book Week Celebration; Friday 22nd August
- Year 5 Camp deposit Due Friday 22nd August

***Calendar of Events* Term 3 2025**

Term 3- 21st July – 19th September

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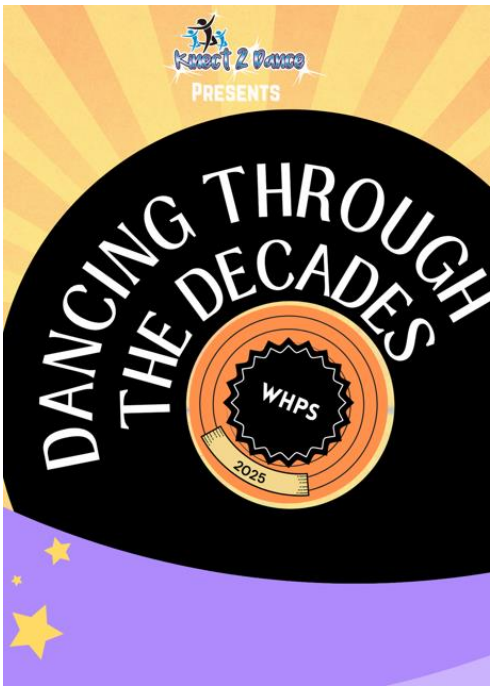
18th – 20th August – Gr 4 Camp Campaspe Downs
21st August – Division Volleyball
22nd August – Book Week Dress Up Parade
1st September- Pie Drive orders are due by 4pm
3rd September – Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast
4th September – Showcase of Learning **(All Parents invited)**
5th September – Father's Day/ Special Person Stall
5th September – Division Basketball
11th September -School Production 7pm Ulumbarra Theatre
11th September- Pie Drive order collection 2-4pm staffroom
12th September – Gr 3 Excursion – Bendigo Town Talk
15th September – Division Athletics
25th August – 17th September – Jets Gym Program
19th September- Last day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish.

Our Year 4 students are off to camp next week and we hope that they have a fantastic time and challenge themselves by taking part in all the exciting activities planned. We can't wait to hear all about it!

Many of our Year 5 and 6 students have had opportunities to represent the school in District Competitions and the EBT competition last Saturday. Fantastic results from all of these events, with the students providing more details about each event in this week's newsletter. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represent the school values outside of the school.

A reminder that students are encouraged to wear a touch of purple tomorrow to show their support against Bullying. Examples of this could be ribbons, earrings, socks or spray hair colour. ***This is NOT an out of school uniform day**

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



Our year 3-6 students are busy learning all their dance moves for the school production. It's been great to see the engagement of our students during these sessions and we cannot wait to see their performance at Ulumbarra theatre.

Tickets are now on sale:
Venue: Ulumbarra Theatre
When: Thursday 11th Sept
Time: 7pm
Cost: $20 per ticket.
Here is the link :
https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/white-hills-primary-school-dancing-through-the-decades

Hats are Back!!!

As a proud SunSmart school, students will be asked to wear broad-brimmed hats or bucket hats outside from Monday 18th August.

This is in line with the Cancer Council's SunSmart recommendation that hats be worn from mid-August through to the end of April. Although it may not feel like hat weather, UV levels can still be damaging on cool, cloudy days.

Staff will spend the first few days reminding students of this change. Following this, students without an appropriate hat will be required to remain in the shaded area around the hub during lunch and recess.

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers. You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Book Week

Book Week is definitely 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.

Celebrating Student Achievements

We would like to celebrate some recent achievements of students who have competed in the Australian Alpaca Association Junior Parade. Alex B, Gabi-Bella B and Walter S competed in the preliminary (beginners' class) under 11's with some exciting results:

Junior Showmanship	**Junior Stockmanship**
1st: Alex 2nd: Walt 3rd: Gabi-Bella	1st: Gabi-Bella 2nd: Alex 3rd: Walt

Alex then went on to win the reserve championship for the preliminary junior paradors (marks overall) and Gabi-Bella won the championship (overall winner for the preliminary under 11s). They were awarded some impressive ribbons for this event.

For this event, no alpaca ownership is necessary, the association has alpacas that are trained for non alpaca owners to use. Walt's first time leading an alpaca was only 6 days prior to the event!
Well done to Alex, Gabi-Bella and Walt!

If students have any special achievements outside of school, we would love to share and celebrate them with our community.

Student of the Week

Week 4 Term 3

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

Junior School Awards		
Prep M	Eli S	For his maturing listening skills and improvement to his counting! What a learning superstar!
Prep C	Archie H	For having a positive attitude and being resilient with his work
Prep D	Teana	For having a positive attitude to her new school and putting amazing effort into her learning
Prep H	Violet F	For working really hard to improve her writing this term
1F	Ophelia R	For showing wonderful resilience in coming to school every day with a positive attitude. Ricky is proud of you too!
1G	Clyde	For being a superstar helper and always having a growth mindset towards everything he does
1AK	Hania	For working hard in maths to solve her addition problems, well done Hania!
1M	Lincoln M	For showing responsibility every morning by quickly getting ready for the day and quietly reading at his table before the bell goes
1L	Valiant	For always having such a positive attitude at school and giving his best effort in every single lesson
2F	Aspyn	For bouncing back from upsets and choosing to look at issues with a growth mindset
2E	Matilda	Always maintaining such a positive attitude at school and giving her best effort in every lesson
2TD	Kai K	For always having a go at all of his work and showing resilience in the face of minor setbacks in and our of the classroom
2K	Jasper	For showing resilience and bouncing back when setbacks happen in the classroom and in the yard

Senior School Awards		
3R	Amelia B	For continued persistence and resilience towards all of her learning tasks. Keep it up Amelia!
3V	Margaux R	For showing resilience when challenged and her enthusiasm in writing lessons. Well done!
3C	John H	For showing resilience when his teacher has been away and coming to school with a smile on his face!
3L	Angell	For being the perfect addition to 3L! Welcome to WHPS, Angell
4O	Patrick	For consistently being a great role model and displaying all of the school values
4HW	Avah	For her kind and caring nature to support others in the classroom
4CL	Sonny	For showing resilience in maths to improve his multiplication skills beyond his 6 times tables

4G	Indi	For showing great persistence and improvement in the classroom
5D	Emily T	For being resilient when solving problems
5PB	Wyatt	For showing resilience in catching up in his learning after being unwell
5W	Evelyn	For showing resilience byy working through maths and persisting with it
5B	Evan	Consistently demonstrating resilience by working through complex maths problems step by step without giving up
6B	Jasper M	For his persistence and determination in everything he does from the classroom to the race track. This was on display this week with his improvement in his writing and his speed at the Sandown Race
6K	Noah F	For showing resilience by embracing feedback and striving for improvement
6F	Ella J	For a consistent effort in class and being an active contributor to class discussions

Specialist Awards

Art Mrs White	Beau (1G)	Beau listened carefully to the step-by-step instructions and worked independently to create his clay echidna
Art Mrs Sims	Jovitta J	For focusing on her art work and cleaning her area when she was finished
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Janie M (1A)	For a big improvement in her engagement in STEM lessons and making some excellent shadow art
STEM Mrs Treloar	Annabelle H (2F)	For confidently sharing her vast knowledge of earth and space with her peers.
Chinese Qiang Fu	Chloe N (4HW)	For showing her passion to learn Chinese and actively participate in classroom activities
Music Mr Marsh	Prep C	Prep C have made a terrific start to semester two. Not only are they an incredible group of dancers, but they are also playing some complex rhythms using the drum sticks when carpet drumming! I can see a few future band super stars in this grade for sure!
Sports Mrs Tanner/Mr Scoble	Olivia M & Alexa C (6B)	For showing excellent leadership skills in helping with the organisation, running and umpiring of netball

Sporting News:

The White Hills Energy Breakthrough team had a race at Sandown Raceway on Saturday last weekend. Ecorush won the race by 5 laps and Torpeco got 3rd place. The team that split EcoRush and Torpeco were Timberwolves from Cranbourne, Casey Fields. Ecorush also broke the junior record for the most distance in a race. There will now be a decider between Ecorush and the Timberwolves that will take place at Casey fields in October for the state championship. Our next race is at Murray Bridge which is in South Australia and it is a 24 hour race. This will be our biggest challenge yet, but more about this at a later date.

Jasper and Jed

Boys Footy:

We arrived at Kennington Primary School by 9:00 to represent our school playing footy. Mr Dickins handed out the guernseys and we took our bags to our spot on the bottom oval. The boys had our team photo and then the boys and girls took a footy photo. Next we took our drink bottles to mini oval 5 to play against Holy Rosary. Our first half was pretty average as we were down by 4. But our 2nd half was probably the best we played. We won our 1st game by 5 goals!

After a 1-game break we felt nervous as we were playing against Maiden Gully who won last year. Our 1st half saw us trailing by a goal and our second half once again got better than the 1st. But it wasn't quite enough because we lost by 2 points.

After another game off we had 2 games to play in a row! We were playing St Joseph's Quarry Hill, which was close all game but we were unstoppable when we got it forward, we scored nearly every Inside 50 which resulted in a 3 point win.

Straight away after we played against Marist. They were the best team, from the first bounce they won clearances and kicked goals from most shots but we had a great effort to lose by 6 goals. We had an easy 2-game break before playing Kennington. It was very close at half time but we just got the edge over them and ended up winning by 2 goals.

In our last game we were playing against Spring Gully. Unfortunately, they were comfortably leading at half time by a couple of goals. In the 2nd half our midfielders aspired really hard and got some players their 1st goals. It was tied but I led forward and took a mark and kicked a great drop punt from the boundary. We led by a goal but they went straight from clearance and kicked a goal. We got the next clearance and Bill took a great mark. He was hurt and down on the ground for a minute and when he

got up the siren went. He was from 30 meters out, we just needed a score but all of their players were on the line. He kicked a beautiful Torpedo that was touched and landed in the points. We had won by 1 point! Bill showed great resilience getting back up and going for the shot. Thank you to Mr Dickins for coaching us and thanks to WHPS for supporting us and supplying us guernseys and helmets.

By Toby C

Girls Footy:

On Thursday last week, we went to Kennington oval and found our school. We took some team pictures, then we watched the boys play. Then we played our first game which we lost, but had learnt a lot in the game.

After a short break we were back in it winning our game. So far we were having a great time and loved our new uniforms. After we had some food and got back into it, our next game we lost but we had a crack. Then we had a super fast talk and changed our positions and played our next game. This was another great win. By the end of the day we were all ready tired but we tried really hard. We had lots of funny moments and my highlight was when Bithiah gave someone a blood nose but walked her off and helped her to her carer. We won 2 out of 5 games and had a great day and felt proud to wear our new uniforms, Thank you Mr Freer.

By Lex C

Netball

Last Wednesday we were lucky enough to have competed in the division netball, across the day our respect and resilience was tested having played some difficult and intense games. The girls ended the day with 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw and the boys finished with 1 win 1 draw and 6 losses. As the day went on we got more confident enjoying ourselves even more. We are very proud of the way both teams showed sportsmanship and represented our school. A big shout out to Miss Van and Mrs Tanner for taking the time to not only coach the teams but put the effort into doing training as well. The day was so much fun we hope everyone enjoyed it.

By Olivia M

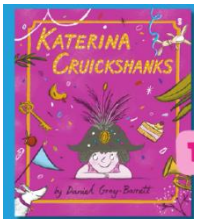
Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

WE NEED YOU!

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!

Respectful Relationships

Over the next few weeks in the lead up to Book Week, we will be sharing some books and activities that you can access online that support our Respectful Relationships and Zones of Regulation lessons. These are designed to help you and your child build meaningful connections. These texts can support you as a parent/carer in nurturing these essential skills at home, using age-appropriate books and practical discussion points.



Katerina Cruickshanks

Daniel Gray-Barnett

Suitable for ages 7-9

YouTube link:
https://youtu.be/kFch2CYscXU

How it supports the development of respectful relationships

This book highlights the value of accepting differences, even when they don't align with our usual expectations, and teaches that relationships are strengthened when people are allowed to be their authentic selves. Katerina's journey helps children learn the importance of inclusivity, empathy, and mutual respect, both within friendships and in broader relationships.

The text includes the importance of respecting gender identity and using inclusive language, such as non-binary pronouns, to show support and respect.

Guiding questions to encourage thoughtful conversations

- After reading pages 1 – 8, pause and ask: what do you think Katerina's personality is like? How would you describe their energy and actions?
- On page 2, we are introduced to Katerina's pronouns. The text refers to Katerina as 'they'. Why do you think it's important to use the correct pronouns for others?
- What are some of the things Katerina does to be a "wild child"? Why do you think Katerina's wildness makes people want to send them away?
- How do we show respect for others who may act differently than we expect or understand?
- How do the people around Katerina feel when they realise they miss Katerina's energy? What does this teach us about appreciating differences in others?
- Have you ever said or done something and regretted your actions? Can you tell me more about what happened? What did you learn from that experience?
- Why is it important to let people be themselves, even if they don't follow the same expectations as others? How can we show respect for someone's identity?

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WHITE HILLS
Father's and Special person's breakfast!
Wednesday September 3rd
WHPS Basketball Courts
8am - 8:50am

VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025
#ROUND 7- BENDIGO
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
REGO OPENING 25TH AUGUST
Sunday 7th September
Bendigo MTB
Spring Gully Trails
VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025
NEW RIDER INFORMATION
The AusCycling VIC Schools MTB Series has been running for over a decade and provides new and experienced school-aged riders with a fun and inclusive racing experience. The focus is on 'having a go', riding your bike with friends and keeping active whilst representing your school.
The AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series runs from May to September, with rounds in different locations across Victoria. Cross country (XC) is the type of mountain bike racing on offer, with both novice and race categories available, starting from under nine and continuing through to under nineteen. The course and trails allow for maximum fun and a bit of challenge! Courses are primarily single-track, with some up and down. If there are more advanced features, newer riders always have the option to a B line.
How do I participate?
Entries are open to all 6 to 18-year-old riders enrolled at school or home-schooled. Each event will be listed on EntryBoss.
Do I need to be an AusCycling member to enter?
No, entry into each event includes insurance coverage for each rider for the duration of the day event. But we know that these events are super fun and encourage riders to find out more about their nearest MTB club.
If you have any questions, please reach out to melissa.ward@auscycling.org.au
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