White Hills Primary School No 1916
Week 4 Term 3 ***Wednesday 2nd August 2023***
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White Hills Weekly

Purpose

At White Hills Primary School, we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social, and emotional needs. Preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Term 3 2023: 10th July – Friday 15th September

Week 4	
4 Aug	Weeroona Visit 6F & 6R
4 Aug	Phoenix FM Radio-Student Leaders & Writing samples
Week 5	
8 Aug	Getting ready for School Parent Info 6.00pm
10 Aug	Year 3V Quantum Victoria
11 Aug	Years 3C/3M Quantum Victoria
Week 6	
14-16 Aug	1st Session of Jets Gym
15 Aug	Getting ready for School Parent Info 5.30pm
Week 7	
24 Aug	Music Extravaganza Basketball courts 2.30pm
25 Aug	Curriculum Day-No students to attend School.
Week 8	
29 Aug	Grade 5W & 6R Quantum Excursion 7am
30Aug	Grade 5D & 6MW Quantum Excursion 7am
31 Aug	Grade 5R & 6F Quantum Excursion 7am
1 Sept	Grade 5HB & 6B Quantum Excursion 7am

The Fathering Project

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How we teach our children to socialise and relate to others greatly impacts their ability to form meaningful connections now, and in the future.
As social creatures, humans thrive on nurturing relationships and a sense of belonging. Therefore, it is crucial to actively engage with your children and provide them with opportunities to develop their social and relationship skills.
By fostering their ability to connect with others, you empower your child to build fulfilling friendships that last, leading to greater general happiness and overall wellbeing.

Top Tips
1. Practise social skills: You can teach and practice social skills with your kids through play, games and family activities. Skills can include sharing, cooperating, negotiating, problem solving,
2. Encourage Inclusion and Empathy: Teach your child the value of inclusion and empathy. Encourage them to reach out and include others who may be feeling left out or lonely.
3.Tune in: Make time to have conversations about topics that interest them. Ask for their ideas and opinions and really listen to their input.

Dad joke of the week
My friend recently quit his job to pursue a career in miming. I haven't heard from him since.

Principal's News,

Hi everyone,

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.
All families are invited to participate in the survey. Only one family member needs to complete the survey.
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones.
Every family will have the chance to complete the survey. The school will provide a letter on Monday with the logon code and website for families to complete the survey. Last year we only had 51 parents or 13% complete the survey and we aim for at least 30% (need over 100 to achieve that figure) as this gives us a better idea of the community's views of our school.
The results will be shared through annual reporting and via the newsletter. Please speak with me if you would like more information.

Student Voice Opportunity
Last week, our student leaders participated in an authentic student voice opportunity with the organising committee at the City of Great Bendigo. They, along with two other schools, participated in a Disability & Inclusion audit workshop to assist the City in ensuring the Fun Loong Family Day conducted in late October every year are inclusive of people living with a disability. This was a great opportunity for the students to provide input and open discussion regarding this event within the local community.

Curriculum Day in Term 3
Friday 25th August is scheduled as a pupil free day and has been approved by school council. OSH Club will be open on this day, and they can provide care for families who require it.

Getting Ready for School- Parent Session
The school is inviting parents/carers/guardians of 2024 Prep students to our 'Getting Ready for School' evening session on Tuesday 8th August 2023 from 6:00-7:00pm. This is targeted at new parents to the school system. This does not however, prohibit those who have children already at school and have a Prep child beginning next year to attend. To register your attendance, please email Jeanine.fitzgerald@education.vic.gov.au
The focus will be around Social Readiness, Literacy and Maths. A welcome pack of activities to assist your child will be provided on attendance at the session. Childminding will be available if required.

Students of the Week

Class	Student	Awarded for ASPIRING to do their BEST
Prep D	Aspyn P	For aspiring to give her best effort at all learning tasks and independently following class expectations.
Prep E	Zoe E	For aspiring to try her best at all learning tasks.
Prep F	Noah E	For aspiring to be his best in writing and following classroom expectations.
Prep P	Liam W	For aspiring to challenge himself in his writing.
1AK	Meelo H	For aspiring to be his best by concentrating on becoming an 'active reader' during reading time.
1B	Fatima S	For aspiring to try her best and making new friends.
1G	Jordana B	For always aspiring to challenge herself in her reading and writing.
1TD	Lana D	For aspiring to be her best during handwriting time.
2M	Archer C	For aspiring to improve the detail in his written pieces of work
2TW	Indianna B	Aspiring to do her best in writing time and really increasing her writing stamina
2P	Chloe F	For getting all of her work completed and being helpful in the classroom.
3C	Abbie H	For aspiring to do her best and challenge herself with all work tasks.
3M	Chad S	For aspiring to show his best learning and being persistent and patient while working on his maths.
3V	Cameron S	For aspiring to do his best in maths when estimating and justifying his answers
4C	Bridget M	For persisting with maths problems and explaining the steps she used to check her answers.
4HB	Logan M	For aspiring to do his best during our telling the time unit
4O	Lexie A	For always aspiring to do her best in all areas and being a great role model.
5R	Scarlett E	For being willing to challenge herself on difficult tasks and always aim high.
5W	Zayne B	For learning and applying more efficient strategies to solve problems.
5HB	Chase K	For his commitment and passion, playing confidently and fairly for the boys' school football team.
5D	Harrison R	For aspiring to complete challenging maths tasks
6B	Charlie C	For supporting his peers to make strong choices.
6F	Will R	Always striving to do his best with his schoolwork
6MW	Jett M	For an improved effort in aspiring to do his best, even when tasks are challenging.
6R	Abel M	For always completing tasks to a high standard.
Art Mrs Watchman	Thomas S 3V	For creating an excellent weaving and learning how to tie knots using wool!
Art Mrs Freeman	Ariadne W PP	For always aspiring to do her best work in art.
Sports Mr Scoble	Violet W 4C	For aspiring to do better during Physical Education
STEM Mrs Treloar	Isabelle H 6B	For using her critical thinking skills when making scientific predictions and sharing her understanding with her peers.

July School Council Summary

On Monday evening school council convened for the July meeting. The following items were endorsed/discussed:

- Mobile phone policy (can be found on the school's website)
- CCTV policy (can be found on the school's website)
- Upcoming maintenance work on toilets.
- Preliminary Attitudes to School (Grades 4-6 only) survey results

Student Led Conferences-Tuesday, 1st August.
Yesterday there were 565 bookings made for student led conferences from a total of 576 students. Thanks to parents for attending and I hope you found these meetings valuable.

Ride/Scoot to school with some Teachers
Last week, we had 8 students join us for the ride to school despite the early morning rain. Our next planned ride is on Friday, 25th August.

Enrolments for 2024

So far, we have enrolments from 29 siblings for 2024. If you have a sibling of a current student at our school who will be starting next year, please collect an enrolment form and drop it in as soon as possible. We have also taken 25 enrolments from families who reside within our neighbourhood.
There have been 37 families who live outside the school's neighbourhood interested in enrolment. These families will be contacted before Friday, 11th August and notified of the outcome of their application as detailed in the Department's Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers that has been distributed.

Lost Property
As is often the case, colder weather means we get an increase in lost property. Items that are labelled will be returned to students. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. Parents are welcome to come and look through lost property, now located near the walkway to the STEM room in the main building.

Please let us know if there's anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS.
Andrew Schaeche,
Principal

WHPS BOOK WEEK

White Hills Primary School will be celebrating Book Week this year on Thursday 24th, August. Book Week is a special occasion during which we embrace the love of reading. We will be having a Book Character dress-up day where students can dress up as their favourite book character. At 9.10am, we will be holding a whole school parade, in which parents are invited to attend.

On this day we will also have a multi-age day, where students will participate in activities based around the CBCA shortlisted books. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Read, Grow, Inspire".

School Crossing Supervisors

Job No: **850723** Location: **Bendigo**

https://citygb.applynow.net.au/jobs/850723-school-crossing-supervisors

The City of Greater Bendigo is in the heart of central Victoria on Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Country. Located just 90 minutes' drive to Melbourne, our region offers all the benefits of a large city with a warm and welcoming country feel.

With a growing population, Greater Bendigo is an attractive region that boasts the Bendigo Art Gallery, theatres, stunning heritage buildings and natural surrounds that provide great recreational opportunities.

Our region is famous for its food and wine as well as having high quality education and health services. There is a wide range of housing options and excellent rail and road networks with Bendigo Airport having regular direct flights to Sydney. We provide over 65 important services to support our community which is heading towards a population of 200,000 by 2050. Now is a great time to join us!

The role

We currently have great opportunities for suitable applicants to join our team as part time and casual School Crossing Supervisors in the Greater Bendigo region.

School Crossing Supervisors are responsible for ensuring the safe and orderly use of the school crossings used by children and other customers at schools across the City of Greater Bendigo.

Each shift is up to 60 minutes in duration, but normally 45 minutes between the hours of 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm. Each 45 minute shift is paid minimum approx. $27 (plus superannuation). We try and allocate a school crossing close to your home. Small daily travel allowance is paid.

About You

- You must be willing to adopt a professional approach, including wearing a full uniform at all times. The City of Greater Bendigo will provide onsite training, uniform and equipment.
- No formal qualification or experience is required although you will have an ability to relate well to children and other users of the crossing, ability to stand for the 45 minute shift, good communication skills and the ability to deliver excellent customer service is essential.
- Access to email and mobile phone, a current Victorian drivers licence and reliable car, a satisfactory police record check and Working with Children Check are required prior to commencement.

Contact

If you require any further information regarding this position, please contact Sue Harrison, Coordinator Home Support on 03 5434 6407.

Music should be fun and engaging, and this is my approach to teaching it. I do not focus on making rockstars, I focus on the development of creativity, coordination, and the belief that through effort comes result. I will do my, very best to make students laugh and have fun, even while learning difficult and challenging pieces.

I have written my own music books for students to learn from - one copy is supplied each year as part of the lesson fee. Additional copies are $50.

PAYMENTS:
Lessons are charged at **$250 per term**. This pricing covers the book, a pair of sticks and the guarantee of AT LEAST 8 lessons per term. I will always aim for 10 lessons per term, but this gives flexibility for camps, public holidays, and absent students.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks again,
Adam

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