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Term 3 Week 5, 21st August 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget our Book Week Dress Up Day this Friday 22nd August. Parents are invited to attend our Book Week parade at 9.10am on Friday morning. Our staff have been working hard getting their costumes organised for Friday. It will be a fun-filled day with lots of great activities on some of the short-listed books. Look out for photos next week!

Calendar of Events Term 3 2025

Term 3- 21st July – 19th September

Fri 22nd Aug –Book Week DressUp Parade at 9:10am on courts
Mon 25th Aug to Wed 17th Sept – Jets Gym Program
Thurs 28th Aug- School Band Concert 2:30-3:30pm on courts
Mon 1st Sept- Pie Drive orders are due by 4pm
Wed 3rd Sept– Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast 8am
Thurs 4th Sept – Showcase of Learning **(All Parents invited)**
Fri 5th Sept – Father's Day/ Special Person Stall
Fri 5th Sept – Division Basketball
Thurs 11th Sept -School Production 7pm Ulumbarra Theatre
Thurs 11th Sept- Pie Drive order collection 2-4pm staffroom
Fri 12th Sept – Gr 3 Excursion – Bendigo Town Talk
Mon 15th Sept – Division Athletics
Wed 17th Sept- Grade 6 Community Engagement Day
Thurs 18th to Sun 21st Sept- EBT Race Murray Bridge
Fri 19th Sept- Last day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish

We Want our Parents/Caregivers to Tell us What They Think!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey 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 and appreciate your participation.
Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The link to the survey will be sent

Jets Gym Reminder

A friendly reminder that students will be attending Jets Gym next week. Students are required to wear appropriate school uniform choices for gym activities. This includes clothing that allows for movement. Thank you for helping ensure all students can participate safely and confidently.

2025 Jets Gymnastics Timetable - Week 6-9

Day	Session Time	Grade
Monday	9.30am - 10.30am	5W + 5B
	10.30am - 11.30am	5D + 5BP
	11.30am - 12.30pm	4CL + 4G
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	6K
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	6B + 6F
Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	1M + 1F
	10.30am - 11.30am	1G + 1A
	11.30am - 12.30pm	PM + PC
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	PH + PD
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	1AK
Wednesday	9.30am - 10.30am	2K + 2E
	10.30am - 11.30am	4O + 4HW
	11.30am - 12.30pm	3C + 3L
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	3R + 3V
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	2TD + 2F

Grade 4 Camp

This week our Grade 4 students attended Campaspe Downs Camp in Kyneton. Camps are a significant part of our curriculum, providing opportunities for students to foster independence, develop resilience, and strengthen connections with their peers and teachers. The teachers were very pleased with our students and the way they participated and remained respectful throughout the camp.

Our campers participated in exciting adventure activities such as the low ropes, flying fox, possum glide, sensory trail, and aeroball. They also enjoyed team challenges including a night time game of Splat and orienteering. A highlight was the evening campfire, where students roasted marshmallows together.

I would like to thank the teachers for their diligent care throughout the camp, ensuring that students were able to experience success and embrace personal challenges. I am sure that all campers had a good sleep on Wednesday night (including teachers!).

Kung Fu Confucius Classrooms

Today our Grade 6 students participated in the Kung Fu Confucius Classroom program. Our students learnt a mix of Chinese martial arts, movement, and culture. Activities included: Kung Fu basics – simple stances, stretches, punches, and kicks to build strength, balance, and discipline. What a great opportunity for our students to participate in.

Scholastic Book Club Book Club Issue # 6 Catalogue

Book Club has arrived. The catalogue for Book Club will come home this week in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books to help you on your child's reading journey. Ordering will close on Friday September 5th.

Visit Scholastic Book Club: Issue 6 2025 by Scholastic Australia - Issuu to view the catalogue online.

Every Loop (online) order will receive $5 to spend in the next Book Club.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6 HIGHLIGHTS

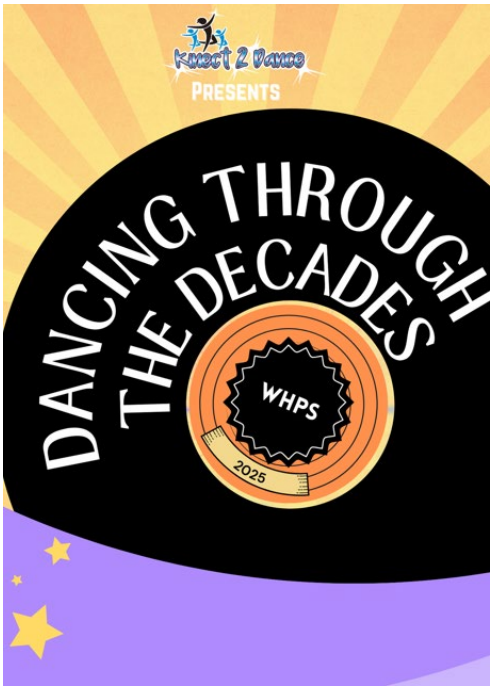
- **NEW! *Bestsellers*** on pages 2-7.
- Discover the **Bad Guys competition** on page 32.
- **Read what you play** can be found on pages 24 & 25.
- **$5 PROMO** code with every LOOP order, valid for use towards issue 7.

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.

Did you know that every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

Production Rehearsals: Dancing Through the Decades

The students in Grades 3-6 are working hard on their items to put on a spectacular show at the Ulumbarra Theatre. Performance is an important part of our school curriculum and we know the value of the production for developing self confidence. This is always a highlight for White Hills PS. Here are some sneak peaks to the performance.



Students will be asked to wear clothes from home for costumes. Sample ideas went home last week eg. Yellow tops and jeans or rock and roll gear.

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

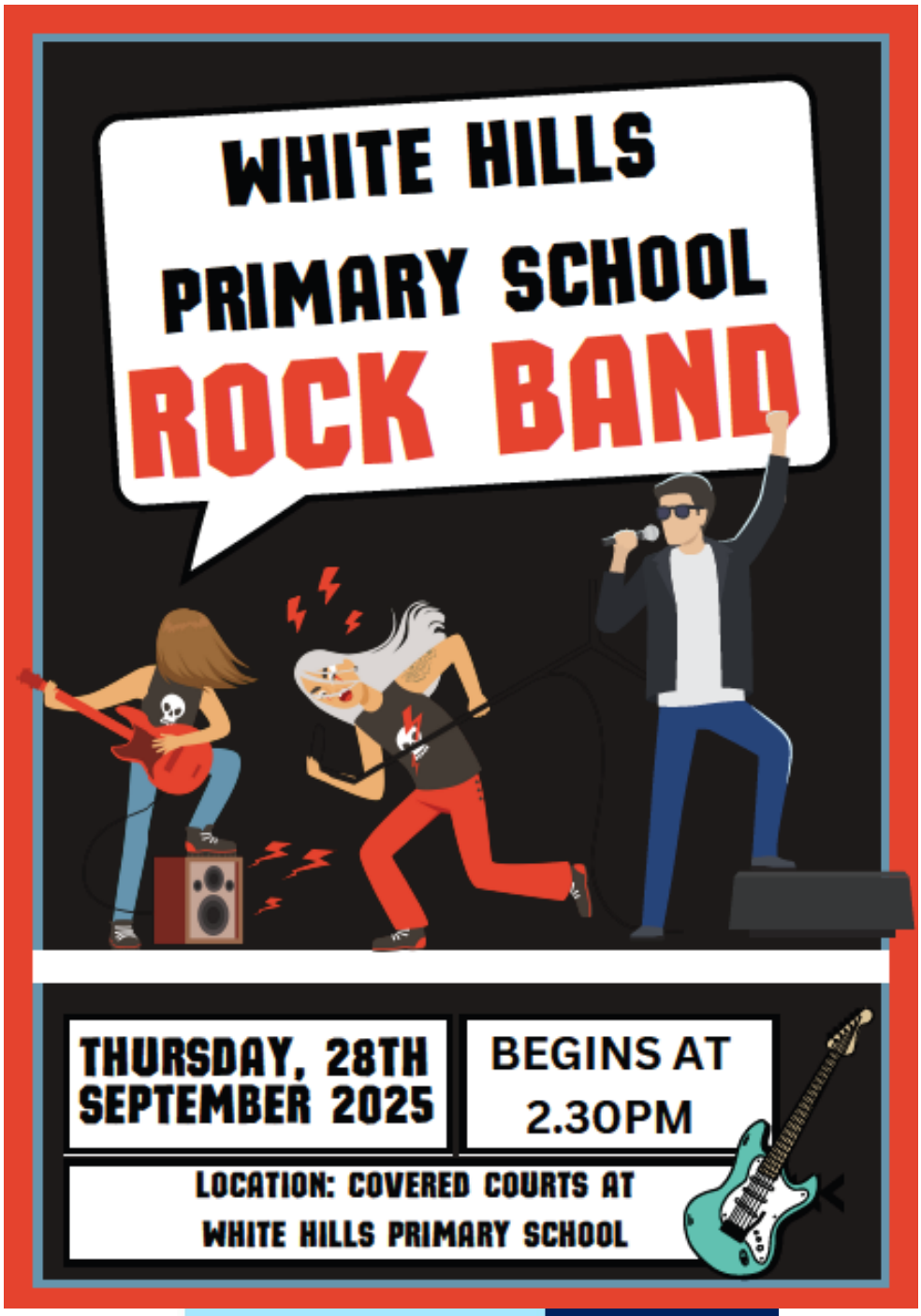
Sporting

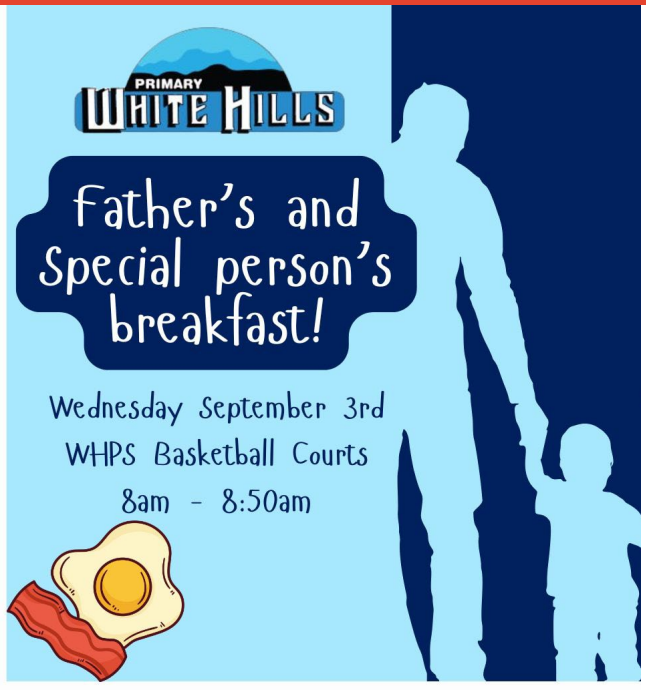
Our boys and girls Division Volleyball teams played in excellent spirits throughout the round robin tournament. The girls played off for third place, winning this game and coming 3rd overall in the girls' section. The boys played every game with great sportsmanship going undefeated and winning the Sandhurst Division Volleyball. This earns them the right to progress to the region event in Swan Hill.

Hats are Back!!!

As of now, students without an appropriate hat will be required to remain in the shaded area around the hub during lunch and recess.

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


WHITE HILLS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROCK BAND
THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025
BEGINS AT 2.30PM
LOCATION: COVERED COURTS AT WHITE HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL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WHITE HILLS
Father's and Special person's breakfast!
Wednesday September 3rd
WHPS Basketball Courts
8am - 8:50am

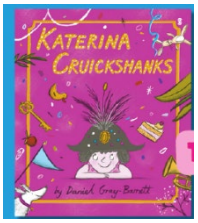
Wellbeing @ White Hills PS

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?

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

Scan for more information on the series

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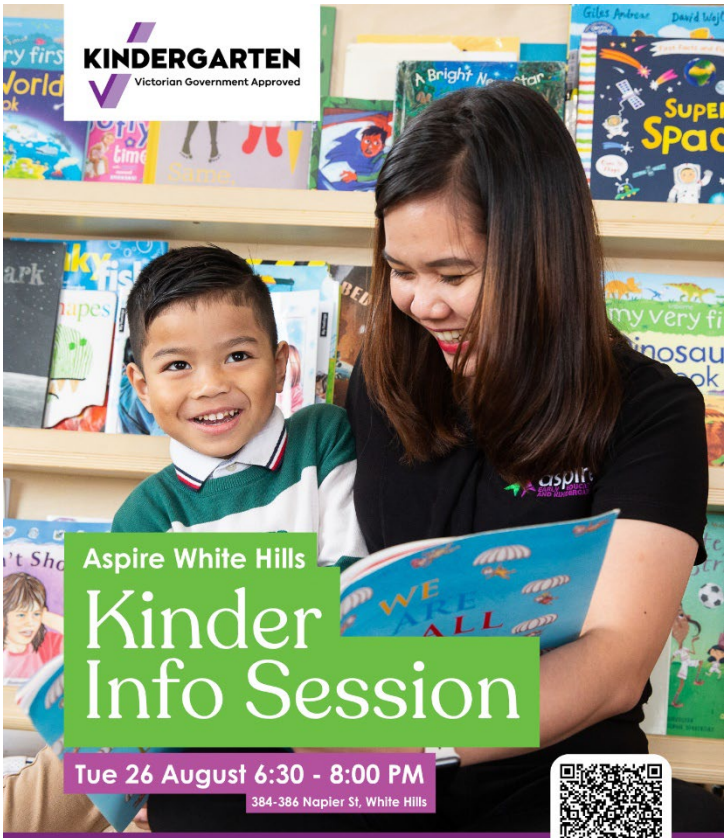

Aspire White Hills

Kinder Info Session

Tue 26 August 6:30 - 8:00 PM
384-386 Napier St, White Hills

Meet the team, see the learning spaces, ask questions and learn about our 3 and 4-year-old kinder program.

Register here

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1800 978 429
aspireearlyeducation.vic.edu.au

WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

Junior Registrations

Open Now

Get started at our

'COME AND TRY DAY'

SEPT 15 from 4pm @ White Hills Rec

BOYS & GIRLS FROM U/11 to U/16

New an existing players welcome

All skill levels encouraged

Come and play Cricket this Summer!!

Google PlayHQ search White Hills and follow the registration promts

Contact Anthony Anfuso - 0437 360 355

Contact Dean Bowles - 0400865095

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