White Hills Primary School No 1916

Week 6 Term 3 *Wednesday 16th August 2023*

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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.

Calendar of Events

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

Week 7	
24 Aug	Children's Book Week & Multi-Age Day
24 Aug	Music Extravaganza basketball courts 2.30pm
25 Aug	Curriculum Day **No Students at School**
Week 8	
29 Aug	Year 6R, 5W Quantum Victoria 7am
30 Aug	Year 6MW, 5D Quantum Victoria 7am
31 Aug	Year 6F, 5R Quantum Victoria 7am
1st Sept	Year 6B, 5HB Quantum Victoria 7am
1st Sept	Division Basketball Red Energy Arena
Week 9	
6 Sept	Year 5 Excursion Sovereign Hill
7 Sept	Year 2 Incursion 9.30am/1.30pm
Week 10	
11 Sept	Division Athletics 9.30am
15 Sept	Last day for Term 3 Dismissal @ 2.30pm
Week 1	**Term 4**
2 Oct	Welcome Back!
3 Oct	Junior Athletics 9.00am/11.00am Oval & Courts
6 Oct	Year 3 Excursion Goldmines/Chinese Museum

School Fundraiser

Father's / Special Friend Day Stall

It would be greatly appreciated if all families could donate a gift for "Dad" or a "Special Friend" to the value of $2.00.
This will ensure every student can purchase something from 5the stall. Families are most welcome to donate additional gifts also. Please donate NEW and UNUSED items only and leave them at the office by Tuesday, 28th August. Students can bring $2.00 on **Thursday 31st August** to purchase a gift, along with a reusable bag.

White Hills Weekly

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Father's/Special Person Breakfast and Stall

The school's wellbeing team will be conducting a breakfast (bacon and egg rolls) for Father's/special person on **Tuesday, 29th August** from 8:00-8:45am on the basketball court, similar to the Mother's/Special person breakfast. The school's P&FG will be conducting our Father's Day/Special person Stall on **Thursday, 31st August**.

Book Week 2023

Thursday, 24th August. Book Character dress up day. White Hills is excited to be celebrating Book Week once again this year. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will begin the day with a whole school parade at **9.10am**. Parents are very welcome to attend. We will follow this with a multi-age day. Students will rotate, in mixed grade groups, through 5 activities based on some of the shorlisted CBCA Australian picture books. We are looking forward to celebrating the joy of books and reading!

Ride/Scoot to School with some teachers

Our next planned ride would be **Friday, 25th August** however this is a pupil free day, so we are going to move it to **Friday, 1st September**. As the weather is improving, we are hoping to have many students (and their families) join us. Several staff members have committed to support these rides with students and parents along the creek-side track from both directions. Staff will be starting at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am riding slowly along the bike track. They will make another stop at the Scott Street bridge at 8:25am before finishing at school. Staff will be coming from the opposite direction, starting a Weeroona Avenue at 8:15am. They will then make their way along the bike track stopping at the Bridge on Knight Street (behind Weeroona College) at 8:20am. and then again near the playground just off The Boulevard in the Peppercorns Estate at 8:25am. They will then follow the bike track to school. We look forward to riding to school with many students.

Maths Card Games & Bingo- Fathering Project Activity

On **Wednesday, 23rd August**, Dads/Father figures and kids are invited to a 'Bingo and Maths Games' event here at school. This activity will be conducted by the school's Maths Learning Specialist, Eddy Dickins along with the school chaplain, Ricky Cawley. This event will begin at 5:30pm and conclude at approximately 7:00pm. Personal invitations were sent home last week. We will be organising a hot chip and potato cake snack, so we are asking for a gold coin donation per person to assist in covering this cost. ***Please send an email to me if you are going to attend with your name and the name/s and grade/s of kids to Andrew.schaeche@education.vic.gov.au*** So far, we are expecting over 30 participants on this night.

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

The school provided a letter on Monday with the logon code and website for families to complete the survey. All families are invited to participate in the survey. Only one family member needs to complete the survey. The survey will be open from **Monday, 7th August to Friday, 8th September 2023.**
The survey is 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.
The results will be shared through annual reporting and via the newsletter. Please speak with me if you would like more information. Thanks to the 20 families who have already completed the survey, we are hoping to get about 100 responses!

Parking Around Bosquet Street

We have had complaints from neighbours of some parents parking in '**No Standing Zones**' and on nature strips during pick-up at 3:30pm. Staff on duty at back gate have also observed parents parking illegally. Whilst it is extremely busy for about 10 minutes after school each night, the traffic clears away very quickly. Our suggestion is to stagger pick-up because by 3:35pm most nights there is parking available. Compared to many schools, we are very lucky to have so many parking options available to us; we request that parents abide by the requirements and park legally. We have been informed that the City of Greater Bendigo has also been contacted and they indicated that parking inspectors and/or police will be making random visits to check this area. We certainly do not want to see families fined for parking illegally.

Pupil Free 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.

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

Parents & Friends Upcoming Events:

Father's Day Staff

It would be greatly appreciated if all students could donate a gift for "Dad" or a "Special Friend" to the value of $2 Donation suggestions are Coffee mugs, Chocolates (preferably no nuts), socks, plants, or tea/coffee packs. If you can assist in preparing the gifts for the stall, contact Kim via kimnewman@outlook.com.au or join Parents & Friends Group on Facebook for upcoming events &

Pie Drive

Orders due back: Monday, 4th September Pick up in the office Thursday, 4th September between 3.00pm/4.00pm If you, are able to help with sorting out the orders between 2.00pm/4.00pm.

The Fathering Project

Bullying takes various forms, including teasing, name-calling, spreading rumours, making threats, and physical aggression. It can also occur online, known as cyberbullying.
It's crucial to recognise that the effects of bullying can vary from person to person. Some kids tease each other with no intention behind it but can be taken to heart by another child.
Helping younger children to comprehend the different types of bullying and its impact is important. If your child comes to you with concerns, they are being bullied we have some tips to use.

Top Tips

1. Listen: Believe your child because it is important that they feel confident to talk to you about their problems.
2. Remind them that bullying is wrong: No child should hurt another, with their words or actions. Remind them that they have the right to feel safe and happy.
3. Make an appointment for both of you with your child's school to discuss the problem. Develop a plan to address the bullying in consultation with the school and your child.

Dad joke of the week What's black and white and read all over…? A newspaper.

Students Of The Week 4th Aug

Apologies for the incorrect information in last weeks newsletter

Class	Student	Awarded for ASPIRING to do their BEST
5W	Charlotte W	For her dedication to improving her maths skills
5HB	Ethan	For displaying beautiful manners and aspiring to achieve his best work.
5D	Aaliyah S	For improving her division through consistent hard work
6R	Lily B	For her willingness to challenge herself when task seem initially challenging.
6B	P'Thru	For her leadership around the school
6MW	Avah S	For her creative thinking and always being a considerate student who often goes out of her way to help others.
6F	Willow J	For consistently demonstrating a positive mindset to all activities.

Students Of The Week 11th Aug

Class	Student	Awarded for ASPIRING to do their BEST
Foundation P	Willow V	For aspiring to do her best in writing and challenging herself with her sentences about insects
Foundation E	Eleanor L	For aspiring to do her best writing and coming up with her own sentences about snails.
Foundation F	Tyla B	For working to do her best in reading time.
Foundation D	Archer L	For aspiring to do his best writing and working hard on his snail writing this week.
1 AK	Ayah M	For always aspiring to be her best by always following instructions and for always being a thoughtful and kind classmate.
1 TD	Odie TM	For aspiring to be his best by persisting with challenging maths tasks.
1 G	Makai S	For aspiring to complete his work to a high standard in every subject.
1 B	Finn B	For aspiring to have neat handwriting and to write many sentences in writing sessions.
2 TW	Jankins H	For always aspiring to follow our class expectations and organise himself quickly for learning tasks
2 P	Declan H	For showing kindness and aspiring to support other students with their learning
2 M	Aubrey C	For aspiring to improve her reading comprehension by asking what words mean during shared reading.
3 M	Lincoln R	For aspiring to remain quiet and on task every day this week!
3 V	Will A	For his positivity and aspiring to do his best when learning about Minibeasts at our excursion to Quantum
3 C	Oliver E	For aspiring to do his best in writing and doing an amazing job!
4HB	Noah F	For aspiring to do his best in writing this week, and completing a difficult persuasive writing piece
4O	Mia	For aspiring to do her best during her new reading group and contributing her ideas.
4C	April P	For persisting through challenges in reading when working on her goal.
5R	Laynie C	For her commitment to participating in class discussions with insightful and thoughtful ideas
5W	Ethan L	For his application and effort in our math group.
5HB	Siara D	For aspiring to do her best and show pride in her work.
5D	Kailey W	For her efforts in aspiring to improve her division strategies
6R	Jadis H	For her improved confidence and always completing tasks to a high standard.
6B	Emma S	For her application to her writing.

6MW	Dustin S	For recognising when others need help and always offering his support to his peers both academically and socially. Legend.
6F	Roman	For aspiring to complete more work in class.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Leo B 1B	For aspiring to do his best by making changes to his raft design in order to improve how it floated on the water.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Bailey S 5W	For aspiring to do his best during our basketball unit.
Art Mrs Freeman	Kenzie 5W	For always aspiring to make creative choices on each of her art works.
ART Mrs Watchman	Jankins 2TW	For creative drawing during art this week!

Classes

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 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:

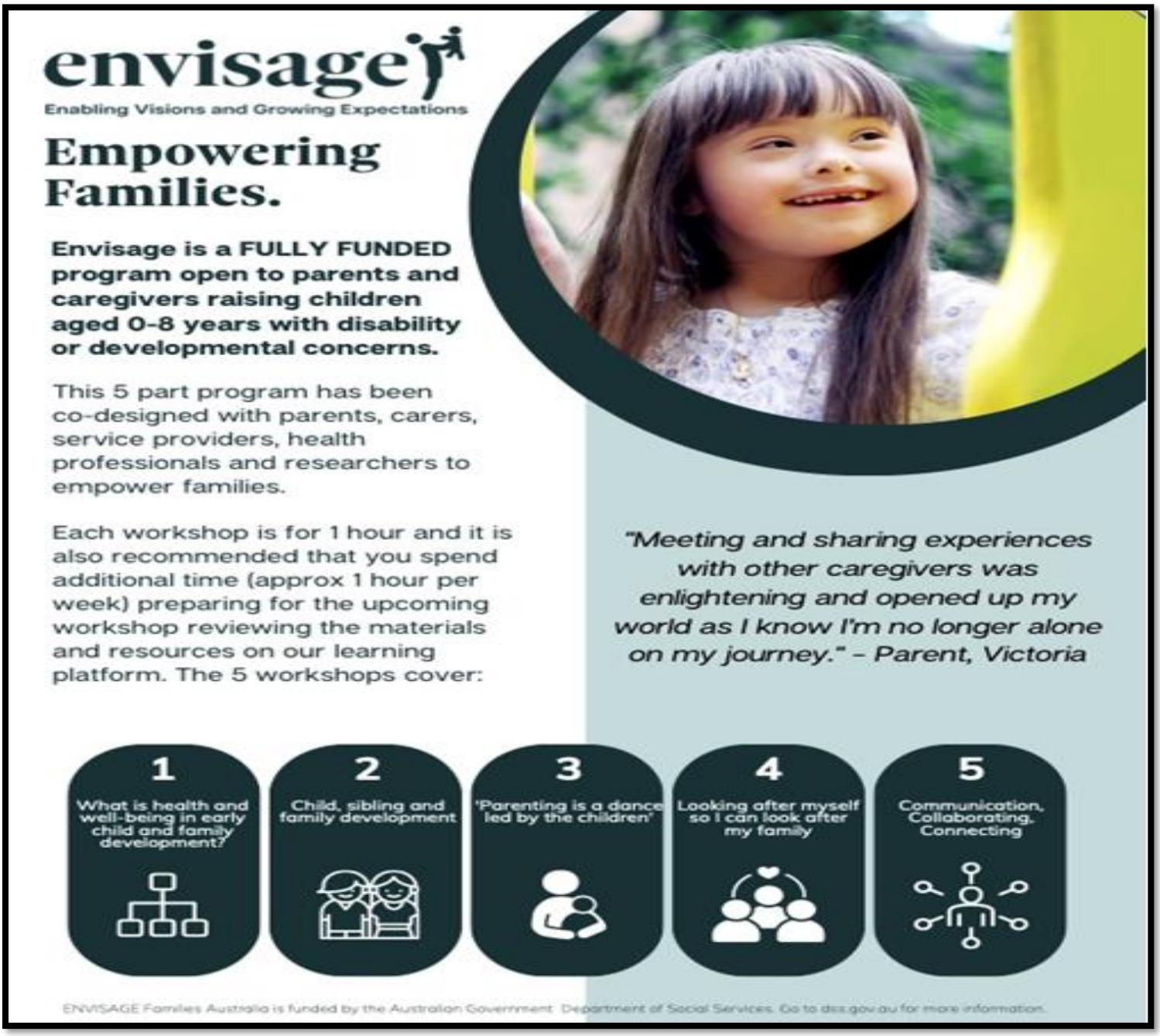
Lessons are charged at **$250 per term**. This pricing covers the book, a pair of sticks and the guarantee of AT LEAST 8 lessons per term.
I will always aim for 10 lessons per term, but this gives flexibility for camps, public holidays, and absent students.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
0409 530 880. Thanks again, Adam.

ADAM BOURKE
DRUM LESSONS

Check out my Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons/

Treehouse paediatrics are very excited to bring the Envisage Families program to Bendigo. Envisage Families is a FREE program for parents or caregivers of children aged 0-8 with a disability or developmental concern. Children do not need to have a diagnosis, NDIS eligibility or a referral for families to access the program. The program consists of a series of 5 workshops which are held online or face-to-face.
Treehouse is able to arrange workshops to be delivered at your location if you have a number of families that might be interested in participating in the program. Please email Mel Keyte at Treehouse on mel@treehousepaediatrics.com.au if you would like to arrange a face-to-face workshop series.

Families can contact Treehouse Paediatrics directly on 5410 1254 for assistance with registration or log onto the Envisage Families website to register https://envisage.community.

We would be grateful if you could please share this information with your families via email or in your newsletter