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Term 3 Week 8, 11th September 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to an exciting night tonight at Ulumbarra Theatre as our year 3-6 students dance through the decades! The students spent the day at the theatre, doing a full run through before tonight. We are very proud of the level of commitment and engagement all students showed today during the rehearsal, and we know that they will make us proud tonight!

This week we have been supporting R U OK? Day. All students received a sticker to help them show support of this initiative and we have been encouraging students to check in with others over the week.

Production Details

Venue: Ulumbarra Theatre
When: Tonight, Thursday 11th Sept
Time: 7pm
Cost: $20 per ticket

Calendar of Events Term 3 2025

Term 3 - 21st July – 19th September

Mon 25th Aug to Wed 17th Sept – Jets Gym Program
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

Term 4 – 6th October – 19th December
***Mon 6th* – First day back of Term 4**
***Thurs 9th* – Fri 10th –** Gr 3 Camp Kookaburra
***Thurs 9th* –** Gr 6 Music Transition Event at Weeroona College
***Mon 13th* –** Region Athletics (only for qualified student)
***Tues 14th* –** Student Leader Parliament Visit
***Thurs 16th* –** Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun
Tues 21st – Project Rockit
Fri 24th - Blast Cricket
***Wed 29th* – Bendigo Cup Public Holiday (Student Free Day)**
***Thurs 30th* –** Region Volleyball
***Fri 31st* –** School Disco

End of Term arrangements (Footy Colours Day)

The last Friday of term, the 19th of September, will be our annual footy colours day to celebrate the many varied teams that our students support. Wear your favourite sporting team colours. You may hear some of the footy songs playing before school in the morning! Students are encouraged to bring at least a gold coin donation on this day for the Victorian Police Blue ribbon foundation. Recent events have had a big impact on the Victorian community, including our staff. A reminder that this is NOT a casual clothes day, students are encouraged to wear ribbons, socks etc with their favourite footy team colours.

Friday will be an early finish with students being dismissed at 2.30pm. If you are collecting your child earlier than this dismissal time, we ask that you go through the front of the school and sign out through the office. Please do not enter via the back gate before 2.30pm, as this makes monitoring the safety of students difficult during their playtime. We will have staff on duty redirecting anyone entering from the Bosquet Street gate. Please do not park in the staff car park.

NAPLAN 2025 Update

Our NAPLAN 2025 data is in, and we are proud of our students' achievement and rate of participation.

Year 3 NAPLAN data (percentage of students who have achieved exceeding or strong)

- Reading 55%
- Writing 66%
- Numeracy 51%

Year 5 NAPLAN data (percentage of students who have achieved exceeding or strong)

- Reading 66% (in line with similar schools and our school network)
- Writing 71% (higher than similar schools and our school network)
- Numeracy 59% (in line with similar schools and our school network)

It is positive to note that Relative Growth data indicates an increase in the number of students achieving medium to high growth in the following areas:

- Reading - maintained at 71% from 2024 to 2025
- Writing - increase from 61% in 2024 to 78% in 2025
- Spelling - increase from 66% in 2024 to 75% in 2025
- Grammar and Punctuation - maintained at 70%
- Numeracy - increase from 62% in 2024 to 70% in 2025

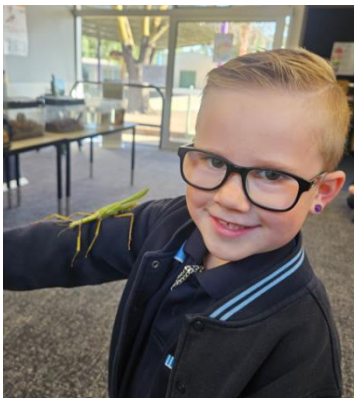
Showcase of learning

Last Thursday we had an exciting showcase of learning, where our parent and carer community were invited into classrooms to view or participate in some of the learning from this term. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and carers involved in this event and I know our students enjoyed showcasing their work.

Prep Minibeast Incursion

Last Friday, the Preps enjoyed an exciting MiniBeast incursion that brought our inquiry unit to life with hands-on, real-world experiences. Students were captivated as they examined the enormous exoskeletons of the spider crab and yabbies, saw the fuzz of a tarantula, and marvelled at the delicate wings of the giant stick insects. They were full of curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and listening intently as their wonderings were answered. A highlight was the look of amazement on their faces as they discovered fascinating facts about these incredible creatures. The day was filled with discovery, learning, and unforgettable moments!

We are especially grateful to Anne Morrison for organising the preps our very own stick insects to observe and care for throughout the term.



Division Basketball

Last Friday, the 5/6 boys' and girls' basketball teams proudly represented the school in the Division Championships. They were the first to showcase the new basketball uniforms, looking sharp and confident on the court.

The girls played six games, securing two commanding wins with strong teamwork and skill. The boys finished their series with one win and a draw, demonstrating great determination throughout.

Both teams embodied the school values of Aspire, Resilience, Responsibility, and Respect, representing the school with pride and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to the parents who supported and helped with scoring throughout the day, and to Mr. Scoble and Mrs. Tanner for their expert coaching and guidance.

Colour Run (Term 4)

Last week the Energy Breakthrough Team launched our 2026 Splatacular School Run 4 for early term 4 this year. This event will be focused on having a huge amount of fun together as a school in an active way, while fundraising much needed funds for our Energy Breakthrough Team. Once again, we will be partnered with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun will be on Thursday 16th, October.

How Do We Fundraise?

- Fundraising for our school is easy! Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before the event.
- Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising $10 online! At the end of the fundraiser, students can mix and match up to a total of five prizes based on their donations received or they can give back to one of the six causes on offer - The Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), Carbon Neutral (tree planting), OzHarvest (providing meals to those in need), The Smith Family (reading support) or Dolly's Dream (end bullying in schools).
- You can also receive some bonus Monty the Monstar incentive prizes! See the poster below for more details on the weekly incentive prizes.

Event Information

- Thursday 16th, October.
- 2:30pm
- The school oval.
- Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!
- Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses and a headband!
- Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder and slime!
- Students will have the option to bypass all colour stations if they are feeling uneasy.

We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty's Colour & Slime Fun Run!

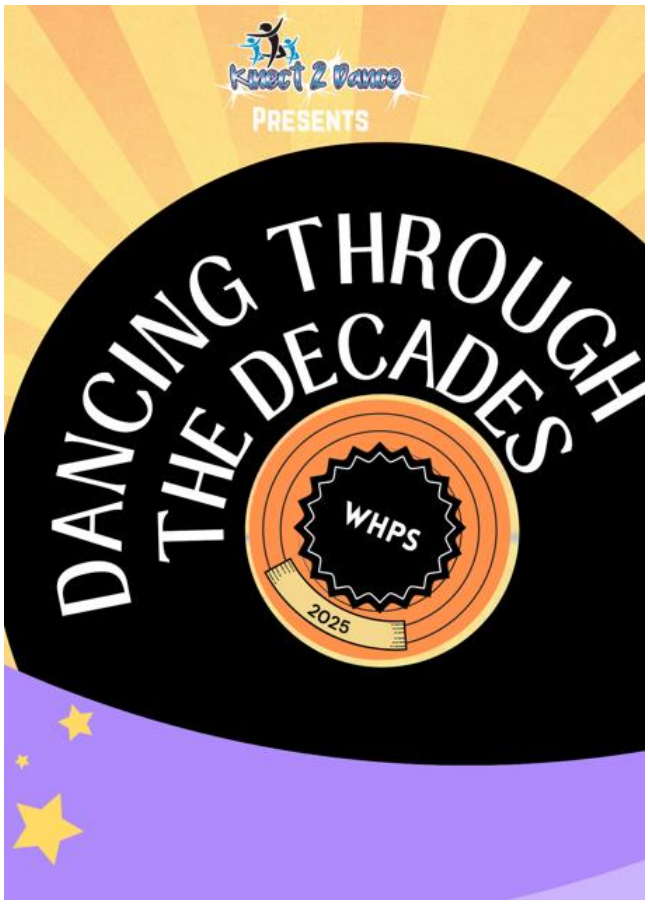
For further information, please contact our friendly office staff or Roger Byron via roger.byron@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your support, White Hills Primary Energy Breakthrough Team.

Thank You to Our Concert Sponsor – OSHClub

We are delighted to share that OSHClub (Before & After School Care) is proudly supporting White Hills Primary School's 2025 concert, "Dancing Through the Decades."

Their generous sponsorship helps ease the financial pressure of staging a senior-school production, covering costs such as costumes, theatre hire, and lighting. With their support, our students will have the opportunity to experience the joy of performing in a professional style show that celebrates creativity, teamwork, and community.



About OSHClub

OSHClub provides before school, after school, and holiday care programs for primary-aged children. Their programs are safe, welcoming, and designed to engage children with fun activities, healthy snacks, and a caring environment that supports families outside of regular school hours.

We are grateful to OSHClub for helping us bring "Dancing Through the Decades" to life in 2025.

See you all tonight!

Drop Off, Pick up and Parking Reminders

A reminder that school hours are 9.00am to 3.30pm during term, except for the last day of each term. Children should be dropped off no earlier than 8.40am as there is no supervision on the yard before this time.

Please Note: **there is no parent parking in the staff car park,** and students should not walk through the staff car park before or after school. This helps to keep our students safe, as they make their way to and from school and throughout the day. We understand that parking can be difficult before and after school, however, you cannot park in the staff car park, and we encourage you to find alternative parking or to arrive earlier to secure a park. Staff members will be on duty in the carpark, and we appreciate your support and understanding.

Scholastic Book Club Book Club Issue # 6 Catalogue

Book Club has arrived. The catalogue for Book Club came home yesterday 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!

Kind Regards,

Bec & Kim

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of unnamed lost property at the office, if you recognise any of these items please collect asap, as anything left at the end of term 3 will be taken to goodwill.

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This is also a reminder to please ensure you name all your students clothing items. If they are named, we can then ensure they are returned to the correct student.

Kind Regards,
WHPS Admin Team

Student of the Week

Week 8 Term 3

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

Junior School Awards		
Prep M	Iz H	For impressive sounding out when writing about insects! S-u-p-er work!
Prep C	Blair and Taite	For trying their best in all learning areas.
Prep D	Jaxston C	For staying focussed during independent tasks and completing all his work. Wonderful effort Jaxston!
Prep H	Lailee	For always following our school values.
1F	1F	Thank you to 1F students who have embraced our new student, showing our school values and displaying leadership qualities!!
1G	Matilda H	For always aspiring to be the best student, friend and classmate possible. She always approaches every task with enthusiasm and positivity.
1AK	Tracey Bligh	For being a fun and happy member of 1AK. We appreciate everything you do for us and the positivity you bring to our class.
1M	Emi	For always giving her best effort in everything she does. She listens carefully, follows instructions, and is an absolute joy to teach.
1L	Janie	For having such an amazing term and being such an important part of our class. It has been great seeing Janie's confidence grow each and everyday. You should be incredibly proud of all you have done this term Janie, well done.
2F	Annabelle	For the incredible effort and focus she brings to every task, and for her outstanding narrative writing. Annabelle, you work so brilliantly that Mrs Freeman could almost sit back with a cup of tea while you take over teaching the class!
2E	Toby	For showing resilience and perseverance in following the writing process to complete his narrative book!
2TD	Kaden H	For concentrating and following the structure when writing his narrative.
2K	Ari	For her outstanding and creative narrative writing. It is a joy to read her stories!

Senior School Awards		
3R	Ayaan	For showing resilience in all learning areas and applying himself to all schooling aspects.
3V	Max B	For showing resilience at Jets Gym, well done Max!
3C	3C!	For dancing like super stars and being brave! Well done everyone.
3L	Riley H	For showing resilience during our Jets Gym program, well done Riley!
4O	Scarlett	For challenging herself and never giving up!
4HW	Mary	For her amazing efforts across all her learning this week, especially her performance dance moves!
4CL	Sonny	For challenging himself when practising multiplication skills
4G	Hser Kay Ku	For showing strong persistence in the classroom.
5D	William A	For showing resilience when catching up on missed classwork.
5PB	Lilly	For being an encouraging member of grade 5 sport, being fair to the opposite team and following the rules of soccer.
5W	Jaxon H	For showing resilience in playing his part in the production.

5B	Thomas	For showing resilience by confidently taking on a speaking role and leading as a dance captain at Production.
6B	April M	April is always going above and beyond to support those around her. She is always looking for ways to help teachers and look after her mates.
6K	Rhylee K	For turning setbacks into comebacks with determination.
6F	Sophia E	For her fantastic enthusiasm in the classroom.

Specialist Awards

Art Mrs White	Alex (3C)	Alex put in a lot of effort to create a woven heart using wool and fabric. By staying patient and not giving up, Alex learned how to weave and became better at it through practice.
STEM Mrs Hauxwell	Matilda (2E)	For creating an incredible invention in STEM.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Angell (3L)	For coming up with the super creative solution to our mine rescue challenge and building a counterweight to save the trapped miner.
Chinese Qiang Fu	Isabella W (4CL)	For displaying a great learning attitude and actively participating in classroom activities.
Sports Mrs Tanner	Bithiah M (6K)	For trying her best in all sports and representing the school at multiple Division events.

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

Well Done to all our Students of the Week!

Congratulations to Kahlani on receiving the principal award for Week 7!

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!

Recognising when your child needs support

Like all of us, children and teens can feel sad, angry or upset sometimes. Knowing that these feelings are normal can be helpful. However, if your child feels like this a lot or most of the time, or has difficulty coping, getting on with others, or doing their usual activities, it's a sign they may need help. Letting your child know that you care for them and are ready to listen and help is a great first step. You don't have to manage these concerns on your own. There's a range of supports available:

- Contact the school. Start with their classroom teacher for an update and share your concerns from home. Depending on your child's needs, the school can put in place a range of supports or help you in seeking further support.
- Visit Parentline or call on 13 22 89 for telephone counselling services from 8 am to midnight, 7 days a week.
- Make an appointment for your child at the GP to make a mental health care plan and seek advice on appropriate further support.

Mental health support, resources and advice are available for students and families to access over the school holidays. To access translated factsheets, visit: mental health supports for students over school holidays

Encourage your child to seek help

It can be hard to ask for help, but it's important your child knows it's okay. You can encourage help-seeking in your child by:

- asking how things are going
- letting them know it's okay if they're feeling sad or frustrated
- listening without judgement when they seek out your support
- giving your child information on where to get help if they need it.

GIANT tennis

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