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Term 4 Week 10 – 12th December 2024
Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is another busy week and our last week of school for 2024! We have our final School Council meeting for the year, Attendance Afternoon Tea, Grade 6 Graduation and our 300 night reading picnic celebration.

2025 School Commencement

- Tuesday 28th January 2025: Staff begin
- Wednesday 29th January 2025: Start Up Interviews for all students and their families
- Thursday 30st January 2025: Students begin and attend normal classes

End of Term Dismissal -Early Finish-1.30pm

All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday, 20th December. Child/Children will have their normal lunch break at 11.00am and then be dismissed at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to sign their child out earlier through the school office. Students will be required to wear school uniform on the last day of the year. They are permitted to wear fluro/bright/disco colours on Friday 13th December for the school disco.

2025 Orientation Day

All our students had an exciting day on Tuesday, stepping up into their 2025 classrooms to meet their teachers and the peers in their class next year. The school was buzzing with excitement and as we walked around, we saw lots of happy students and teachers completing getting to know you activities. Transition can be both an exciting and overwhelming time for our students. When your child discusses their classroom teacher with you, it is important to be positive and enthusiastic and support your child through the transition process. This will help set your child up for success.

Christmas Raffle

Our final fundraiser for the year is the Christmas Hamper raffle. It is exciting to announce that the major prize will include a Nintendo Switch Lite. We thank our Parents and Friends Group for their time and efforts putting together all the donations into amazing prizes. It will be exciting to announce them at the assembly tomorrow.

The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 13th of December 2024.
We thank you for your assistance.

Christmas Concert

We had a fantastic time at the Christmas concert on Tuesday night and we are thankful for all those families in our community who joined us to celebrate the end of the year, the student achievements and enjoy the amazing performances by our students. We are proud of all our students' achievements and congratulate the following students that received special awards on the night:

BJ Winzar Citizen award	Olivia R
Academic awards	***Maths*** Hudson W ***Literacy*** Sidrat I
Sporting awards	Charli S Mason A
Art awards	Vanessa W Ethan Q
Music awards	Gemma R Jochebed W
Chinese awards	Harrison R Sophia V
STEM awards	Kenzie J Liam W
Masonic Lodge award	Azzi E
Noel O'Brien Friendship award	Abbey Warner
Year level value awards	Prep: Gabi-Bella B Year 1: Hassan S Year 2: Lachlan S Year 3: Jovi B Grade 4: Friendship award Year 5: Olivia M Year 6: Awards presented at Graduation

Start Up Interviews 2025

Similar to the last 2 years, we will be holding Startup Interviews on Wednesday 29th of January. This will be a 10 minute 'get to know you' session with your child's new teacher. This is a great start to our schooling year in which we can begin to build our parent and school partnerships for the new year.

The interviews will be booked through Compass Conferences and these will be opened during the school holidays when all the 2025 classes have been rolled over. The interviews will open from Monday 6th January and close for bookings on Monday the 27th of January at 4pm.

2025 Book Pack and School Payments

Book pack order forms were sent home recently with students.
Orders should be placed by Friday,13th December 2024. Book packs will be available for collection from WHPS on January 21st, 2025, between 8.30am - 5.00pm in the sports shed. Curriculum and other contribution payments can also be paid online when placing your book order/s, through Education Plus.
Unfortunately, the Education School Bonus payment cannot be used for School Book Packs

Santa's Visit

Our Preps, Grades 1 and 2 were lucky to have the CFA visit today to bring a little surprise for Christmas. They enjoyed seeing Santa and his 1937 truck. Look at these happy faces!

Regards Bec, Kim and Kylie

Acknowledgment of Country

We at White Hills Primary School, acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional owners of the land where we live, learn and grow. We recognise their continued connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to Elders of the past, present and emerging. We extend our respect to all First Nations People visiting our school community.

Students of the week – RESILIENCE Term 4 Week 10 – 12th December - ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students.

Please come along to our assembly this Friday to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students

Prep D	Isabelle A	For being an excellent role model and resilient member of Prep D throughout the year.
Prep F	Oscar	For being so resilient and brave this last couple of weeks and always setting a great example with his kindness and care for others.
Prep E	Ayvah	For amazing and awesome resilience when attempting new tasks! Great work Ayvah!
Prep B	Augie	For using his own ideas to write a brilliant letter independently! Well done Augie!
Prep H	Archie	For his positive attitude in class this term.
1AK	Carter	For his growth, persistence and resilience this year, well done Carter!
1G	Tait R	For the most resilient student I know and demonstrating empathy and kindness to others.
1F	1F	For amazing growth in Grade 1 and working hard to demonstrate our school values daily.
1B	William	For his consistent resilience he has displayed throughout the year and being a kind and respectful member of 1B.
2W	2W	For a wonderful year of learning and fun, thankyou for being such a kind and caring grade!
2A	2A	For always caring for each other, aspiring and being the best they can be! Thank you for being A-mazing!
2TD	2TD	For consistently displaying all 4 school values throughout the year. Good luck in Grade 3!
2K	2K	For always being entertaining and fun in the classroom. You are all a great bunch of kids. Thank you
3M	Miss McQueen and Miss Van	For bringing joy and happiness to the classroom! Thanks for being the best team teaching duo!
3V	Elfie & Jingles	For bringing joy and happiness to the classroom!
3C	All of 3C	For being the most amazing grade in 2024 and showing all the values. You will be great leaders next year.
3L	All of 3L	For being the best grade in the school! Thanks for a great 2024, have a great year in 2025.
4O	All of 4O	For being an exceptional group of students, who will be great buddies next year!
4HW	All of 4HW	For making the year fun and enjoyable and always trying their best.
4BL	Laylah	For showing persistence in the mornings when arriving at school.
4G	All of 4G	For creating an amazing and caring environment where everyone feels valued.
5D	5D	For making our school camp an amazing experience for everyone by being supportive during challenging activities.
5R	Lucia	For always aspiring to do her best in all her subjects at school.
5W	All of 5W	For getting out of their comfort zone and displaying the school values whilst on camp! You're a bunch of legends.
6K	All of 6K	For being an exceptional group of kind, hardworking, and supportive students who make our school proud.
6B	All of 6B	For their outstanding teamwork, positivity, and dedication that have made this year truly special.
6MW	All of 6MW	For their incredible energy, and making learning an absolute joy with their positive and fun attitude!
6F	Kenzie	For stepping out of her comfort zone.
Art Mrs Watchman	Georgia 6B	For displaying creativity in all lessons.
Art Miss Hivon	Molly 5W	For consistently being a great help in the art space and creating fabulous artwork
STEM Mrs Treloar	Kenzie and Nakayah	For all their work with the Girls in STEM program and sharing their learning with others.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Gavin J	For always giving his best effort aspiring to do his best.
Chinese	Isla 4BL	For her great leadership skill in leading her group in the dumpling making activity to ensure it is efficient and enjoyable for every group member.

Congratulations to Willow S on receiving last weeks Principal's Award

Week 9 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

Week 10

Dec 13th Final Assembly / Christmas Raffle Drawn 3pm

Week 11

Dec 18th Grade 6 Graduation $45 Compass
Dec 19th Grade 5/6 Pool $9 Compass
Dec 20th **Last day Term 4 Dismissal at 1.30pm**

2025
January 21st Book Pack Collection Yrs 1 - 6
In the School Sports Shed
8:30am to 5:00pm

January 28th Curriculum Day Student Free
January 29th Start Up Interviews

January 30th First day for all Preps to Grade 6

No school on Wednesdays for all Foundation students during the month of February

February 5th
February 12th
February 19th
February 26th
These dates are set aside for testing

EmbracePlay

Summer ART CAMP

$80 Full day
$45 1/2 Day

For times, registration and payment please email: embraceplayau@gmail.com
Find more inspiration: Instagram: EmbracePlayAu

Location:
Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
52-54 Derwent Drive Long Gully Vic 3550

Tuesday 14.01.25
"Motion"
Explore motion with balls, marbles, pendulums and gravity.

Wednesday 15.01.25
"Robots"
Create a robot with boxes, cylinders, split pins and foil.

Thursday 16.01.25
"Rainforest"
Venture into the world of greenery and animals to make a diorama.

Tuesday 21.01.25
"Pirates Ahoy"
Is it a bird? Is it a boat? maybe it will be treasure!

Wednesday 22.01.25
"Who am I?"
Indulge in the 5 senses and see how the body can be a paintbrush

Thursday 23.01.25
"Boxes"
What can you make with a box? The tallest, longest, widest or most detailed box art could be yours.

IRONSTONE HILL

SASScare are now accepting referrals for January 2025 school holiday program.
We are focused on delivering inclusive, diverse experiences for participants to work towards achieving their NDIS goals

SASScare summer school holiday program

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6th Jan - 24th Jan
9:00am - 3:00pm
Monday - Friday

Ironstone Hill Farm
189 Watson St,
Jackass Flat 3550

Contact Trin for all enquiries on 0481 142 432 or send referrals via email to trin.miller@sasscare.com.au

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Hey kids, we had so much fun last series, **we're making more episodes of HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

That's right, our last batch of contestants blew us away with some amazing topics like Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers, Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts, Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter what your topic, if you know more about it than anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

Just grab your parent or guardian and head to hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**

SOUTH BENDIGO FNC
JUNIOR
FOOTBALL
It's in the Blood!
CLINIC
The program caters for boys & girls, featuring senior South Bendigo FNC football stars!!
• Skills development
• Games
• Round Robin style tournaments
• Experienced Staff
• Fruit and Lunch Provided
Location
HARRY TROTT OVAL
8.45am - 4.45pm
20 - 21 JANUARY, 2025
Ages
5-12 YEARS OLD
1 DAY: $85
BOTH DAYS: $160
REGISTER NOW
https://form.jotform.com/241256319052855
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
*Payment required to secure spots

BENDIGO TRAMWAYS
SANTA SNAPS
7-23 DECEMBER 2024
CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS WITH A TRADITIONAL FAMILY SANTA PHOTO IN A CHARMING VINTAGE SETTING AT THE BENDIGO TRAMWAYS DEPOT.
Afterwards, create timeless memories with a ride aboard a Vintage Talking Tram and refreshments from the Bendigo Tram Café.
Dates: 7-23 December 2024
Bookings: Recommended, but not essential
Location: Bendigo Tramways Depot & Workshop, 1 Tramways Avenue
Cost: Photo packages start from $32
SPECIAL OFFER:
Book your Santa Snaps photo session and purchase a Vintage Talking Tram ticket for just $7.50 per person!
For more information and full details please visit:
bendigotramways.com
bendigotramways.com | 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo | 4444 2810

GIRLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL
We need you on our team in 2025
We're excited to introduce U12 and U15 girls' football teams at South Bendigo Football Netball Club in 2025. To make this dream a reality, we need YOU to register your interest today!
Under 12 Girls: Born 2013 / 2014 / 2015
Under 15 Girls: Born 2010 / 2011 / 2012
Join our family-oriented club located just 2km from the Bendigo CBD, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. Be a part of something special!
Register your interest:
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Register interest online
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