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Term 4 Week 11 – 19th December 2024
Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe, relaxing and happy Christmas. It is always a good opportunity to catch up with family and friends over this festive season. We thank all our families for continued support and positive partnerships, between home and school. We truly appreciate these partnerships and know the importance of this in supporting confident learners.

I would also like to thank our hard working and dedicated staff for their efforts. They all contribute to ensure that teaching and learning is engaging and challenging. I'd like to acknowledge our exciting Grade 6 students and wish them all the best as they move into their Secondary Education. We enjoyed celebrating with them last night at their Graduation ceremony. We were incredibly proud of our students and the values they demonstrate each day.

End of Term Early Finish

All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday, 20th December. Your 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.

Grade 6 Student Leaders 2025

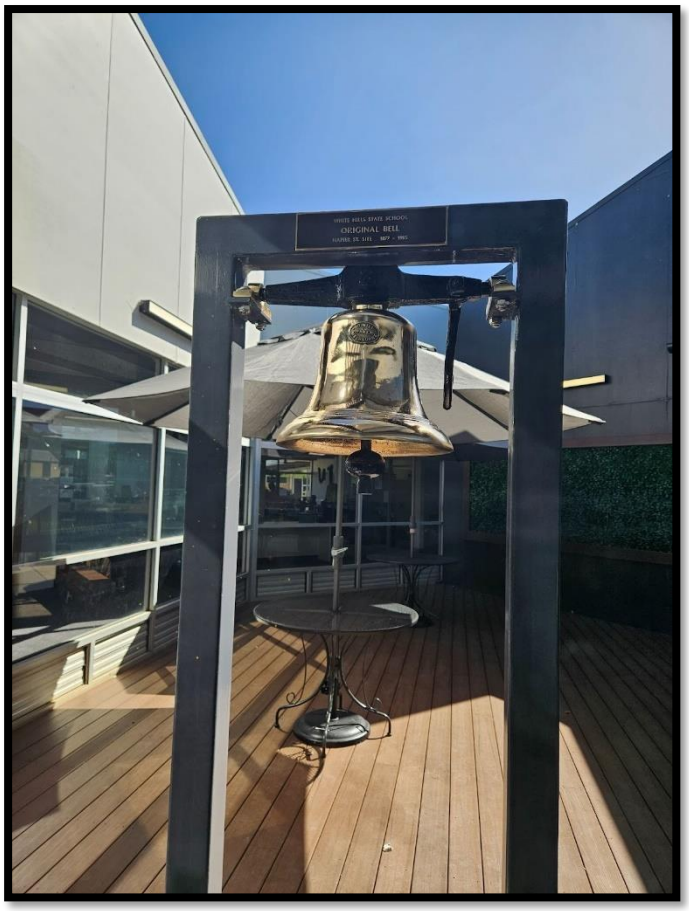
Congratulations to these students. We look forward to watching their development as leaders in our school throughout next year.

After reading through student responses to selection criteria, staff have elected the following 2025 Grade 6 School Leaders:

Olivia M, Soraya H, Bithia M, Alex B, Jasper M, Mia O, Lexie A, Lucia R, Sophia E, Maddison F, Lucy T, Muchovey T.

Original School Bell Restoration

We have just completed works in our Sunlab area, off the main office. We have had our original School Bell restored to its original glory and it looks spectacular! This bell holds significant value, as it was the bell that was carried from the original Napier Street site of White Hills Primary School from 1877-1985. Thank you to one of our parents, Dale Nichols for restoring this magnificent artefact.



Christmas Raffle Winners

We congratulate the following people for winning one of the 10 prizes drawn last Friday.
We thank our dedicated team of Parents and Friends group for their work organising this fundraiser. We raised $2817.40 that will go towards projects in 2025.

1st Grayson Hudson **2nd Jacqui Bell** **3rd Kylie Stanton** **4th Blair Boyd** **5th Sebastian Ince**

6th Mason Read **7th Aurora Ingram** **8th Charlotte Salau** **9th Kay Staff** **10th Mason Read**

Staffing News

Mrs Sarah Wood has been successful in a teaching position at Girton for the duration of 2025. We know that Girton will be incredibly lucky to have her joining their team and wish Mrs Wood all the best for next year.

Mrs Gayle Millard has secured an ongoing position at Bendigo's Special Development school. We thank her for her work at White Hills Primary School and wish her all the best for her new teaching chapter.

Trudy Bawden has also secured an ongoing position at Marong Primary School in the office. We thank Trudy for her many years of service in the front office.

Our EAL (English as an Additional Language) team will also see some changes next year as we say a sad farewell to Rachel Swinnerton and Paw Gay. Both Rachel and Paw Gay have worked hard to support our EAL families. We will be welcoming Sue Baker to this team and a new staff member, K'Pru.

Simone Hall, our front office powerhouse will be departing at the end of this year. We acknowledge her efforts and contributions to our school community. We wish Simone the best of luck in her future endeavours.

Jac Tanner will be returning at the start of the year from family leave. This means that we will be farewelling Josh Weymouth from our specialist team. He has been a valued member of our staff this year.

Monique White will be returning next year as one of our amazing Art specialists. We wish Jordyn Hivon the best of luck next year at Kaliana. We will miss Jordy and her efforts and contributions to our school community this year.

Staff have already been planning for next year and 2025 is promising to be a very exciting year here at White Hills.

2025 School Commencement

- **Tuesday 21st January 2025:** Book Pack collection from school 8.30am / 5.30pm
- **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

Start Up Interviews 2025

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. Students will only need to attend on this day for their 10 minute interview.

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. **Please bring your child's book pack to the interview, with all items labelled clearly.**

Teaching staff plan for 2025

Prep	PM	Morgan Clohesy	**Grade 4**	4O	Alison O'Neill
	PD	Carly Dewhurst		4HW	Alison Hawkey/Matt Watkins
	PH	Mitchell Hore		4G	Calum Gurd
	PC	Chris Connaughton		4CL	Steph Carey/Jade Lea
Grade 1	1G	Jaime Gray	**Grade 5**	5D	Eddy Dickins
	1F	Jeanine Fitzgerald		5W	Daniel Wridgway
	1M	Caitlin McQueen		5B	Jaide Berg
	1AK	Emma Allan / Lauren Kilcullen		5PB	Lauren Bannam/Laura Parkhill
	1A	Eve Acquisto	**Grade 6**	6K	Hayley Kirk
Grade 2	2F	Dinah Freeman		6B	Roger Byron
	2E	Pauline Englefield		6F	Shane Freer
	2TD	Ainslee Donaldson / Jolene Travaglia	**PE**	Stewart Scoble / Jac Tanner	
	2K	Tom Kirk	**Art**	Cadi Watchman / Monique White	
Grade 3	3V	Carly Van Den Heuvel	**STEM**	Kathryn Treloar / Kim Hauxwell	
	3C	Sally Coburn	**Chinese**	Nan Xie	
	3R	Jake Rushbridge	**Music**	Kaine Marsh	
	3L	Anna Lindhe	**Tutoring**	Lauren Ray	

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.

Congratulations to Liam W on receiving last weeks Principal's Award

Week 10 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

Week 11

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

SOUTH BENDIGO FNC
JUNIOR
FOOTBALL
CLINIC
It's in the Blood!
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

LOOKING TO PLAY NETBALL?
WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AGED FROM 7-11 WANTING TO DEVELOP THEIR NETBALL SKILLS AS Wwell AS PLAY ON A SATURDAY.
Please contact northbendigofncnetball@gmail.com for further details.

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:
jnrfbregistrar@southbendigofnc.com.au

Register interest online

THE BLOODS
Est 1892
SOUTH BENDIGO FNC

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!**

Employee Of The Year - Ricky