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Term 4 Week 2 – 17th October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a great start to the term and with the warmer weather, it has been wonderful to see the amount of active travellers arriving at school each morning. We encourage active travel. You can even drop your child off a block away and that is considered active travel.

Just a friendly reminder that for safety reasons, students are asked to walk their bikes and scooters inside the school property. We ask if you can assist in discussing and reinforcing this with your child.

We welcome Ms Amber Collet to the school this term as the classroom teacher for 5R. We also welcome Ms Kim Hauxwell to the White Hills team undertaking the role of STEM, alongside Mrs Treloar.

Move it Month Launch

Wow! What an amazing morning sponsored by Bendigo Health Community Services. Moni and Steph from BHCS did a fabulous job of providing a healthy breakfast to students. The bells, balloons, bubbles and baubles on the bikes, scooters and helmets looked spectacular. There are plenty of photos later in the newsletter to enjoy.
Our prize winners are:
1st - Remi K 1B
2nd - Violet E 5R
3rd - Lachlan 2K
4th - Rylee PF
5th - Ivy S 3M

You now have a month to complete the challenge page in the "Move it Month" booklet that your child received. When this is complete, hand it into the office. At the end of the "Move it Month", you will receive a certificate and badge at assembly. Well done to all our students who participated today!

Prep Parent Transition Sessions

Our upcoming Prep Familiarisation dates are:
Group 1
Tuesdays 5th & 19th November 12.15pm - 1.45pm
Group 2
Tuesday 7th & 21st November 12.15pm - 1.45pm

Students will attend 2 of these sessions to help build confidence as they prepare to start their school journey. Our Prep teachers have been busy visiting our new 2025 Preps in their Pre-school and Day Care Centres so that they can see some friendly faces when they begin school. We are very excited to meet our new Preps in the upcoming weeks.

Upcoming Curriculum Days

Just a reminder that we have a Curriculum Day coming up in Term 4. It will be on Wednesday, 6th of November. On this day, teachers will be working together to complete assessment and reporting requirements for Term 4.

Getting ready for 2025

Planning for the 2025 school year is underway. If you have a child at White Hills Primary School this year and are NOT planning on returning for 2025 (excluding Year 6), can you please let the office know as soon as possible, to assist with classroom planning for next year.

If there are concerns about friendship placements for students in 2025, parents, carers and/or guardians are encouraged to email our Acting Principal, Bec Harper - (Rebecca.Harper@education.vic.gov.au) by Friday, 1st November. Please include the reasons for this request.

Whilst we will take all requests into consideration, we do not guarantee they will be implemented, as we must ensure that there is an equal balance of social, emotional and academic needs within each classroom. Please do not assume that requests made last year or prior to this time will be automatically adhered to.

Parents are also reminded that this process is not a request for a specific teacher. Classroom groups will be developed for social and educational needs, and then teachers will be matched with these classes once all appointment processes have been completed.

Regional Athletics

White Hills Primary had 4 students selected to compete at the Region Athletics Carnival this Monday. The 4 students had progressed through 3 stages prior to advancing to this high-level competition. Alirah N, Maddison B, Wildret E all competed very well and did themselves and the school proud. Unfortunately, Daphne missed her 1500m due to illness. Wildret placed 2nd in triple jump recording a meet record, advancing to the state titles and 4th in long jump, an outstanding achievement. Alirah placed 10th in triple jump and 4th in shot put. Maddison placed 5th in shot and placed 2nd in the discus, advancing her to the State Athletics Carnival, an amazing achievement. White Hills Primary would like to give a massive congratulations to these students on their accomplishments.

Ride to School

Next Friday, the 25th of October, will be our first ride to school morning in Term 4. Mr Scoble will start at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am, riding slowly along the track. He will make another stop at the Scott Street Bridge at 8:25am before finishing at school. Another staff member will be coming from the opposite direction, starting at 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 hope to see lots of students joining us for a sunny morning ride.

World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day is on Friday the 25th of October. Your child was given a special page to complete for their classroom teacher and it would be great if you could please return these to our school office as soon as possible. If they have misplaced the page, please collect a new one from the office.

Student excellence in Mathematics and Literacy

This week, we will be celebrating the results of our Maths Talent Quest. Today, our High Distinction winners, Kenzie J, Gemma R, Sidrat I and Jamaica G attended the awards ceremony in Melbourne, where all High Distinction winners from across Victoria and Tasmania were awarded their certificates and prizes. The school is very proud of their success at this high level of the competition.

Selected students from years 3-6 participated in the Maths Talent Quest. Working either individually or in small groups, students selected their own investigation topic based on their personal learning interests and apply mathematical skills and understandings in real world contexts.

I was excited and proud of the self management, persistence and resilience that everyone demonstrated. All students worked to a very high standard and I would like to congratulate and thank all students who participated in the talent quest. We had another year of some very creative inquiries, and the results are noted below. High Distinction and Distinction certificates will be presented at assembly this week.

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<tr><th>High Distinction</th><th>Credits and Encouragements</th></tr>
<tr><td>Sidrat I, Kenzie J, Jamaica G, Gemma R: Build a castle.</td><td rowspan="3">Jasper D, Jack S, Jovi B (Rosie's walk)
Mason M (Games Club)
Riley R (Comparing Towers)
Kallum J, Wildret E, Chad S (Comparing careers around the world)
Hamish P, Nixon T, Lilith C, Oliver B (Solar Panels)
Alex B, Blake J, Dustin S, (Is it profitable to play the lotto?)
Oliva M, Maddison B (Best Angles for Soccer)
Lexi A, Sineen I (Sydney to Melbourne)
Freya M and Madison W (Our Chickens)
Harrison R and Bentley D (New lunchtime club)
Hudson W (Fantasy Football Team)
Harry, Tyler H, Cody S, Toby C (Darwin Donkey's)
Chase K And Arlow S (How much will it cost to make a White Hills Basketball team?)
Molly T, Isla S, Amelia H (Comparing Heart Rates)
Sonny S, Kai J and Mak K (Vege Garden)
Alby D Archer C, Patrick N (Fidget boxes)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Distinction</td></tr>
<tr><td>Ruby S: Who spends the most time on a screen in my family.</td></tr>
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Regards Craig, 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 Ayah on receiving last weeks Principal's Award

Week 1 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Term 4 Week 2 - 18th October - ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the following students.

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

Prep D	Phoebe	for having a 'can do' attitude and always bouncing back from big and small challenges.
Prep F	Calais	For being a resilient learner who has made great improvements in writing and maths.
Prep E	Willow	For displaying resilience when writing the beginning, middle and end of her Fairy Tales!
Prep B	Parker W	For continuing to do his best in reading and writing
Prep H	Tahlia	Showing great resilience and being an excellent helper while her teacher is away
1AK	Leo	For being actively engaged in all activities at school. 110% effort this week Leo, keep up the great work!
1G	Amelia P	For always displaying a growth mindset and coming to school with a bright smile every single day!
1F	Charlie W	For coming in and getting organised for reading straight away
1B	Charlie F	For bouncing back from a small set back and still putting a great effort into his work.
2W	Taio R	For having a positive mindset and engaging in all classroom activities even when he faces challenges. A great role model of resilience for all of 2W!
2P	Oscar N	For always being focused and engaged in all lessons and class activities. Oscar is determined and aspires to be his best. Keep up the great work!
2TD	Scarlett M	For being able to bounce back from small challenges and work hard at all times in the classroom.
2K	Isabella	For working hard and showing great resilience in Maths when working with her fraction toolkit to solve problems.
3M	Gavin J	For always demonstrating our four school values
3V	Ethan B	For his effort in writing this week and for being brave enough to share his work with the class.
3C	Xian	For settling in well to his new school
3L	Patrick	For making strong choices and for being brave enough to share his writing with the class.
4O	Maynard	For showing great resilience and enthusiasm when completing all tasks.
4HW	Hunter	For his great orientation in writing and persisting with his efforts to include descriptive similes.
4BL	Eli	For showing resilience when playing with others outside in the school yard.
4G	Oscar	For showing great care to all of his classmates.
5D	Josh A	For persisting through tasks when he finds them challenging
5R	Wildret	Wildret is off to the state championships for triple jump after coming second at Regional Athletics. Congratulations on your achievement!
5W	Tyler H	For his persistence when learning and interpreting 24 hour time
6K	Emma B	For always working hard through challenges, particularly in maths lessons.

6B	Jochebed	For showing resilience when working on new tasks
6MW	Livy S	For her resilience this week in adjusting to personal and academic challenges
6F	Bailey S	For his consistent effort and resilience with learning activities.
Art Mrs Watchman	Isabella 2K	For always trying her best during all art lessons.
Art Miss Hivon	Mia H 1AK	For always completing her work calmly and to a very high standard.
STEM Mrs Treloar	All Grade 4 students	For their amazing work on their arcade games. The Grade 2s loved them.
Sports Award Mr Scoble		
Chinese	Jessica LAL RIN AWMI	For always trying her best in learning and writing Chinese characters. High engagement during the lesson.

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

Week 3
Oct 25th Grade Six Transition Weeroona College

Week 4
Oct 30th **Bendigo Cup Public Holiday**

Week 5
Nov 5th 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 6th **Curriculum Day Pupil Free**
Nov 7th 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

Week 6
Nov 11th>15th Prep Swimming Program

Week 7
Nov 18th>22nd Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Nov 18th Prep Incursion Pevan & Sarah
Nov 19th 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 21st 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

Week 8
Nov 28th Grade 2 School Sleepover

Week 9
Dec 3rd Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase
Dec 4th>6th Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp
Dec 5th Grade 1 Dinner

Week 10
Dec 10th Statewide Orientation Day
Dec 10th **Christmas Concert 6.00pm**
Dec 11th>12th Gr 6 Bendigo Tech School Excursion

Week 11
Dec 18th Grade 6 Graduation
Dec 19th Grade 5/6 Pool Event Compass
Dec 20th **Last day Term 4 Dismissal at 1.30pm**

2025

January 27th **Book Pack Collection Yrs 1 > 6**
In the School Sports Shed
8:30am to 5:00pm

Throughout term 3 in STEM, students in Grade 4 worked hard to plan, design and build functioning arcade games using cardboard boxes and constructions items. Today they had the opportunity to share their hard work and learning with our Grade 2 students when they hosted the 'Grade 4 Arcade.' The STEM room was full of excitement from both the arcade makers and the arcade players. It was a fantastic two hours in which the Grade 4s were able to show off their skills and hard work that resulted in incredible arcade games.

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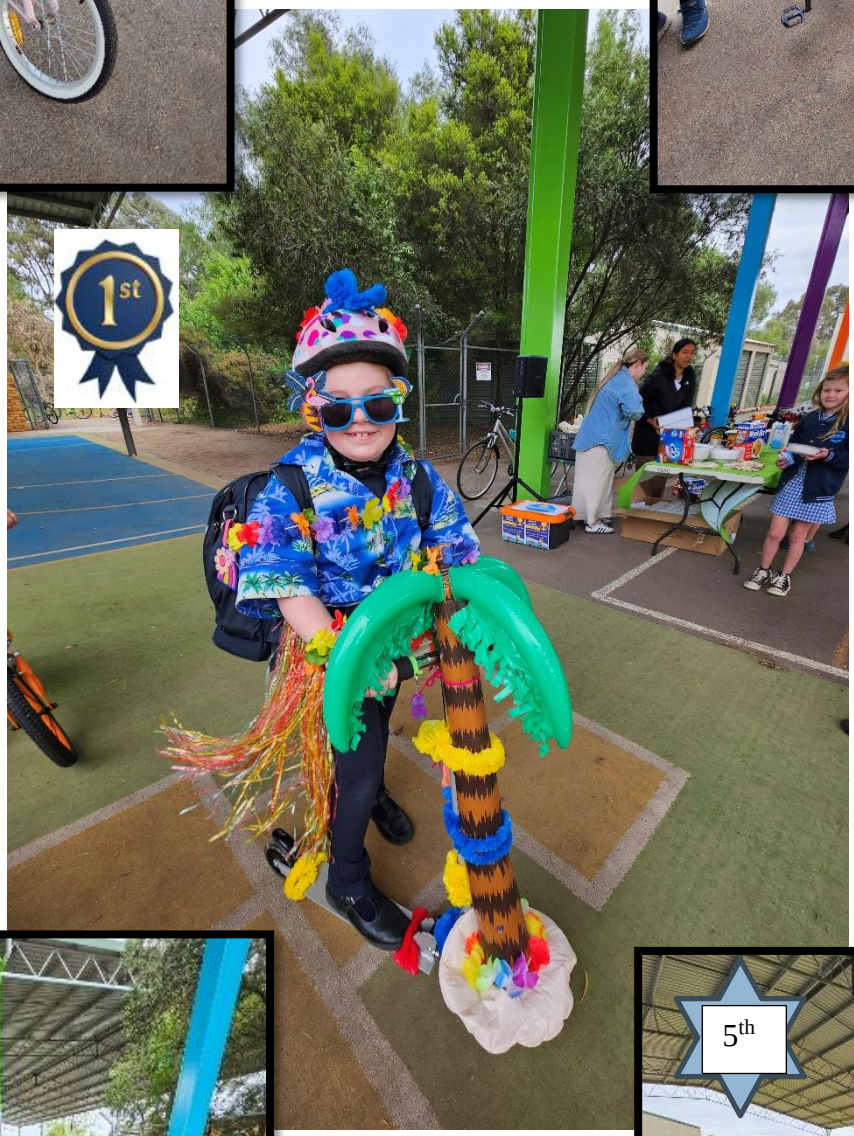
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CHOOSE YOUR
FOOTY ADVENTURE
AFL PLAY
SUMMER FOOTBALL IS COMING TO BENDIGO!
EPSOM HUNTLY REC RESERVE - TUESDAYS - 5 WEEKS
STARTING 22ND OF OCTOBER - $55 INCLUDES A FOOTBALL
nab AFL Auskick
4-6 year olds
Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.
AFL Superkick
7-12 year olds
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