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Term 4 Week 4 – 31st October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a sunny and warm week at school. Just a reminder that White Hills Primary School is a SunSmart school and students will need to wear their hat to be able to play out in the yard.

Craig Arrowsmith will continue his leave until late November and Bec Harper will continue in the role of Acting Principal.

We would like to congratulate Andrew Schaeche for his new position as Substantive Principal in Geelong. We also would like to thank him for his years of service to White Hills Primary School and our community.

Our school community will be informed when arrangements have been confirmed about the process for selection of a new Principal.

Curriculum Day Wednesday 6th November

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.

Book Packs

The backpack list for 2025 is being sent home today. Teachers will be auditing the resources students still currently have, and will send home the retained items checklist in the next week.

Getting ready for 2025

Just a reminder that if you have any concerns about friendship placements in 2025, carers and/or guardians are encouraged to email the Acting Principal, Bec Harper - (Rebecca.Harper@education.vic.gov.au) by tomorrow, Friday, 1st November. Please include the educational reasons for this request. All requests must be received in writing before they will be considered.

Whilst we will take all requests into consideration, we do not guarantee that all requests 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.

Prep Transition Sessions

We are very excited about our first Prep Transition session coming up next week and our teachers have planned a fantastic familiarisation program. Dates for our familiarisation session are noted below:

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.

Swimming Program

In the coming weeks, our Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 will start their swimming lessons. Foundation classes will begin in week 6, starting Monday the 11th of November. Years 1 and 2 classes begin their lessons in week 7, starting Monday 18th of November.

Please make sure that all swimming items and clothing are clearly labelled to help with organisation. These lessons are very important to reinforce water confidence and safety and are an important part of our school curriculum.

Bendigo Chinese Competition

We are thrilled to announce that our talented students represented White Hills Primary School at the 2024 Bendigo Chinese Competition, showcasing not only their impressive Chinese language skills, but also their confidence and dedication. Standing proudly on stage, they captivated the audience with their performances and demonstrated their hard work in preparing for the event. We couldn't be prouder of our students for their commitment and success! Congratulations to all participants – you've made our school incredibly proud!

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 Logan on receiving last weeks Principal's Award

Week 3 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Students of the week – RESILIENCE
Term 4 Week 4 – 1st November - 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	Mason	For his fantastic writing about the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Mason has worked incredibly hard on improving his writing throughout the year. Well done Mason!
Prep F	Karter	For his fabulous fairy tale writing. You've had to show great resilience and perseverance when writing and now all that hard work is paying off Karter! Well done!
Prep E	Jameson	For taking on new challenges with a smile. Well Done Jameson!
Prep B	Theo	For using awesome language in his writing! Well done Theo!
Prep H	Clyde	For being persistent and trying hard to spell words when writing his fairytales.
1AK	Anita	For always working hard and being a fabulous role model in 1AK
1G	Amelia M	For always persevering with challenging tasks and striving to do her best.
1F	Sienna H	For a thorough retell of the Boy Who Cried Wolf & identifying the problems in the story!
1B	Kyson	For persisting to work hard during writing sessions and having a go at spelling tricky words.
2W	Walter S	For showing resilience when not feeling 100% and still trying to be his best self in all classroom activities.
2P	Arylia B	For showing resilience and perseverance when working independently and always trying her best. Amazing effort!
2TD	Tristan	For showing great resilience this week and continuing to put in fantastic effort in all areas of his learning.
2K	Amelia	For showing resilience during maths when she attempted a tricky activity with a growth mindset
3M	Hazel G	For aspiring to do her best during writing this week and completing her movie review in one session.
3V	Matilda M	For her fantastic start at WHPS and showing all our school values
3C	Jovi and Alira	For always striving to do their best and displaying all of the school values.
3L	Tristan	For being a welcome new classmate in 3L
4O	Violet	For being a great role model and always displaying all of the school values!
4HW	Sam	For consistently adding to class discussions and striving to be his best.
4BL	Sophie	For being resilient in everything she does
4G	Daphne	For displaying great resilience in the classroom and displaying all of the school values.
5D	Dustin	For taking on feedback in maths
5R	Blake	For aspiring and persisting in improving his very high maths results.
5W	Molly W	For working hard to achieve her personal best!
6K	Tobi N	For his bravery after having a big stack on the courts!
6B	Isla N	For her leadership in the library and mature approach to learning.
6MW	Lucas	For always showing respect towards his peers and teachers
6F	Tyrone B	For persistence and resilience with his writing
Art Mrs Watchman	Siara 6B	For displaying resilience during Art lessons.
Art Miss Hivon	Jimmy F 6F	For completing each art creation with brilliance
STEM Mrs Treloar	Jett & Milla H 2TD	For working collaboratively to build an effective creature catcher that could hold all of their insects.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Nyah G	Excellence determination in PE
Chinese	Andrea (3M) Chole(3V) Ayra(3V)	For your amazing performance at the 2024 Bendigo Chinese competition. Your confidence and great teamwork showcase your Chinese language skills as well as your dedication in the preparation. Well done!

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

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 Preps Responsible Pet Ownership Session
Nov 11th>15th Prep Swimming Program

Week 7
Nov 18th>22nd Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Nov 18th Prep Pevan & Sarah at Ulumburra Theatre 9.30am / 11.30am
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 Prep & Grade 1 Dinner at School

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