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Term 4 Week 5 – 7th November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we hit mid-term, we are mindful that we have a busy end of term with many upcoming events and activities. Please ensure that you are checking Compass regularly, providing consent for activities and keeping on top of information. It greatly assists the organisation of our activities when consent is provided promptly.

We have some of the following upcoming events:

- Prep Swimming Week (Week 6 – 11th – 15th Nov)
- Grade 1/2 Swimming Week (Week 7 – 18th – 22nd Nov)
- Prep Responsible Pet Ownership incursion and Fire Brigade visit
- Energy Breakthrough Event in Maryborough
- Pevan and Sarah Excursion - Prep
- Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island
- Prep Transition activities for our 2025 Preps
- Grade 6 Transition activities
- Our school wide Wellbeing Incursion
- Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase
- Statewide Orientation (all students move up to their 2025 class) on 10th December
- Grade 6 Bendigo Tech School excursion
- Grade 6 Graduation
- School Christmas Concert

The dates for these events are listed in our Newsletter Calendar

Assessment and Reporting

This week's Curriculum Day was a productive day for teachers to collate all their data sets in order to provide accurate information as they write reports. This also helps guide future planning into 2025. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers for all their hard work during this reporting period.

Prep Transition 2025

It has been great to see our new Preps for 2025 as they begin their Prep Familiarisation sessions. These are exciting times for our new students, and it has been wonderful to see all of the siblings joining us for next year along with our new families.

Scholastic Book Club Book Club Issue # 8 Catalogue

Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just $3 to help you on your child's reading journey. Issue #8 will be sent home with students shortly and ordering will close on Friday December 29th.
Visit https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/bc_8-24_issuu?fr=sMWVkOTcwNDI5MTA to view the catalogue online. No late orders will be accepted. 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!

Premiers Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Names will be read out at assembly this week, and certificates will be distributed in class. We look forward to having a special celebration with those students later this term to congratulate them on this achievement.

Social Media Safety

Parents/Carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media. You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and confidence to ask for help when they need it. It is also important to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education recognises this important issue and has developed fact sheets about supports to help keep students safe online and what to do if they are involved in an online incident.

The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out to for more support.

To access the fact sheets, refer to the Safe Socials webpage. The fact sheets are available in 19 community languages. If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the department via email: bullystoppers@education.vic.gopv.au

Hats and Sunscreen

Last week, the UV index was 8 or higher. Over exposure to direct sunlight causes health problems including sunburn, damage to skin and eyes, and an increased risk of skin cancer. A reminder that students are now required to wear hats. It is also recommended that students wear sunscreen.

White Hills Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply SPF50+ (or higher) broadspectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.

Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors, and reapplied every two hours (or more frequently if sweating or swimming). Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies). Teachers are not required to apply sunscreen for students.

White Hills Primary School students can access sunscreen in all classrooms. Staff and students who may suffer from skin reactions from certain types of sunscreens are encouraged to contact the school's first aid officer (Business Manager) to implement a management plan to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction at school. They are also encouraged to provide their own sunscreen to avoid this risk.

Hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier Bob Stewart. Students who don't have hats will need to play under our shaded trees.

For more information, please read our SunSmart Policy.

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 Hudson on receiving last weeks Principal's Award

Week 5 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Students of the week – RESILIENCE
Term 4 Week 5 – 7th 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	Cruze	For his consistent resilience he has displayed throughout the year and being a kind and respectful member of Prep D.
Prep F	Kasey	For being so brave and showing great resilience after a fall from the monkey bars.
Prep E	Harriette	For working hard and showing great resilience when writing on her own thoughts on a Fairy Tale!
Prep B	Alexi	For showing resilience in her learning even when it feels challenging.
Prep H	Kacee	For settling in well to his new class!
1AK	Darcy P	For reading aloud with confidence and fluency.
1G	Lily B	For approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and setting an excellent example for others.
1F	Blake	For being a fabulous helper to the teachers this week.
1B	Charlotte	For having a growth mindset during math lessons and preserving when completing the activities.
2W	Reilly D	For always building others up in our grade through words of encouragement and celebrating his friends successes
2P	Matilda R	For showing determination to finish tasks quickly and to a high standard. Matilda has excelled this term. Well done!
2TD	Brayden L	For bouncing back after misplacing his things.
2K	Charlotte	For showing great resilience in the classroom and being a problem solver.
3M	Isla	For consistently working hard and striving to do her best in all areas of learning!
3V	Gracelyn L	For bouncing back and showing great resilience this week, well done!
3C	Sonny	For having a positive attitude and bouncing back when challenged
3L	Charlotte	For consistently showing resilience in difficult situations, well done!
4O	Oliver B	For his enthusiasm and positive attitude towards all learning tasks!
4HW	Emilie C	She consistently demonstrates our school values and takes responsibility for her learning. Her positive attitude and commitment to all tasks is to be commended.
4BL	Kymba	For demonstrating resilience when things seem hard.
4G	River	For extending himself in the classroom and displaying all of the school values.
5D	Hudson C	For aspiring always working through challenges in his learning to achieve his best
5R	Willow	For aspiring always to do her best in every situation.
5W	Olivia M	For her consistent application and willingness to improve.
6K	Jermi H	For showing remarkable resilience by persevering through challenges and maintaining a positive attitude.
6B	Azzi E	For being a brilliant leader in our school.
6MW	Scarlett	For great feedback when the CRT was in
6F	Haylee	For her dedication to her learning and always giving her best.
Art Mrs Watchman	Vanessa 6B	For always being a kind student during all Art lessons
Art Miss Hivon	Samuel 4HW	For always taking innovative with his work and contributing to a positive art room.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Ari & Carter (1AK)	For their great collaboration and scientific discussion about the properties of materials.
STEM Ms Hauxwell	Kyu Kyu (3C)	For working hard and creating a beautifully detailed scientific diagram
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Maddison B	For her amazing effort at State Athletics, recording a PB and placing 7th in the state!
Chinese	Dahlia (4G)	For her great effort in finishing the chinese landmark research project.
Music Award Mr Marsh	Jack C	For excellent work on the bass guitar, learning 7 nation army in one lesson and then helping out your fellow students with how to play the bass. An outstanding session Jack, well done!

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

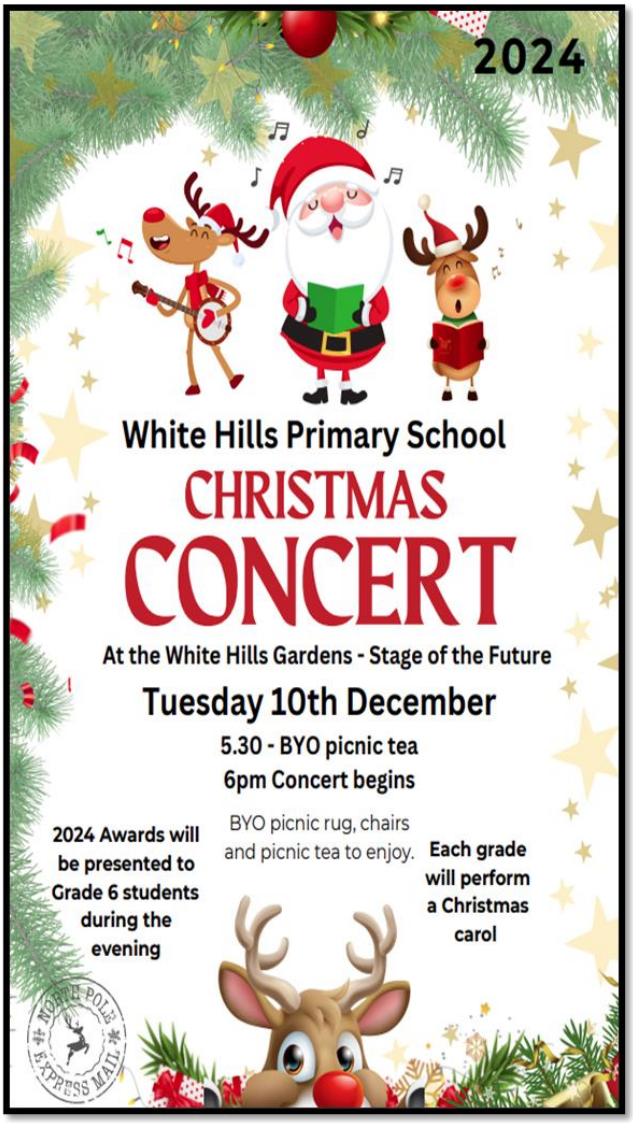
Week 6
Nov 11th Preps Responsible Pet Ownership Session
Nov 11th>15th Prep Swimming Program

Week 7
Nov 18th Thrive Group A 8.45am
Nov 18th>22nd Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Nov 18th Prep Pevan & Sarah at Ulumburra Theatre 9.30am / 11.30am $22 Compass
Nov 19th 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 21st 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 21st Thrive Group C 8.45am
Nov 22nd Thrive Group D 8.45am

Week 8
Nov 25th Thrive Group A 8.45am
Nov 25th Whole School Incursion The Wellbeing Show $12.5
Nov 28th Grade 2 School Sleepover $25 Compass
Nov 28th Thrive Group C 8.45am
Nov 29th Thrive Group D 8.45am

Week 9
Dec 2nd Thrive Group A 8.45am
Dec 3rd Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase
Dec 4th>6th Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp Compass
Dec 5th Thrive Group C 8.45am
Dec 5th Prep Dinner at School
Dec 5th Grade 1 Dinner at School 4.45pm/6.30pm $16.50 Compass
Dec 6th Thrive Group D 8.45am

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 $45 Compass
Dec 19th Grade 5/6 Pool $9 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