White Hills Primary School No 1916

Week 6 Term 4 *Wednesday, 8th November 2023*

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White Hills Weekly

At White Hills Primary School, we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social, and emotional needs. Preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Calendar of Events Term 4 2023

Monday 2nd October – Wednesday 20th December

Week 6
9th Nov Foundation Familiarisation Session 12.15pm – 1.45pm
Week 7
13th Nov Foundation Swimming Program 13/11 to 17/11
17th Nov State Volleyball Finals Dandenong
Week 8
20th Nov Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program 20/11 to 24/11
21st Nov Foundation Familiarisation Session 12.15pm – 1.45pm
23rd Nov Foundation Familiarisation Session 12.15pm – 1.45pm
Week 9
29th Nov Foundation Rural Fire Brigade visit at School
30th Nov Year 2 Sleepover at School 5.15pm
Week 10
6th Dec Year 4 End of Year Celebrations (notification to follow)
7th Dec Step Up Day Whole School
7th Dec Year 1 Tea at School
8th Dec **Curriculum Day: Pupil Free**
Week 11
12th Dec Statewide Orientation Day
12th Dec WHPS Carols Night 6.00pm
13th Dec Year 6 Enterprise Showcase
Week 12
18th Dec Year 6 Graduation
19th Dec Years 5 & 6 Pool Day Bendigo East
20th Dec Dismissed @ 1.30pm Happy Holidays!

Compass

Compass is our new school communication, student management and payment system. It is important that parents, carers and guardians are connected to Compass, so that you will be able to receive notes, attendance, notifications, excursion forms, and access your child's reports. Compass is accessible on any modern web browser. (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Letters containing each family's unique username and password to log into COMPASS were sent home last term. Please let the office know if you need any further information or support to log in or if you need a new log in.

Please let us know if there's anything further that we can do to support you here at WHPS.

Principal's News

Dear Parents, Carers and / or Guardians,

Swimming Program

In the coming weeks, our Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 will start their swimming lessons. Foundation classes will begin Monday 13th, Nov until Friday 17th Nov.
Years 1 and 2 classes begin their lessons on Monday 20th Nov to Friday 24th Nov.
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.

Next Friday 17th Nov will be an exciting day for our White Hills PS Girls Volleyball team as they compete in the State Volleyball Finals in Dandenong. We wish our team all the best for this event.

It was wonderful to see our new 2024 Prep students begin their transition this week in preparation for their schooling journey next year. There were many happy faces exploring school life for the first time.

2024 Classes

Teachers have begun the process of allocating students to their 2024 classes. We will be trialling a new process to support our staff in this process. For a limited time, we are inviting input from parents about next year's classes.
We understand friendship groups are important, however, it is equally important to recognise the need to establish safe, caring and productive environments that support learning, as well as maintaining or building new friendship groups. If there are concerns about friendship placements for students in 2024, parents, carers and/or guardians are encouraged to let the school know in writing by Monday 13th November. Parents will need to include the reasons for their request. 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.

Warm regards, Craig, Bec, Kim and Kristie

Congratulations

Energy Breakthrough Team

The White Hills PS Energy Breakthrough Team participated in the Victorian HPV series event at Casey Fields on the 21st of October. The team put in a massive effort and came 1st in the event and won the state championship. What a sensational effort by all members of the team. We are incredibly proud of our EBT team and the dedication to both training and competing. Thanks to the teachers, Roger Byron, Bec Woods and Shane Freer and parents that gave up their Saturday to support this event.
We are only 2 weeks away from the EBT major event on Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th of November in Maryborough, Victoria. We wish the team well in their final preparations. We will be revealing our new look HPV vehicles next week in our newsletter.

State Athletics

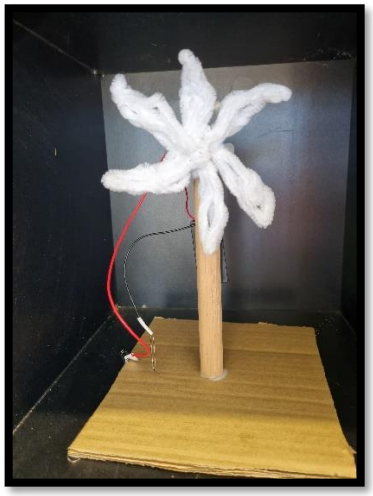
On 9 October 2023 Olivia and Maddison competed at the Loddon Mallee District Athletics both placing 1st for discus and Olivia placing second for shotput. These results secured their spots for State Athletics on 1 November 2023 at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Both Olivia and Maddison got Personal Bests in each event. Olivia placed 6th in Discus and 14th in Shotput and Maddison placed 10th in discus. Well done to both Olivia and Maddison on a superb effort in this sporting event!

Class	Student	Awarded for being their BEST
Prep P	Cooper	For showing responsibility with his learning and working hard to finish set tasks on time.
Prep E	Daisy	For showing great responsibility by being ready with her books and folder during independent reading.
Prep F	Charlie W	For being responsible with his learning and not being distracted by others.
Prep D	Amelia M	For her super effort in catching up on her work after being away and for always being a responsible and reliable member of Prep D.
1AK	Lexi M	For showing huge improvements and greater efforts to be her best in the classroom and out in the yard.
1TD	Lana D	For being a responsible learner and working hard to complete more writing in a session.
1G	Alyssa	For taking responsibility for her learning and persevering with her addition and subtraction.
1B	Jasper	For being a responsible classmate by helping keep the classroom tidy.
2TW	Amelia H	For always showing responsibility in our room and being a role-model to other students.
2P	William T	For making a real effort to focus more on his learning, particularly his reading
2M	Hunter R	For always being responsible for his own learning by asking for help when he is unsure what to do.
3M	Jaxon N	For focusing hard to catch up with his writing piece after being away for a couple of days last week.
3V	Samuel S	For his outstanding performance on stage at the production, well done!
3C	Lachlan I	For doing his best in production rehearsal and giving it all on the night.
4HB	Soraya	For her amazing dedication to all school activities
4O	Oliver	For consistently being responsible and trying his best in every area of learning.
4C	Emmerson	For always working hard and taking responsibility for her learning.
5R	Laynie C	For the responsibility she showed to learn her role for the production
5W	Olivia	For her commitment to her learning and production role.
5HB	Sophia	For showing persistence and responsibility towards her role in the school production.
5D	Harrison R	For his contagious enthusiasm during the production from start to finish
6R	Shakira B	For her overall improved confidence in the classroom.
6B	Isabella H	For being a helpful classroom member
6MW	Audrey Khoo	For a great effort in writing and being a responsible and respectful student.
6F	Olivia B	For her fantastic results at the State Athletics competition, finishing 6th in the discus and 14th in the Shot Put.
Chinese Mrs Lewis	Isla W Sidrat I	For demonstrating a very high standard of confidence and linguistic ability in the 2023 Chinese language competition.
Art Mrs Watchman	Eva 5R	For being a helpful student during all art lessons.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Ariadne W	For making fantastic predictions using her scientific knowledge.
Music Mr Marsh	Grades 3-6 Students	For all those who participated in the production. A magnificent effort!

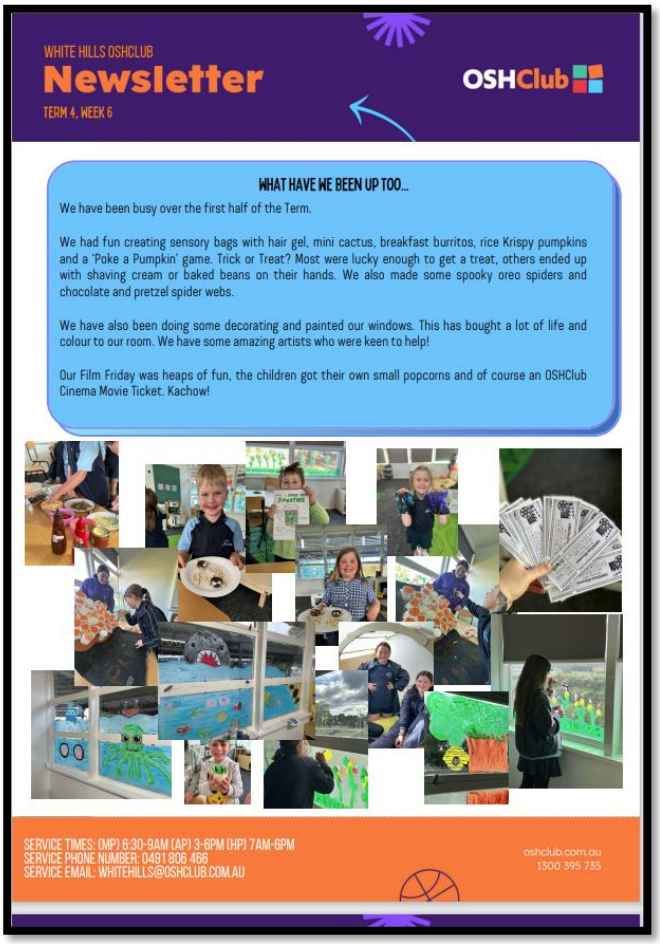
Students of the week

STEM Report

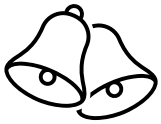
Grade 6 students learnt all about circuits and electricity in STEM during term 3. As part of this unit students were required to plan, design and build any item of their choice that contained a working circuit with a switch. These are a few examples of the amazing work the students have completed. You can find more of their work on display in the office and outside the STEM room if you want a closer look.



Some fun activities around Bendigo



Parent & Friends Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday the 16th of November at 9:10 in the office.
We will be discussing 2024 Fundraising ideas and what our raising money for next. If you have any ideas, please email Kim kimnewman@outlook.com.au
or feel free to attend the meeting. Everyone is welcome including younger siblings.

Upcoming events: Christmas raffle- raffle books and information will be going home within the next few weeks.