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Term 4 Week 7 – 21st November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hitting some very warm weather in the upcoming weeks. Please make sure your child is following SunSmart guidelines and applying sunscreen before school. It is also important that they are staying hydrated throughout the day, so please ensure that your child is bringing their water bottle to school.

Celebration of Learning - Open Classroom

This Friday, the 22nd of November, we will be opening our classrooms from 2.45pm-3.15pm so that parents can visit and see the fantastic learning that our students have been working on this term. ***There will be no assembly (or student of the week awards) this week.*** We welcome you to come and enjoy some time in your child's classroom and help recognise and celebrate their learning.

Orientation Day - Tuesday 10th of December

Our 2025 Grades 1-6 will be transitioning up to their new class from 12-2pm on the 10th of December, which is Statewide Orientation Day. They will meet their new class and teacher. This is always an exciting day for many students finding out information about the following year. A note will be sent home to parents that will let you know the teacher for 2025 and provide a map for their new class. Our 72 2025 Preps will also be attending school from 12.15pm-1.45pm on Statewide Orientation Day. The 2024 Grade 6 students will also be heading to their secondary school to experience their new school setting. We look forward to this exciting day!

Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off $400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.
From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique $400 School Saving Bonus code.
The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks (does not include Book Packs), excursions, activities and more.
If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.
Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the $400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit School Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.
If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

Christmas Hamper/Tickets $1 each

Our final fundraiser for 2024 will be our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Both sides of the tickets are to be sold at $1 each, raffle books are worth $20 in total. Write the name of the person you sold the ticket to and their phone number clearly on each ticket.

Any donations towards the Christmas Hamper can be dropped off to the office no later than Friday, 6th December 2024. e.g. serviettes, bon-bons, shortbread, chocolate, wrapping paper, cards, Christmas ornaments or decorations.
Please check that the use by dates are CURRENT

Raffle books sold or unsold need to be returned to the office by Friday, 6th December 2024.The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 13th of December 2024. **We thank you for your generosity - Parent and Friends Group**

Start Up Interviews 2025

Like the last 2 years, 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 with build our parent and school partnerships for the new year.

The interviews will be booked through Compass, and these will be opened during the school holidays when all the 2025 classes have been rolled over. Please keep an eye out during the holidays for emails confirming when bookings open.

Uniform Reminders

Just a reminder to all families about some key points from our Student Dress Code policy.

- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. Fake nails are not permitted as they can be dangerous during daily school activities
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair ties and headbands are to be navy, sky blue or school check.

Please work with us to ensure your child is in school uniform at all times. We are noticing some students are adding accessories, wearing fake nails and wearing unsuitable clothing to school.

Our full policy can be found here: Policies - White Hills Primary School

SunSmart

As the weather begins to heat up, we are more vigilant than ever about being SunSmart at WHPS. Students are required to wear their hats at school and students without hats will need to spend lunch and recess time under the shaded 'hat tree'. Sunscreen is available in classrooms. Hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier Bob Stewart.

The Wellbeing Show

"The Wellbeing Show" is coming to WHPS on Monday the 25th of November. This is an interactive performance which aims to promote attitudes and behaviours student's need in order to be successful academically, in social interactions with others and to generally experience happiness and wellbeing within themselves.

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.

Energy Breakthrough Team

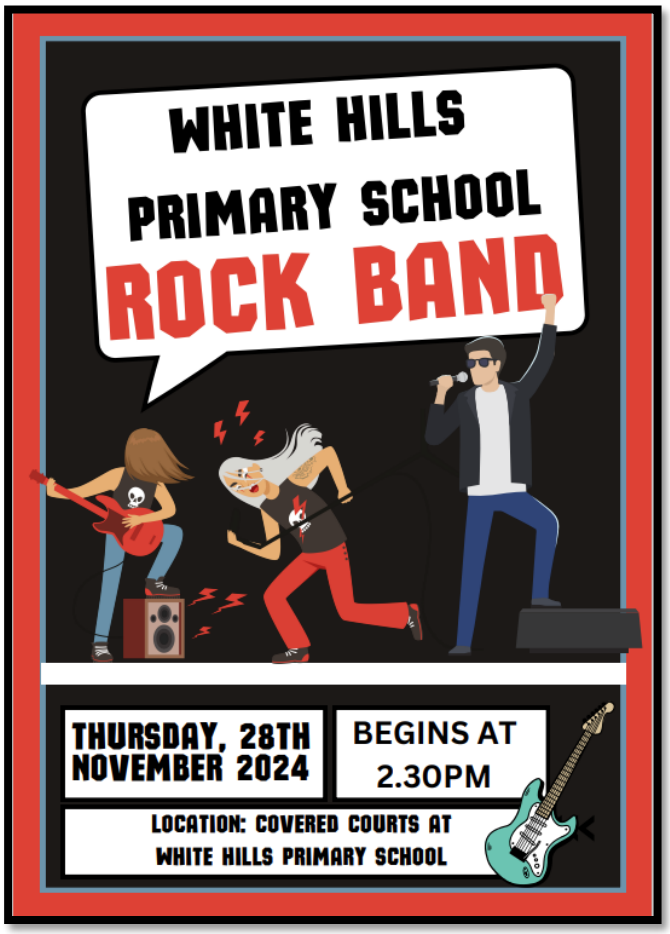
Our 2024 Energy Breakthrough team is competing in Maryborough this week. The event is running from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd of November. Our team has started with a bang, with Olivia R setting Ecorush's best time, putting them 2nd on the grid and we had Maddi B setting Torpeco's best time. Tomorrow our teams will kick off at 6am and finish up at 12noon. We wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the event!
The Grade 4 students were lucky to visit Maryborough today to see what is involved in being part of the Energy Breakthrough team

Koorie Education

On Wednesday, our First Nations Student Social Group and Grade 4 cohort welcomed Uncle Paul to WHPS. The students started off in groups and received a totem. As part of Uncle Paul's visit, he showcased dances including the spirit dance and animal dances. We were lucky enough to have learnt about hunting and cultural celebrations. The students thoroughly enjoyed playing songs with traditional instruments and singing along to the didgeridoo. Thank you, Uncle Paul for a deadly experience!

Rock Band Performance

Next week on Thursday 28th of November at 2.30pm our Rock Bank will be performing for our school community. This will be held on the Astroturf court area where Assembly is held. Parents are invited to attend this performance and see our band showcase their hard work throughout the year.



Chinese competition results are in!

This year, nearly all our Grade 3 to Grade 6 students participated in the Bendigo Chinese Online Competition, showcasing their creativity and dedication. We worked hard on two exciting challenges: the Chinese Vase Design and the Character Design challenge. The students' amazing efforts and artistic talents made us incredibly proud. After a thorough review by Chinese teachers from across Bendigo, the results are in, and we are thrilled to announce the award winners. We will be celebrating these achievements at next week's assembly on Friday the 29th of November. Parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements! And congratulations to everyone who took part in the competition!

Ethan Q	The First prize of Vase Design Award
Imogen G	The Second prize of Vase Design Award
Bentley D	The Third prize of Vase Design Award
Lucy T	The First prize of Vase Design Award
Olivia	The Second prize of Vase Design Award

Willow P	The Second prize of Vase Design Award
Violet E	The Third prize of Vase Design Award
Jesse B	The First prize of Vase Design Award
Isla W	The Second prize of Vase Design Award
Billie L	The Second prize of Vase Design Award
Sophie H	The Third prize of Vase Design Award
Mia R	The Third prize of Vase Design Award
Gracelyn L	The Creative Design Vase Award
Sidrat I	The First prize of Character Design Award
Isla N	The Second prize of Character Design Award
Georgia C	The Second prize of Character Design Award
Ethan Q	The Third prize of Character Design Award
Eva J	The Third prize of Character Design Award
Ella J	The First prize of Character Design Award
Olivia M	The Second prize of Character Design Award
Hudson C	The Third prize of Character Design Award
Jessica L	The First prize of Character Design Award
Billie L	The First prize of Character Design Award
Mia R	The Second prize of Character Design Award
Sophie H	The Second prize of Character Design Award
Isabella M	The Third prize of Character Design Award
Emmi O	The Third prize of Character Design Award
Hsa Ka Paw M	The Third prize of Character Design Award

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

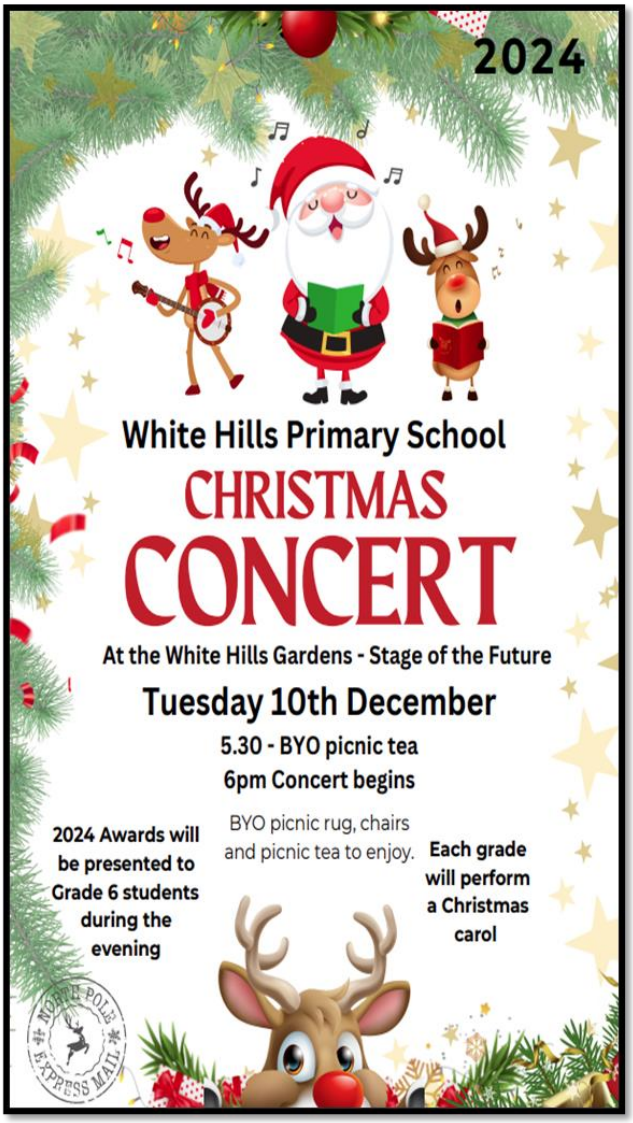
Week 7
Nov 22nd Thrive Group D 8.45am

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 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