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Term 4 Week 8 – 28th November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is unbelievable to believe that next week, we only have 3 weeks to complete our school year. I am sure many families will be busy at this stage of the year, organising for the Christmas break. We have some important events in the upcoming weeks, and we encourage you to regularly check the school calendar to see the events. Craig Arrowsmith will be continuing his leave for the duration of the year and Bec Harper will continue as acting Principal during this time.

Christmas Concert

This year our annual Christmas Concert will be conducted on Tuesday 10th December on the stage at the Gardens for the Future (right behind the back of the school). Parents are invited to BYO dinner, chairs/rug from 5:30pm for a 6:00 pm start. The night will conclude at approximately 7:30pm. All year levels will perform a Christmas song and we will also be presenting Grade 6 awards along with the Noel O'Brien Grade 4 Friendship Award. This award is named after the school's former crossing supervisor and was established in 2011 in his honour. Noel was a very friendly person who knew the names of all the students who crossed the road. This award is presented to a Grade 4 student who demonstrates friendship and kindness to students, staff and the broader community and regularly exhibits the four values- respect, responsibility, resilience and aspire.

Let Us Know If You Are Moving

If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2025, please let us know now, as this information is crucial for planning

Learning Showcase

Thank you to all the families who visited their child's classroom last Friday afternoon for our Learning Showcase. Although it was a warm afternoon, we had plenty of student work samples to share with parents. We know that a strong family and school partnership lead to improved student outcomes. We are hoping to host these events on a more regular basis so that parents can connect to their child's classroom more regularly and help celebrate learning growth.

Student Leaders 2025

We are currently asking our Grade 5 students to write an application letter to Mrs Harper, if they are wanting to apply for a leadership position for 2025. We have 12 leadership positions with some of the responsibilities including running assemblies, school tours, student leadership initiatives and governance.

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 is IN-DATE

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 building 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.

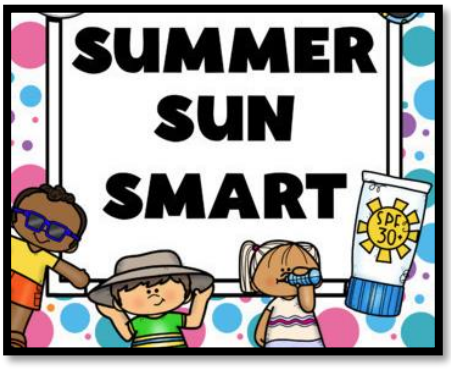
- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable 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.



FINAL CALL Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Book Club Issue # 8 Catalogue

Book Club was sent home this week! Look out for your copy of the Book Club catalogue coming home in your child's school bag!
It's packed with hundreds of books from just $3 to help you on your child's reading journey. Ordering will close on Friday November 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!

House Tokens - Positive School Wide Rewards

We have been acknowledging positive behaviour noticed by teachers during playtimes this
term. Students noticed displaying our school values receive a house token which is then collected during the week. At the end of this term, the house with the most house points will celebrate with an active games' afternoon.

Tag On active travel points will also go towards these house points. Every 'tag on' will equal a point towards your child house.

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

From Wednesday to Friday last week, the White Hills PS EBT team competed in the Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough. We had ups and downs throughout the year, and were the HPV Victorian State Series Champions, but it really all came down to this final race. Although we didn't win overall, Eco Rush finished 1st in the trial (the race) and Torp Eco finished 20th. We did have some crashes throughout the race, but we got on with it, held our heads high and kept racing throughout all 3 days in hot conditions. We are so thankful to be able to race in such a valuable program and experience the success White Hills delivers each year. We felt so proud to be known as 'that team' that others aspire to ride like. We are also grateful to the people who helped raise money towards the EBT program this year; we really couldn't do this without your generosity. We would also like to say a big thank you to all the teachers who made this program possible with all the training and fundraising days like the Colour Fun Run and more. We are so proud of our efforts and to be a part of the White Hills Energy Breakthrough Race Team in 2024! Go White Hills!

By Willow Hartland

Energy Breakthrough

I was extremely privileged to visit Maryborough last Friday morning to see our Energy Breakthrough Team competing in very hot and humid conditions. This is the biggest race on The Human Powered Vehicle calendar. We had two teams competing in the events, EcoRush and Torpeco combining both a HPV race and also a presentation to a panel. This exciting event demonstrates a culmination of hard work,training, determination, grit and perseverance. Ecorush placed first in the trials component of the competition and Torpeco placed 19th.

Our team made us extremely proud through their team spirit and solidarity. We thank Mr Byron for heading up the team, along with Mrs Woods and Mr Freer. Without their efforts and dedication, this event would not be possible. Thanks also to the businesses who chose to sponsor our teams this year, your support is greatly appreciated.

Students of the week – RESILIENCE Term 4 Week 8 – 28th November - ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students.

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

Prep D	Noah-Kai	For showing great resilience throughout every school day. He keeps on trying and never gives up! Well, done Noah-Kai!
Prep F	Chase	For always working so hard in class and becoming a super reader and writer.
Prep E	George	For showing amazing resilience this week and asking for help when he needs it.
Prep B	Adrian	For being consistently resilient and respectful throughout the year.
Prep H	Ollie	For being resilient and showing a positive attitude.
1AK	Lizzy C	For being an amazing 1AK leader who always aspires to do her best
1G	Annabelle H	For always amazing her teachers at her capabilities and aspiration to learn all she can.
1F	Vincent	For a great week of learning and being a great friend
1B	Jasper	For bouncing back in the classroom and aspiring to do his best work during writing.
2W	Delta C	For always Aspiring to do her best. Delta demonstrates our White Hills values every day!
2P	Julia L	Julia has shown incredible focus and care when completing all her classwork. She aspires every day and is a kind and happy student. Congratulations!
2TD	Gracie W	For always demonstrating our school value of resilience and persisting when faced with a challenge.
2K	Leo J	For showing great resilience in the classroom and always being a helpful and caring student towards his classmates.
3M	Maggie	For being a kind and wonderful friend to others and helping someone with their work who had been away for a couple of days.
3V	Madi W	For aspiring to do her best when writing engaging poems!
3C	Alby and Nevaeh	For aspiring to do their best in all learning areas and supporting others
3L	Lola	For always aspiring to do her best in everything she does.
4O	Adrian	For being resilient and aspiring to do his best in all areas!
4HW	Jessica	Jessica aspires to be her best, using creativity and putting forth her best effort in every task.
4BL	Kal	For being a great friend and having a resilient attitude towards narrative writing.
4G	Htoo Gay	For showing strong resilience and being a great example for his peers.
5D	Toby C	For taking on feedback and applying it to his work
5R	Logan D	Aspiring to do his best in writing all the rhyme words down from our current class text and working with his peers to write a fantastic alliteration.
5W	Rhyse M	For his improve effort in and out of the classroom!
6K	Jamaica G	For her resilience by remaining committed and optimistic, even when things become difficult.
6B	Zeruiah M	For the way she represented the school at the Energy Breakthrough last week. The perfect school ambassador.
6MW	Lexi D	For being a resilient last-minute speaker in our class debate. You did an amazing job!
6F	Paige W	For being and all-round legend. We will miss her.
Art Mrs Watchman	Georgia 6B	For displaying creativity during all Art lessons.
Art Miss Hivon	Lexie 5D	For always bringing a positive and polite attitude into the art room.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Valiant PE	For his fantastic toy train design and construction.
STEM Ms Hauxwell	Paw Kee Moo and Say Myint Paw (2P)	For their excellent teamwork and creating a brilliant zipline carrier for Santa's elves.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Amelia M 1G	Her dedication to doing her best in Physical Education
Chinese	Samuel S (4HW)	For constantly aspiring to be his best in finishing his Chinese note taking as well as class tasks.
Music Award Mr Marsh	ALL BAND STUDENTS	A massive congratulations on the perseverance, resilience, skill and incredible aspirations shown to make yesterday's band performance a success. Hundreds of

		hours rehearsing or practising your instruments have gone into this success and you should all be very proud o

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

Week 8
Nov 28th Grade 2 School Sleepover 5pm tonight
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 4.45pm/6.30pm
Dec 5th G1 Dinner at School 4.45pm/6.30pm $16.50
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

GIRLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL

We need you on our team *in 2025*

We're excited to introduce U12 and U15 girls' football teams at South Bendigo Football Netball Club in 2025. To make this dream a reality, we need YOU to register your interest today!

Under 12 Girls: Born 2013 / 2014 / 2015
Under 15 Girls: Born 2010 / 2011 / 2012

Join our family-oriented club located just 2km from the Bendigo CBD, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. Be a part of something special!

Register your interest:
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Register interest online

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