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Term 4 Week 9 – 6th December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is a busy week with Orientation Day on Tuesday (12.00pm-2.00pm). Students will meet their new class and teacher. Students will be sent home with a map of their new class location and their 2025 teacher. Just a reminder that parent requests are not guaranteed. We make every effort to accommodate requests, but this is not always possible for a variety of reasons. We appreciate your understanding that this is a complex and time-consuming process and not all requests can be accommodated. I know that teachers have an excellent knowledge of our students, and they have been working extremely hard to make careful and considered placements for all children.

2024 Book Pack and School Payments

Book pack order forms were sent home recently with students.
Orders should be placed by Friday, 13th December 2024. Book packs will be available for collection from WHPS on January 21st, 2025, between 8.30am - 5.00pm in the sports shed. Curriculum and other contribution payments can also be paid online when placing your book order/s, through Education Plus.
Unfortunately, the Education School Bonus payment can not be used for School Book Packs

School Disco

Next Friday, the 13th of December, we will be holding our school disco!!! This will be a casual clothes day, with students encouraged to wear weather appropriate disco clothing and school appropriate footwear (no thongs, no singlets and clothing that will protect students from the sun).

The timetable for the disco will be as follows:

- 10.00-11.00 Grade 5/6
- 12.00-1.00 Grade 1/2 (Santa Visit for the last 15 minutes)
- 1.00 - 2.00 Prep (Santa Visit for the last 15 minutes)
- 2.30-3.30 Grade 3/4

Band Performance

Last Thursday, we were lucky to have our Rock Band perform a list of their favourite items. The hard work practising throughout the year has certainly paid off with an awesome performance for an enthusiastic audience. We are very proud of the confidence that our band members showed throughout the performance. We thank Mr Marsh for his work with the band throughout the year to develop the skills of our band groups and providing these opportunities for our students.

Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase

On Tuesday this week, our Grade 6 students showcased their enterprises in a wonderful showcase. The creative business ideas that the students have worked on during the term were amazing. Students from Grades 3-6 were able to explore all the businesses and vote for their favourite idea. Here are some great pictures from the day.

Grade 5 Camp - Phillip Island

Our Grade 5 campers have settled into their camp life and are enjoying the many fun activities. Last night was a late night trying to see the Little Penguins coming into shore. They were lucky to spot a few penguins as they nested for the night. All accounts are that our students slept well last night. We hope they enjoy the second day of their Phillip Island camping experience.

Christmas Raffle

Our final fundraiser for the year is the Christmas Hamper raffle. It is exciting to announce that the major prize will include a Nintendo Switch Lite.

Raffle Tickets are $1.00 each. Raffle books are worth $20 in total. Please write names on both sides of the ticket e.g. 2 tickets per page. You may request extra books from the front office.

We are in need of donations for our Christmas Hampers and each child is asked to donate a non-perishable item towards the hampers, e.g. serviettes, bon-bons, shortbread, chocolate, wrapping paper, cards, Christmas ornaments or decorations.
Please check that use by dates are CURRENT.
Please send in your Hamper donations to the office by Friday, 6th December 2024.
Raffle books sold and 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 assistance.

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 to build our parent and school partnerships for the new year.

The interviews will be booked through Compass Conferences, and these will be opened during the school holidays when all the 2025 classes have been rolled over. The interviews will open from Monday 6th January and close for bookings on Monday the 27th of January at 4pm.

Koorie Group

Yesterday our Koorie Group built clay ornaments for Christmas. The ornaments were designed using indigenous symbols and will be great to use as Christmas decorations. They look fabulous!

Christmas Concert – **Please note the new start time**

Our annual Christmas Concert next Tuesday the 10th of December will start at 6.30pm 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 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start. The night will conclude at approximately 8:00pm.

All year levels will perform a Christmas song, and we will also be presenting Grade level 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.

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

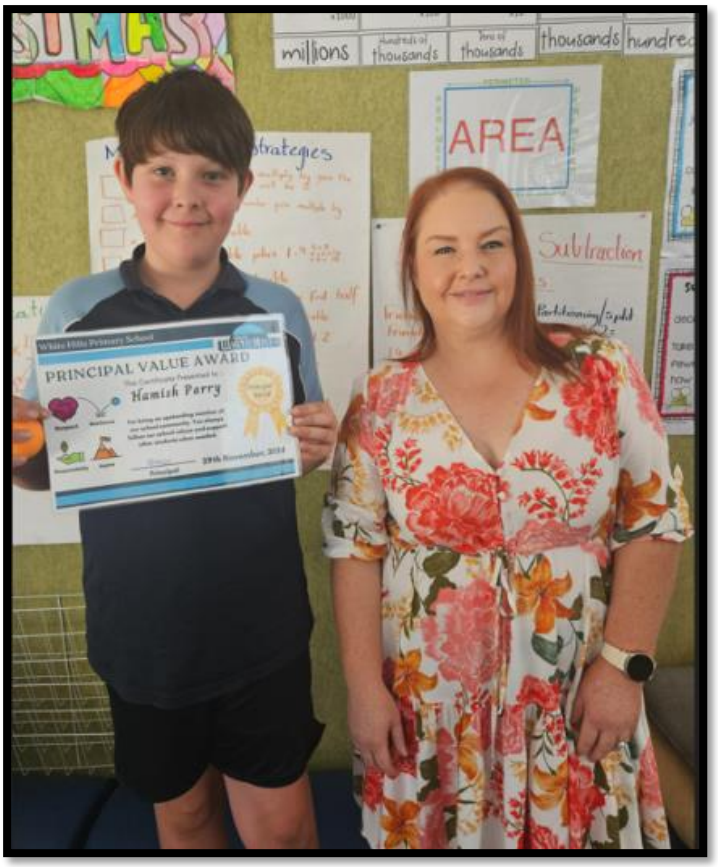
Students of the week – RESILIENCE Term 4 Week 9 – 6th December - ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students.

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

Prep D	Aurora	For trying her best and being resilient and bouncing back when things are challenging.
Prep F	Levi	For rocking our socks with his amazing resilience and giving every task a go this term! Keep up the great work Levi!
Prep E	Olivia	For being a resilient learner who has made great improvements in her writing.
Prep B	Scarlett L	For working very hard in Literacy and always doing her best.
Prep H	Scarlet	For being persistent when practicing her writing.
1AK	Harlow	For publishing a terrific narrative and taking her time to draw detailed pictures.
1G	Cooper S	For always showing kind, respectful whole body listening in class
1F	Oliver Perkins	For writing an excellent narrative piece to share with a prep buddy!
1B	Kenzie	For always being determined to do her best work and has grown into a kind and respectful classmate.
2W	James L	For the amazing resilience he is now showing to help him bounce back from problems and injuries
2P	Fletcher L	For always trying his best and building his confidence during class discussions. Keep up the great work!
2TD	Meelo H	For always displaying resilience across all areas.
2K	Charlotte	For being an all-round star in the classroom.
3M	Indianna S-B	For being resilient and giving everything her best go after being away for a couple of weeks! Well, done Indi!
3V	Hser Kay Ku	For having a go and trying new things, well done!
3C	Indi	For trying her best in all learning areas and supporting others
3L	Kisha	For always trying her best and for being a kind and caring classmate.
4O	Isabella	For always being a great role model, never giving up and always doing her best!
4HW	Ashton	Ashton has shown great engagement and respect in class this week through his active participation!
4BL	Lee Lar	For always being his best and showing resilience in all tasks.
4G	Dahlia	For consistently displaying the school values and being willing to help others.
6K	Carter H	For putting in a huge amount of effort into his Enterprise Showcase.
6B	Liam W and Mitch F	For their graceful dance movements in the graduation video. They have bright futures in dance.
6MW	Willow H	For growing into a more confident and independent young person, who is trustworthy, reliable and more able to stand up for what she believes.
6F	Tyson J	For being an inquisitive student.
Art Mrs Watchman	Liam W 6B	For enjoying all Art lessons.
Art Miss Hivon	Peyton 4O	For always showing up to art with a smile and ready to try her best at each activity!
STEM Mrs Treloar	Flynn B (Prep E)	For always working hard in STEM and demonstrating amazing engineering and coding skills.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Eliza O	For her consistent effort and attitude in Physical Education.
Chinese	Cody(5D)	For trying his best to organize the whole year's learning notes and making up the unfinished one with best quality.
Music Award Mr Marsh	Bentley Downward Dalton	Bentley showed terrific courage and determination to get up on stage for the Grade 6 band performance. It was a mighty effort to have a go and he did an AWESOME job in the end. Well done Bentley.

Congratulations to Hamish on receiving last weeks Principal's Award



Week 8 Students of the Week
Look at these achievers from last week!

Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024

Week 10

Dec 10th Statewide Orientation Day
Dec 10th **Christmas Concert 6.00pm**
Dec 11th>12th Gr 6 Bendigo Tech School Excursion
Dec 13th Final Assembly / Christmas Raffle Drawn 3pm

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

No school on Wednesdays for all Foundation students during the month of February

February 5th
February 12th
February 19th
February 26th
These dates are set aside for testing

EmbracePlay

JOIN US

Christmas Art and Craft Session for Kids

$25 SPECIAL

Wednesday 11th December 2024

Start 4.00pm-5.30pm

Process art based:

- Create a present Christmas card
- Paint a gingerbread man with spices.
- Transform a canvas into a Christmas decoration

Take home what you create on the day

Ages 6-15year old.

Location: Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
52-54 Derwent Drive Long Gully Vic 3550

Contact:
embraceplayau@gmail.com to enrol your child/children.
Maximum 10 children

EmbracePlay

Summer

ART CAMP

$80 Full day
$45 1/2 Day

For times, registration and payment please
email: embraceplayau@gmail.com
Find more inspiration:
Instagram: EmbracePlayAu

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Tuesday 14.01.25
"Motion"
Explore motion with balls, marbles, pendulums and gravity.

Wednesday 15.01.25
"Robots"
Create a robot with boxes, cylinders, split pins and foil.

Thursday 16.01.25
"Rainforest"
Venture into the world of greenery and animals to make a diorama.

Tuesday 21.01.25
"Pirates Ahoy"
Is it a bird? Is it a boat? maybe it will be treasure!

Wednesday 22.01.25
"Who am I?"
Indulge in the 5 senses and see how the body can be a paintbrush

Thursday 23.01.25
"Boxes"
What can you make with a box? The tallest, longest, widest or most detailed box art could be yours.

ELF ACADEMY

IT'S ELF-FICIAL

ELF ACADEMY IS RETURNING TO CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE, BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!

19-23 DECEMBER 2024

THEY'RE CHEEKY, CREATIVE & FULL OF JOY...
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges, budding recruits will discover the skills required to become certified elves, gaining a Certificate IV in Elf Training and the qualifications required to be elf-ficially inducted into Santa's renowned team!

19-23 December | 2 hour sessions | $22 per person | $88 per family
All activities included | Santa photography additional

ELF ACADEMY

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

4444 2810 | central-deborah.com

BENDIGO TRAMWAYS

SANTA SNAPS

7-23 DECEMBER 2024

CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS WITH A TRADITIONAL FAMILY SANTA PHOTO IN A CHARMING VINTAGE SETTING AT THE BENDIGO TRAMWAYS DEPOT.

Afterwards, create timeless memories with a ride aboard a Vintage Talking Tram and refreshments from the Bendigo Tram Café.

Dates: 7-23 December 2024	Bookings: Recommended, but not essential
Location: Bendigo Tramways Depot & Workshop, 1 Tramways Avenue	
Cost: Photo packages start from $32	

SPECIAL OFFER:
Book your Santa Snaps photo session and purchase a Vintage Talking Tram ticket for just $7.50 per person!

For more information and full details please visit:

bendigotramways.com

bendigotramways.com | 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo | 4444 2810

MARIST BRASS

PRESENT

Carols

AT

ST KILIAN'S

SUNDAY 7 PM | 15 | DECEMBER 2024

ST KILIAN'S CHURCH, 161 MCCRAE ST BENDIGO

ENTRY BY DONATION

Featuring

Marist Brass Band & Marist Brass Academy

With special guests

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir

Marist College Choirs

IRONSTONE HILL

SASScare are now accepting referrals for January 2025 school holiday program.
We are focused on delivering inclusive, diverse experiences for participants to work towards achieving their NDIS goals

SASScare summer school holiday program

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6th Jan - 24th Jan
9:00am - 3:00pm
Monday - Friday

Ironstone Hill Farm
189 Watson St,
Jackass Flat 3550

Contact Trin for all enquiries on 0481 142 432 or send referrals via email to trin.miller@sasscare.com.au

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Hey kids, we had so much fun last series, **we're making more episodes of HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

That's right, our last batch of contestants blew us away with some amazing topics like Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers, Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts, Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter what your topic, if you know more about it than anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

Just grab your parent or guardian and head to hardquizkidsauditions.com.au

(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**

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 interest online

Register your interest:
jnrfbregistrar@southbendigofnc.com.au

THE BLOODS
SOUTH BENDIGO FNC