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Term 1 Week 3 February, 15th 2024 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders Craig, Bec & Kim

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

Thank you to the parents who have nominated for School Council. We are still seeking additional parents to join council and would appreciate hearing from anyone who is aspiring to do. Please contact our office for a nomination form before the end of this week.

Parents and Friends Twilight Picnic

This year, in lieu of the movie night, our Parents and Friends Association are extending an invitation to our school community to join us on the oval for a Twilight Picnic on Tuesday, March the 5th. This is a great opportunity to meet other families in your child's year level and spend some time together as a school community. Bring along some food and a rug and join us for a relaxing picnic dinner. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Ride to school

Just a reminder that we will be continuing our ride to school days in 2024. On the last Friday of each month, students and families are invited to join some teachers to ride to school. A staff member will start at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am, riding slowly along the track. They will make another stop at the Scott Street Bridge at 8:25am before finishing at school. Another staff member will be coming from the opposite direction, starting at Weeroona Avenue at 8:15am. They will then make their way along the bike track stopping at the Bridge on Knight Street (behind Weeroona College) at 8:20am and then again near the playground just off the Boulevard in the Peppercorns Estate at 8:25am. They will then follow the bike track to school.

Crossing Safety

We would like to remind all parents, carers, and guardians about the safety of our students when dropping off and picking up from school. Surrounding streets enforce the reduced speed zones of 40km, to improve the safety of students. At each pedestrian crossing, you must stop for anyone who is waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor. Out the front of the school is a 2-minute **Drop Off Only Zone**

Staff Car Park Safety

Our staff carpark is a designated space for staff only. We have noticed that this is becoming more frequently used throughout the day by parents and carers. Please refrain from using this car park as it is a high-risk area and students are not permitted in this area.

Calendar of Events Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30th Jan – Thursday 28th March

Term 1

16th Feb - School Photo Day

04th Mar - Foundation students attending fulltime.

08th Mar - Division Volleyball

11th Mar - Labor Day Public Holiday (No School)

12th Mar - Student Leadership Conference Melbourne

18th Mar - Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program (all week)

23rd Feb - School Photo CATCH UP DAY

26th Mar - Years 1 – 2 AFL Clinic 9.00am / 2.00pm

27th Mar - Years 1 – 2 AFL Clinic 9.00am / 2.00pm

28th Mar - Last Day Term Early Finish 2.30pm

School Holidays 29th March – 14th April

Term 2

15th April Term 2 Starts

Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team is seeking a few more volunteers to support our Breakfast Club program, currently running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am – 9:00am. With your help, we aim to expand this program to provide breakfast to students every weekday. If you're interested in joining our team, please reach out to Ricky at 03 5443 0799 for more information. Your contribution can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Thanks to Ricky for the awesome pancakes on Pancake Tuesday. Regards Ricky &



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For 2024, school council elections must be completed by March 31st. Election forms are now available from our school office.

This year we have the following members due to retire:

Parent Members	DET Members	Community Members
Kim Newman	Sabina Riordan	
Leah Wilson	Scott Ross	
Caroline Robinson		
Kate Howells		
Natalie Reynolds		

ELECTION TIMETABLE FOR 2024

School council election process and timetable

Name of the school: **White Hills Primary School**

Letter	Event	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 7 February 2024
b)	Closing date for nominations	Wednesday 14 February 2024
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday 16 February 2024
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 19 February 2024
e)	Close of ballot	Monday 26 February 2024
f)	Vote count	<u>Tuesday 27 February 2024</u>
g)	Declaration of poll	<u>Wednesday 28 February 2024</u>
h)	Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside)	<u>Monday 19th February 2024</u>
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	<u>Monday 25 March 2024</u>

CARLTON FOOTBALLERS VISIT WHPS

Yesterday our students from Years 3 to 6 welcomed some AFL players to WHPS. The players from the Carlton Football Club were extremely well received by staff and students. The students questioned the players on the life of an AFL player and some of their interests outside football. The players also signed autographs and posed for photographs before leaving.

Thank you to the Carlton footballers.

Mitch McGovern, Domanic Akuei, Alex Cincotta, Jaxson Binns and Harry McKay for sharing their time with us yesterday.



**The following students will be announced at tomorrow's assembly at 3pm,
all Parents are encouraged to attend.**

Class	Student	Awarded for being their BEST
Prep D	Lewis T	For being resilient and showing respect to a new teacher in his classroom.
Prep F	Gabi-Bella	For her enthusiasm for learning and her fantastic listening at all times!
Prep E	Valiant P	For sharing his ideas on numbers with the class!
Prep B	Kai Stow	For settling into school with a positive attitude and for making great choices!
Prep H	Freya	For always trying her best at all of her tasks!
1AK	Peyton	For being her best by showing amazing kindness and encouragement to all of her peers.
1G	Amelia M	For demonstrating respect towards her teachers and peers and an eagerness to learn every day.
1F	Izzy E	For showing respect for new class routines and settling in with a happy & kind attitude!
1B	Indigo	For having a positive mindset in the classroom and always using kind words towards others.
2W	Arty G	For showing respect all day, every day! He is kind and helpful to everyone in our room.
2P	Delilah	For always showing respect and kindness to every student and adult in 2P.
2TD	Brayden L	For his positive attitude and for being respectful and helpful in the classroom.
2K	Alex	For the enthusiasm she brings to each lesson and being a great role model in class.
3M	Gavin	For being an amazing role model on the floor demonstrating excellent respectful listening
3V	Freya M	For consistently being a great role model and aspiring to do her best in all areas
3C	Lilah	For having a positive mindset in the classroom and always using kind words towards others.
3L	Lola	For always being a respectful, well mannered student who consistently tries her best.
4O	Sadie	For always being respectful, trying her best and being persistent!
4HW	Edie	For always being respectful towards others in the class and yard.
4BL	Sophie H	For being polite and showing respect to all in the classroom
4G	Oscar S	For settling into his new school and being polite to others
5D	Lexie A	For the respectful way she listens to the opinions and ideas of others
5R	Oliver R	For his respectful approach to all areas of school life, including the way he inclusively works with a range of students.
5W	Rhyse M	Listening respectfully in class.
6K	Sharman H	For the way he looks out for his peers and speaks up when others are being disrespectful.
6B	Hudson W	Hudson is always looking out for others and setting a great example in the classroom for his peers.
6MW	Harrison R	For the respect he showed towards our First Nations people during our work on the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.
6F	Nakayah D	For giving her best in class and being a quiet achiever.
Sports Award Mr Scoble		
STEM Mrs Treloar	Oscar Y 1AK	For his enthusiastic approach to all STEM tasks and respectfully listening to his teacher and peer.
STEM Mrs Millard	Zayne B 6F	For his excellent participation in class discussions and respecting other people's ideas.
Art Mrs. Watchman	Paul D 4G	For trying hard in Art lessons. Well done!
Art Miss Hivon	Nevaeh K 3C	For completing her colour wheel enthusiastically and being a standout when packing up the room
Music Award Mr Marsh		

STEM SNAPSHOT

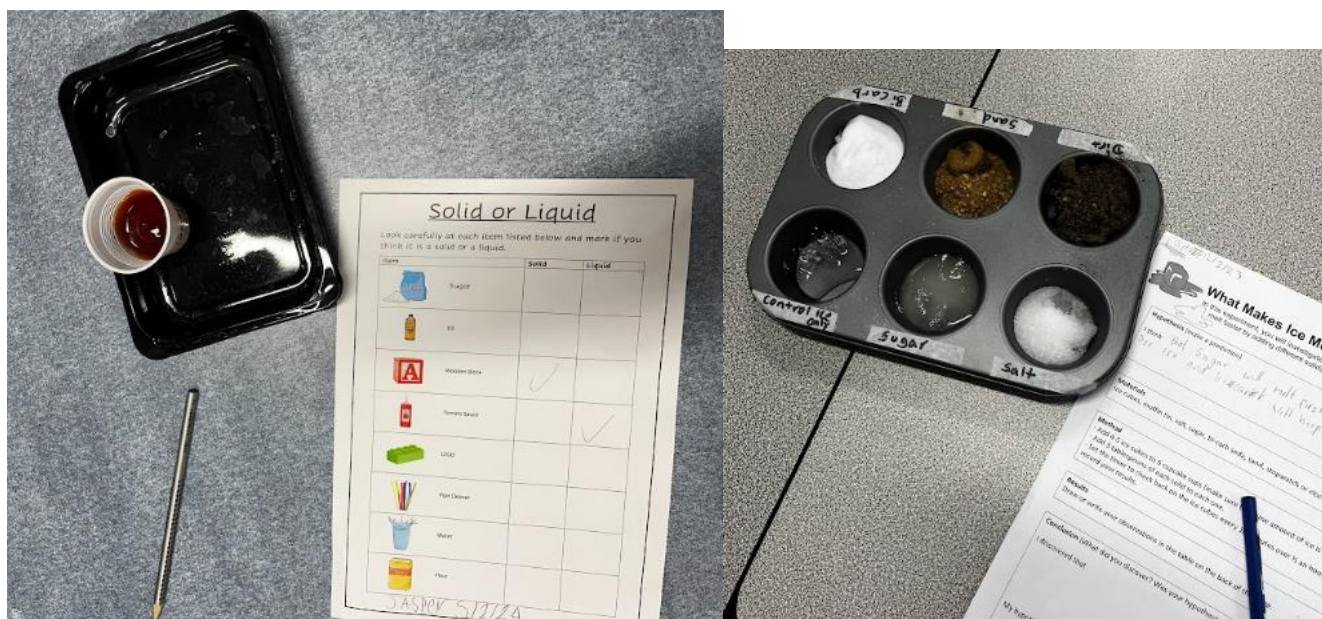
Foundation - Building, manipulating, and working with patterns.



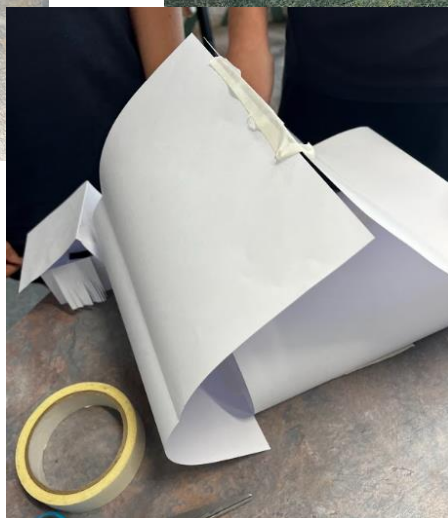
Year 1/2s - Focussing on Forces---Push and Pull



Year 3/4s - States of Matter---Solids, Liquids and Gases



Year 5/6s - Extreme Weather examples---building houses that would collapse in windy conditions and testing how sand reacts in windy conditions.



2024 Housekeeping

Lunch Orders:

Just a reminder to change your child's year level and classroom when placing a lunch order. This will make sure that your child's lunch is being sent to the correct classroom in time for lunch.

School Uniforms:

Please make sure you label all items coming to school eg. school uniforms, hats, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles. Our Lost property is overflowing already with NO NAMED ITEMS. Labelled items are returned to classrooms.

Mobile Phones:

White Hills Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. We prefer that students do not bring personal mobile phones to school.

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, from 8.50am - 3.30pm. This means Mobile Phones are switched off once students enter the school grounds in the morning. Phones are to be stored in classroom secure storage or at the office. When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office – not on the mobile phone.

Handing in Money

From time-to-time students may be required to bring money to school for an excursion or event. It is important that any money handed over by a student needs to be in an envelope with all the relevant information written on the front prior to being handed to the office.

COMPASS

Compass will be the primary source of information from 2024 onwards. Compass will be used for email communications, scheduling interviews, accessing semester reports, managing absences, sending out notes to parents and making payments. If you have not already got your LOGIN details (or needing your password reset), please call in to the office ASAP. We are wanting to only work with COMPASS from Term 2.

Please feel free to drop in or contact the admin team if you need any help.

Regards Sebina, Danni, Fleur & Simone

School Rock Band – Practice for auditions is now ON!

Official Band auditions will begin on Tuesday 27th February. (Years 3-6 only!)

The Songs being learnt for audition are Viva La Vida by Coldplay and Lanterns by Birds of Tokyo.

Video lessons for guitar, bass and keyboard will be available on Mr Marsh's Music website (Under WHPS Band Auditions). Open up google and type "Martian Maze Music" in the search bar, or enter the following address into your URL bar:

<https://sites.google.com/view/martian-maze-music-movement/home>

Any questions, please email Mr Marsh on the address below!

Thanks folks.

Keep **singin'**, **strummin'**, and **swingin'** those hips!!

Kaine Marsh kaine.marsh@education.vic.gov.au



2024 Foundation - Year 3 Swimming Program

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

It is with much pleasure that we can inform you that we have recently received Government funding for our Swimming Program for children in Foundation to Year 3. This is an initiative from the Government for children in their early years of education. Parents that have already paid for the Swimming program will have this amount credited back to their family account. This amount can then be used for any other activities throughout the year that require payment. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the office.



Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4th April** at Canterbury Oval between 9:00am – 10:00am and runs for 10 weeks, including 3 x Halftime games at Eaglehawk Football Club home games.

The NAB Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions children will learn the skills of the game in an exciting and social environment.

To register, go to www.play.afl/auskick or for more information, go to our Facebook page "Eaglehawk Auskick"





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COME & TRY DAY / REGISTRATION DAY !

What to Expect

- * Come & try ; Drills, games with our senior players.
- * Register your interest/ Register to play
- * Get answers to any questions you may have from our Club members .
- * Find out how to become a volunteer
- * Meet & Greet junior committee members ,club players , club coaches & President !

Sausage Sizzle \$2
Drinks \$1-\$2
Zooper Doopers \$1

Sunday 18th February
9.30am - 12.30pm



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

