

Aspire - Respect - Resilience - Responsibility

Term 1 Week 5 February, 29th 2024 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders:

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 staff and 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.

Communication with Staff at WHPS

We take great pride in providing accessible communication methods between parents and staff. We will continue to use staff work emails and Compass email as communication tools between home and school. We have policies to support our communication processes and they can be found on the school's website at www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au. We strongly encourage all families to read these documents so that everyone understands how we expect these communication options to be used. The key message that we want all families to understand is that both Compass emails and staff email addresses are <u>not</u> instant messaging options. Our teachers are busy teaching during class time and will not be checking their emails during this time. If you need to contact the school or your child's teacher about urgent matters, please phone the school on 54430799.

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

It appears that we need to again remind families that the car park at the front of the school (Plumridge Street) is for staff only (and visitors-Department staff, instrumental teachers, delivery drivers etc.). This is not a parking area for parents to either drop off or pick up their children. With student movement through this area in the morning and after school we do not want cars moving in and out of this space at these critical times. Your support and willingness to follow these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications

The CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid meanstested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seekers and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 54430799 and ask for an application form. You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office by the end of the Term 2.

Process for Late Arrival or Early Departure

If a student arrives late to school, or departs early (for a valid reason), they must be signed in or out by an approved adult at the school office. Parents must NOT collect a child directly from the school yard or classroom. This is a parental duty of care and child safety issue. A tear off slip from the sign in computer must be provided to the class teacher for a late arrival or early departure. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom. Your support with this process is appreciated.

Supervision responsibilities before and after school

At White Hills Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.40am before school and until 3.40pm after school. There may be staff in attendance at the school before and after those times, but those staff may be involved in tasks such as meetings or lesson preparation. This means that these staff members will not be supervising students. I know that a number of parents accompany their children to school and wait to see that they are settled. This practice is fine, and is certainly encouraged, as parents are supervising their own children. Formal before and after school care is available within the school grounds and is operated by OSH Club.

Please see the office if you would like more information on OSH Club.

Privacy Reminder

Privacy Collection Notice Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or were permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice on the website at: <u>https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/privacy_collection_notice_2.pdf</u>

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.

Regards Craig, Bec & Kim

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 | Flynn | For showing respect to everyone and our classroom by always helping pack up and |
| | | making great choices in and outside the classroom. |
| Prep F | Jaryn | For being such a friendly and enthusiastic class member. Jaryn, you help make our |
| | | classroom a great place to be. |
| Prep E | Ayvah | For always contributing to our class discussions during story time! |
| Prep B | Alexi C | For always being a friendly classmate and having a go at everything she does! |
| Prep H | Archie | For being brave in the mornings and showing a positive attitude to his learning |
| 1AK | Alex C | For thinking about his learning and how he can help others around him. Well done Alex! |
| 1G | Cooper | For always respecting others and being a superstar reader! |
| 1F | Seb E | For an incredible start to Grade 1, showing respect for new routines and his new |
| | | teachers. |
| 1B | Flynn | For displaying respect by being an active listener and speaking kindly to others. |
| 2W | Taio R | For showing respect by always listening to instructions and getting himself ready for |
| | | learning. |
| 2P | Oscar | For always working so hard and showing respect to others. |
| 2TD | Tyler J | For being respectful towards others property, by assisting with packing up Mrs T's books |
| | | without being asked to. |
| 2K | Ruby | For always working hard in class and showing respect to everyone. |
| 3M | Isla | For always being kind and respectful to teachers and classmates |
| 3V | Harrison | For having a go and aspiring to do his best at challenging maths problems |
| 3C | Declan | For going above and beyond in all learning areas. |
| 3L | Ruby | For always working hard in class and showing respect to everyone. |
| 40 | Ruby S | For consistently displaying all the school values. |
| 4HW | Hunter | For respectfully seeking help and using feedback to make improvements. |
| 4BL | Kallum J | For using respect when sharing his extensive knowledge during our maths sessions |
| 4G | Emmi O | For always being respectful to others' opinions and treating everyone equally. |
| 5D | Lachlan | For being a respectful student when playing maths games this week with different |
| | | partners |
| 5R | April M | For the respectful way she follows classroom and school expectations and the thoughtful |
| | | way she treats everyone around her |
| 5W | Olivia M | Respecting the opinion of her peers |
| 6K | Sidrat I | For always listening to others and respecting differences in beliefs and opinions. |
| 6B | Siara D | For the respect she show to her peers in her role of student leader. |
| 6MW | Scarlett E | For the respect she shows towards her teachers, her lessons and for keeping our |
| | | classroom organised. |
| 6F | Haylee P | Consistently giving her best in class and working well with others. |
| STEM | Muchovey T | For using his prior knowledge to help him write a plausible hypothesis for our class |
| Mrs Treloar | , , | experiment. |
| STEM | Lexie A | For working cooperatively with her partner during science experiments to make sure |
| Mrs Millard | | they could complete the task successfully. |
| Art | Xavier T | For being helpful and enjoying all Art lessons. |
| Mrs.Watchman | | |
| Art Miss Hivon | Ethan Qu | For respecting the process of each activity and taking pride in his amazing artwork. |
| | | |

Student of the week, 23rd February Well Done Everyone!



Principals Award: Congratulations Remi K



Calendar of Events Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30th Jan – Thursday 28th March

Term 1

Week 5

01st Mar - Energy Breakthrough Time Trials 8.30am/3.30pm 01st Mar - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 6

04th Mar - Foundation students attending fulltime. 05th Mar - Twilight Picnic on School Oval 5.30pm 08th Mar - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 7

11th Mar - Labor Day Public Holiday (No School) 13th Mar - Naplan Writing

14th Mar - Naplan Reading 15th Mar - Naplan Language Conventions

15th Mar - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 8

18th Mar - Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program (all week)
18th Mar - Naplan Maths
19th ~22nd Mar - Naplan Catch Up
20th Mar - Finance Meeting
22nd Mar - Easter Raffle Drawn
22nd Mar - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 9

25th Mar – Annual General School Council Meeting 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** 29th **Mar - Good Friday Public Holiday**

Happy Holidays 29th March – 14th April 2024



Calendar of Events Term 2 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 2

Week 1

17th Apr - Cross Country at School 19th Apr – Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne 19th Apr - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 2

24th Apr - Anzac Day Service at School 25th Apr - **Anzac Day Public Holiday (No School)** 26th Apr - Athletics at School 26th Apr - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 3

01st May -Division Cross Country 03rd May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 4

08th May - Finance Meeting 8th-10th May - Year 6 Burnside Camp 10th May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 5

13th May - School Council Meeting 17th May - District Athletics 17th May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 6

24th May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 7

31st May - Division Hockey 31st May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 8

5th Jun - Division Soccer 6th Jun - Division Soccer 7th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 9

10th Jun - Kings Birthday Public Holiday (No School) 12th Jun - Finance Meeting 14th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week10

17th Jun - School Council Meeting 21st Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 11

28th Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 2.00pm 28th Jun - Last Day Term 2 Early **Finish 2.30pm**

Happy Holidays 28th June ~ 14th July 2024

TB's Trees

Late last year, TB'S Trees (a school family) removed an unsightly stump from behind the portables, without charge. We appreciate now having open pathways which are free from obstructions. TB's a small family tree business that has been in the industry over 10 years and specialises in Tree Removals, Tree pruning, Tree Felling, Stump grinding, Hedging. 24 hours/ 7 days a week. We are Fully Insured with 10 million public liability. Safety is our number one priority. AFFORDABLE PRICES. We are happy to travel all of Bendigo and surrounds. No job too big or too small We have recently moved back to Bendigo and our children attend White Hills primary. Call Tom on 0498609887 for a NO OBLIGATION FREE Quote.

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 <u>kaine.marsh@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Drum Lessons

"I believe in making music an enjoyable and engaging experience, and that's exactly how I approach teaching. My focus isn't on creating rockstars; instead, I emphasize fostering creativity, coordination, and instilling the belief that effort yields results.

Even when tackling challenging pieces, my priority is to create a fun and lighthearted learning environment, often with lots of laughter. To facilitate learning, I've authored my own music books, with one copy provided annually as part of the lesson fee (for new enrolments) Additional copies can be obtained for \$50 each.

Here's a bit about my background: I bring 30 years of playing experience and almost 20 years of teaching experience to the table. I regularly perform live concerts with my own bands and collaborate with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra. My involvement extends to musicals, theatre productions, touring bands, and music festivals. I am also Tour Manager for a prominent Australian band. Certified with a CERT IV Training & Assessment from Bendigo TAFE, I'm an active member of the Victorian Music Teachers Association (VMTA). I hold numerous Music Exam accolades, including First-Class Honors, and I'm an Associate Member of the Australia & New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA). Furthermore, I have comprehensive insurance coverage, public liability protection, and a valid Working with Children (WWC) Check.

For payment, lessons are priced at \$250 per term, and guarantees a minimum of 8 lessons per term. While I strive for 10 lessons, this structure allows flexibility for camps, public holidays, and student absences.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I'm excited about the fantastic year ahead and looking forward to making music enjoyable for everyone." *Thank you, Adam Bourke 0409530880 Check my Facebook page:* <u>www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons</u>

Year 3 to Year 6 Swimming Program

This year's swimming program will start on Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March. All years 3 to 6 students are encouraged to participate in the swimming program. The year 3 students are covered by a Government Grant so there will be no charge for them. The cost of \$57 will be placed on for all years 4, 5 & 6's Students. The families that are eligible to receive CSEF, can have this charge allocated against their CSEF.









