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Term 1 Week 6 March, 7th 2024 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders:

Parents and Friends Twilight Picnic

We wish to thank our hard-working Parents and Friends Group who hosted a wonderful community gathering for the start of the year. It was great to see so many members of our school community join in for a picnic tea.

We were lucky to have our school band, supported by Mr Marsh, perform in their first event of the year. I'm sure there will be many more events to come from the band throughout the year.

Thanks to all the families and staff for coming along to make this a successful event!



News from the School Leaders:

Sweet Rosie

Rosie had a great time last Friday going into each of the Foundation classrooms to meet our newest school students.

The students talked about how we look after Rosie to keep her healthy, happy and safe at school. We talked about giving Rosie space when she needs it and using calm voices and movements to keep her relaxed.

The students found out that Rosie loves to have scratches on her back, runs around the oval but doesn't like having her ears touched.

Rosie had a fantastic time in the classrooms and will be excited to come and visit again!



Launching into Learning

Our Foundation families were invited into the classroom this week for the start of the year, Launching into Learning event. The students were able to show their parents how they change their readers, do a 'book walk' and read through their book. It was great to see the classrooms brimming with parents and very happy students. Reading is such an important part of their learning journey. What a great start!

Social Media Usage

In recent weeks, we have experienced some concerns with students using social media inappropriately. This has resulted in students arriving to school having said things to each other which has resulted in the breakdown of friendship groups. While we acknowledge that the management of social media can be challenging for parents to regulate for underage users, Our preference would be that parents do their very best to monitor or better still remove access of social media from their children. This way, parents will have the opportunity to deal with any related issues before they make their way into our school.

News from the School Leaders:

Fathering Project

WHPS has a keen group of fathers who are excited to re-establish our involvement in the fathering Project. The Fathering Project recognises that fathers, and father figures, play a vital role in children's lives. The evidence demonstrates fathers' potential to positively influence their children's health and mental health, social success, and academic achievements.

To assist with the coordination of this group for 2024 and beyond, we are organising a gathering for dinner next Tuesday 12th March. The dinner will be held at the Reservoir Hotel beginning at 6.00pm. Please confirm your attendance by phoning our office on 5443 0799 prior to 11.30am 12/03/24.

Smile Squad

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school on **15th April 2024**.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

Class	Student	Awarded for being their BEST
Prep D	Mason	For still trying his best at all school activities despite having a broken wrist.
Prep F	Rylee	For always being a kind and caring classmate who listens respectfully to others
Prep E	Flynn B	For demonstrating respect during 'table time' by attempting all his work tasks!
Prep B	Sadie Chiswell	For modeling respectful behaviour and encouraging her classmates to do the right thing. Well done Sadie!
Prep H	Levi	For always displaying whole body listening in the classroom.
1AK	Anita R	For always respecting her classmates and teachers, and for her wonderful recount writing this week.
1G	Amelia P	For always offering to help others and being a kind and empathetic member of our class.
1F	Aysha C	For always respecting her classmates and listening and working hard with her teachers.
1B	Charlotte	For speaking kindly and treating others with respect.
2W	Claire S	For respecting others and demonstrating it through always being such a kind and cooperative learning partner.
2P	Raff W	For the way she speaks to and treats others. Raff always shows our value of Respect towards everyone in 2P!
2TD	Sam L	For putting his hand up and always contributing to discussions.
2K	Leo B	For always working hard and completing his work to a high standard
3M	Jack C	For always being a kind, caring and encouraging classmate.
3V	Madison W	For her amazing effort during her NAPLAN persuasive writing
3C	Neveah K	For being kind, caring and respectful and helping her classmates when they need it.
3L		
4O	Lily	For speaking respectfully and asking for help if she is unsure!
4HW	Jordyn	For her amazing efforts and commitment to extending her learning.
4BL	Joel W	For his wonderful effort during class time with and without assistance
4G	River T	For displaying a positive attitude and treating others respectfully.
5D	Rylee	For taking on an extra prep buddy on short notice.
5R	Logan A	For his consistent commitment to extending himself and always aspiring to improve his knowledge, skills and understanding in all subject areas.
5W	Jasper M	For aspiring to be his best and for always being inclusive and respectful of others.
6K	Nate V	For always being a kind and courteous student with beautiful manners.
6B	Azzi	For always putting others first. For example, giving up his lunch times to work on the school gardens.
6MW	Liv R	For her engagement with our White Hills school community in a positive and respectful manner
6F	Leibron S	For always being enthusiastic at school and giving 100%
Sport Mr Scoble	Sidrat 6K	For taking on feedback and improving her hurdles technique.
STEM Mrs Treloar	A.E	For designing and building a creative and complex solution to our insulator design challenge.
STEM Mrs Millard	Hattie S PD	For being a kind and caring classmate during STEM and for respectfully sharing her ideas about shadows.
Art Mrs. Watchman	Layton 2K	For creating a detailed picture of a bird.
Art Miss Hivon	Lilah C 3C	For helping classmates when needed and taking pride in her work giving it extra beautiful details.
Music Mr Marsh	WHPS Rock Band (Olivia, Lila, Lucy, Alex, Amity, Peyton)	For an outstanding performance at the Twilight Picnic - to be able to perform that song after only 2 practice sessions is an absolute credit to the hard work, persistence, passion and effort you all put in! Rock on!

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

Student of the week, 1st March Well Done Everyone!



Principals Award: Congratulations Eli K



Calendar of Events Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30th Jan – Thursday 28th March

Term 1

Week 6

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 Lar Birpa Athletics Complex

58 Retreat Rd Flora Hill

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

4th May - Energy Breakthrough Calder Park Raceway

08th May - Finance Meeting

8th-10th May - Year 6 Burnside Anglesea 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

Week 10

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

Energy Breakthrough

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in making the 2024 Energy Breakthrough Team.

For the first stage of the tryout process, we collected data and information around two areas: the beep test and attitudes at school.

We then invited students who were successful in these two areas to the second stage of our tryout process; the time trials, where we ranked students based on average lap times and trike control.

We thank the 68 students who tried out for the team this year and for their effort and dedication in a very competitive tryout process. The hard work now begins with training for our first race at the Calder Park Raceway on May 4th.



2024 Energy Breakthrough Team	
Finn W	Olivia R
Liam W	Paige W
Cody H	Scarlett E
Mitch F	Willow H
Bailey S	Ruby E
Ethan P	Zeruiah
Arlie T	Charli S
Jed B	Maddison B
Harry L	Emma I



An Interview with our Student Leaders

Laynie C



Hobbies	I like watching my favourite show on TV and I love organising my bedroom.
What do you like about WHPS?	I love how WHPS is so accepting and how it offers help for students in need.
Why did you want to be a Student Leader?	I've wanted to be a student leader ever since I was in Grade 3! I have always just wanted to be a leader and a role model to show the younger students that they can be responsible.
Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?	A leader that inspires me is Jochebed Way. She is always kind and responsible around the school, and always aspires to do her best in all learning tasks.
What is your favourite subject?	My favourite subject is writing, writing makes me feel comfortable and calm.

Jed R.J



Hobbies	Calling with my friends and doing outside activities as well as hanging out with friends and family.
What do you like about WHPS?	That it's a safe and respectful school and that everyone likes to help out around the school and we're one joined community. Also, that our school can work together and achieve such great things, and that we have a PFG because not many schools have those.
Why did you want to be a Student Leader?	So that I could feel more connected to the school in more ways and be able to have fun with friends doing assembly! And being a leader of the school and showing kids the right thing to do.
Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?	Yes. It's all the teachers in the school because they inspire me by how they put in all their time to attend school and work here and they are just incredible people! And how the teachers teach us students, it's incredible! If I was a teacher, it would be very hard, but the teachers at WHPS just try their best and don't fail!
What is your favourite subject at school?	My number one favourite subject is writing! Because you get to take all your imaginative thoughts and put it into one piece! Second, reading because it ties in as well. Reading books is just so thrilling you should just look at my shelves! Third Inquiry because it's so great to learn about our country's history and just everything about the world!

Olivia R



Hobbies	Dance, Spending time with my family and friends, relaxing and playing Fortnite with my brother.
What do you like about WHPS?	That it's a safe learning and talking space and everyone's very kind and respectful and White Hills does a lot of community inclusive activities like PFG, The Colour Fun Run and others. White Hills is also a very inclusive school with a lot of different cultures.
Why did you want to be a Student Leader?	Because I love helping people and giving little kids something to aspire to be. It's just like how I was inspired to help others. Maybe they don't have the best life at home.
Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?	Yes. The teachers at this school because they are always ready to help out little and big kids. Also, my parents because I believe that they have raised me to be an amazing person and I aspire to be as good as them in everything that I do.
What is your favourite subject at school?	I don't have just one but some of my favourite subjects are Art, Reading and Writing, P.E, Music and Inquiry because I enjoy all of these subjects, even if they may be challenging.

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.

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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 kaine.marsh@education.vic.gov.au



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:*

www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons

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. Please indicate on the permission form If you would like to use the child's CSEF for this event. Pink permission forms were sent home on yesterday for the swimming program. Could this form be completed and returned to school with any payment no later then March 15th.

Easter Raffle

Tickets cost \$1.00 each. EACH BOOKLET IS WORTH \$20.00 (20 tickets)

- 1st prize Large Chocolate Hamper
- 2nd prize Medium Chocolate Hamper
- 3rd prize Chocolate Hamper
- 4th prize Chocolate Hamper

All books and money or any unsold tickets must be returned by Wednesday 20th March 2024 before 4.00pm
The Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 22nd March at the afternoon assembly.

Payment can be made via QKR or at the office.
Extra books are available from the office.

Your continued support of our Fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated.
WHPS Parents & Friends Group



Let's Celebrate

EASTER CARNIVAL

Wednesday 27th March

Join us for a fun-filled day of Easter celebrations, featuring egg-citing games and activities for kids of all ages!



Check out some of the activities you can expect to see in service below!

- EASTER EGG HUNT** Join the search for hidden eggs scattered throughout, and discover delightful surprises as you win prizes along the way!
- PIN THE TAIL ON THE BUNNY** Experience laughter-filled blindfolded fun as you aim to pin the tail in the right spot in this festive game!
- EGG-STREME AND SPOON RACE** Test your balance, agility, and speed as you navigate challenging obstacles in this exhilarating race.
- EGGMOJI'S** Let your imagination run wild as you showcase your unique personality through your own Eggmoji masterpiece.
- EASTER BUNNY MASKS** Unleash your creativity and get into the festive spirit by crafting your own Easter Bunny masks.
- EGG DROP CHALLENGE** Combine your creativity and problem-solving skills as you design and build contraptions in this Easter challenge.

Ask your Coordinator for more info about what's happening in your service

BOOK ONLINE!



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LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY

Open Everyday
2nd half of lunch

MON	Move it Monday 6MW 1st half lunch	Bingo Club 4HB 1st half	Lego Club 1AK 1st half	Tech Club 40 1st half
TUES	Art Club Art Room #2 1st half	Board Games 1G 1st half	Mindfulness 1F 1st half	Lego Club 1AK 1st half
WED	Shed Games 1st half	Board Games 1G 1st half	Tech Club STEM Room 1st half	Mr D's Sports Activity Courts 1st half
THUR	Art Club Art Room #1 1st half	Shed Games 1st half	Lego Club 1AK 1st half	Bingo 4HB 1st half
FRI	Choir Music Room 1st half	Tech Club 3C 1st half	Garden Club 5W 1st half	Recess

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WHITE HILLS OSHCLUB NEWS

Hello families,

Term 1 Bookings are filling up fast and limited spaces are becoming available. Please book at the earliest convenience so you don't miss out.

Please see our friendly reminders, Monthly Calendar and OSHClub Easter Carnival Poster.

See you around, Ella & TJ


REMINDERS

Names on children's items - our lost property is overflowing and many do not come with names. If you are missing something please come and check in our room.

CLASS DOJO

White Hills OSHClub have created a Class Dojo this year and invite you to join us to share our week and gain points for positive behaviour.

Booking type	Booking requirement	Cancellation terms*	Session type	Term 1 2024	Average* cost per session	Average* change in cost per session
Early Bird Adventure	Book 13 or more days in advance	Early cancellation of notice provided 14 or more days in advance	How then Shine	\$19.00	\$4.91	\$0.18
			Stay and Play	\$2.40	\$7.77	\$2.36
Flexible Adventure	Book 3 or more days in advance	Early cancellation of notice provided 48 hours or more in advance	How then Shine	\$27.50	\$4.96	\$0.20
			Stay and Play	\$5.80	\$10.87	\$3.60
Last Minute Adventure	Book 48 hours or less in advance	No free cancellation	How then Shine	\$30.00	\$7.01	\$1.20
			Stay and Play	\$27.40	\$12.77	\$2.40
Holiday Program	Unchanged	Unchanged	Daily rate	\$62.70	\$11.30	\$0.85



Service Times: Morning 8:30-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm
Holiday Program 7am-6pm

Service Phone Number: 0491 806 466
Service Email: whitehills@oshclub.com.au

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WHITE HILLS OSHCLUB AWARDS

WEEKS 3-4

Legend of the Week
Term 1 Week 3-4
Congratulations to
Charlie Warner
For growth in listening and engaging and willingness to help
Ella Fletcher
OSHClub Coordinator

WEEKS 5-6

Legend of the Week
Term 1 Week 5-6
Congratulations to
Theo Connor
For outstanding cleaning and always using the correct bin and finding things to recycle
TJ Austin
OSHClub Educator

Service Times: Morning 8:30-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm
Holiday Program 7am-6pm

Service Phone Number: 0491 806 466
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REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024

Come & join us - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!

No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.

Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's

Junior registrations close 8 March
Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au
Visit www.epsomfc.com.au or www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer








ENTER THE DRAGON MILE
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

Bendigo Bank

ICONIC DRAGON MILE
MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE
USE THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRICING AND AGE GROUPS
WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
TIME: 10:30AM START

REGISTER HERE

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MARCH 29-APRIL 1

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ALSO IN CORPORATING THE GYM CLIP, TEAMS OF FOUR FROM YOUR FAVOURITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM
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