



Term 1 Week 7 March, 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 Newsletter

White Hills Primary School 1916

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**Aspire - Respect - Resilience - Responsibility**

### **News from the School Leaders:**

#### **Love Your Sister Fundraiser**

Mr Calum Gurd, one of our Grade 4 teachers is taking on a massive challenge of running 30 kms a day for 30 days. (900 kms in total) to raise money for The Love Your Sister organisation. The Love Your Sister organisation raises money for cancer. As we know, so many people are affected by this terrible disease, so we have decided to get behind Mr Gurd and show him our support.

On Thursday 28th March (the last day of term) we are inviting all students to come to school wearing bright colours and a gold coin to donate. The students who donate a gold coin will go into the draw to win a prize from The Love Your Sister organisation. Each year level will get to join Mr Gurd to run some laps of the school oval from 9am in the morning. Parents are welcome to come and cheer on Mr Gurd.

The last day of term will be a Casual Dress Day. If your child would like to participate all gold coins collected will then be donated to "Love Your Sister"

The link supplied can be used for any donation.

[https://fundraise.loveyoursister.org/p/340295/calum-gurd?utm\\_source=Events+-+Transactional+Emails&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Event+-+Thank+you+for+creating+a+Fundraising+Page+%28272937%29&utm\\_content=Button+-+VIEW+FRP&fbclid=PAAaY5KrOzMQWwcPpXVNmIW2RMosoWt0MUrMncmcczj919W13ORhwKIOzveg\\_aem\\_ASZCATgiZPj2DRblyK\\_bcilyolcViny6ZY5C6QSNbwFI9aQQcEAK8IKy8F\\_WxMct5Wk](https://fundraise.loveyoursister.org/p/340295/calum-gurd?utm_source=Events+-+Transactional+Emails&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Event+-+Thank+you+for+creating+a+Fundraising+Page+%28272937%29&utm_content=Button+-+VIEW+FRP&fbclid=PAAaY5KrOzMQWwcPpXVNmIW2RMosoWt0MUrMncmcczj919W13ORhwKIOzveg_aem_ASZCATgiZPj2DRblyK_bcilyolcViny6ZY5C6QSNbwFI9aQQcEAK8IKy8F_WxMct5Wk)



**Awesome  
Effort Calum!**

## **News from the School Leaders:**

### **School Attendance**

#### **Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts**

Each school day counts. We understand that when students are ill that they need to stay at home. Please be mindful that absences add up quickly. A student that is away for 2 days every month, is missing the equivalent 10% of their learning time. Much of our learning is sequential and builds on learning from previous lessons. This can make it difficult for students to catch up when they have unexplained absences. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue #2 of Scholastic Book Club is due Monday 18th of March. 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. For paper copy book orders remember to please include your child's name, room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to the office with correct payment by due date. The school will receive rewards points for every order. This allows WHPS to purchase new books for the school.

### **National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

This year NAPLAN will be conducted from March 13th-18th. The assessment program tests Grades 3 and 5 students in reading, persuasive or narrative writing, grammar and punctuation, numeracy, and spelling. Like last year, NAPLAN will be in an online format, excluding writing for Grade 3. The results from NAPLAN provide useful information to guide future planning.

### **Early School Finish - End of Term 1**

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 28th March. The last day of Term 1 will be Casual Dress. If your child decides to come to school out of uniform, could they please bring a gold coin donation. This money will be forwarded on to "Love Your Sister" organisation. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. There will be no assembly during Week 9. Term 2 commences on Monday, 15th April.

### **Swimming Program**

This Monday our weeklong swimming program kicks off with all students to attend from years 3 to 6. Could you please make sure you have returned the pink permission forms prior to Friday 15/03. Your child's name needs to be clearly written on all items taken to the pool. If your child wears their bathers to school prior to their lesson, could you please make sure they have underwear packed in their bag.

**Regards Craig, Bec & Kim**



**Congratulations  
Maddison  
on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in butterfly at  
the Division Swimming  
Carnival**

## *Students of the Week, 14th March Well Done Everyone!*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Awarded for being their BEST</b>
Prep D	Emilee	For showing respect in the classroom by listening carefully and putting up her hand to speak.
Prep F	Chase S	For being switched on with his learning and waiting patiently to have a turn.
Prep E	Lucy Cunningham	For being a considerate and respectful friend in Prep E to all her new classmates!
Prep B	Adriel	For being a considerate and hard-working member of our class.
Prep H	Aaleyah	For working so hard at practising her name every day!
1AK	Harlow	For listening carefully and working hard to complete an excellent retell during writing time.
1G	William H	For being the best class helper and having a positive attitude!
1F	Sienna H	For having a positive and happy week displaying amazing results in her writing!
1B	Archer	For raising his hand to share his thoughts with the class during the class big book.
2W	Xavier T	For being such a kind and cooperative class member and always offering to help others.
2P	Gemma	For working and thinking hard to problem solve in Maths
2TD	Bradley S	For always listening carefully, putting his hand up and being organised. Setting an excellent example for others.
2K	Lachlan	For being brave and showing resilience when receiving feedback
3M	Hazel G	For a fantastic start to WHPS and having a crack at everything she does!
3V	Ethan B	For always being respectful and kind to others and having a positive attitude.
3C	Alira	For always being kind and trying her best in all learning areas.
3L	Zoey	For making an excellent start to White Hills Primary, we are lucky to have you!
4O	Aiden	For always being kind and respectful to all members of the class.
4HW	Sam	For always respectfully giving his opinion in class discussions.
4BL	Claudia	For making an excellent start to White Hills Primary
4G	Abbey	For showing great care towards others.
5D	Toby C	For speaking and listening respectfully when talking with his peers and teachers
5R	Henry A	For his resilience during some tricky NAPLAN tests and for always aspiring to be his best!
5W	Alexa	For her resilience and aspiration through a week full of NAPLAN.
6K	Chase S	For always looking out for others and setting a great example in the classroom for his peers.
6B	Lacey B	For always supporting her peers and coming up with great dance moves.
6MW	Ethan Q	For his resilience and ability to adapt.
6F	Bailey S	Always demonstrating good manners and treating his classmates with respect.
Sport Mr Scoble	Annabelle H	Her excellent improvement in the fundamental movement skill of throwing.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Tillee H 1 F	For building a strong, solid zip line container and working hard to complete her work in a short amount of time.
STEM Mrs Millard	Liam H 1B	For his clever engineering design for his zip line and then aspiring to improve it to make it even better.
Art Mrs. Watchman	Lucia 5R	For taking care when presenting her artwork
Art Miss Hivon	Beau PH	For his confidence with his Pablo Picasso knowledge and work
Music Mr Marsh	For all students who audition for band	You all did an amazing job and demonstrated confidence when auditioning! Well done.

*Student Of the Week*



*Principals Award: Congratulations Jed RJ & Ryan S*



Please be mindful of where you park when dropping off and picking up students. We've had a couple of neighbours calling the school to advise that they have had their driveways blocked during these times. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### **Calendar of Events Term 1 2024**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Term 1**

##### **Week 7**

15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Naplan Language Conventions  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 8**

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

##### **Week 9**

25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Annual General School Council Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Years 1 – 2 AFL Clinic 9.00am / 2.00pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar - Years 1 – 2 AFL Clinic 9.00am / 2.00pm  
**28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Out of Uniform GOLD COIN DONATION**  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Last Day Term Early Finish 2.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Good Friday Public Holiday

**Happy Holidays 29<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



### **Calendar of Events Term 2 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Term 2**

##### **Week 1**

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

##### **Week 2**

24<sup>th</sup> Apr - Anzac Day Service at School  
25<sup>th</sup> Apr - **Anzac Day Public Holiday (No School)**  
26<sup>th</sup> Apr - Athletics at Lar Birpa Athletics Complex  
58 Retreat Rd Flora Hill  
26<sup>th</sup> Apr - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 3**

01<sup>st</sup> May -Division Cross Country  
03<sup>rd</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 4**

4<sup>th</sup> May - Energy Breakthrough Calder Park Raceway  
08<sup>th</sup> May - Finance Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Burnside Anglesea Camp  
10<sup>th</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 5**

13<sup>th</sup> May - School Council Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> May - District Athletics  
17<sup>th</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 6**

24<sup>th</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 7**

31<sup>st</sup> May - Division Hockey  
31<sup>st</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 8**

5<sup>th</sup> Jun - Division Soccer  
6<sup>th</sup> Jun - Division Soccer  
7<sup>th</sup> Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 9**

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

##### **Week10**

17<sup>th</sup> Jun - School Council Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

##### **Week 11**

28<sup>th</sup> Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 2.00pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Jun – Last Day Term 2 Early Finish 2.30pm

**Happy Holidays 28<sup>th</sup> June ~ 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## An Interview with our Student Leaders

Laynie



<b>Hobbies</b>	I like watching my favourite show on TV and I love organising my bedroom.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	I love how WHPS is so accepting and how it offers help for students in need.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	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.
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	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.
<b>What is your favourite subject?</b>	My favourite subject is writing, writing makes me feel comfortable and calm.

Jed R.J



<b>Hobbies</b>	Calling with my friends and doing outside activities as well as hanging out with friends and family.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	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.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	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.
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	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!
<b>What is your favourite subject at school?</b>	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



<b>Hobbies</b>	Dance, Spending time with my family and friends, relaxing and playing Fortnite with my brother.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	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.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	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.
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	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.
<b>What is your favourite subject at school?</b>	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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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/adambourkedrumlessons)

# Easter Raffle

Friendly reminder

Please return all sold or any unsold raffle tickets to school.  
No later than Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 before 4.00pm  
The Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!



OSH Club RISE THEN SHINE STAY AND PLAY

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY

Open Everyday  
2nd half of lunch

MON

Move it Monday 6MW 1st half lunch	Bingo Club 4HB	Lego Club 1AK	Tech Club 40
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TUES

Art Club Art Room #2 1st half	Board Games 1G	Mindfulness 1F	Lego Club 1AK
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WED

Shed Games 1st half	Board Games 1G	Tech Club STEM Room	Mr D's Sports Activity Courts
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THUR

Art Club Art Room #1 1st half	Shed Games 1st half	Lego Club 1AK	Bingo 4HB
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FRI

Choir Music Room 1st half	Tech Club 3C	Garden Club 5W Recess
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# OSHClub Term 1, Week 6 Newsletter

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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 Price per session	Average* out of pocket cost per session	Average* change in out of pocket cost per session
Early Bird Adventure	Book 15 or more days in advance	Easy cancellation if notice provided 14 or more days in advance	Rise then Shine Play and Play	\$75.00	\$4.53	\$0.18
Flexible Adventure	Book 3 or more days in advance	Easy cancellation if notice provided 48 hours or more in advance	Rise then Shine Play and Play	\$77.50	\$4.96	\$0.20
Last Minute Adventure	Book 48 hours or less in advance	No free cancellation	Rise then Shine Play and Play	\$100.00	\$7.03	\$1.20
Holiday Program	Unchanged	Unchanged	Daily rate	\$62.70	\$13.30	\$0.85

Service Times: Morning 6:30-9am / 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



WEEKS 5-6

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

Service Phone Number: 0491 806 466  
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Hi White Hills Primary School,  
My name is Dale Harris and I am contacting you on behalf of the Bendigo LEGO User Group, a local group of LEGO fans of all ages.

We have our annual brick show, Bendigo Bricks coming up in a month on the 6th and 7th of April. You can find out more about the event here: <https://bendigobricks.com>

The reason for contacting your school is to ask if whether it would be possible to have the poster for our 2024 event included in your newsletter in the lead up to the Easter school holidays as our event takes place on the weekend following Easter and we would expect that a lot of your students and families may be interested to come along.

I have uploaded both a PDF and a JPG version of our poster on our website at <https://bendigolug.com.au/bb-poster> which you can download and circulate as you wish.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any further details, or if you have better idea for how we can promote our event to your community on 0411899840 or by responding to this email.

Thank you,

Dale Harris  
Bendigo LUG Committee Member  
Mobile 0411 899 840

# ENTER THE DRAGON MILE

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024



## 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



GYM CUP TEAM EVENT



REGISTER HERE

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

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