



Term 2 Week 1 April, 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 Newsletter

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

### ***Welcome Back to Term 2!***

It is great to see all our students return for the start of an 11-week term. Students have settled back into their learning routines in a positive and productive manner. We look forward to an awesome term ahead with a busy school calendar. Please check our calendar of events in each newsletter, to be informed of upcoming events.

At this stage, Craig Arrowsmith and Bec Harper will be continuing their acting Principal and Assistant Principal roles until we hear otherwise.

### **Compass**

Compass will be used from Term 2 for features such as:

- Attendance
- Events - consent and payments
- Reporting - Semester 1 Reports
- Our Primary source of communication via email through Compass, Newsfeed Items and Chat features
- Canteen Ordering (the menu is available on Compass, School Website and the handout sent home)

If you haven't signed up for Compass yet (or lost your login details), please see our friendly office staff for assistance.

### **Term 2 Curriculum Days**

The School Council has approved two upcoming Curriculum Days for Term 2. The dates for these pupil free days are **Monday, 6th May** and **Wednesday, 22nd May**. These will focus on professional development for all staff. OSHClub will be available on these dates.

## News from the School Leaders:

### Anzac Day

Next Wednesday 24th April, the White Hills Primary School Anzac Day Service will be held at 1pm, on the undercover courts. Our student leaders will lead this service. We invite all parents and carers to attend our service as we commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, Turkey on 25<sup>th</sup> April in 1915.

Our Student Leaders will be attending The Melbourne Shrine this Friday, 19th April on behalf of White Hills PS. They will be laying a wreath at the Shrine on this day.

### Athletics Day

Next Friday, 26th April will be our Whole School Athletics event, held at the Flora Hill, Athletics track. This will be the first time our Foundation to Year 2 will be participating at the track.

Please ensure that you have provided both consent and payment on Compass. This will also provide all the important information you will need for the day, including times and things to bring. Students are encouraged to wear their house-coloured clothing on this day.

### Ride to School

Due to athletics next Friday, the Ride to School morning has been postponed until the following Friday, 3rd May.

### Smile Squad

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are here at our school from **15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Regards Craig, Bec & Kim**

## Cross Country

Wednesday was a major event in our School Sporting Calendar, with our annual Cross Country event. We were very proud of all our students and how they participated. It was remarkable to see their efforts and resilience as they completed the run. Congratulations to all our students!

We wish to thank Mr Scoble for organising the Cross Country, with Mr Weymouth's support. We appreciated the parents who came along to help cheer and support the students, it was a fantastic community event.

## Congratulations to our 2024 Cross Country Placings:

	Foundation			Under 10	
<b>1st</b>	Grace PE	Braxton PD	<b>1st</b>	Wildret E	Daphne A
<b>2nd</b>	Sadei PB	Vincent PF	<b>2nd</b>	Sam S	Lyla R
<b>3rd</b>	Scarlett PB	Ollie PF	<b>3rd</b>	Eli K	Layla T
	Year 1			Under 11	
<b>1st</b>	Levi T	Ivy B	<b>1st</b>	Dusty H	Violet W
<b>2nd</b>	Oscar Y	Tia S	<b>2nd</b>	Smith M	Soraya H
<b>3rd</b>	Seb E	Kenzie S	<b>3rd</b>	Jasper M	Olivia M
	Year 2			Under 12	
<b>1st</b>	Tyler J	Sophia M	<b>1st</b>	Finn W	Olivia R
<b>2nd</b>	Taio R	Gemma Q	<b>2nd</b>	Mitch F	Scarlett E
<b>3rd</b>	Walter S	Fenella P	<b>3rd</b>	Ethan Q	Charli S
	8 & 9 Year Olds				
<b>1st</b>	Jovi B	Freya M			
<b>2nd</b>	Archer C	Magnolia A			
<b>3rd</b>	Kai J	Bridget M			

# 2024 Cross Country



## *Students of the Week, 19th April Well Done Everyone!*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student</b>	
Foundation D	Aurora	For showing responsibility in the classroom.
Foundation F	Ollie G	For a great start to Term 2!
Foundation E	Jakaya	For showing responsibility by striving to have a go at all her tasks. Great job Jakaya!
Foundation B	Sineth	For coming back to school with a great attitude and showing respect to his peers.
Foundation H	Seth	For showing responsibility by completing his morning routine independently.
1AK	Ivy B	For always being a responsible member of our class and for being organised and ready to learn each day.
1G	Hennessy	For a fantastic transition back to school and being engaged in his learning.
1F	Alex B	For being a responsible classroom member and working hard on his writing.
1B	Holly	For being responsible with coming in each morning and setting up her table ready to learn.
2W	Jordana B	For working hard to become a more responsible learner in our classroom. Well done Jordana!
2P	Rhian	Always working very hard and being a responsible and caring member of 2P
2TD	Tristan Q	For always being well organised and ready to learn.
2K	John	For always making good choices and being ready to learn.
3M	Jobe & Jake	For a fantastic transition back to school and being ready to learn every day!
3V	Ayra H	For showing responsibility transitioning between activities and being ready to learn
3C	Faith	For showing responsibility and being at school every day
3L	Leena	For being a responsible member of our class
4O	Isabella	For always being responsible and a great role model!
4HW	Arlia	For being responsible for her actions within the classroom and making great choices.
4BL	Shwe Zin	For always being respectful to her classmates and teachers.
4G	Hsa Ka Paw	For being responsible and completing her work to a high standard.
5D	Josh A	Josh has demonstrated responsibility by getting his belongings organised quickly and benign ready on the floor.
5R	Levi H	Levi can always be relied upon to do the right thing and to uphold the school's values.
5W	Alexa	For being a responsible learner by ensuring she is organised.
6K	Sophia VZ	For her excellent organisational skills and concentration levels this week. Well done Sophia!
6B	Liam W	For being a responsible member of the Energy Breakthrough team making sure everything is ready for training session.
6MW	Eliza	For trying really hard to use her strategies to communicate with her peers
6F	Bailey S	For contributing to class discussions about ANZAC Day with empathy.
Sport Mr Scoble	Ruby and Olivia	For taking on the responsibility of making sure the cross country ran smoothly, helping at every opportunity.
STEM Mrs Treloar	George W	For demonstrating responsibility when working with his peers on STEM challenges.
STEM Mrs Millard	Sophie H 4BL	For being able to clearly share her knowledge about our new topic- Space
Art Mrs. Watchman	Tillee H 1F	For creating original artwork with detail and care.
Art Miss Hivon	Lyla R 4O	For always showing a positive manner in art and going the extra mile in helping.
Music Mr Marsh	Alex B 5R	For a significant improvement in his drumming for "Bad Blood". Alex has worked very hard to improve both his rhythm and technique which has been evident during rehearsals and his performance late last term. Keep up the hard work Alex!

## Calendar of Events Term 2 2024

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

### Term 2

#### Week 1

19<sup>th</sup> Apr - Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne 8.00am  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

#### Week 2

24<sup>th</sup> Apr - Anzac Day Service at School 1pm All Welcome  
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  
Years 3 – 6, 9.15am/2.30pm  
Foundation – Year 2, 10.30am/12.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Apr – CANCELLED School Assembly

#### Week 3

01<sup>st</sup> May -Division Cross Country  
03<sup>rd</sup> May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> May - Energy Breakthrough Calder Park Raceway

#### Week 4

6<sup>th</sup> May – **PUPIL FREE** Curriculum Day  
8<sup>th</sup> May - Finance Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Burnside Anglesea Camp (see Compass)  
9<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Port of Echuca (see Compass)  
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

22<sup>nd</sup> May – **PUPIL FREE** Staff Professional Development  
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

#### Week 10

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**

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.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP



The WHPS Parents & Friends Group (PFG) is a passionate team made up of Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers, just like you!

We aim to support the school and its community, as well as classroom engagement.

Connect with other Parents and Carers and support your school. We all want the best for our children.

### Find out more

#### Meet us

Come to a meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 9am in the office

#### Join our Facebook group



### Next meeting

Thursday 18th April, 9am



## An Interview with our Student Leaders

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<b>Hobbies</b>	I like doing piano because I love music. I love volleyball. I like calling my friends and hanging out with them because normally on the weekends I have nothing to do because my parents are at work. So, I love when I can see my friends.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	I like how it's big so it can accommodate the students and it has lots of specialists because most schools don't have that.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	Definitely because I wanted to improve in public speaking and not just public speaking...I love to be a leader and setting a good example for younger kids.
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	Mr Arrowsmith because even though he came here in 2023 towards the end of the year, he has settled into White Hills perfectly and sets a good example that if you set your mind to it, you can do it.
<b>What is your favourite subject?</b>	My favourite subject is writing because I can express myself in writing.

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<b>Hobbies</b>	I love going outside, and going to the beach on warm days, and I love going gold panning and finding crystals and gold.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	I love how it's a safe space, and the teachers are really nice, and there's always someone to talk to. And I also love how we have lots of specialists.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	I really want to be a good role model to little kids, and I would love to help any of the teachers or the principals who might need help.
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	Laynie.C. Laynie inspires me because she is nice to everyone even teachers. One day I would really like to be like her.
<b>What is your favourite subject at school?</b>	I really love being in the art room. I love being creative and making really fun stuff.

Mason



<b>Hobbies</b>	Playing basketball.
<b>What do you like about WHPS?</b>	That teachers are always keeping you entertained.
<b>Why did you want to be a Student Leader?</b>	I enjoy helping people
<b>Is there a Leader that inspires you and why?</b>	My parents are leaders in my life.
<b>What is your favourite subject at school?</b>	I love doing basketball.

## 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:*

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