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News from the School Leaders:

Dear Parents and carers,

Education Week- Spotlight on STEM

This year Education Week is celebrated from Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May in all Victorian government schools. This year's theme, Spotlight on STEM, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. Today's STEM multi-age day began with an inspiring talk with Alissa from the Discovery Centre Bendigo, who also wowed the students with some fantastic experiments. We thank Alissa for her enthusiastic delivery and time. The activities today provided the perfect backdrop to celebrate all good things of White Hills Primary School. Working with mixed ability groups the staff guided our students through a large array of STEM activities. This included designing and constructing a wind powered boat, making and mixing a flavorsome slushie in a bag, creating a much-needed back scratcher, producing a kaleidoscope full of color and working on stop motion animations. Thank you to all staff for their assistance in delivering these activities. Well, done to Mrs Treloar and to Mrs Millard for their organisation of the day. (See photos attached)

Move Your Way - TAG ON

Bendigo Health Services are sponsoring White Hills PS to install and use 'TAG ON" for a designated period of time later in the term. This will promote active travel to school. Each student will receive a tag (associated with their house colour) in which parents can register their contact details. When students arrive by walking, riding or scooting, they can 'TAG ON' at a designated Kiosk at school. This will send a notification to their registered parent to confirm safe arrival at school. This will help with peace of mind for parents/carers. Each time a student taps on, their house will receive a point.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete the below survey to help gather information about how students travel to school. Visit: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/BBLWZHL2Lq</u> to complete the survey

News from the School Leaders:

Foundation (prep) Parents 2025

The interest of families wanting to enrol at White Hills Primary School in 2025 is exciting, if the attendance at Tuesday's information sessions is anything to go by. June is a busy time for enrolling in schools for the following year. It is expected that families will apply to enrol in their school of choice at this time. Thank you to the staff who assisted with the running of information sessions and tours this week.

Families who have children to enrol at White Hills in 2025 are encouraged to enrol immediately. This can be achieved by contacting our office staff and completing the necessary paperwork.

Smile Squad

Smile Squad will conclude their school visit to White Hills Primary School today.

What's next?

The Smile Squad treatment van will visit your school at the end of May 2024 (in approximately 2 weeks' time) to provide further dental treatment to those students who need it. Our clinicians have been in contact with the families of these students to explain the dental treatment needed.

If any families missed out, they could see your child when the treatment van visits in late May. Alternatively, you can visit the Smile Squad at the Bendigo Health dental clinic. They will still be seen under Smile Squad, at no cost.

Emergency care

If any student requires emergency or urgent care in between our visits, they can attend our Bendigo Health dental clinic. Please call 03 5454 7994 and ask for a Smile Squad appointment. They will still be seen under Smile Squad, at no cost.

Crossing Safety

The City of Greater Bendigo has informed our school that they have recently received a high number of incident reports in relation to:

- families parking across designated crossing lines to drop children off at school.
- number of cars driving through the crossing when the supervisor has an active crossing and is holding a stop sign.

The City of Greater Bendigo has notified the Bendigo Police Highway Patrol regarding this increased number of incidents and near misses.

To ensure the safety of our children, parents and crossing supervisors, we have been asked to remind families of the safety requirements when passing through school crossing zones.

Under the Road Safety Road Rules 2017, whenever the school crossing flags are displayed, it is illegal to stop or park:

- 20 metres before a school crossing
- 10 metres after a school crossing
- within 10 metres of an intersection

If school crossing flags are displayed, you must stop for pedestrians. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

During active school crossing times the speed limit is reduced to 40 km/h.

We appreciate your support regarding this concerning matter.

Regards Craig, Bec & Kim

The Zoo Comes to You

On Monday our Foundation students welcomed Emily from Wild Adventures to our school, along with her many native Australian Animals. Emily spoke to our young learners about the habitats of her animals, what they eat and where in Australia might we find these animals. All students held a native animal. Arriving with Emily, we had a possum, blue tongue lizard, Bettong (Rat Kangaroos), black headed python, crocodile, turtle and a gecko. The students shared their excitement and appeared to enjoy the experience.



		STUDENTS OF THE WEEK		
Prep D	Scarlett K	Always working very hard and being a responsible and caring member of Prep D!		
Prep F	Matilda	For always being a positive presence in the classroom and taking greater responsibility with her learning.		
Prep E	Nyah	For being responsible with coming in each morning and setting up her table ready to learn.		
Prep B	Rhapsody	For entering the classroom by herself and showing everyone how responsible you are. Well done Rhapsody!		
Prep H	Clyde	For always working hard and being a responsible member of the class.		
1AK	Sara	For working hard during writing time and for always showing kindness to others.		
1G	Jaxon	For always being super responsible by helping pack up our classroom everyday.		
1F	Aspyn	For wonderful focus in her reading and writing sessions working towards her goals.		
1B	Kenzie	For being responsible with focusing during reading and remembering to change her reader every day.		
2W	Taleah L	For demonstrating greater responsibility in the classroom which is helping her get started on tasks straight away.		
2P	Declan S	For working very hard this week. Bringing a positive attitude to Scholl!		
2TD	Sophia TM	For being responsible during our STEM Multi Age Day		
2K	Luey	For being a responsible student during the STEM Multi Age Day		
3M	Archer C	For taking responsibility with his learning and producing an engaging information report		
3V	Jayvon Q	For being a responsible class member and working hard on his writing		
3C	Indi	For always trying her best in class and leading by example		
3L	Kisha	For always being a responsible classmate and setting a good example to others.		
40	Peyton	For always being responsible and trying her best!		
4HW	Logan M	For trying his best during math's sessions and showing his thinking clearly when solving addition and subtraction equations.		
4BL	Eli	For helping younger students complete their Multi Age Day tasks.		
4G	Jaxon H	For playing fairly in the yard and working hard in the classroom.		
5D	Patrick	For being organised in the classroom and setting an example of positive behavior		
5R	Violet E	For her dedication to extending her skills using new technology programs and the responsible way she uses them.		
5W	Jed B	For showing greater responsibility for his learning.		
6K	Eliza O	For her exemplary teamwork and responsibility in group projects!		
6B	Georgia C	For stepping outside her comfort zone in the treetops at camp		
6MW	Lexi D	For displaying a more positive and happier attitude on camp and in class and being more willing to tackle challenging tasks.		
6F	Tyson J	For the way he participated in activities on camp with resilience and courage!		
STEM	Ollie G &	For working collaboratively to build a new wall for Humpty Dumpty using our		
Mrs Treloar	Calais L PF	STEM construction materials		
STEM Mrs Millard	Charlotte W 6MW	For being a great support to younger students during the STEM multi age day.		
Art Mrs.Watchman	Dexter 5R	For creating original sketches in his Art folio.		
Music Mr Marsh	Thomas S	On Saturday night, the WHPS band played at the Bendigo Young Buskers Concert - and they were ALL brilliant. But one person stood out - not only was great during the band performance, but he also joined in to the BIG BAND performance and best of all, he supported a band member who had a rough performance. Brilliant effort all round Thomas.		
Art Miss Hivon	Delilah A 2P	For her creativity with her paint birds and inspiring others.		



School Beanies for sale at the office

\$13:00 each



Calendar of Events Term 2 2024 Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 2

Week 5 17th May - District Athletics (Check Compass) 17th May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 6

22nd May – **PUPIL FREE** Staff Professional Development May 23rd – National Simultaneous Storytime (Held at School) 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) 13th 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

Athletics

Mr Scoble has been busy organising this week's District Athletics Day. The day will be held tomorrow at the Flora Hill Athletics Complex. Selected students from Years 3 to 6 will compete against students from other schools. All permission notices for those participating have been sent to families via Compass. Good luck to all involved on Friday.

TRACK EVENTS

<u>AM</u>					
9.45	200m	Div 1 & 2 of all 12,11,10,8/9-year-old girls and boys.			
	200m	12-year-olds Girls / 12-year-old Boys			
	200m	11-year-olds. Girls / 11-year-olds Boys	All other divisions		
	200m	10-year-olds. Girls / 10-year-olds Boys	of 200 m in order.		
	200m	8/9-year-olds Girls / 8/9-year-olds Boys			
10.30	100m	Div 1 & 2 of all 12,11,10,8/9-year-old girls and boys.			
	100m	12-year-olds Girls / 12-year-olds Boys			
	100m	11-year-olds Girls / 11-year-olds Boys	All other divisions		
	100m	10-year-olds Girls / 10-year-olds Boys	of 100 m in order.		
	100m	8/9-year-olds Girls / 8/9-year-olds Boys			
11.15	80 m Hurdles	10-year-olds Girls / 10-year-olds Boys (1 girl / 1 boy) Heat 1 only			
11.25	80 m Hurdles	11-year-olds. Girls / 11-year-olds Boys (1 girl / 1 boy) Heat 1 only			
11:35	80 m Hurdles	12-year-olds Girls / 12-year-olds Boys (1 girl / 1 boy) Heat 1 only			
<u>PM</u>					
12.00	4x100m Relay	8/9-year-olds Girls / 8/9-year-olds Boys (1 girls / 1 boys' team) Heat 1			
12.15	4x100m Relay	10-year-olds Girls / 10-year-olds Boys (1 girls / 1 boys' team) Heat 1&2			
12.30	4x100m Relay	11-year-olds Girls / 11-year-olds Boys (1 girls / 1 boys' team) Heat 1&2			
12.45	4x100m Relay	12-year-olds Girls / 12-year-olds Boys (1 girls / 1 boys' team) Heat 1&2			
1.15:	400 m	8/9-year-olds Girls / 8/9-year-olds Boys (2 girls / 2 boys)			
1.25:	800m	10-year-olds Girls / 10-year-olds Boys (2 girls / 2 boys)			
1.40:	800m	11-year-olds. Girls / 11-year-olds Boys (2 girls / 2 boys)			
1.55:	800m	12-year-olds Girls / 12-year-olds Boys (2 girls / 2 boys)			

FIELD EVENTS

10.00:	Long Jump	12-year-olds (B/G)	High Jump	11-year-olds (B/G)
10.30:	Long Jump	10-year-olds (B/G)	Shot	8/9-year-olds (B/G)
11.00:	High Jump	12-year-olds (B/G)	Shot	11-year-olds
	Triple Jump	10-year-olds (B/G)		
11.30:	Long Jump	8/9-year-olds (B/G)	Discus	11-year-olds (B/G)
	High Jump	10-year-olds (B/G)		
12.00:	Shot	10-year-olds (B/G)	Discus	12-year-olds (B/G)
1.00:	Triple Jump	11-year-olds (B/G)	Shot	12-year-olds (B/G)
1.30:	High Jump	8/9 year olds (B/G)	Triple Jump	12 year olds (B/G)
2.00:	Long Jump	11-year-olds (B/G)	Discus	10-year-olds (B/G)

NOTE: Each participating school is entitled to have 2 competitors in the field events <u>except for High Jump</u> where there will be **one competitor.** NOTE: Times are a guide and may vary on the day.

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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>











