

News from the School Leaders:

Dear Parents and carers.

Student Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

The process of preparing mid-year reports for students is now well underway. It is anticipated that reports will be forwarded to families Friday 26th June, prior to the Parent-Teacher Interviews planned for early Term 3.

We wish to acknowledge the time currently being taken by our teachers to prepare each report and we are confident that parents will find the mid-year reporting of student achievement to be informative. For students, we hope that the report is most rewarding and a time to celebrate your learning and growth in knowledge acquired.

Further information, relating to how reports will be accessed by families and the arrangements for parent-teacher interviews will be shared closer to the end of this term.

Child Safe Standards Re-Visited

On 1 July 2022, 11 new Victorian Child Safe Standards came into effect for schools and school boarding premises. The new Victorian Child Safe Standards support greater national consistency, reflecting the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, developed following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The new Child Safe Standards include new requirements, including:

- the involvement of families and students in child safety efforts
- focus on the safety of Aboriginal children and young people.
- management of the risk of child abuse in online environments
- governance, systems, and processes to keep students safe.

Next term, our school will have our Child Safe Standards assessed by VRQA. All schools need to meet requirements to retain their registration and reflect on their work within each of the standards. The main principle of the child safe standards centers around our moral and legal responsibility to create safe, nurturing and culturally supportive learning environments for all children.

At White Hills Primary School child abuse is not tolerated and policies and procedures are put in place to ensure it does not happen. Further to this, children's rights are understood and respected. All concerns about child safety raised by children and their parents and carers are acted on.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue #4 of Scholastic Book Club is due Thursday 13th of June. No late orders will be accepted. You can view the latest catalogue here: https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/10414/bc_4-24_issuu.pdf

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 the due date. Rewards points are given to the school for each order, helping us to buy many fantastic books to put into our libraries.

Grade 6 Transition

Our Grade 6 students visited Weeroona this morning for an early transition session into their high school life. These types of activities help students to gain an understanding of what the high school environment can look like. Students completed a scavenger hunt to familiarise themselves with the different areas of this high school. Further transition activities will be offered throughout the year for our Grade 6 students.

Tag On Launch

We were excited to send home our tags yesterday promoting the new 'Tag On' system at White Hills PS. This first 'tag on' for students will be next Friday the 7th of June. This system enables parents to receive a notification when students arrive safely to school by active travel (walking, riding, scooting). Students will also receive house points when they 'tag on' if launch event will open the 'tag on' system for our school. We will have a coffee van in the Prep playground area for parents wishing to join the launch. A light breakfast will be provided for students at the launch. This program has been in partnership with Bendigo Community Health Services.

Meeting with Student Leaders

Today our student leaders met with Mr Arrowsmith, Mrs Harper and Mr Byron to discuss ways to elevate student voice and agency across the school. They are working on some exciting upcoming projects. These meetings are important to hear students' perspectives around day-to-day operations. We look forward to providing further information about our projects as they progress.



Bendigo Braves

The Grade 3 classes have enjoyed working with the Bendigo Braves in their reading program. The Braves have offered White Hills PS a free child ticket for every adult ticket purchased for the 'Steve Kelly' round game this weekend. Use the code "BRAVES-WHPS" to redeem this ticket at the checkout. Please scan the below QR code if you wish to purchase tickets.

Division Athletics







Congratulations to our Division Athletic Champions

Wildret Peyton, Amity, Sophie Jovi, Levi, and Dusty

		Student of the week
Prep D	Henri	For the responsible way he has approached all learning tasks this week in class
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Prep F	Ruby M	For being a responsible worker in class and making great improvements with her writing.
Prep E	Mac	For being a respectful listener by remembering to put his hand up in class discussions
Prep B	Adrian	For always trying his best, following instructions and being a responsible member of Prep B.
Prep H	Zander	For working hard at practicing his oxford words.
1AK	Rosie	For coming into the classroom every morning with a smile, and setting herself up quickly and quietly ready to learn.
1G	Conner H	For being super focused and keen to improve his writing this week.
1F	Blake G	For taking responsibility with his learning and following school expectations.
1B	Aubrey	For always working at a respectful noise level and keeping her learning space tidy.
2W	Kahlani	Being an engaged reader and always working responsibly in reading groups.
2P	Nevaeh	Demonstrating a responsible attitude to her learning - always following our school values.
2TD	Gracie W	For always being responsible for her learning by working steadily from beginning to end and persisting even when she finds a task challenging.
2K	Aria	For always being responsible in the classroom and setting a great example for others
3M	lvy	For showing responsibility for her learning by following all class expectations this week.
3V	Gracelyn L	For being such a kind and caring member of 3V.
3C	Roczen	For trying his best and persisting with challenging tasks
3L	William	For always displaying a phappy and positive ebergy in the classroom
40	Lyla	For never giving up and striving to do her best in all areas!
4HW	Oliver	For being responsible for his learning and giving his best effort to all tasks.
4BL	Chad	For showing great sportsmanship in Platoons
4G	Harry B	For showing great care with his work and listening to instructions.
5D	Heldi	For showing responsibility for her learning by being organised and striving to achieve her best.
5R	Wildret	For the responsibility he shows towards all aspects of school, always aspiring to achieve highly.
5W	Rhyse	For showing greater responsibility for his learning and actions within the classroom!
6K	Lila F	For always giving 100% to all learning activities and her beautiful presentation.
6B	Dechlyn	For his commitment to his work in the classroom.
6MW	Laynie	For her passion and enthusiasm in class and all her extra-curricular activities.
6F	Ethan L	For being honest and making strong choices.
STEM	Hsa Ka Paw	For her working responsibly to complete a fantastic information poster about space.
Mrs Treloar		
STEM Mrs	Taio R 2W	For his creative use of building techniques when constructing his bug shelter.
Millard		
Art Mrs.Watchman	Liam W 1F	For his amazing Indigenous flag collage. He demonstrated excellent fine motor skills.
Music	Jamaica G	Jamaica has shown terrific progress in band and music sessions this year, particularly
Mr Marsh		with her efforts on the guitar. A difficult instrument to learn at any rate, Jamaica is already working on her bar chords (which took Mr Marsh 2 years to learn!). As a newly elected grade 6 band leader, you've has an outstanding term so far.
Art Miss Hivon	Ki Ki 1G	For his consistent positive nature and strive for excellence with all artworks.
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Freya M	For her excellent grade 3 beep test score of 15.3

Students of the Week



Congratulations to Lilah on receiving last weeks Principal Award



Orders can be placed on Compass or via the Office



Strawberry & Chocolate Iced Donuts \$2:50 each. also available in a Gluten free option \$3:00 each.



Cinnamon Donuts \$2:50 each also available in a Gluten free option \$3:00 each



SOUTH BENDIGO FNC JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLINIC The program caters for boys & girls with senior South Bendigo FNC football stars invovled!! ACES: 5-12 YEARS 8 & 9 JULY HARRY TROTT OVAL KENNINGTON Activities Include: 9 Skills development 9 Cames 1 DAY: \$80 2 DAY: \$150 Activities Include: 9 Special Features: 1 Experienced Staff 9 Fruit and Lunch Provided 1 Senior SBFNC players Payment required to secure spots

Calendar of Events

Term 2 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June

Term 2

Week 7

31st May - Division Hockey on Compass

31st May - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 8

6th Jun - Division Soccer on Compass

7th Jun - Tag on Launch

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

Week 10

17th Jun - School Council Meeting

20th Jun – Year 2 Melbourne Museum on Compass

21st Jun - Donut Day at school on Compass

21st Jun - School Assembly Everyone Welcome 3.00pm

Week 11

25th Jun - Cinderella Incursion Whole School

26th Jun – Quantum 3V & 3M Event on Compass

27th Jun – Quantum 3C & 3L Event on Compass

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

School Beanies for sale at the office

\$13:00 each



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

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 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!!

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