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Term 3 Week 1 18th July 2024 Newsletter

News from the School Leaders:

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to welcome everyone back for the term. We hope that all families enjoyed their break, and we look forward to continuing on with positive and productive partnerships this term.

Our Parent Teacher Conference Day provided a smooth start to the term, and it was great to see so many families taking the opportunity to meet with families to discuss their child's learning and ensuring continued connections. Thank you to families for taking the time to attend these interviews. If you were unable to attend your child's interview, please contact their teacher to make an alternative time to meet.

Curriculum Day

Monday the 29th of July will be a Curriculum Day for staff. Students will not be required to attend school on this day. Professional Learning on this day will focus on one of our school priorities: Writing. We will be working with Narissa Leung on the 6+1 Traits of Writing. We will share some of our key learnings with you after this session. OSH Club will run as normal on this day.

Maths Competitions

We have a range of exciting extra-curricular competitions and opportunities for our students in Term 3. We have students in years 3-6 currently engaged in the Maths Talent Quest, where they are working individually or in small groups to investigate and apply mathematics in real world situations and problem solving. Some of the topics being explored include planning and budgeting for a holiday, investigating how much money our chickens make at year, the best angles to kick a soccer ball, how much money people might spend on buying lotto tickets in their lifetime and comparing the costs of building a castle now and then.

Our students in years 4-6 working well above the expected level are also being challenged through competitions such as the Maths Olympiad (where students compete nationally both individually and as a school team to solve problems across four competitions) and the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (designed to recognise outstanding academic achievement).

This term, we have an additional competition available for all students in years 3-6 who are working at level or above. The Australian Mathematics Competition contains unique problems designed each year by leading educators and academics to challenge and extend your students' problem-solving skills. The competition dates are between the 6th and the 8th of August and will be run during these dates, at a time that is suitable for the year level. If your child is eligible for this competition, you have been sent an online consent form via compass (in Events in your child's portal). The school will cover the cost of the assessment.

Cut of Time Canteen Change

As of Term 3, the cut off time for the canteen ordering will be **3pm**. Orders must be placed the day prior by 3pm sharp. Peppergreen catering will still be our lunch provider for White Hills Primary School. No late order will be accepted.

National Day Against Bullying

Whether you're a parent, teacher, student or member of the broader community we all have a role to play in Bullying Prevention.

WHPS will be participating in activities that support this year's theme: "Everyone Belongs". Students are encouraged to wear the colour purple on Friday the 16th of August.



Book Week

Book Week is certainly a time of the year that both students and staff look forward to each year. We are all looking forward to a fun and engaging week of reading, activities and celebrating fabulous books. We will hold our popular 'Book Week Parade' on Friday the 23rd of August. So, start thinking about a costume based on a favourite book character. We will also have a performance from 'The Blurbs' on this day.



Child Safe Policy Review

White Hills Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website:

<https://www.whitehillsp.vic.edu.au/page/60/Policies>

The below policies have recently been reviewed and are available through the school website:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Digital Learning Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Craig Arrowsmith or Bec Harper on 5443 0799 or at white.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Ride to School

Next Friday will be our first ride to school day for the term. We invite students and their families to join us for a crisp morning ride.

Mr Scoble will be starting at the bridge near Epsom Primary School at 8:15am riding slowly along the bike track. He will make another stop at the Scott Street bridge at 8:25am before finishing at school.

Ms Davies will be coming from the opposite direction starting at Weeroona Avenue at 8:15am. She will then make her way along the bike track stopping at the Bridge on Knight Street (behind Weeroona College) at 8:20am and then again near the playground just off The Boulevard in the Peppercorns Estate at 8:25am. Ms Davies will then follow the bike track to school.

We look forward to riding to school with many students on Friday.

Regards Craig, Bec, Kim and Kylie

Acknowledgment of Country

We at White Hills Primary School, acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional owners of the land where we live, learn and grow.

We recognise their continued connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to Elders of the past, present and emerging. We extend our respect to all First Nations People visiting our school community.





White Hills Primary School are excited to be participating in Book Week celebrations again this year.

Our Book Character Day will be on Friday 23rd August. Dress up as your favourite book character.

Start getting your costume ready for this spectacular event!

School Beanies for sale at the office

\$13:00 each



Calendar of Events

Term 3 2024

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

Week 2

24th July – Division Netball
26th July – Ride to School
27th July – Sandown HPV Event 10.00am – 6.00pm

Week 3

29th July - Literacy Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL
30th July - Girls Division Footy 9.30am – 2.30pm
31st July - Boys Division Footy 9.00am – 2.30pm
31st July - Stem Incursion – Grade 5 and Selected Grade 4 Students Grade 4 9.30am - 11am - Grade 5 12pm - 1.30pm

Week 4

6th Aug – Getting Ready for School

Week 5

16th Aug – National Day of Acting against Bullying and violence

Week 6

19th-23rd Aug – Book Week
19th 21st Aug – Jets Gym
23rd Aug – Blurbs 1.00pm – 2.00pm
23rd Aug – Book Character Dress Up Day & Parade

Week 7

26th – 28th Aug – Jets Gym
26th Aug – Pie Drive Forms and Money Due Back
27th Aug – Grade 6K & 6B Quantum Excursion
7.00am -4.15pm
28th Aug - Grade 5 Sovereign Hills Excursion 7.30am –5.30pm
29th Aug – Grade 6MW & 6F Quantum Excursion
7.15am -4.30pm
30th Aug – Ride to School

Week 8

2nd – 4th Sep – Jets Gym
2nd Sep – Grade 5 Quantum Excursion 7.15am -4.30pm
6th Sep – Division Basketball

Week 9

9th – 11th Sep – Jets Gym
11th – 13th Sep – Grade 4 Camp to Campaspe Downs
12th Sep – Pie Drive Collection 2-4pm
12th Sep – Year 3 Bendigo Walk – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Week 10

16th Sep – District Athletics
18th Sep – Whole School Colour Run – Energy Break through Fundraiser
20th Sep – End of Term 3 – Last Day of School
Finish at 2.30pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Parental controls

Learn how to use parental controls and other tools to maximise online safety in your home.

Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online.

They can be set up to do things like:

- **Block** your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera, or the ability to buy things).
- **Filter** different kinds of content — such as 'adult' or sexual content, social media pages and pages with content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism.
- **Limit** who can communicate with your child, and manage the apps they can use to communicate with others.
- Allow you to **monitor** your child's use of connected devices, with reports on the sites they visit and the apps they use, how often and for how long.
- Set **time limits**, blocking access after a set time.

More Information can be found at: [eSafety-Parents Issues](#)

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.

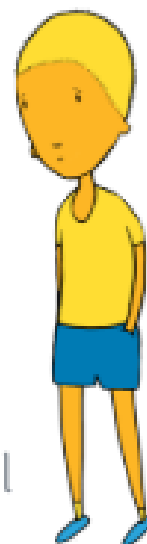
For payment, lessons are priced at \$250 per term, and guarantees a minimum of 8 lessons per term. While I strive for 10 lessons, this structure allows flexibility for camps, public holidays, and student absences.

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

A Summary of Brodie's Law



Brodie's law can apply to all forms of serious bullying, including physical bullying, psychological bullying, verbal bullying and cyber bullying.

Serious bullying may amount to a criminal offence.

In 2011, the offence of stalking in section 21A of the Crimes Act 1958 was extended to cover to behaviour that amounts to serious bullying. The offence of stalking carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment.

What behaviour leads to the application of Brodie's law?

Brodie's law can apply to all forms of serious bullying, including physical bullying, psychological bullying, verbal bullying and cyber bullying. It is not limited by the location at which the conduct occurred or was experienced by the victim. It can apply to bullying by young people in schools, although children under 10 cannot be charged with a criminal offence.

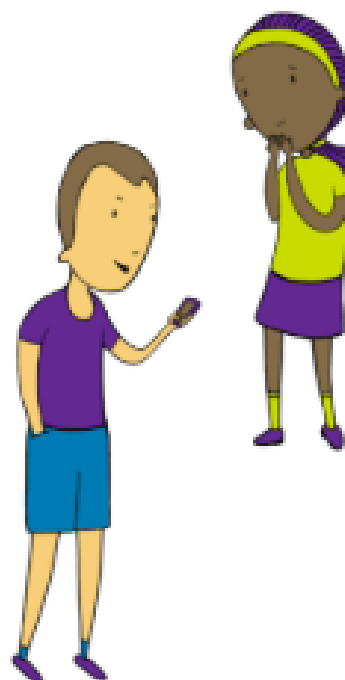
Brodie's law will apply to the most serious types of bullying behaviour. For it to apply there must be a course of conduct, that is, repeated bullying behaviour. The bully must also intend that the bullying cause physical or mental harm, including self-harm, to the victim. A possible example of when the law might apply is where a victim is repeatedly being encouraged to commit suicide.

Why is it called Brodie's law?

This law is known as 'Brodie's Law' because of a case where a young woman, Brodie Panlock, was subjected to serious and ongoing workplace bullying and eventually took her own life.

Crisis Support

Anyone who needs crisis support can call Lifeline (24 hours a day) on 13 11 14, visit the Lifeline website (<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>) or contact local police.



WHPS Students of the week - **ASPIRE**

Term 3 2024 (19th JULY) - Week 1- ASSEMBLY

| Class | Student Name | Awarded for being their BEST |
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| 2W | Makai S | For a fantastic start to term 3, Makai has Aspired to do his best in all learning activities this week! |
| 2P | Lachlan S | For a wonderful start to term 3, Lachlan has aspired to do his best in all learning activities this week! Keep it up! |
| 2TD | Scarlett M | For a great start to the term, by aspiring to be her best. |
| 2K | | |
| 1AK | Hassan | For always aspiring to be his best and always coming into the classroom with a big smile and ready to learn. |
| 1G | Levi C | For an excellent start to Term 3 and aspiring to add more detail to his thinking tracks. |
| 1F | Lily G | For incredible resilience coming into the classroom each day! |
| 1B | Aria | For a great start to Term 3 and aspiring to do her best when completing learning tasks. |
| Prep D | Braxton | For aspiring to do his best at all classroom activities and taking risks in his learning. |
| Prep F | Vincent | For aspiring to make good choices when working in the classroom. |
| Prep E | Janie Martin | For having a brilliant first week in Prep E for Term 3. |
| Prep B | Paige | For being courageous and entering the classroom with a smile this week! |
| Prep H | Aarav | For listening carefully to instructions and trying his best at activities. |
| Art Mrs.Watchman | Violet E 5R | For creating a realistic apple drawing. |
| Music Award Mr Marsh | Gemma R | Gemma has made up for lost time in the band - from knowing the basics of a bass guitar, Gemma is now learning to play 3-4 different songs in band, but also working on her lead guitar and bass skills on another several songs just for fun! Her rhythm, knowledge of the songs and energy are delightful to have in band sessions! Keep up the hard work Gemma. |
| Art Miss Hivon | Parker W (Prep B) | For always coming to Art ready to learn and creating wonderful pieces of work. |
| 3M | Andrea S | For a fantastic start to WHPS and already blowing us away with her incredible recount writing of her holidays! |

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| 3V | Imogen T | For aspiring to do her best and being at school all week! |
| 3C | Jovi | For always aspiring to do his best in class and in the yard, being a role model for his peers! |
| 3L | Isabella | For striving to do her best in class and completing her work to a high standard. |
| 4O | Jaxon | For always being enthusiastic and aspiring to do his best in all areas. |
| 4HW | Jackson | For approaching all tasks enthusiastically and trying his best. |
| 4BL | Isla | For always trying her best in class and being a supportive friend in the school yard. |
| 4G | Lilith | For being a caring friend and challenging herself in the classroom. |
| 5D | Dustin | For fully committing to all tasks to achieve his best |
| 5R | Muchovey T | For always aspirin to do his best and being such a dedicated learner |
| 5W | Skyla | For consistently seeking strategies to improve and achieve her personal best. |
| 6K | Chase K | For his excellent leadership skills and the way he is willing to support all of his peers in the classroom. |
| 6B | Vanessa W | For always aspiring to do her best in the classroom but producing work of the highest quality. |
| 6MW | Willow H | for making a great start to the term and being more willing to ask for support when required. |
| 6F | Imogen GT | For valuable contributions to class discussions. |
| Sports Award Mr Scoble | Allirah B | Always aspiring to do her best. |
| STEM Mrs Treloar | Rosie L 1AK | For aspiring to be her best and demonstrating a great ability to recognise and continue patterns in STEM activities. |

