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**Term 3 Week 3 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 Newsletter**

Dear parents and carers,

## 2025 Preps

A reminder that Prep 2025 enrolments are due now. If your child has a sibling starting school in 2025 or a Prep student who will be attending White Hills Primary School, please fill out an enrolment form including the child's birth and Immunisation certificates ASAP. All paperwork is to be handed to the office. If you know of any family or friends wishing to send their child to White Hills Primary School, please pass on this information. Enrolment information and forms can be found at Enrolling in Foundation ([www.vic.gov.au](http://www.vic.gov.au)) or you can collect one from the office.

**Next Tuesday evening, the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, we will be holding a 2025 Prep parent information session. This session will run from 6pm - 7pm in the school staffroom.**

## Celebrating Principal's Day

This year, Victoria will mark Principals' Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, celebrating the pivotal role of principals in school's achieving excellence in teaching and learning.

We would like to thank Craig Arrowsmith and Bec Harper for their remarkable and tireless contribution to White Hills Primary School. Your hardwork and dedication does not go unnoticed. Your leadership has been exceptional, and we appreciate your unwavering support of staff, students and our wider community. We are lucky to have leaders who lead with kindness, respect and strength and we hope you enjoy Friday's celebrations.

## Writing Curriculum Day

On Monday WHPS staff attended a Writing Curriculum Day which supported our work in classrooms to develop the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing. We were fortunate to work with Nerissa Leung who is an experienced Literacy consultant. It was a valuable learning experience for all staff, and we look forward to including what we have learnt when planning and delivering writing lessons with our students.

**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.



# Milo's Birthday Surprise

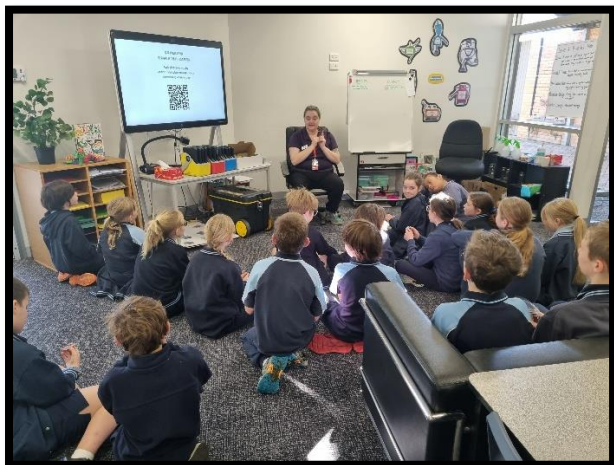
On Friday, Prep classes celebrated the completion of the story 'Milo's Birthday Surprise'. All Prep classes have been reading the book for the past term which is part of our phonics program that introduces students to the alphabetic code in an engaging and meaningful way. To celebrate having learnt all 26 letters of the alphabet and their most common sounds, our prep classes had a very special dress-up party! Students came to school dressed as their favourite character from Milo's Birthday. They showed off their animal outfits by orally presenting which character they were to their class. Students completed a variety of activities related to the Milo's Birthday Surprise Book including predicting what they thought was going to happen at the end of the story.

After sharing a delicious spread of party food, the preps continued to celebrate Milo's birthday with some party games and dancing. It was great to see the students enjoying this fun celebration together.



## STEM INCURSION

This week some of our grade 4 students and our grade 5 girls participated in a STEM incursion run by the Discovery Centre Bendigo. The hands-on workshop introduced students to the world of coding and electronics using the Microbit, a compact programmable device. Students were given a problem to solve using the Microbit and were then tasked with creating their own code and secret message. This experience was a unique opportunity for our students to explore the basics of programming and digital innovation with an expert in the field. Thank you to Kendal from the Discovery Centre for running our sessions and sharing your knowledge with the students.



# Students of the week - **ASPIRE**

## Term 3 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> August) - Week 3- ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the following students.

Please come along to our assembly this Friday to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students!

Prep D	Emilee	For being so brave and independent in coming into the classroom this week. Well done Emi!
Prep F	Gabi-Bella	For approaching every task with positivity and enthusiasm! You always aspire to do your best Gabi!
Prep E	Axel	For showing 'fantastic' listening skills on our 100th Day of School!
Prep B	Jak	For giving his best during learning time.
Prep H	Levi	For being brave and sharing more of his ideas with the class.
1AK	Gabe W	For aspiring to be his best by listening carefully and participating in class discussions.
1G	Zoe E	For blowing Mrs Gray's socks off every day this week by giving her absolute all to everything she does!
1F	Jarrah S	For focusing his hardest on his writing tasks.
1B	Jasper	For aspiring to make positive choices and be kind to others in the yard.
2W	Izack F	For aspiring to concentrate at his table and work completed to a higher standard.
2P	Kace D	For aspiring to complete his best work in class, being focused and making good choices.
2TD	Milla H	For listening carefully and contributing in class.
2K	Charlotte	For aspiring to do her best in all tasks by taking her time and completing it to a high standard
3M	Makennon	For displaying all four school values and class expectations every day! You are a role model to others in our class!
3V	Hser Kay Ku	For a fantastic first week at WHPS and giving her best in everything she does!
3C	Sonny	For aspiring to do his best in class and in sport.
3L	Jack S	For aspiring to complete all of his tasks to the best of his ability (especially given his broken collarbone!)
4O	Adrian	For aspiring to do his best in all learning areas!
4HW	Chayse D	For always listening intently on the floor and asking questions to clarify his understanding.
4BL	Darcie	For aspiring to do her best and showing respect to all her teachers.
4G	Phoebe M	For settling in well to her new school and aspiring to do her best.
5D	Bridget M	For being organised quickly and spending more time on task
5R	Arlie T	For his great ride at the Sandown HPV event on the weekend.
5W	Jasmine C	For making a great start to her schooling at WHPS
6K	Taylor B	For her great tackling at the football on Tuesday
6B	Mitch F	For the great leadership he displayed at the Sandown race last weekend.
6MW	Declan M	For demonstrating good leadership skills during the Footy carnival and helping others in class.
6F	Tahlia B	For showing greater persistence with her work.
Art - Mrs. Watchman	Bridget 3L	For creating a colourful dream catcher out of wool.
Art - Miss Hivon	Taylor B 6K	For giving everything a go and always being willing to help.
STEM Mrs Millard	Oscar Y & Anita R 1AK	For taking their time to correctly code a robot to drive a perfect path.
Sports Award - Mr Scoble	Ethan L	For aspiring to be the best person he can be, always putting others first. He is also great in PE!

**Week 2 Students of the Week**  
**Look at these achievers from last week!**



**Congratulations to Ayah on receiving**  
**last weeks Principal's Award**



## Years 5 & 6 Division Football

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Girls and Boys football teams attended the Division Football Carnival playing many games across the day. Both Mr Freer and Mr Byron commented on how proud they were of the teams in the way they represented the school displaying all our school values on the day. Well Done White Hills!



## Sandown 7-hour HPV Race

Last Saturday our Energy Breakthrough teams travelled to Sandown raceway to compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Victorian HPV Championships. This was a 7-hour race with riders from both the Ecorush and Torpeco teams swapping in and out of the trikes throughout the race. The conditions started out perfectly as the teams settled into their race, however after lunch time the weather turned, and the track quickly became very slippery causing many crashes for all teams. Our kids handled the conditions with great skill and resilience. The Ecorush team were able to come out on top winning their category by 3 laps. Team Torpeco unfortunately had a mechanical issue late in the race dropping them down the positions to finish 6<sup>th</sup>.





## FATHER'S/ SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. As always, we request that all children donate a gift for 'Dad' or a "Special Person" to the value of \$2.00.

We ask that each student provides one gift to ensure every student can purchase something from the stall. Please donate NEW and UNUSED items only and leave them at the office by **4pm, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

Please don't forget to send your child with \$2.00 on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to purchase a gift, along with a reusable bag to store the gift.

*Your continued support of our Fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated.*

**W.H.P.S Parents and Friends Group**



Book Week is sneaking up! 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 so start thinking about a costume based on a favourite book character. We will also have a performance from rock band, 'The Blurbs' on this day.

## 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.

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**WHITE HILLS OSHCLUB NEWS**

Hello families,

Term 3 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 OSHClub Familiar Faces and Legend of the Weeks.

See you around, Ella & TJ

**REMINDERS**

Double checking bookings for absences and camps/excursions. Please communicate via Kidsort or text message 0491 806 466

**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 3 Rate	Average* out of pocket cost per session	Average** change in out of pocket cost per session
Early bird advance	Book 15 or more days in advance	\$55.00/\$200.00 if notice provided 14 or more days in advance	One then One	\$25.00	\$4.50	\$0.00
Flexible Advance	Book 8 or more days in advance	\$55.00/\$200.00 if notice provided 48 hours or more in advance	One then One	\$57.00	\$4.96	\$0.00
Last Minute Advance	Book 48 hours or less in advance	No free cancellations	One then One	\$50.00	\$7.01	\$3.20
Holiday Program	Unchanged	Unchanged	Single rate	\$62.75	\$11.30	\$0.00

Service Times: Morning 8:30-9am / 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**

**WEEK 1**

**Legend of the Week**  
Term 3 Week 1  
Congratulations to  
**Ted Neyland**  
For showing great resilience and aspiring to be better each day. Great job Ted!  
Ella Graham  
OSHClub Coordinator

**WEEK 2**

**Legend of the Week**  
Term 3 Week 2  
Congratulations to  
**Siara Downing**  
For showing her creative side on the billy kerbs and cooking up delicious homemade burgers for the group.  
TJ Austin  
OSHClub Educator

Service Times: Morning 8:30-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm  
Holiday Program 7am-6pm

Service Phone Number: 0491 806 466  
Service Email: whitehills@oshclub.com.au

## Calendar of Events

### Term 3 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

#### Week 4

5<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Aug – ICAS English Competition  
6<sup>th</sup> Aug – Getting Ready for School

#### Week 5

16<sup>th</sup> Aug – National Day of Acting against Bullying and violence

#### Week 6

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Book Week  
19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Aug – Jets Gym \$45  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Blurbs 1.00pm – 2.00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Book Character Dress Up Day & Parade  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Grade 5 – Camp Deposit Due

#### Week 7

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Aug – Jets Gym \$45  
26<sup>th</sup> Aug – Pie Drive Forms and Money Due Back  
27<sup>th</sup> Aug – Grade 6K & 6B Quantum Excursion No Charge

7.00am -4.15pm

28<sup>th</sup> Aug - Grade 5 Sovereign Hills Excursion \$65  
7.30 –5.30

29<sup>th</sup> Aug – Grade 6MW & 6F Quantum Excursion No Charge

7.15am -4.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Ride to School

#### Week 8

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sep – Jets Gym  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sep – Grade 5 Quantum Excursion No Charge

7.15am -4.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Sep – Division Basketball

#### Week 9

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sep – Jets Gym \$45  
11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Sep – Grade 4 Camp to Campaspe Downs \$383  
12<sup>th</sup> Sep – Pie Drive Collection 2-4pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Sep – Year 3 Bendigo Walk – 9.00am – 3.00pm

#### Week 10

16<sup>th</sup> Sep – District Athletics  
18<sup>th</sup> Sep – Whole School Colour Run – Energy Break through Fundraiser

20<sup>th</sup> Sep – End of Term 3 – Last Day of School  
Finish at 2.30pm

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



## Apps and Gaming

For many parents and carers, the clock is TikToking for when you might get asked by your child if they can go on social media or play games online.

These are tough calls for parents and carers, and especially those of our generation who don't necessarily understand the increasingly important role digital environments play in the social lives and identity development of our children.

The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety.gov.au) [website](#) provides a range of advice to navigate this often-challenging area for families.

- Learn more about apps and games by viewing [The eSafety Guide](#).
- Understand your child's gaming experience by having conversations, watching or playing together.
- Talk with other parents and carers from school. This could be a good opportunity to learn more about how their children use an app or game and strategies to manage the technology.

## 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)



# Changing Bullying Behaviours



When a young person engages in bullying behaviour we can help them to learn more positive ways of relating to people.

## Helping them change

Most people who bully are not 'bad people'—but they do need to learn how to relate positively to others.

Bullying others and being allowed to continue is associated with risks at school, in close personal relationships and at work. It also increases the likelihood of criminal convictions.

When young people bully we need to take it seriously and to have parents and teachers work together to help them change their behaviour. It is not about blaming anyone—it is about helping the young person to develop more positive behaviours.

## The behaviour change process

The process that we find effective is:

- Meet with your child's teacher to discuss the issue.
- Select one negative behaviour to replace and one alternative positive behaviour to encourage and reward. It is best to start with a behaviour that feels easier to change first.
- Rate the behaviour out of ten—ten if it occurs all the time, zero if it never occurs.
- Devise a strategy for rewarding the positive behaviour, and a strategy for being more proactively vigilant about the negative behaviour.

- Agree to stay in contact with the school as issues arise.
- Realise the behaviour may temporarily worsen before it improves. Remain kind, calm and resolute.
- Agree to formally meet in about 5 to 6 weeks to review progress.
- If progress has been achieved, celebrate and select the next behaviour to alter if necessary.
- If the problem behaviour has not shifted, you may need to re-think strategies or get professional support.

Once one behaviour has changed, other seemingly harder to shift behaviours also change.

The reason for this is that much of our behaviour is patterned into habits. Changing one element of a habit can start to change entire sequences of behaviour. Therefore you may need to repeat this process several times.



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# FOOTY ADVENTURE



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