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### Term 3 Week 10– 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Newsletter

#### *Dear Parents and Carers,*

What a jam packed term with plenty of learning opportunities both in the classroom and with extra curricular activities and community events. We are very proud of providing both a strong curriculum focus and also additional opportunities to keep our young learners excited to come to school. A highlight each day is seeing happy faces aspiring to do their best.

I would like to also acknowledge the amazing work of our dedicated and passionate staff who create such a fun place for our learners. We hope they enjoy a restful break.

At the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their ongoing support in many aspects of your child's schooling. We value the positive and ongoing partnerships with you and know that this is a vital part of successful learning.

#### *Footy Colours Day*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September will be our annual footy colours day to celebrate the many varied teams that our students support. Wear your favourite sporting team colours. You may hear some of the footy songs playing before school in the morning! Please note that there will be **no gold coin donation** on this day.

A reminder that this is **NOT** a casual clothes day.

#### *End of Term*

Tomorrow will be an early finish with students being dismissed at **2.30pm**. If you are collecting your child earlier than this dismissal time, we ask that you go through the front of the school and sign out through the office. Please do not enter via the back gate, as this makes monitoring the safety of students difficult during their playtime. We will have staff on duty redirecting anyone entering from the Bosquet Street gate. Please do not park in the staff car park.



## Colour Run

What an exciting community event to end our term! Serious fun was had by all during our fun run, and it was great to see a whole rainbow of colour splashed around. The best part of this event was seeing the massive smiles on all the happy faces.

We thank all families for their massive effort in fundraising to support our dedicated Energy Breakthrough Team (EBT). As a community, we raised a massive \$15,236 to go towards two brand new secret weapons called LO TOPS for our trikes. Our kids have been working closely with our trike builders to develop these, which will lower the centre of gravity of the trikes and improve the aerodynamics. We hope these will make our team go even faster and further than ever before.

We want to say a big thank you to Mr Byron who coordinated this event. It was such a positive community occasion. We also thank the Energy Breakthrough Team and all staff who assisted. Thank you to all our staff who jumped in and joined in with the fun!

Now that the fundraiser has concluded, you will need to head onto your child's profile page to either order prizes to receive or donate to a cause:

- Carbon Neutral (tree planting)
- Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection)
- The Smith Family (reading support)
- OzHarvest (providing meals)

## Active Maps

Last week our student leaders completed a workshop called 'Active Maps' (run by Bicycle Network) to develop a map to help with active and safe travel pathways to school. This was in conjunction with Bendigo Health who have sponsored our Tag On system.

During this workshop, our leaders highlighted:

- Safe pathways surrounding the school
- Safe designated walking paths
- Different access pathways from all the entrances to the school
- Busy roads surrounding the school to avoid
- Areas to avoid



Active maps will collate all of our leaders ideas and produce a map for the school community to assist with promoting active and safe travel to school.

We look forward to sharing with you our new maps next term. Thanks to our student leaders for their insights within the local environment to help develop our active map.

## Lost Property

There is several unnamed uniforms and other items in the lost property tubs. Please take the time to go through them before the end of the day tomorrow. As these items will be going to charity if not collected.

## Hats Reminder for Term 4

Students will be required to wear their hats at school next Term. Hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier Bob Stewart. Students who don't have hats will need to play under our shaded trees.

## ***Important Changes to our Mobile Phone Policy***

Unfortunately, mobile phones (and other devices with online functions such as smart watches) have become increasingly problematic. We have had recent issues with students not complying with our current policy and accessing devices during the school day. We have recently consulted with staff and the School Council to make some changes to our mobile phone procedures. There are health related exceptions to this policy, such as management for diabetic regulation.

### ***From the beginning of Term 4 students will be required to***

- Hand their mobile phones into the school office at the beginning of each school day.
- A designated staff member will check-in the mobile phone and secure it.
- Mobile phones will be collected and checked out from the school office at the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones will be stored in lockable storage, in the office area.

Many of our students already hand their device into the office. We appreciate your understanding and support with this change, which will help us to ensure the continued safety of all our students. Please read the full Mobile Phone - Student Use Policy, found on our school website.

Just a reminder that smartwatches must have all notifications turned off during the school day as these can cause significant disruption to learning.

***We wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday.***

***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



**Week 9 Students of the Week**  
**Look at these achievers from last week!**



**Congratulations to *Mitchell Fuller* on receiving  
last weeks Principal's Award**



# TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Calendar of Events Term 3 2024

### Week 10

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

## Enjoy the Spring Holidays Term 4

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Week 1

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day Term  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 Camp Kookaburra  
Departing 8.00am/Returning 3.00pm approx.

### Week 2

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Athletics

### Week 3

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Transition Cup Weeroona College

### Week 4

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

### Week 5

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Report Writing Day PUPIL FREE  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

### Week 6

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Prep Swimming Program

### Week 7

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1/2 Swimming Program  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Prep Incursion Pevan & Sarah  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm  
Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 Prep Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

### Week 8

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 School Sleepover

### Week 9

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 6 Enterprise Showcase  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 Dinner

### Week 10

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Statewide Orientation Day  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert 6.00pm  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup>>12<sup>th</sup> Gr 6 Bendigo Tech School Excursion

### Week 11

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation  
Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Grade 5/6 Pool Excursion Compass  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Last day Term 4 1.30pm

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