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Term 3 Week 8 – 5th September 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We have had some busy, but exciting weeks at Jets Gymnastics. This extra-curricular activity is a valued program for our students as they have continued to enjoy the growth and challenges that Jets Gym brings.

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 in lockable storage.
- 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 of 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.

Dress Code Reminder

Just a reminder to all families about some key points from our Student Dress Code policy.

- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. Fake nails are not permitted as they can be dangerous during daily school activities.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair ties and head bands are to be navy, sky blue or school check.

School Crossing Rules

We have been advised by our School Crossing Supervisor located at the Plumridge St site at White Hills Primary School that there are some serious traffic offences occurring daily, these include repeated drive throughs while the crossing supervisor is on the crossing, and parking in no standing and no parking areas.

There are a number of ways that you can help ensure the safety of pedestrians and school crossing supervisors alike.

Pedestrians

- *Always stand behind the yellow/white line*
- *Wait behind the yellow/white line until the supervisor has clearly blown their whistle twice*
- *Do not ride bikes across the crossing, bounce balls or run. Walk quickly and safely*
- *Always cross at the crossing when it is in operation*
- *Follow the directions of the supervisor.*

Motorists

- *Make sure you don't park your vehicle within the 'No Stopping' signs to allow visibility for both vehicles on the road and the crossing supervisor*
- *Slow down to 40km/h or less in designated school zones*
- *Obey parking restrictions*
- *Be alert for the operation of the school crossing.*

School Crossings are only operational when flags are displayed. During this time, drivers must stop if a child or adult is about to cross or is crossing the road, even if there is no Crossing Supervisor. Drivers must stop if a handheld "Stop" sign is being displayed. Drivers must proceed only when all children and adults, including the School Crossing Supervisor, are clear of the crossing.

Hats

As the warmer weather starts, students will need to be wearing their hats from the start of next week. Hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier Bob Stewart. We will provide a few days grace in getting hats organised and will be compulsory from next Thursday the 19th September. Students who don't have hats from this date will play under our shaded trees.

Planning Week

Next week is planning week for our teachers. Students will have their specialist classes on this day so that the teachers can plan for Term 4. This can be a different week for many of our students with changes to their usual timetable. Planning weeks are extremely beneficial to our curriculum development for the following term and assists the WHPS team to continue to develop high quality learning programs.

Colour Run

A reminder to continue the amazing fundraising efforts for our colour run in the last week of term. Don't forget tomorrow that Ms Harper will be slimed at our assembly as part of the many prizes on offer for the students' fundraising efforts. At tomorrow's assembly, we will be announcing another exciting prize!

Year 4

Our Year 4s are off to camp next Wednesday to Campaspe Downs. We know that the year 4s will have an exciting time with lots of activities planned and we can't wait to hear all the exciting stories.

Division Basketball

Tomorrow, selected students will be representing our school at the Division Basketball. We will have a girls team and a boys mixed team. We know our students will represent the school values at the competition and we wish them all the best tomorrow

Drop Off, Pick up and Parking reminders

A reminder that school hours are 9.00am to 3.30pm during term, except for the last day of each term. Children should be dropped off no earlier than 8.30am as there is no supervision in the yard before this time.

Father's Day Stall

The total takings from the Father's Day stall was \$1428.55 Well done to the PFG They did such a great job sorting and wrapping these gifts. Thanks Fiona and team.

Colour Run Information How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at www.australianfundraising.com.au. At the end of the fundraiser 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) or OzHarvest (providing meals). *Please note: all cash donations must be converted to online donations before 18/09/2024. We cannot accept any cash donations for this fundraiser.*

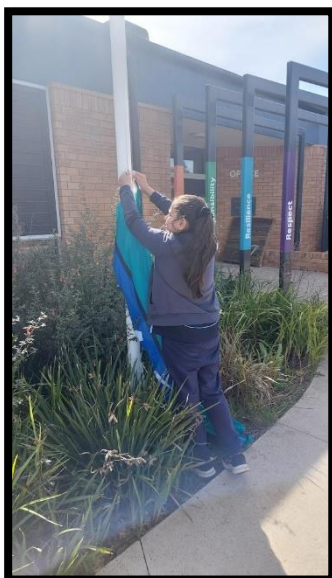
Smoking and Vaping Education

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping. Research from the [Royal Children's Hospital](http://www.royalchildrenshospital.com.au) shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping. The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support.

To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>. You can also view this [video](#) on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

New Flags

Earlier this term, Lisa Chesters (MP) presented our student leaders with new flags for White Hills PS. Yesterday, some of our leaders posted the new flags at the front of the school. The new flags are nice and bright and a great addition to the front entrance of the school.



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



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



Students of the week - **ASPIRE** Term 3 Week 8 – ASSEMBLY

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

Prep D	Hattie	For showing great resilience.
Prep F	Reef	For always sharing his terrific ideas in group discussions and making great text connections in reading.
Prep E	Valiant	For using many reading strategies to unpack a new word!
Prep B	Kai	For his growth in writing independently and wanting to share his learning regularly.
Prep H	Layla	For always approaching her learning with such a positive attitude!
1AK	Ariadne W	Ari always comes into our room ready for learning and strives to be her best!
1G	Amelia M	For always working beautifully with everyone and aspiring to be her best every day.
1F	Sienna H	For producing clear steps in her Procedure Writing!
1B	Aubrey	For working hard during maths sessions and improving at sharing numbers into groups.
2W	Kahlani I	For aspiring to do her best in the classroom at all times!
2P	Paw Kee Moo	For aspiring to do her best in her learning and settling into her new school so well.
2TD	Evee H	For alway aspiring to do her best and challenging herself during maths.
2K	Alex	For aspiring to do her best in the classroom at all times
3M	Ivy S	For consistently striving to do her best in all areas in class
3V	Mason L	For his active involvement and insightful ideas in reading sessions
3C	Zaphy and Sun ta	For aspiring to do their best in Jets Gym sessions.
3L	Ayeasha	For aspiring to do her best at Jets Gym.
4O	Sadie	For always displaying all of the school values!
4HW	Chayse	For aspiring to do his best in all subject areas. Keep up the great work.
4BL	Sophie	For her awesome efforts in writing to produce a very persuasive argument.
4G	Ava H	For challenging herself in the classroom and aspiring to do her best.
5D	Patrick M	For his determination to complete maths challenges
5R	Logan D	For his amazing improvement in his writing and responding to feedback to make his writing even better!
5W	Eli CB	For making a conscious effort to improve the content of his writing
6K	Sophia V Z	For her HUGE improvements in maths this term, particularly her problem solving when multiplying decimals.
6B	Finn W	For the passion he showed towards his drumming at the Chinese Music incursion (aka Little Drummer Boy)
6MW	Harrison R	For displaying resilience and persistence in his learning and being a good friend.
6F	Jordan Q	For his great effort at Jets Gym.
Art Mrs Watchman	Harrison 4G Abbey-Leigh 4G	For always bringing a happy and positive vibe to all art lessons. For creating a imaginative face using plasticine.
Art Miss Hivon	Molly 3C	For creating a fantastic clay face model with great detail.
STEM Mrs Treloar	Edie & Marley 4HW	For using creativity and sound engineering skills when working on their cardboard arcade game.
STEM Mrs Millard	Hudson C 5D	For being a coding superstar
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Zoe E 1G	Regularly giving her best at run club on a Wednesday morning.



Chinese Language
Teachers' Association of Victoria
维州中文教师协会

*Bendigo Chinese Language Teachers network is excited to announce the launch of the **2024 Chinese Language Participation Weeks** this semester.*

We were overwhelmed by students' enthusiasm and received enormous amounts of entries in the last two years. With the ease of COVID restrictions, we are back with a bigger and more fun event this year. We are extremely proud to present this opportunity to our young language learners to extend their language learning with creativity, teamwork skills and organisation skills. Students will be provided a platform to learn from peers from other schools and showcase their performance to the Bendigo region.

We'd like to invite your children to participate online or onsite for a chance to have a fun day of language performances and Chinese cultural activities at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Participation is voluntary and we would like to thank our parents' support and students' participation in advance. Students can participate in one or more of the challenges based on their year levels.

For more information, please refer to the website: <https://bendigomandarin2024.weebly.com/>

hot shots tennis

Learn tennis for life

Blue Stage → Red Stage → Orange Stage → Green Stage

AGE 3-5+ AGE 5-8+ AGE 8-10+ AGE 10+

Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre & South Bendigo Tennis Club

GIANT Tennis delivers Hot Shots Coaching Programs for every child at every age and ability. Contact us to get involved! Join in any time during Term 3 or Register Now for Term 4.

Aidan Fitzgerald - aidan@gianttennis.com.au - 0422 150 911

gianttennis.com.au

Move Your Way

White Hills Primary School students are doing an amazing job of reporting on their school commute, via Bendigo Community Health Services' Move Your Way Program. The program encourages students to walk, cycle or scoot to school, and in turn, helps them to meet physical activity guidelines, which includes:

- Enjoying least 1 hour of moderate activity at least 3 days a week.
- Minimising long periods of sitting.
- No more than 2 hours of screen time per day.
- 9-11 hours of sleep per night.

Let's keep tagging on!

Week 7 TagOn update

Location	TagOn Count
Bosquet	1600
Napier	1900
Plumridge	1600
Raglan	1900

bendigo Community Health services

Jets Gymnastics Timetable - Week 6-9

Day	Session Time	Grade
Monday	9.30am - 10.30am	1AK & 1F
	10.30am - 11.30am	1B & 1G
	11.30am - 12.30pm	2K & 2TD
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	4O & 4G
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	4BL & 4HW
Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	5W
	10.30am - 11.30am	PH & PB
	11.30am - 12.30pm	5D & 5R
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	3M & 3V
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	3L & 3C
Wednesday	9.30am - 10.30am	PD & PF
	10.30am - 11.30am	PE
	11.30am - 12.30pm	6B & 6K
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	6F & 6MW
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	2P & 2W

Calendar of Events

Term 3 2024

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

Week 8

6th Sep – Division Basketball

Week 9

9th-11th Sep – Jets Gym **\$45**

11th-13th Sep – Grade 4 Camp to Campaspe Downs

\$383

12th Sep – Pie Drive Collection **2.00pm - 4.00pm**

12th Sep – Grades 3 Bendigo Walk **9.00am – 3.00pm**

12th Sept – Grades 6B & 6K Transition activity at

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13th Sept - Grades 6F & 6MW Transition activity at

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Week 10

16th Sep – District Athletics

18th Sep – Whole School Colour Run – Energy Break through Fundraiser Incursion

**20th Sep – End of Term 3 – Last Day of School
Finish at 2.30pm**

Enjoy the Spring Holidays



Term 4

Oct 7th ~ 1st day Term

Oct 10th Grade 3 Camp Kookaburra 1 x Night \$220

Departing 8.00am/Returning 3.00pm approx.

Oct 30th **Bendigo Cup Public Holiday**

Nov 5th 2025 Prep's Orientation Day 12.15pm

Nov 6th **Report Writing Day Pupil Free**

Nov 7th 2025 Prep's Orientation Day 12.15pm

Nov 11th>15th Prep Swimming Program

Nov 18th>20th Prep Swimming Program

Nov 18th Prep Incursion Pevan & Sarah

Nov 19th, 2025 Prep's Orientation Day 12.15pm

Nov 21st, 2025 Prep's Orientation Day 12.15pm

Dec 4th>6th Grade 5 Phillip Island Camp **\$330**

Dec 10th Statewide Orientation Day

Dec 10th **Christmas Concert 6.00pm**

Dec 11th>12th Gr 6 Bendigo Tech School Excursion

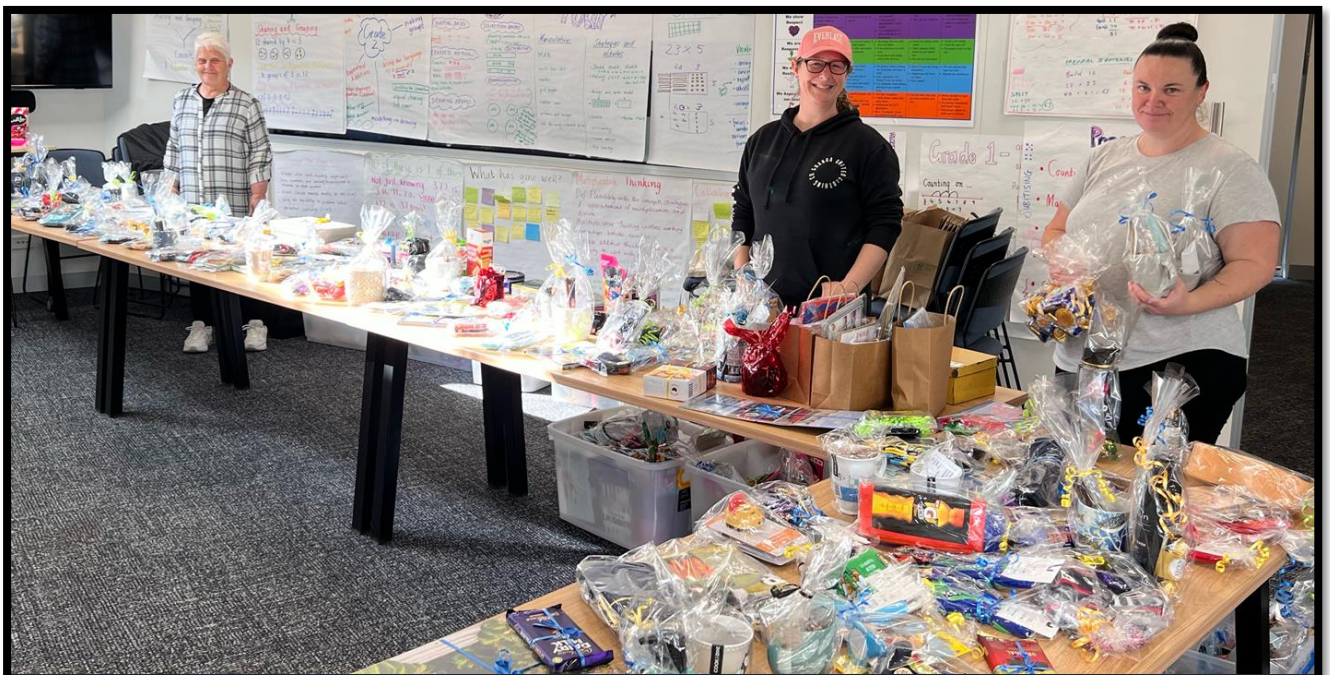
Dec 18th Grade 6 Graduation

Dec 19th Grade 5/6 Pool Excursion

Dec 20th **Last day Term 4 1.30pm**

Father's – Special Person's Day Breakfast





White Hills Primary School - Category 4 Bushfire List.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Northern Country fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass SM messaging.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and ensuring that our facility's grounds and gutters are clear.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their [Bushfire Survival Plan](#) on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the [Bushfire At-Risk Register \(BARR\)](#). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the [Category 4 List](#).

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.