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Term 3 Week 9 – 12th September 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week at WHPS. Jets Gym is finished for the year. Our students have loved this program and we have had nothing but great reports from the staff about the students' effort and behaviour.

Grade 4 teachers and students have been to camp and we can't wait to hear all of their stories. We hope they have had an amazing time!

Colour Run

Preparations are in full swing for the big day. After seeing Mrs Harper's BIG SLIME event at assembly, excitement levels have gone through the roof.

Our Colour Run will be held from 2:40pm to 3:15pm next Wednesday 18th, September. We invite all students to be involved in the fun, even if they have not created an account. We will provide a pair of colour glasses and a headband to all students; they will just need to bring a white shirt as they will be covered in coloured powder and slime from head to toe!

If you would prefer your child not be involved in the event, please let your classroom teacher know. Please note that if your child is feeling unsure about the event, they will be able to skip the colour stations until they are ready. We endeavour to make this event as inclusive as possible for all our students.

We invite parents and guardians to come along to watch the event, however we kindly ask they do not throw the powder or slime.

There is still a week to create an online profile and get the last online donations in by next Wednesday. We very much appreciate everyone's efforts. Every little bit helps.

Once the online donations close on the day of the colour run at 11.59pm AEST, you will need to log back in and order prizes through the green Order My Prizes section. You will have the choice of ordering prizes or donating to 1 of the 5 causes.

For further information, please contact My Byron via roger.byron@education.vic.gov.au

Regards, The Energy Breakthrough Team

Hats

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

RuOK? Day - A Conversation could Change a Life

Did you notice that the staff wore a splash of yellow today? This was in acknowledgement of RUOK?Day which is a National Day of Action. You are encouraged to *Ask R U OK? Any Day* of the year because a conversation could change a life. By having regular, meaningful conversations, you build trust and normalise talking about what's really going on, so when the people in your world find themselves struggling, they know you're someone they can talk to.

You can check out extra information and advice at <https://www.ruok.org.au/>



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

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.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that **there is no parent parking in the staff car park at any time**. This includes when picking up or dropping off students during school hours. Students should not walk through the staff car park before or after school.

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.

End of Term

Next Friday is the end of a busy Term 3. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm. We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday. OSCHC will operate from this time.

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



Congratulations to Oscar on receiving
last weeks Principal's Award



Students of the week - ASPIRE Term 3 Week 9 – ASSEMBLY

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

Prep D	Flynn	For aspiring to make thoughtful text-to-text connections and sharing these with the class.
Prep F	Rylee	For always aspiring to do her best work and contributing her ideas to class discussions
Prep E	Olivia	For aspiring to come up with her own ideas and writing a book on mosquitos!
Prep B	Paru	For settling well into Prep B and being an organised member of our class.
Prep H	Freya	For being resilient in the morning and trying her best at learning tasks.
1AK	Levi T	For aspiring to do his best Procedure writing this week.
1G	Cooper S	For reading at home every single night and always aspiring to reach new heights!
1F	Toby M	For excellent Procedure writing on how to wash the dog!
1B	Flynn	For writing a detailed procedure about how to wash a toy.
2W	Arty	For always aspiring to do his best. He is a role model to everyone in 2W!
2P	Finn P	For aspiring to complete all of his learning tasks and to do his best in the classroom.
2TD	Toyah F	For aspiring to be her best by reading over 225 nights at home.
2K	Leo B	For always aspiring to do his best in the classroom and being a good role model for his peers
3M	Jake I	For listening to and following all classroom instructions and completing his work quietly
3V	Bella W	For aspiring to do her best and being a kind friend to others
3C	Chloe	For showing all our school values on the Bendigo Town Excursion
3L	Charlotte	For her respect and and resilience on our Bendigo Town Excursion
5D	Lexie A	For her diligent work when completing a historical recount about the first fleet
5R	Ella B	For the improved effort she has been putting into her attendance and into all class tasks
5W	Molly W	For her application when learning new skills and helping her peers.
6K	Jack E	For his thoughtful and mature contributions to whole class discussions about our class novel.
6B	Dechlyn K	For a mature approach to problem solving.
6MW	Scarlett E	For aspiring to do her best in all learning tasks and being willing to take on extra responsibility when asked.
6F	Bentley DD	For showing initiative for his learning and asking for assistance when trying to master a concept.
Art Mrs Watchman	Emmi O 4G	For creating a colourful felt teapot collage.
Art Miss Hivon	Walker 3V	For overcoming difficulties with his work and creating great pieces
STEM Mrs Treloar	Bailey and Ambier 2TD	For creating a brilliant stop motion animation with a clear story line.
STEM Mrs Millard	Ryan O and Kace D 2P	For challenging themselves to work through problems together when coding their mouse to turn corners in the correct direction
Sports Award Mr Scoble	Olivia M	For her contribution to the school basketball team and her Physical Education literacy task

Division Basketball Boys Team



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/>

Calendar of Events

Term 3 2024

Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September

Week 9

13th Sept - Grades 6F & 6MW Transition activity at Weeroona 12.15pm

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
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

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**

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.

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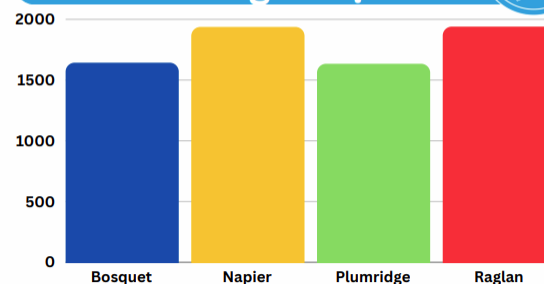
Move Your Way

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



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