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Term 4 Week 1 – 10th October 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back

It's great to see everyone back for an exciting Term 4. We hope that all our students and their families enjoyed the school holidays.

Craig Arrowsmith will be extending his leave until further notice. In his absence, Bec Harper will continue as the Acting Principal and Kim Davies will continue as the Acting Assistant Principal.

Our Grade 3 students were excited to head off to camp Kookaburra this morning. We know that they will have a great time participating in all the fantastic activities planned. A big thank you to all our staff who have helped coordinate the camp and to those staff who have attended. We can't wait to hear about your adventures when you get back.

Prep School Familiarisation Sessions

We will be holding familiarisation sessions for our 2025 Prep students to introduce them to school and our WHPS community. Familiarisation days are opportunities for your child to spend a short time at school in readiness for next year. Your child will spend time in different classrooms and meet different teachers.

These sessions will be held on either a Tuesday (5th and 19th of November), or a Thursday (7th and 21st of November). They will begin at 12.15pm and finish at 1.45pm.

Staff Car Park, Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

A reminder that school hours are 9.00am to 3.30pm, except for the last day of each term. Children should be dropped off no earlier than 8.40am as there is no supervision before this time.

There is no parent parking in the staff car park, before, after, in our school yard or during school hours. Parking spaces for drop off and pick up are provided both at the front entrance (Plumridge St) and back entrance (Bosquet St) of the school. Parents parking in the staff car park have resulted in teachers unable to get a parking spot. It also poses a safety risk for our students.

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 "Hat tree"

Student excellence in Mathematics and Literacy

The results are in for a variety of different Literacy and Mathematics competitions that many of our students participated in across Term 3. We are very proud of the fact that so many of our students participated in these competitions and everyone should be proud of the success they have achieved.

Due to the large number of results, we will be publishing these competition achievements in the newsletter over the next three weeks. Students who received Distinctions and High Distinctions in these competitions will have their certificates presented to them at the assembly on the following Friday.

This week, we will post the results of the Australian Maths Competition. This was an online competition with two divisions available for our students: Middle Primary (years 3–4) and Upper Primary (years 5–6). 125 students across years 3-6 elected to participate in the competition and all students should be proud of their achievements.

The certificates include the following ranges: *Participation, Proficiency, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction*. Participation and proficiency certificates across all year levels, will be handed out and celebrated in individual classrooms.

We had a number of credits, with these students being recognised with a certificate as they are in the top 55% of their year level. 4 students received distinction awards, with students ranked in the top 20% of their year level for the competition.

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement in receiving a credit

| Credit Awards | | | |
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| Middle Primary Division | | Upper Primary Division | |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Archer C Alby C Jasper D Mak K Freya M Jack S Madison W Ethan B | William A Oliver B Lilith C Ethan F Evan I James J Edie J Kallum J Mason M Alirah N Hamish P Lincoln R Chad S Nixon T | Skyla F Soraya H Tyler H Dustin H Emma I Sarmad I Smith M Maddison B Sarmad I Olivia M Toby C | Sidrat I Kenzie J Gemma R Jedidiah R Hudson W |

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement in receiving a distinction, with special mention to Cody S in year 5 who also received Best in School.

Your certificates will be handed out at assembly this Friday, the 11th of October

| Distinction Awards | |
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| Year 3&4 students: Middle Primary Division | Year 5&6 Students: Upper Primary Division |
| Isla S - Year 3 Sam S - Year 4 | Blake J - Year 5 Cody S - Year 5 |

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.

Starting from Monday 7th October all 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.

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



Students of the week - Term 4 Week 1 – ASSEMBLY
Please come along to our assembly this Friday to celebrate the achievements of these amazing students!

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| Prep D | Zarviah | For using your break cards to help you make good choices in the classroom |
| Prep F | Levi | For having a go at all tasks this week. Keep up the great work Levi! |
| Prep E | Ophelia | Congratulations on having a 'brilliant' first week in Prep E! |
| Prep B | Elijah | For being eager to begin his learning and having a go at all of his work. |
| Prep H | Connor | For having a great go at sounding out words by himself when writing! |
| 1AK | Abel L | For working hard at his table during class time. |
| 1G | Kai | For showing amazing resilience this week and asking for help when he needs it. |
| 1F | Liam W | For amazing resilience working through tasks and easing back into routine. |
| 1B | Indigo | For always attempting all activities with a growth mindset this week and staying calm when sorting out problems. |
| 2W | Fenalla | For showing resilience and bouncing back after she was hurt in the yard. |
| 2P | Delilah A | For being an incredibly focused and polite student who always aspires to be her absolute best. Well done! |
| 2TD | Odie T M | For displaying resilience and bouncing back when feeling unsure. |
| 2K | Lachlan | For showing resilience during maths when creating his fraction toolkit |
| 4O | Cameron | For always having a positive attitude and approaching all tasks with enthusiasm! |
| 4HW | Mia | For working hard to build her confidence in maths and having a go at all tasks. |
| 4BL | Chad | For his persistence and dedication to complete challenging math activities. |
| 4G | Nixon | For his fabulous automatic response in Maths! |
| 5D | Cody | For his positive attitude to all learning tasks! An excellent role model |
| 5R | Peter | For always trying his best, focusing and staying on task during all classroom activities. |
| 5W | Harry | For working hard to improve in everything he does. |
| 6K | Taylor B | For her improved growth mindset during maths lessons. |
| 6B | Moe | For his efforts in maths with tricky challenges |
| 6MW | Charlotte W | For the respect she continuously shows towards her peers and teachers |
| 6F | Jimmy F | For persisting with tasks when they become challenging. |
| Art Mrs Watchman | Mason Prep D | For creating fabulous art using the three primary colours. |
| Art Miss Hivon | Stella 3M | For always having a positive attitude in art. |
| STEM Mrs Treloar | Natasha N 2TD | For always going out of her way to help her peers and sharing her science knowledge with others. |
| Chinese | Amity 4G | For aspiring to be the best you can be during the chinese lesson and achieving 1st place in the activity. |
| Sports Award Mr Scoble | Lewis T (PD) | Always trying hard even when things are difficult. |

**Calendar of Events
Term 4 2024**

Week 1

Oct 11th Grade 3 Camp Kookaburra
Returning 3.00pm approx.

Week 2

Oct 14th Regional Athletics

Week 3

Oct 25th Grade Six Transition Weeroona College

Week 4

Oct 30th **Bendigo Cup Public Holiday**

Week 5

Nov 5th 2025 Prep's Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 6th **Report Writing Day Pupil Free**
Nov 7th 2025 Prep's Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

Week 6

Nov 11th>15th Prep Swimming Program

Week 7

Nov 18th>20th Prep Swimming Program
Nov 18th Prep Incursion Pevan & Sarah
Nov 19th 2025 Prep's Familiarisation Day 12.15pm
Nov 21st 2025 Prep's Familiarisation Day 12.15pm

Week 8

Nov 28th Grade 2 School Sleepover Event Compass

Week 9

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

Week 10

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

Week 11

Dec 18th Grade 6 Graduation
Dec 19th Grade 5/6 Pool Event Compass
Dec 20th **Last day Term 4 1.30pm**

2024

**White Hills Primary School
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

**At the White Hills Gardens - Stage of the Future
Tuesday 10th December**

**5.30 - BYO picnic tea
6pm Concert begins**

2024 Awards will be presented to Grade 6 students during the evening

BYO picnic rug, chairs and picnic tea to enjoy.

Each grade will perform a Christmas carol

North Pole Express Mail

FUNLOONG. FREE FUN DAY!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Saturday October 19, 2024
11am to 2pm
Hargreaves Mall and Williamson Street

Join us to celebrate Children's Week with a range of FREE fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy! Scan the QR code to follow this inclusive event on Facebook.



This event is proudly sponsored by:



Find your way around!

ACTIVITIES IN HARGREAVES MALL

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| 1 Explore our local garbage truck | 16 Button badge making with Shine Bright Early Years Management |
| 2 Waste sorting wall | 17 Colouring competition with Bendigo Community Telco |
| 3 Responsible pet ownership with BARC | 18 Art/drawing and dance workshop with Hipportunities |
| 4 Craft activities with Jenny's ELC | 19 Henna painting |
| 5 Art and sewing activities with Sister Works | 20 Play with Bendigo Community Toy Library |
| 6 Live stage entertainment <i>see over page</i> | 21 Native animals and plants activity |
| 7 Water education games with Coliban Water | 22 Emergency preparedness activities and games |
| 8 Play corn hole with HIVE Family Services | 23 Aboriginal culture activities with Djimbaya Kindergarten |
| 9 Face painting by Girton Grammar students | 24 Pop up playgroup with Playgroup Victoria |
| 10 S.A.F.E Archery by the Zone | 25 The Science of Sound with the Discovery Centre |
| 11 Animal farm | 26 Bendigo Community Health Services activity – an apple 3 ways |
| 12 Lifely Chill Out Zone | 27 Slot cars by The Zone |
| 13 LEGO play with Bendigo Bricks | 28 Roving bubbles |

THE ZONE OPEN STREET ACTIVITIES IN WILLIAMSON STREET

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 29 Country Fire Authority | 35 Big Baller |
| 30 Ambulance Victoria | 36 Laser tag |
| 31 Victoria Police | 37 Skateboarding workshop |
| 32 Connected Circus | 38 Bike Bendigo |
| 33 Jets Gymnastics | 39 Footy fun with AFL Central Vic |
| 34 Meltdown Challenge | |



Free activities

Inclusive event

Child Safe event

Smoke and vape free event

Purchase a sausage or veggie burger for \$2

Craft activities with Goldfields Library

Multi story car park

NOVICE TRACK SUMMER PROGRAM

Noel Sens, J-Cycle Coach,
Email:
bendigocyclingclub@gmail.com



ENQUIRE NOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30-11am **Come & Try J-Cycle &
Registration - NEW RIDERS**

FREE- Get fitted for a Club Track Bike
for the entire summer season.

8-10am - Track Training, U9-U19
Junior Licensed Cyclists



J-CYCLE TRACK



OCTOBER 29, 2024

2024 HALLOWEEN DUAL CODE RACE MEETING

LORDS RACEWAY, JUNORTOWN

FREE ENTRY/FREE ACTIVITIES

BENDIGO PUBLIC
HOLIDAY THE
NEXT DAY!!



FREE KIDS BBQ FROM THE HUNTLY LIONS CLUB



FREE SHOWBAGS FOR THE FIRST 250 KIDS



FACE PAINTING



JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG FROM THE ZONE



MAGIC SHOW



GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM (GAP)



KIDS MOVIES



BEST DRESSED PRIZES



SPECIAL GUESTS BATMAN, THE JOKER AND
HARLEY QUINN



FARMER DARRYL PETTING ZOO

