



Purpose

At White Hills Primary School we provide students with skills to be lifelong learners. We are a community which caters for academic, physical, social and emotional needs, preparing our students to contribute productively to an increasingly globalised world.

Calendar of Events

Term 2 2020: Wednesday 15 April – Friday 26 June

Week 7

Friday 29 May

G3 Camp Deposit Due 4.00pm
Yr 6-7 Transition Forms Due

Week 8

Monday 1 June

Prep, G1 & G2 onsite

Tuesday 2 June

G4 Science Works Excursion cancelled

Week 9

Monday 8 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9 June

G3 - G6 start today onsite

Wednesday 10 June

Peppergreen Lunch orders via QkR

Thursday 11 June

Subway Lunch orders begin today

Friday 12 June

Peppergreen Lunch orders via QkR

Monday 22 June

PT Interview Bookings open

Friday 26 June

Last Day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal
Reports go home today

Term 3 2020: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

Friday 17 July

Last day PT Interview bookings

Wednesday 22 July

Let's Get Moving payment due 4.00pm

Thursday 23 July

Parent Teacher Interviews

Mon 27 Jul – Fri 7 Aug

Let's Get Moving

Semester 1 School Reports

Due to remote learning, there will be a modified written report for all students for Semester 1. It will include the following:

- a brief description of the areas of the curriculum taught (literacy, maths, specialist subjects)
- a comment on how your child has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment
- a succinct descriptive assessment of student learning achievement based on the Victorian Curriculum standards
- Dot point scale of Behaviour and Effort

Please note the report will NOT INCLUDE the five-point scale, as staff will not have accumulated sufficient assessment evidence.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to the remote learning period this term, our annual Student Led Conferences will be a **Parent Teacher Interviews**.

These will be held from 10am – 6pm on Thursday 23rd July (Early Term 3) Parents/Carers need to attend a 15 minute interview with their child and their classroom teacher to discuss student progress and re-set goals for the remainder of the year. Interviews with specialist and support teachers will also be available. Outside of their interview timeslot, students will not be required at school.

Bookings will open on Monday 22nd June at 4pm through the **Sentral Parent Portal** system.

Most parents will have an existing account from previous interview bookings. Those parents who do not have an activated existing account will be sent details closer to the date.

'Booking help sessions' for parents will be held during the first week of Term 3. All families will be sent more information and instructions closer to the date.

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

The return to school for our P-2 students this week has been seamless. I want to acknowledge and thank our parent community for their support in following the guidelines and staying off-site. The kids have been amazing! They wanted to see their friends and lots have had minimal contact with their friends so the excitement to be back was real. Relationship building has being paramount this week but the students have been ready to learn right from day 1.

School Lunches

Peppergreen Farm Catering will begin lunch orders on Wednesday 10th June. Lunch order days are every Wednesday and Friday. All lunch orders are made via QkR. If you wish to order some hot food items (clearly marked on the menu) place your order by 4pm the day before. All other items can be ordered by 8.30am the day of delivery. I have included a copy of the menu in today's newsletter.

Subway orders can be made on a Thursday and will begin on Thursday 11th June.

Student Sickness

Once school resumes, if your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. If students are demonstrating signs of sickness or cold symptoms at school, we will be contacting parents to pick them up. There will be a minimum risk approach taken for students who are unwell.

May School Council Summary

School Council met online on Monday 18th May. The following is a summary from the meeting:

- Parent Teacher/Student Led Conference date of **Thursday 23rd July** was approved. This day is dedicated to 15 minutes interviews throughout the day, from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Parents can start booking an interview time for interviews **from Monday 22nd June**.
- Dog's Connect Program was approved and will begin with staff online training and policy development with the anticipation to introduce 'Rosey' the dog before the end of the year. The aim of this program is to have a Wellbeing Dog in classrooms to help students deal with anxiety, trauma, self-regulation, resilience, stress management, emotional literacy, mindfulness and sensory processing. Click on the following link to find out more.
<https://dogsconnectmentorship.com/>
- Approval was given to install video cameras throughout the school to hopefully reduce vandalism.
- Grade 6 camp to Anglesea (25-27 November) and associated risk assessment was ratified
- Negotiated with cleaning contractor a new two year deal and additional cleaning requirements during this current climate. This includes progressive cleaning throughout the day and additional after hours cleaning.

Netbook Returns

REMINDER TO GRADE 3-4 FAMILIES

Grade 3-4 loaned devices will be returned when the students return to school on 9th June.

The Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school. We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Enrolment update for 2021 Foundation (Preps)

At this stage, the school has 21 sibling enrolments, 4 enrolments from children who reside inside the neighbourhood and 5 interim enrolments (families who reside outside the neighbourhood catchment). Information about possible school tours will be communicated via the school website once we can confirm that these can begin.

REPEAT MESSAGES

After School Care & Dismissal

Students who will be attending After School Care will wait until the **3.30pm bell to be dismissed.**

Drink Bottles

It is essential that your child bring their own drink bottle to school every day. **Bubble taps will not be in use.** Children will be able to refill bottles from taps.

Parking in the School carpark

For student safety we expect that parents will continue to NOT USE the staff carpark on Plumridge Street to drop off and pick up their child/ren. **This will be even more important now that we expect that parents will avoid or minimise time in and around school grounds.**

School Arrival and Departure Changes

The main risk of introducing COVID-19 to the school, is from adults. Close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up.

When school returns we request that parents enter the school grounds only when ESSENTIAL and observe physical distancing measures by not congregating at the school gates.

Visitors to the school grounds are to be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations.

For students who may require assistance before school, there will be staff members positioned near the front and back entrances from 8.30am. It is expected that parents send their child to the staff member from the gate. A member of staff will be waiting at the turtle enclosure (back gate) and library (front gate) to assist students to their classrooms.

To reduce the number of adults gathering outside the school grounds at any one time, a **staggered finish time will be introduced from Tuesday, 26th May.** As students arrive at different times in the morning, there will not be a staggered start to the school day.

At 3.15pm, P-2 students and their siblings will leave together at the same time. Prep students with a sibling (and others that might require assistance), will be collected by their brother/sister at 3.15pm to safely supervise them to their parent/carer. A staff member will escort students without a sibling who require assistance to the front and back gates.

From Tuesday 9th June, Grade 3-6 students without a sibling in P-2 will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

Year 6-7 Transition Forms

Year 6 families should have received a pre-populated application form. We ask that **families please complete sections 4B to 6 within the form and return to White Hills PS by Friday, 29 May.**



Photo shows new window going into the learning space that was the music room.



Photo shows storage cupboards in new art room on the back of the toilets in the old brick area.



Image of the old turtle enclosure- this will become an outdoor learning space off the library and junior 'maker space'.

Prep 2021 Enrolment Process

This year we will be unable to conduct information sessions for prospective 2021 prep parents here at school during Education Week as we had planned. However, we have uploaded videos on the school's website. Visit the Enrolment tab on the landing page at <https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/70>

The videos discuss enrolment, wellbeing and the reasons why families should select WHPS for their child.

As our school has an enrolment ceiling, the school has to manage enrolments. To do this, we follow the state-wide guidelines and a copy of the school's enrolment policy can be found on the website outlining these. The school enrolls approximately 85 Foundation (prep) students each year and they are divided into four classrooms.

In summary places are allocated in the following order:

1. **Any family who resides within the school neighbourhood can enrol their child in the school (this applies to all schools)**
2. **Students with a sibling currently in the school**
3. **Students who reside outside the school neighbourhood in order of closeness from their home to the school (as the crow flies or in a straight line)**

So if you fit into one of the first two categories above please complete a full enrolment form and return to the office with copies of your child's immunisation records and birth certificate. Knowing how many students in the neighbourhood and sibling enrolments the school will have next year will assist us to know how many places will then be available for families who reside outside the school's neighbourhood.

If you are not sure if you live within or outside the school's catchment please visit www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au and enter your home address.

If you reside outside the neighbourhood, please complete an interim enrolment form and drop this at the office.

Enrolment has been extended to Friday 31st July and school tours can be conducted once restrictions have been lifted.

Please let us know if there's anything we can do to support you here at WHPS.

*Andrew Schaeche,
Principal*



Together, we move toward a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

From Wednesday 27th May, we're celebrating National Reconciliation Week in OSHC. With dedicated games and activities, it's a fantastic opportunity to teach children all about the Traditional Owners of the Land that we live on. We'll celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their culture and heritage.

The theme for 2020 is In This Together and now, more than ever, it's resonating in unforeseen ways. We will guide children to find the true meaning of reconciliation and show that we are all in this together.

With activities appropriate for all ages, here is what we have planned for National Reconciliation Week:

Monday	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	Create a National Reconciliation Week Poster.
Wednesday	KOOLCHEE: Learn an Aboriginal Game.
Thursday	Paint Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags.
Friday	Hand Wall Painting called

Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, and will provide your children with much-needed familiarity and continuity through our engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing.

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campastralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Weekly Rosters

Sickbay

Fri 29 May Katherine Howard
Fri 05 June Stacey Wilson

Newsletter

Thurs 04 June Kathryn Treloar
Thurs 11 June Kelly Adcock

Coping guide

Even without the extraordinary pressures of COVID-19, kids typically face many hardships, frustrations and difficulties as they go through different stages of development. This guide contains 12 broad coping strategies parents can develop in their children to help them deal with normal, developmental hardships, frustrations and difficulties. These include loss, disappointment, change, rejection, failure and conflict. **Below is strategy 7&8**

STRATEGY 7

HANG IN THERE

Help your child understand that 'This too shall pass!'

'Hanging in there until things improve' is an under-estimated coping skill. It is related to the notions of normalising, perseverance and acceptance of the situation.

Help kids understand that most situations will improve or at least don't seem as bad after a time. This is particularly helpful when kids experience change of circumstances (such as starting secondary school) and loss (such as a best friend moving away).

THIS STRATEGY REQUIRES KIDS TO TOUGH IT OUT AND NEEDS TO BE COMBINED WITH GETTING AWAY FROM THINGS AND GETTING SOME HELP.

WHAT TO SAY

"Hang tough!"
"This too shall pass!"



STRATEGY 8

BLAME FAIRLY

Help your child not to take things personally.

Self-blame is one of the enemies of resilience. When you blame yourself for bad situations you think irrationally and experience loss of hope. It is important not to blame yourself for things you are not responsible for.

Most things that happen to you, whether good or bad, occur due to some mixture of luck, other people and your own actions.

Encourage your children to apportion blame fairly when difficult situations occur rather than catastrophise and personalize the situation.

THIS STRATEGY REQUIRES KIDS STEP BACK AND WEIGH UP THE FACTS RATHER THAN JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.

WHAT TO SAY

"It's not your fault."
"You didn't make this happen."





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LUNCH ORDER PRICE LIST



All lunch orders need to be placed via the school's Qkr! smartphone app

See the school website for details on how to download Qkr! onto your phone.

Lunch order days are **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** only.

All GF (Gluten Free) requests need to be ordered the day before delivery.

<u>Lunch Menu</u>	<u>Price</u>
LASAGNE- BEEF or VEGETARIAN (GF on request)	\$5.00
PENNE BOLOGNAISE with cheese (GF on request)	\$5.00
PENNE CARBONARA (GF on request)	\$5.00
BEEF PIE (HOME MADE)	\$4.00
CHICKEN PIE (HOME MADE)	\$4.00
SAUSAGE ROLLS (HOME MADE)	\$4.00
BEEF FOCACCIA TOASTED	\$5.50
(roast beef, cheese, tomato relish, onion, spinach)	
CHICKEN FOCACCIA TOASTED	\$5.50
(chicken, avocado, semi-dried tomato, spinach, garlic aioli)	
BLT FOCACCIA TOASTED	\$5.50
(bacon, spinach, cheese, tomato, aioli)	
<u>If you wish to order any of the above items, please place your order by 4pm the day before.</u>	
<u>All other items below by 8.30am the day of delivery.</u>	
CHICKEN SCHNITZEL ROLL (chicken schnitzel, lettuce, cheese, mayo)	\$4.50
PIZZA SLICE (vegetarian or ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$4.50
ZUCCHINI SLICE (GF)	\$4.50
PARTY PIE	\$1.50
EGG & BACON TART	\$1.50
SANDWICHES (GF on request)	\$3.50
ROLLS	\$4.50
(margarine included, unless selected not to)	
-HAM & CHEESE	
-HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO	
-EGG & LETTUCE	
-CHICKEN & CHEESE	
-HAM & SALAD (ham, cheese, tomato, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, pickles)	
-BEEF & SALAD (roast beef, cheese, tomato, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, relish)	
-CHICKEN & SALAD (chicken, cheese, tomato, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, mayo)	
LUNCH PACK (small roll-any filling, muffin or cookie, & juice)	\$7.50
SALAD (GF)	\$5.00
(ham/chicken/beef with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, carrot, cheese & Italian dressing)	
<u>Sweet</u>	
BANANA BREAD (GF on request)	\$2.00
BISCUIT (choc chip or double choc chip)	\$2.00
MUFFIN (blueberry or choc chip)	\$2.00
YO-YO	\$1.00
RUM BALL	\$1.00
<u>Drinks</u>	
MILK (chocolate/ strawberry/ honeycomb) 375ml	\$3.00
JUICE (apple / orange) 200ml	\$1.50

