



## 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 3 2020: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

#### Week 2

Monday 20 July

**PT Interview bookings close 4pm**

**Prep Incursion payment Due**

Wednesday 22 July

Prep Minibeast Incursion

**Let's Get Moving payment due 4.00pm**

Thursday 23 July

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 24 July

**G4 Camp Deposit Due 4.00pm**

**G3-6 Athletics at school**

#### Week 3

Mon 27 Jul – Fri 7 Aug

**Let's Get Moving**

Thurs 30 Jul – Thurs 6 Aug

**AMT Maths Competition**

### Term 4 2020: Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

Wed 7 – Fri 9 Oct

**G 3D, 3G & 3J Camp**

Wed 14 – Fri 16 Oct

**G 3M & 3MB Camp**

Mon 19 – Fri 23 Oct

**Book Week**

**Blurbs Book Week Performance**

Friday 6 November

**G 4CN & 4E Camp Balance due 4.00pm**

Tuesday 10 November

**G 4R & 4B Camp Balance due 4.00pm**

Tuesday 17 November

**G5 Camp Balance due 4.00pm**

Mon 23 – Wed 25 Nov

**G 4CN & 4E Camp**

Wed 25 – Fri 27 Nov

**G 4R & 4B Camp**

### Out of Uniform Day on the Last Day of Term

\$559.00 was raised for our end of term 'Out of Uniform Day' in Term 2, which has been forwarded to State's School relief.

### Changes to School Lunch orders this term

There has been a few changes to items and ordering after feedback from families and Peppergreen Farm Catering. They are as follows:

- ALL lunch orders for Wednesday and Friday need to be completed by 4:30pm the day before.
- The roll in the lunch pack and chicken schnitzel roll has been changed to a large roll (no change in cost to parents)
- The milk has been changed to a brand with slightly less sugar and smaller size and cost. Changed from 375 to 300 mls and price changed from \$3.00 to \$2.50

The changes are now reflected in the menu on the school website or you can access it here:

[https://www.whitehillps.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/1593131175lunch\\_order\\_menu\\_peppergreen\\_farm\\_catering\\_2020.pdf](https://www.whitehillps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1593131175lunch_order_menu_peppergreen_farm_catering_2020.pdf)

### School Crossing Reminder

The City of Greater Bendigo has asked us to remind parents and students of social distancing requirements while using our school crossings. Please maintain your 1.5 metre distancing from the school crossing supervisor while at the crossing. If we can keep the crossing supervisors safe, they will be able to continue assisting our students to get to and from school safely.

**Ben Crichton**

*Acting Coordinator Parking Strategy*

## Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Welcome back from the holidays, I hope the children are all refreshed and ready to go! Thanks to the few families who have provided feedback regarding my message in the newsletter in the last week of Term 2. (I have included it again in Repeat Messages). Interestingly all replies were supportive of the notion of continuing with students independently coming on-site with a few noting the need for parents to support Preps in semester 1, which I whole heartedly agree with. Please feel free to provide feedback.

As you may have already read on ClassDojo, the school will continue with current after school dismissal arrangements due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic until further notice. In summary:

- Parents/adults must avoid being on school grounds and congregating at the gates.
- Parents not to use staff car park to drop off and pick up students.
- If students are sick, they should stay at home.
- P-2 students and their siblings will be dismissed at 3:15 pm.
- Grades 3-6 will be dismissed at 3.30pm, if they do not have a sibling in Grade P-2.
- Students to bring their own drink bottle.

If you feel that your child does require some support to get into the school grounds in the mornings, please give the school a ring or contact your child's teacher. We are currently supporting a number of individual students/families and are more than happy to support students as required.

If families have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to 60% of families who have registered for

Parent/Teacher interviews next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

These will be held from 9am – 6pm and are 15 minutes in duration.

**Please note: students DO NOT attend school on this day other than for their interview.**

**We ask that parents/guardians observe the following guidelines when attending your Parent Teacher Interview/s**

- Please observe social distancing (minimum of 1.5 metres from other adults) whilst going to and from and during interviews.
- We ask that parents/guardians enter the school premises close to (5 minutes before) their interview time and leave the school grounds immediately the interview/s has concluded.
- Please wipe down the chair you are waiting on outside the classroom with the wipes provided and dispose of the wipe in the bin provided.
- Parent/guardians go directly to the classroom of their child and do not access other areas of the school.
- If a parent/guardian would prefer not to attend face-to-face please contact your child's teacher and other arrangements can be made.

Please Note: Next week's newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday due to Parent/Teacher Interviews on Thursday.

Curriculum through line Planners for Term 3 are now available on the school website at <https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum>

### Head lice

Please keep kids hair tied back, we have noticed quite a few children who have their hair out this week.

### Student Sickness

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 indicating 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.

### REPEAT MESSAGES

One positive coming out of the impacts of COVID-19 and following 5 weeks of parents dropping off at the gates we have been pleasantly surprised at how independent our students have become! Children are walking self-sufficiently to their classrooms, unpacking their bags and getting themselves organised for the day. I thought we would have an increase in separation anxiety but the reverse has happened. Learning is starting earlier and the children are significantly calmer. It has never been more settled. I can't ignore the impact this is having. This is really challenging my own beliefs of what a school should look like in the morning. Having never seen the morning from this point of view, I've always supported the idea that parents walking into the rooms is great for teacher and parent relationships. But is it the best thing for student independence, learning and development? Parent and teacher relationships are key to education success but so is student independence. We believe we have good avenues for communication available between home and school including staff emails, ClassDojo, phone conversations and of course face-to-face. We know there has been some exceptions to this but the school in consultation with the parent/s have put plans into place to support individual students as required. I, along with other staff members have been happy to be the face at the gate and have conversations with parents in the morning. So my question to parents, are you prepared to continue in this fashion once restrictions have lifted? I am more than happy to hear from parents on their views.

Email [Andrew.schaeche@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.schaeche@education.vic.gov.au) or phone me at school. I want to stress, no decisions or formal plans have been made. I look forward to your opinions.

### 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.

### Prep 2021 Enrolment

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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

### Grade 4 News

Welcome back to Term 3!

Drink bottles – please make sure your child is bringing a drink bottle to school each day, with their name clearly labelled on it.

Reader journals – please remind your child to bring their reader journal to school each day.

### Weekly Rosters

#### Sickbay

Fri 17 July	Jacqui Rochester
Fri 24 July	Heather Neil

## PFG News

### Welcome Back to Term 3

At the end of every term, PFG go out for breakfast or lunch, as a social outing with yummy food. Last term, a very uneventful term volunteer wise, PFG members enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Lakeside Hotel, where we had plenty to talk about, as we had been in isolation with our families like everyone else. Now we are back in Term 3, and hoping all of the school community have had a safe and enjoyable break. As we are not fully back to normal at school, some PFG meetings and activities are still being decided upon. Please read this space weekly for updates and changes to our future meetings and activities.

### School Fair

As you may have read the Principal's 'School Council Report' at the end of last term, the School Fair has been cancelled for this year. It would have been an enjoyable and positive school community event to hold, but I'm sure most of you will understand that it was not viable for many reasons to begin planning and holding a large event in such uncertain times. PFG members look forward to organising this family fun event, with plenty of fairyfloss, camels, games, rides, prizes and yummy food, in 2022.

### Hot Cross Bun Day – Donut Day

Hot Cross Bun Day was cancelled early in the year, so it will be replaced with a Donut Day for this year. We are unsure as yet of a date for running this service, but it will take place sometime in Term 4. We have a record of who has ordered a Hot Cross Bun, and PFG will be sending out forms closer to the day, to those who had previously ordered, so you can choose a flavour of donut/s. More donuts and/or new orders will be able to be made as well. Please stay tuned for more information on this.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is this Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. As we are still under restrictions, the meeting will be held offsite somewhere – soon to be decided upon. *New members are always welcome, however whilst our meetings are offsite and limited at the moment, please look forward to following meetings to come and sit in then when restrictions have loosened, and see what PFG are about, and what we do around the school.*

*Thankyou from all PFG members.*

## Community News



Join Today For Free!!  
1st Eaglehawk Joey  
Scout Unit  
Ages 5-7

When: Tuesday Nights 5.30pm-6.30pm.  
Where: 1st Eaglehawk Scout Hall  
47 Simpsons Road Eaglehawk.

Contact: Dan Cliff  
0400 375 815



## IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

**White Hills FC**

Scott Street, White Hills

Friday's @4pm beginning on 24/7/20

Questions? Come and ask Mr Dickins!  
Register at...

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)