



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 3

Mon 27 Jul – Fri 7 Aug

Let's Get Moving

Thurs 30 Jul – Thurs 6 Aug

AMT Maths Competition

Week 4

Monday 3 August

Book Club orders due 4pm

Mon 3 – Fri 7 Aug

Let's Get Moving

Week 5

Wednesday 12 August

Jets Gym payment due 4pm

Week 6

Mon 17 – Wed 19 Aug

Jets Gym

Week 7

Mon 24 - Wed 26 Aug

Jets Gym

Week 8

Mon 31 Aug – Wed 2 Sept

Jets Gym

Friday 4 September

G 3D, 3G & 3J Camp balance due 4pm

Week 9

Monday 7 September

P&F Meeting 9.30am

Friday 11 September

G 3MB & 3M Camp balance due 4pm

Week 10

Friday 18 September

Last Day Term 3

Term 4 2020: Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

Week 1

Wed 7 – Fri 9 Oct

G 3D, 3G & 3J Camp

Week 2

Wed 14 – Fri 16 Oct

G 3M & 3MB Camp

Week 3

Mon 19 – Fri 23 Oct

Book Week

Friday 23 October

Blurbs Book Week Performance

Building Works Disruption to Front Entrance

Apologies to families for the tight squeeze at the front gate currently, however the fire services, as part of the building project, are being moved closer to the front of the school so it has all been dug up in readiness for the move. The front portable (currently 5S and 5M) will become the office/administration during Stage 2 of the project so they are hastily getting it ready also for this purpose. Stage 2 is planned to begin in late November and the school will have access to the newly renovated first stage.

Alpha Production

Unfortunately, the Alpha Production planned for October has been cancelled as the cast have been unable to practise together. We have booked a performance with them again in 2021.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings their own drink bottle to school every day. **Bubble taps are not in use.** Children will be able to refill bottles from taps.

Cancellation of EBT in Maryborough

It has been a week of cancellations and it is a shame for our EB team that the Maryborough event in November has been cancelled for 2020. Mr Byron is working out a plan for the team to continue to practise and have a virtual race so the students involved on the team this year do not miss out entirely.

Principal's News

Hi everyone,

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to families who attended an interview last week and for following the guidelines we set out to ensure everyone was feeling safe. If you were unable to attend your child's interview, please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually agreeable arrangement.

We are so grateful that families are abiding by the rules the Department has set up to ensure everyone is safe and social distancing is followed.

We unfortunately still have a few families (usually the same ones) who continue to drive into the staff carpark in the morning to drop their children at school at the front door. This has caused issues with a line-up of cars and it is unsafe to have students stepping out into the car park. Please **DO NOT** use this as a drop off point. We are very lucky to have many other options for families to drop their children at school to avoid traffic and busy roads, we ask that these are used.

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.

We have seen a spike in student sickness the last couple of weeks, as we do every year at this time during winter.

However due to the pandemic, we are very appreciative of families keeping their child at home if they show symptoms similar to those related to COVID-19.

Most common symptoms:

Fever, dry cough, tiredness

People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should manage their symptoms at home.

Less common symptoms:

aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms:

difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure, loss of speech or movement

Seek immediate medical attention if you or a family member have serious symptoms.

Importance of Weekly Regular Contact

During this unprecedented time, it is critically important that the school maintains regular contact with students/families who are not attending school due to COVID-19. You should expect weekly contact from your child's teacher or another member of staff to check in with your child and family and maintain our partnership.

Fresh Eggs \$5.00

If anyone is interested in purchasing fresh eggs from our school chooks, you may collect from the school office.

Let's Get Moving IncurSION

'Let's Get Moving' began this week and had been rescheduled from Term 2. 'Let's Get Moving' is a fun movement to music program directly linked to the Victorian Curriculum, incorporating, Health and PE, Performing Arts, Dance, Music and Personal and Social Capabilities.

All grades have been participating in the program with Alli Watts. The classes have two sessions with Alli and one as a whole year level before a rehearsal and final presentation on Thursday 6th August. Normally parents and friends are invited along to watch the final performance, however this year this is not possible. The school will film the finale and place it on the school website for families to watch



REPEAT MESSAGES

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.whitehillsps.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

Head lice

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

Curriculum through line Planners for Term 3 are now available on the school website at

<https://www.whitehillsps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum>

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

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

Andrew Schaeche,
Principal

Weekly Rosters

Sickbay

Fri 31 July Chloe Roycroft
Fri 07 Aug Kate Howells

Students of the Week – Week 2 Term 3

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
PF	Brydie	Doing her best work and feeling proud and confident with writing	4B	Jiyanna	Improving confidence and willingness to contribute to class discussions
PS	Abbey	Being a kind and caring classmate who always shows respect to others	4E	Bonham	Aspiring to do his best in all learning areas, keep up the awesome work!
PR	Peyton	Aspiring to be her best and working hard on all tasks	4CN	Tyler	Aspiring to do his best with all class tasks and set a good example for others!
PM	Riley	Being a caring and kind student	4R	Junior	His improved confidence in the classroom and being more willing to contribute to class discussion
1BW	Alexa	Aspiring to do her best every minute of the school day!	5B	Blake	Displaying resilience and turning around a bad day
1F	Heidi	Aspiring to do her best in all areas	5L	Sienna	Being herself whilst maintaining a very production work ethic
1T	Jed	Working hard to improve his writing	5S	Emily	Her responsible approach to choosing just right texts to read
1H	Mia	Aspiring to do her best reading and complete work on time	5M	Hunter	His amazing maths thinking during our fluency question
2AK	Eliza	Always being a responsible and helpful class member	6W	Ruby	Confidently sharing stories and ideas with her classmates
2P	Jermi	Her fabulous attitude towards her learning, always aspiring to do her best	6D	Byron	Aspiring to achieve highly in his explanation writing
2Y	Skye	Making great improvements with her handwriting	6P	Tate	Writing an explanation text that was detailed and funny about trapdoor spiders
2M	Isla	Aspiring to listen and follow all instructions given with a smile on her face	6MW	Lily	Her improved confidence in speaking in front of larger groups
3M	Shakira	Trying her best with all learning tasks	Music	5B	Mr Byron's class have hit the ground running showing terrific rhythm skills and superb listening skills, I look forward to seeing what songs they create this term
3MB	Anna	Showing how to use multiple strategies during our unit on subtraction	Music	2Y	2Y have made a really impressive start to music this term, drumming rhythmically to all the medley's, behaving really well and working well on chrome music lab
3G	Olivia	Being an absolute superstar in Maths this week when learning about subtraction	Chinese	PF	Excellent participation and accomplishment during this week's Chinese lesson!
3J	Kydan	Being so helpful to his teacher and classmates	Sport	Gemma R	Her excellent celebration after victory in "everybody's it"
3D	Caden	Such a positive start to his time at WHPS, great to have you on board Caden!			



PFG News

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 which will take place sometime in Term 4. PFG will send out forms closer to the day, to those who had previously ordered, so you can choose a flavour of donut/s. Extra orders can be made as well. Please stay tuned for more information on this.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, 7th September at 9.30am. More details to follow. *New members are always welcome, when restrictions have been lifted.*

Thankyou from all PFG members