



## Principal's News

Hi everyone,

### Access to Stage 1 of the Building Project

From 9-20 November we are moving furniture into Stage 1 of the building project as it is ready for occupancy. Current Grade 1 and 2 students and teachers are moving into the new classrooms along with our two art teachers. Camp Australia (before and after school care) will be utilising the second art space for the last four weeks of this year before moving over to the creek side portable next year.

Grade 3 and 4 students will occupy the BER or Peter Davey building from now on and the Grade 5 & 6 classes will function from the portables previously occupied by the Grade 3 classrooms near the creek. The contractors take ownership of Stage 2 (second half of the main building including the administration area) from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Reception and office staff has moved to the portable closest to Plumridge Street near the school crossing.

Stage 2 is due for completion about August next year.

*If families have any queries about where things are now located please do not hesitate to contact the office.*

### 2021 Book Packs

So far 260/420 families (62%) have logged on and ordered books for next year. Log on and use the code from your letter that is unique to our school and your child's year level.

All book pack orders are made online and are with Central Victorian Office Supplies (CVOS).

Book packs will need to be completed online by 4th December 2020.

If you have any queries or need assistance please contact Sabina Riordan in the school office on 54430799 or via email at [sabina.riordan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sabina.riordan@education.vic.gov.au)

### 2020 Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey has closed and 15% (62) of parents completed the survey this year, thanks to those who took the time to share their opinions. We will share some of the results when they are collated and returned.

### Drink Bottles Required

With the drinking bubble taps switched off due to COVID restrictions, students are required to bring their own drink bottle to school. These can be filled at specific taps throughout the school.

As the weather warms up we are worried about students not drinking any water if they do not have a drink bottle at school. Please ensure your child brings their own drink bottle to school every day.

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

#### Week 7

Friday 20 November -

#### Week 8

Thursday 26 November

[2021 Prep Familiarisation Session](#)

Friday 27 November

[2021 Prep Familiarisation Session](#)

[G4 Camp Activity Payment due 4pm](#)

[Last day Hamper donations](#)

#### Week 9

Wednesday 2 December

[G4 Alternative Camp Activity Day](#)

Thursday 3 December

[G1 Celebration Day, Botanical Gardens](#)

Friday 4 December

[G2 Celebration Day](#)

[Last Day online book pack orders](#)

#### Week 10

Monday 7 December

[Raffle books/Money due by today](#)

Friday 11 December

[Christmas raffle drawn today](#)

#### Week 11

Monday 14 December

[Grade 6 Graduation payment due 4pm](#)

Thursday 17 December

[Grade 6 Graduation](#)

Friday 18 December

[Last Day Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal](#)

Wednesday 20 January

[Book pack pickup day – School sport shed](#)

Saturday 23 January

[Book pack pickup day – School sport shed](#)

### Term 1 2021: Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April

Wednesday 27 January

Teachers first day

Thursday 28 January

Students first day

### Term 2 2021: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June

### Term 3 2021: Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

## Prep Familiarisation Days

At this stage, we envisage approximately 70 new prep students will be starting at White Hills in 2021.

This week we held the first of our Familiarisation Days and the incoming prep students were excited and demonstrated wonderful resilience and independence. The next two days are later next week on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Regretfully we are unable to offer a Parent information Session on site due to the current COVID 19 restrictions. However, this week we conducted an online parent information session that provided the opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding our school. The session was recorded and can be accessed on the school's website under the Parent tab - Getting ready for School/Enrolment and it is titled Parent Information Session 16.11.20. Thank you so much to the parents and some future students who accessed this session and clarified any concerns they may have been having.

## REPEAT MESSAGES

### Let Us Know If You Are Moving

If your child / children will not be attending White Hills PS in 2021, please let us know now, as this information is crucial for planning.

### Centrepay an option to manage school costs in 2021

#### What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to an approved Centrepay organisation.

#### Why use Centrepay?

Centrepay is voluntary. Customers who choose to use Centrepay benefit from its convenience and security knowing that their bills are under control. Instead of having large bills every month or quarter, your bills are paid in manageable amounts from your payments, making it easier for you to budget.

#### How do I set up Centrepay?

The school office is happy to assist and support eligible families to set up Centrepay or you can follow the steps below.

Step 1: sign in and access the main menu. Sign into myGov and select your Centrelink online account to access the main menu and your homepage. ...

Step 2: add a new Centrepay deduction. ...

Step 3: choose a service provider. ...

Step 4: enter the details of your deduction. ...

Step 5: review and submit. ...

Step 6: sign out.

Centrelink online account help - deduction <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/adding-new-centrepay-deduction-using-your-centrelink-online-account>

This might be a viable option to help families manage the school costs including camps as we know that the CSEF (Camps, Sports Excursion Funds) of \$125 generally covers the cost of Part B of the book pack (gymnastics, swimming, incursions and excursions) but not the camps. Trudy in the office along with our Chaplain Ricky Cawley as they have had experience in supporting families to set this up in previous years.

### Term Planners

Parents can access the Grade Term Planners on the school's website at <https://www.whitehillps.vic.edu.au/page/58/Curriculum>

Term Planners outline the key focus areas in English, Maths and Integrated studies for the term.

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

*Andrew Schaeche,*

*Principal*

## PFG News

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle books have been sent home with the eldest in the family this week. **All books and money or any unsold tickets need to be returned to the office no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at school assembly.**

### Donations

Thank you to those who have generously given Christmas Hamper donations already. **A special thank you goes to 'Champions IGA' in Long Gully for their donation – which is appreciated.**

**We are still in need of donations for our Christmas Hampers, with one more week to bring them in. Each family is asked to donate a non-perishable item or items towards our hamper prizes.** As it has been a very unusual year for families, we understand if some of you may find you are unable to donate – so please do not feel pressured if you cannot afford to. If at all possible please have your child bring the item/s to the office and place in the 'Christmas Hamper Donations Box' – to lessen the amount of people coming onto school grounds. Otherwise an adult can drop them off also.

*Items you can donate could be: Christmas cookies, puddings, tarts, jellies, lollies, chocolates, canned fruit or vegetables, wrapping paper, story books, ribbon, serviettes, bon-bons, decorations, novelty items, activity books, cake mix, savoury snacks, toys, craft items, chips and general food items for making meals. Please make sure the items are non-perishable and the 'use by' date is current.*

**To enable the hampers to be made up, it would be appreciated if donations could be left at the office by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

*Thankyou from all PFG members.*



## Students of the Week – Week 6, Term 4

CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR....	CLASS	NAME	AWARDED FOR
<b>PF</b>	Alarah Lilly	Working hard on improving her stories by writing the sounds that she hears! Being responsible and showing others what it looks like to be kind and caring	<b>4B</b>	Keron	Being resilient and bouncing back during writing
<b>PS</b>	Adrian Elleah	Some excellent independent work during writing time Thoughtful insights into our class stories	<b>4E</b>	Jackson & Piper	Trying their best in all learning areas and having a great work ethic
<b>PR</b>	Poppy	Always being such a caring and helpful person in our classroom	<b>4CN</b>	Oliver & Levi	Aspiring to produce their best work in a creative manner
<b>PM</b>	Jaxson B Jaxon H	Always aspiring to be his best Being a resilient student	<b>4R</b>	Jaida & Kaylee	Being responsible students who work well together
<b>1BW</b>	Alexa	Always being a friend to many in our class	<b>5B</b>	Isabella	Saving the day in last week's buddies session
<b>1F</b>	Madison	Working hard this term to produce excellent writing	<b>5L</b>	Joel	His BIG effort on moving day
<b>1T</b>	Esra	Building up her reading stamina	<b>5S</b>	Axel	His constant determination across all areas of his learning
<b>1H</b>	Mu Tha	Becoming a more confident reader	<b>5M</b>	Ruby	Showing AMAZING resilience at T-Ball coming back onto the field after getting hit with the ball
<b>2AK</b>	Taylor	Aspiring to be her best by building up her writing stamina	<b>6W</b>	Brodie	His improved behavior and work ethic in class
<b>2P</b>	Haylee	Great job with writing more each and every day	<b>6D</b>	Axel	Sharing his insightful thoughts and opinions on our book study "Young Dark Emu"
<b>2Y</b>	Aaliyah	Making fantastic progress with her spelling	<b>6P</b>	Finn	Always being a positive role model for others in displaying our whole school values
<b>2M</b>	Cody	Always willing to share his belongings with others and being a great friend to others	<b>6MW</b>	Kira Lee	Her improved honesty and owning her behavior, as well as adjusting her behavior to be the best version of herself
<b>3M</b>	Andy	Reading with great expression and outstanding comprehension	<b>Sport</b>	Lilly M	Her outstanding assistance in Physical Education, being a great role model
<b>3J</b>	Isabella	Her amazing listening skills over the last few weeks and participating in class discussions	<b>Chinese</b>	1F 2M	Their remembering all the drink names they have learnt! Completing the Chinese character tracing to a high standard
<b>3G</b>	Tatelyn	Always being an amazing helper and putting her hand up for everything			
<b>3MB</b>	Bridie	Showing resilience when she was bitten by a bee			
<b>3D</b>	Ayden	His positive attitude toward tasks this week, awesome work legend			