



College Update | Week 6, Term 4, 2024

As we enter Week 6 of Term 4, the energy across our school community remains high as students and staff continue their journey through this vibrant and busy term. We're in the midst of wrapping up a fantastic year, with a range of events, milestones, and achievements still ahead, each one celebrating the dedication and growth our students have shown throughout 2024.

Presentation Night

We are looking forward to several important upcoming dates and activities. Our annual Presentation Night on November 12 promises to be a highlight, bringing together families, friends, and staff to celebrate student achievements across academics, the arts, sports, and community service. All families and community members are welcome to join us for this memorable evening of recognition and celebration.

Farewell to Our Year 12 Students

Our Year 12 students are now in their final days, preparing for their last exams and wrapping up their time with us. It's a momentous period filled with anticipation, reflection, and excitement for what lies ahead. We're immensely proud of their perseverance and commitment and wish them all the best as they complete their final assessments. We look forward to the graduation events in Week 7, which provides us with a chance to honour their journey and bid them a warm farewell as they transition into their next chapter.

Our younger students are also hard at work, balancing assessments with active learning in the classroom. They're showing great commitment to their schoolwork, and we encourage them to keep up the momentum as they make progress on this year's goals and start thinking ahead to 2025.

Week 11 - alternative program week

School Year Adjustment: This year, the Education Minister recognised that the 2024 school year includes 41 weeks of student attendance (excluding Year 10 - 12 students), compared to the typical 40-week schedule.

Curriculum Update: Beginning in 2025, all Queensland state schools will implement the new Australian Curriculum Version 9.

Alternative Program for Week 11: Our school will be open during Week 11, however we are planning alternative programs that will involve student activities as well as staff collaboration and Version 9 curriculum development, this may mean that your child may not be with their usual classroom / subject teacher during week 11.

As we work towards finalising plans for Week 11, many families of students in Prep – Yr. 9 have informed us of their early holiday departures.

If your family intends to conclude the school year before Friday, 13 December, please let us know by one of the following methods, with the dates of your child's absence:

- **Email:** admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au
- **Student Absence Text:** 0428 632 704
- **Phone:** 3900 8370

Thank you for your assistance in keeping us informed, as we look forward to a productive conclusion to the school year!

Gratitude for our P&C Volunteers

A special thank you goes out to our small group of wonderful P&C volunteers who have been hard at work covering new books for our library! Your efforts directly support our students' love of reading, helping maintain a vibrant library collection that sparks curiosity and learning.



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We invite anyone interested in lending a hand to join the *Book Covering Club Crew* for Weeks 6 – 9 in Term 4. Come along, meet new people, and enjoy a rewarding activity that truly makes a difference to our students and staff.

Please come to the main office to ‘sign in’ as a volunteer/visitor and then head down to the ILC. Session times:

Day	Time
Monday	08:55 - 10:05
Tuesday	13:45 - 14:55
Wednesday	13:45 - 14:55
Thursday	08:55 - 10:05
Thursday	13:45 - 14:55
Friday	13:45 - 14:55



Scholastic Rewards

We’re thrilled to announce that our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised an incredible \$452.50 in commission — all in just one week! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so grateful to our college community for supporting this event.

Funds raised go directly towards purchasing valuable resources for our primary classrooms, enriching learning experiences for our students. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this Book Fair a success!

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

Date Claimers

Term 4 is a very busy term, here are some of the exciting upcoming events at our college. I encourage everyone to stay connected with our school updates and mark these key dates on your calendar. The weeks ahead promise to be full of exciting events and opportunities for our students to shine, both inside and outside the classroom.

Wk. 6	2025 enrolments into Prep – Prep Explorers Wed 6 Nov	Year 7 Civics excursion Fri 8 Nov	Sport Aerobics Trials @ WHSC ILC Fri 8 Nov 3:30 – 5:00 (Yrs. 7 - 8) 5:00 - 6:30pm (Yrs. 9-12); Sat 9 Nov 9:00 - 10:30 (Prep – Yr. 2) 11:00 – 12:30 (Yrs. 3-4) 1:00 – 2:30pm (Yrs. 5-6)	
Wk. 7	Tangalooma Island Experience – Yr. 11 Sun 10 Nov – Tues 12 Nov	Junior QUOTA Cupcake sales Tues 12 – Wed 13 Nov Annual Presentation Evening Tues 12 Nov (5.30pm for a 6.00pm start - 7.30pm)	Yr. 12 Graduation Thurs 14 Nov Yr. 12 School Formal Thurs 14 Nov	Year 12: last day of attendance Fri 15 Nov
Wk. 8	Life Education – Primary from Thurs 21 Nov	Yr. 10 / 11 CARES rewards excursion Fri 22 Nov	Years 10 and 11: last day of attendance Fri 22 Nov	
Wk. 9	Yr. 6 to Yr. 7 transition – Tues 26 Nov			
Wk. 10	Yr. 6 Graduation – Mon 2 Dec	P – 6 Awards 9:15 – 11:15 Tues 3 Dec	Primary “Shuffle UP” – Tues 3 Dec	Yr. 9 CARES rewards Dinner Dance – Wed 4 Dec
	Yr. 6 “Big Day In” – Wed 4 Dec	Yr. 6 Unleashing Personal Potential (UPP) incursion – Thurs 5 Dec Year 7/8 CARES rewards excursion -- Thurs 5 Dec	Year 5 and 7 Author workshop - <i>TBC</i>	P - 6 Miracle on Samuel Street – Fri 6 Dec
Wk. 11	P-2 Swimming Carnival Wed 11 Dec – TBC	3-6 Swimming Carnival Thurs 12 Dec – TBC		



HOD - Inclusion

Welcome to Tracey Jenkinson – Head of Department Inclusion: Primary

We’re delighted to welcome “Mrs J” to Whites Hill State College! Tracey Jenkinson is an experienced Head of Special Education Services (HOSES) and has recently joined WHSC as our new Head of Department: Inclusion for Primary. Tracey has already been reaching out to our primary parents to introduce herself. Please feel free to contact Tracey through our main office if you’d like to connect.

Alongside her, Mrs. Anette Hurman continues as our Head of Department: Inclusion for Secondary, and together, they are working to strengthen our college’s approach to inclusion and support for all students. We are fortunate to have such a great team to further enhance the support structures available to our students.

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

In Week 6 of our GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness) chat, we turn our attention to **Empathy** — a key element in building understanding, kindness, and a supportive community. Empathy is about seeing the world through someone else’s eyes and responding with compassion. This week, we encourage students to consider others' perspectives and offer a listening ear to friends, classmates, and family members. Small acts of empathy, such as checking in on a peer or lending a hand, create a ripple effect that strengthens our school community and brings us all closer together. Let's make this week a time to practice empathy in our words, actions, and interactions.



Final Thoughts

Thank you to our families and community members for your ongoing support, whether through attendance at events, involvement in P&C initiatives, or simply cheering on our students every step of the way. Let’s continue making this final term memorable, together!

Kind regards,
Richenda Wagener
College Principal



CARES Focus for the Fortnight - *We model the CARES philosophy of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm, Safety – Weeks 5 and 6 – Achievement: We encourage and strive for success.*



PBL Focus for the Fortnight – Weeks 5 and 6 - **Achievement:** I know exactly what I need to do to successfully complete my class and assessment work. If I do not understand what I have to do, I ask my teacher clarifying questions.

Helpful WHSC Links

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