



College Update | Week 8, Term 4, 2024

As we approach the final weeks of Term 4, our school continues to shine with celebrations and meaningful milestones. It's a time of reflection and gratitude for what we've accomplished together in 2024.

Presentation Night Success

Last week's Presentation Night was a spectacular showcase of talent, achievement, and community spirit. We were thrilled to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students across academics, arts, sports, and community engagement. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening such a memorable occasion. A special shoutout to our staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure its success!

Year 12 Graduation and Farewell

This past week, we also bid a heartfelt farewell to our Year 12 students during their Graduation Ceremony. It was a touching celebration of their journeys, filled with pride, joy, and a few tears. Their final school days were marked with laughter and reflection as they prepared to take their next steps beyond WHSC. To our *Class of 2024*, we wish you every success in the exciting adventures ahead and thank you for leaving a lasting legacy in our community.

Final Attendance for Year 10 and 11 Students

A reminder that this Friday, 22 November, marks the last day of attendance for our Year 10 and 11 students. We thank each of them for their hard work this year and encourage them to use their break wisely to recharge and prepare for 2025.

Remaining Weeks for Prep – Year 9

For students in Prep to Year 9, there are officially four school weeks remaining before the summer holidays. While many families have already let us know about plans for early departures, we kindly ask anyone else intending to finish the school year early to notify us as soon as possible. This helps us plan effectively and ensure a smooth wrap-up for everyone.

To notify us of absences, you can use one of the following methods:

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

2025 Class Lists, Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day and Shuffle Up Day

As we look ahead to next year, class lists for 2025 are being carefully finalised. For our students currently in Year 6 we are looking forward to our *Transition into Year 7 Day* on Tuesday 26 November (Week 9), and for our Prep – Year 5, we're excited to host our annual *Shuffle Up Day* on Tuesday, 3 December (Week 10), where students will meet their new classmates and teachers for 2025. We hope that this day helps ease transitions and builds excitement for the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to create a thriving, dynamic learning community as we strive to make these final weeks count!

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund

Did you know that the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund proudly invests in Australia's sporting stars of today and tomorrow by providing financial scholarships to support and empower talented young athletes who are facing barriers to achieving their dreams? For more information, please visit the [Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund website](#)



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Final P&C Meeting for 2024 – Looking Ahead to 2025

As we approach the end of the school year, we'd like to invite parents, carers, and community members to attend our final P&C meeting for 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the incredible work our P&C has done this year to support the school community and make a real difference for our students.

Looking ahead to 2025, we'd like to let you know that all executive positions will be open for nominations at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) early next year. If you've ever wondered how you can contribute to your child's education or support our school in meaningful ways, joining the P&C executive team is a fantastic opportunity.

Here's a snapshot of the executive roles and their responsibilities:

President: The President leads the P&C, chairs meetings, and acts as the spokesperson for the group. They ensure meetings are productive and that the P&C operates in line with its constitution and goals.

Vice-President: The Vice-President supports the President and takes on their duties if they're unavailable. They often coordinate special projects and provide additional leadership.

Secretary: The Secretary manages the P&C's records and correspondence, prepares and distributes meeting agendas and minutes, to ensure smooth communication within the group.

Treasurer: The Treasurer oversees the P&C's finances, prepares budgets, keeps accurate financial records, and presents financial reports at meetings.

Our P&C thrives on the energy and ideas of our school community, and we encourage everyone to consider how they might contribute. Whether you're keen to step into a leadership role or simply want to support as a general member, we'd love to see you there!

Join us at the final meeting for 2024 to celebrate this year's achievements, ask questions about the roles, and learn how you can help make 2025 another fantastic year for our college.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

The President

- Understand rules and operations of a P&C
- Good knowledge of P&C meeting procedures
- Provide leadership
- Chair meetings
- Act as your P&C spokesperson/representative
- Foster positive communication between P&C and school
- Build relationships with wider community
- Encourage participation by members
- Ensure everybody has a say in the P&C
- Accountable for employment and business issues

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Vice-President

- Chair meetings if President is absent
- Provide essential support for the President
- Help the Secretary and/or Treasurer as required
- Understand operations, rules and meeting procedures
- Act as President's "understudy"
- Understand the various executive roles
- Carry out duties delegated by the President
- Be prepared to perform a role particular to your P&C such as "publicity officer" or "fundraising co-ordinator"

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Treasurer

- Ensure P&C complies with the Accounting manual
- Financial statements/reports presented at meetings
- Pay accounts promptly when authorised
- Issue receipts for monies received
- Maintain accountable forms register
- Maintain P&C asset register
- Monitor wages
- Ensure accounts are current and reconciled
- Prepare annual financial statements for auditing
- Ensure accounting is open and transparent

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Secretary

- Prepare and distribute meeting notices and agendas
- Prepare, distribute and present meeting minutes
- Maintain a register of correspondence
- Distribute correspondence promptly
- Maintain a register of P&C members
- Maintain a register of Volunteers working for the P&C
- Organise, record and maintain P&C documents
- Ensure a copy of Constitution is available and accessible

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Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

Wk. 8	Life Education – Primary from Thurs 21 Nov	Year 10 & 11 – Final assembly 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>	Year 7 – 9 – Final assembly - Fri 6 Dec P - 6 Miracle on Samuel Street – Fri 6 Dec
Wk. 11	P-2 Swimming Carnival Wed 11 Dec	3-6 Swimming Carnival Thurs 12 Dec		

Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness

In Week 8 of our GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness) chat, we’re exploring **Emotional Literacy** — the ability to understand, express, and manage our emotions. Take a moment to ask yourself, “How am I feeling right now?”



Why is this important? Recognising our emotions and the reasons behind them helps us connect with ourselves and others in more meaningful ways. This week, we encourage students to practice identifying their emotions and to think about what might be causing them. Developing emotional literacy is a key step in building resilience, empathy, and strong, supportive relationships.

Final Thoughts

As we move through the final weeks of Term 4, it’s a time to reflect on the incredible journey we’ve shared this year. From classroom milestones to community events, every achievement has been a testament to the dedication, resilience, and collaboration of our students, staff, and families.

For our graduating Year 12s, this marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we’re immensely proud of the young adults they’ve become. For those continuing their WHSC journey, the remaining weeks of the year are an opportunity to consolidate learning, build connections, and look ahead to 2025 with optimism and confidence.

We know this time of year is busy for families, with holidays and plans taking shape. Thank you for keeping us informed about early departures and working with us to ensure a smooth and productive finish to the school year.

Kind regards,

Richenda Wagener



CARES Focus for the Fortnight - We model the CARES philosophy of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm, Safety - Weeks 7 and 8 - **Enthusiasm:** We embrace every opportunity.

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PBL Focus for the Fortnight - Weeks 7 and 8 - **Enthusiasm:** I focus on the positives. I am grateful that I am able to come to school and learn each day.





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