

Whites Hill State College

PREP – YEAR 12

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College Update | Week 8, Term 1

Welcome Back – Thank You for Your Understanding

I hope this week's edition of the *Update* finds you safe and well. Following the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred, I want to sincerely thank our school community for your understanding regarding the necessity of our school closure. The safety of our students, staff, and families is always our highest priority, and we are grateful for your patience and support. We are pleased to have everyone back on campus, safe and ready to continue our learning journey together.

Celebrating Harmony Week – Everyone Belongs!

This week, we are excited to celebrate **Harmony Week (17–23 March)**, a time to recognise and celebrate our school's rich cultural diversity. Harmony Week is about inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for all. Students will participate in activities that highlight the importance of cultural understanding and unity. We encourage everyone to wear **orange** or **traditional dress on Thursday 20 March** to show support for inclusivity and celebrate the many cultures that make our school community so special. Together, we embrace diversity and show that **everyone belongs!**



CARES Focus – Safety

This week, our CARES focus is **Safety**. We encourage all students to be mindful of their surroundings, follow school rules, and take care of themselves and others. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or traveling to and from school, safety remains our collective responsibility.

GEMS Focus – Emotional Literacy



Emotional literacy is our GEMS focus for the week. Understanding and expressing emotions in a healthy way is a crucial skill for personal and social wellbeing. Students will engage in activities that help them recognise, understand, and communicate their emotions effectively, fostering a supportive and empathetic school environment.

P&C Easter Raffle – Now Open!



Exciting news! The **P&C Easter Raffle** is officially open, and we are thrilled to announce that **3A donated the most chocolate** – congratulations! As a reward for their generosity, **3A has won a hot chip party**.

Thank you to all families who contributed to making this fundraiser a success. Raffle tickets are now available, and all funds raised will go towards enhancing school projects.

<https://rafflelink.com.au/whsceaster2025>



The raffle draw will take place on **Wednesday, 1 April** – don't miss your chance to win some fantastic Easter goodies!

P&C AGM – Wednesday, 19 March

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday, 19 March**, and all **Executive Positions** will be open for nomination. This is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to get involved in shaping the future of our school. The four key executive roles are:

- **President** – Leads the P&C, oversees meetings, and represents the school community.
- **Vice President** – Supports the President and takes on responsibilities as needed.
- **Secretary** – Manages correspondence, meeting minutes, and P&C records.
- **Treasurer** – Oversees financial matters, budgets, and fundraising efforts.

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If you are interested in nominating for a position or learning more, we encourage you to attend the AGM. Your involvement makes a difference!

As always, I appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to another great week at Whites Hill. Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community!

Kind regards,
Richenda Wagener
 College Principal

Important Date Claimers for the Weeks Ahead

The Week Ahead ... Week 8	
Mon 17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN commences (Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9) Yr. 7 Geography field study Bill Hewitt Reserve (across week during class time) Yr. 12 Biology field excursion No Primary assembly until term 2
Wed 19 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C AGM and GM
Thurs 20 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Assembly
The Week Ahead ... Week 9	
Mon 24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB Health Nurse Health Talks 10A&C
Thurs 27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Cross Country Griffith Uni Yr. 10 presentation
Fri 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Utilities Incursion (Yrs. 1/2, 2/3)

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