



## College Update | Week 9, Term 2, 2024

### End of term focus

As we enter Week 9 of Term 2, I want to commend everyone for their resilience and hard work. This week is critical as we wrap up our academic activities and end-of-term exams. Let's keep up the momentum and finish the term on a high note. I encourage everyone to make use of the available resources and support to ensure the best possible outcomes.

We know that end-of-term assessments and exams are well underway. We are also aware that having a clear, supportive and at times flexible plan can assist in rising to the end of term expectations. Some things to keep in mind as we continue to work collaboratively in support of each other:

- ✓ Create a Study Schedule: Plan your study time and stick to it.
- ✓ Stay Organised: Keep your notes and materials in order.
- ✓ Take Breaks: Short breaks can help maintain focus.
- ✓ Ask for Help: Reach out to teachers or peers if you need assistance.
- ✓ Stay Healthy: Ensure you get enough sleep, eat well, and stay hydrated.

### Synapses Ignite

On Wednesday 19 June our students are hosting the Synapses Ignite arts event. This annual arts event is a showcase of student artworks from primary through to secondary.

Students have been rehearsing and creating works for this event throughout the semester. Our students are very proud of their creations and are keen to showcase their achievements.

We extend a warm welcome to all members of our community to attend and experience the collection of artworks, multimedia works, and soundscapes prepared for this event and see the performers, engineers, photographers and event workers in action.

To add to the festivities, we have booked a food truck from 5.30 – 7.00pm. Please lock this special event into your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness



*Working on our emotional literacy gives us opportunities to develop our ability to understand and express different emotions. When we improve our emotional literacy, we can work towards recognising our own feelings and our ability to manage them. This allows us to cope with different life situations, such as managing conflict, making friends, coping in difficult situations and being resilient when dealing with change.*

Whole Family Activity: Feelings Charades

- Gather together as a family, this might be around the dinner table, lounge room, around the fire outside.
- Take turns to act out a feeling or emotion. Use your face and body language to act this out, for example: Make an angry face and stamp your feet or
- Other family members need to guess the feeling/emotion.



• After someone has guessed the feeling/emotion, have family members discuss a time they have felt this way before and why. If it was a negative emotion, how did they overcome it?

Family Habit Builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then discuss and share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.

**College Newsletter**

Each term in weeks 5 and 10, we publish our college newsletter. We know that families at Whites Hill State College are at the heart of our vibrant community, and staying connected is key to nurturing that sense of belonging. By subscribing to our college newsletter, you're not just receiving updates; you're joining a network that values communication, collaboration, and support.

Whether it's important announcements, exciting events, or heart-warming stories from our school community, our newsletter aims to keep you informed and engaged in the journey of your child's education.

Your subscription not only strengthens our bond as a school family but also ensures you never miss a moment of the wonderful experiences we share together. Please join us in staying connected and informed by subscribing today!

<https://whiteshillsc.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

As always, have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,

*Richenda Wagener*

College Principal



**CARES focus this week**

*We model the CARES philosophy of Cooperation Achievement Respect Enthusiasm Safety*

**Week 9 – Achievement - We encourage and strive for success**

**Uniform focus this week**

Keeping uniform standards high is always a work in progress. This week our focus is: **shoes**, please help use by reinforcing the right colour, worn in the right way. Our uniform policy can be found on

our [website](#).

**The Fortnight Ahead**

Week 9	
Mon 10 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 9 / 10 subject selection evening</li> </ul>
Tues 11 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Quota Club fundraiser</li> </ul>
Wed 12 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Quota Club fundraiser</li> <li>Year 11 Biology- A Day in the Life of a Scientist.</li> </ul>
Thurs 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr. 5 &amp; 9 Eco Marines- Waterways event</li> <li>Secondary Assembly</li> </ul>
Fri 14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Assembly – held each Friday in the ILC. Parents are welcome to join us               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 3–6 9:00am start</li> <li>Years Prep–2 10:05am start</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





Week 10	
Mon 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primay - P-6 Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>
Tues 18 June	
Wed 19 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Science- impact to a food web study D'Aguilar National Park</li> <li>• Synapses Ignite – 6:00pm – 7:00pm (dinner from 5:30pm)</li> </ul>
Thurs 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary Field events</li> <li>• Secondary Assembly</li> <li>• Newsletter published</li> </ul>
Fri 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary Athletics Carnival</li> <li>• Report Cards emailed home</li> <li>• Primary Assembly – held each Friday in the ILC. Parents are welcome to join us               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Years 3–6 9:00am start</li> <li>○ Years Prep–2 10:05am start</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Helpful WHSC Links

[College Policies](#)

[Uniform Shop information](#)

[Outside School Hours Care](#)

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**WHITES HILL STATE COLLEGE**  
presents  
**SYNAPSES IGNITE**  
Wednesday, 19 June | 6.00-7.00pm  
Artworks | Music | Film  
Grab dinner for the family from 5.30pm  
Entry via Gate 3 Burn Street  
G Block Art Rooms to Student Plaza  
Featuring Fête de la Musique

**WHSC Junior Quota Club**  
**CAPTAIN CARES FUNDRAISER**  
Students are encouraged to bring your loose change to school on  
**Tues, June 11 & Wed, June 12**  
to fill our giant Captain Cares floor poster!  
Location: Table under T Block  
Time: 11.25am-11.55am  
Money raised will go to our Junior Quota Club to benefit our students.  
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