
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Friday	December 19 th	Last Day Term 4 (1-30pm finish)
2009		
Thursday	January 29 th	Booklist Collection from Multi Purpose Room(10am to 3pm)
Friday	January 30 th	Booklist Collection from Multi Purpose Room(10am to 3pm)
Monday	February 2 nd	Students start back at school

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Graduation Assembly

This morning we conducted our annual Graduation Assembly. This is always a highlight of our school year and again there were very worthy winners of our key awards.

Ferguson Award (Outstanding Grade 6 Students) – Sam W & Bevan M

Peter Krenz Memorial Scholarship (Outstanding Grade 5 Students) – Nicole T & Carly O’N

Principal’s Encouragements Award (Outstanding Grade 4 Students) – Jade W & Aimee C

Rotary Club of Eaglehawk Citizenship Award – Shelby R

Bendigo Masonic Scholarship – Tamika P

A host of other curriculum awards were made and I congratulate those students who received nominations and those who won the curriculum awards.

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents and friends who attended to share this event with us.

Christmas wishes

May I extend my very best wishes to all in our school community for the coming Christmas and holiday period. I hope Santa is kind and that everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday break.

Dismissal Tomorrow

1.30pm. Please ensure pickup or supervision from that time.

School Resumption Dates

Staff will resume on Wednesday, 28th January

Students will resume on Monday, 2nd February

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Walking School Bus Thank-You

Our first year of WSB has concluded and it would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers Rebecca D, Nicole R, Susie McG, Brooke R, Sara H, Tim A and Jody A. Support for the program has been great with weekly numbers averaging between 15 to 20. It has operated every Wednesday except one or two when our volunteers attended school excursions or the weather was too bad to walk in. We are keen to recruit more helpers. Maybe some of our new Prep families will be able to join our team. This week we celebrated with our usual cup of Milo and also had some little muffins.

Tim Attwater

Fair co-ordinator Tim A recently received a principal's award at assembly for his outstanding leadership with our recent school fair. The excited look on his face says it all.



Carols by Candlelight

Were you lucky enough to see our choir perform at the Canterbury Carols by candlelight on Sunday evening? It was a great performance by our children. They were loud, clear and tuneful. Hard work by them, under Sue O'Hara's leadership, certainly paid off. They were a credit to our school and the huge crowd showed their appreciation. Numerous children, staff and parents were there to support our choir. Congratulations on a job well done!

What an Effort!!!

Yesterday was a very moving day at Eaglehawk North Primary School. The contents of almost every classroom were moved, in some cases from one side of the school to the other. Children, staff and parents all rose to the occasion and by the end of the day the task was almost complete. Some fine-tuning and relocation of furniture prior to Friday will see all classrooms ready for action in 2009. Many many thanks to the mums and dads who came along and made the task easier and more enjoyable. The weather was kind to us. We had a plan for the day and your support made it happen.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students on their graduation today!! A special well done to all of the award winners, you have all worked very hard this year and deserve the recognition for your level of excellence. Don't forget the Graduation Dinner tonight.

We would like to thank all the staff who helped put the assembly together today, especially Mrs Forrest who put together most of the student awards slideshows and Mrs Davis who controlled the lap top.

A special farewell to all of the senior students and families leaving ENPS this year. The grade 6 group have been fantastic role models for others and it will be sad to see them move onto bigger and better things, but

we wish them all the best. Don't forget to say goodbye tonight!!

Thank you to the parents who helped the senior department move rooms yesterday. I won't mention you all by name, you know who you are, so thanks heaps. A special '*thanks very much*' to the parent who started to

rearrange Mr O's room last Friday night after school. A nice surprise for him on Monday morning. Revenge is sweet and will come when you least expect it.

To those students and families returning to the senior department in 2009, have a safe holiday and we look forward to another great year.

Thanks

Anthony, Jo, Jason and Bronwyn



VISUAL ARTS

Thank you to all those people who have contributed in any way during the year to ensure that *The Arts* are alive and well at ENPS. All students will need a named art smock for next year, so replacements might be necessary as some are too small and '*past their use by date*'!

Early in the new year our school will be involved in the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts street procession on *Saturday March 20th*, so mark the calendar *NOW*. The theme is '*Eaglehawk It's Magic*', so get your thinking caps on and come up with some suggestions. All contributions of ideas, creative hands and '*float*' decorations etc. needed.

During the holidays you might like to have some creative fun with your students by making modelling dough, painting outdoors with large brushes and water, building sand sculptures and making edible art with fruit and vegetables. Take them to the Bendigo Art Gallery and see the Golden Age of Couture, which is a wonderful collection and will extend their knowledge of threads and textiles.

PERFORMING ARTS

Congratulations to the *School Choir* on a fabulous performance at Canterbury Carols on Sunday. The weather threatened to derail the event but we had a lovely evening and our choristers showcased themselves and our school admirably. A *HUGE* thank you to all the parents who have supported their music students during the year and for ensuring their attendance at this annual community event.

All recorders and t shirts need to be returned to the school by tomorrow and your assistance in this matter would be most appreciated. Well Done to all the Choir and Recorder students (and Linda's piano students)who have come along each week and developed their musical skills and talents .

Go to a concert during the holidays or put on your own for the street or the family. Enjoy the Christmas celebration and have a safe and fun filled break.

*Keep Creating,
Sue O'Hara*



CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be open tomorrow at recess for over the counter sales.

There will be no lunch orders tomorrow due to the 1-30pm finish for students.

Thank you to everyone for your support during the year. Have an enjoyable xmas break.

Anita Pilling



XMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners:

Paul Sadler Swimland Voucher: Bevan M

Xmas Hampers: Ella R

Todd K

Frank A

Ashley M

Robyn H

We hope you enjoy your prizes.

\$715 was raised from our final fundraising activity for the year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle with donations and selling of tickets.

Enjoy your xmas break.

Fundraising Committee



TARGET CHRISTMAS TREE

5/6 Coffey has decided to help those less fortunate by donating money to buy two gifts to place under the '*Target Christmas Tree.*' The students in 5/6C can opt to bring in a monetary donation and then as a grade we'll think of an age-group and brainstorm things to buy for each child.

We hope that the children will appreciate our efforts to make this Christmas one that they will never forget!

By Carly O'Neill

FOUND

A charm tag has been handed into the office.

Please come to the office to identify and collect this item.

Community News

1. **YMCA School Holiday Program** will run on December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and January 5th to 30th from 8am to 6pm each day. Bookings are now open and can be made by phoning 54471444 or call into the YMCA at 9 Browning St Kangaroo Flat. **Brochures are now available from the office foyer.**
2. **YMCA Aquasafe School Holiday Swim Program** will run during January at Bendigo Leisure Centre YMCA, Bendigo Aquatic Centre, Kangaroo Flat, Brennan Park & Inglewood Pools. This program runs over five days and are 30 minute classes. Cost is \$45 plus daily pool admission. To book or enquire please contact the Bendigo Leisure Centre YMCA on 5446 9222.
3. **City of Greater Bendigo** are offering a School Holiday program over the summer holiday break. For more information phone 1800813153.
4. **Tweed Sutherland Real Estate** are holding a colouring competition for students U11. 2 bikes are

on offer as prizes. Entries close at 5pm on Thursday December 18th at the real estate office. Entry forms are available from the school office.

5. **St Luke's Family Workers** will again be running the "Playstations" activity day in Canterbury Park on Wednesday January 28th from 11am to 3pm. A free BBQ will be included but please BYO drinks and sunhat. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Phone Kate or Lorraine on 54401100 for more information.