
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Tuesday	November 18 th	Preps 2009 Transition (9am to 11am) Grade 5/6 students- Global Warming and Sustainability Incursion
Friday	November 21 st	School Fair (4pm to 7pm)
Tuesday	November 25 th	Preps 2009 Transition (9am to 11am)
Friday	November 28 th	Return of all library books- Library closed for stocktake
Tuesday	December 2 nd	Preps 2009 Orientation (9am to 11am) Whole School Orientation Day Grade 6 Orientation Day to Eaglehawk Secondary
Wednesday	December 3 rd	Queen Victoria Market Excursion (1/2/3 PLT students)
Thursday	December 18 th	Grade 6 Graduation Assembly
Friday	December 19 th	Last Day Term 4- 2-30pm finish

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Awards

Well done to this week's award winners. I look forward to the presentations at Monday's assembly. Please feel free to join us. *Mitchell I, Zali C, Tia M, Connor P, Emily G, Dane S, Makalah K- K, Callum V, Fraser S, Braydon S, Beth L, Bradley R, Marli F, McKenzie N and Emma R.*

Pupil Free Day – Student Report Writing

Yesterday saw a hive of activity at school with class teachers busy on end of year student report writing. Many had been very organised, putting in much work in the lead up to the day and now have their drafts completed for me to read. Our administration staff, with support from our aides were also very busy preparing our 2009 enrolment packages and we are now well placed to commence our transition program next week. Thank you to everyone for your effort.

Key Dates – To end the year

We are now into the last five weeks of school and this time will fly. Teachers are busy finalising their teaching programs and preparing reports. Administration staff are working on finishing one year and preparing for the next. Below are some important dates for you to pencil into your diary.

School Fair – Friday 21st November (4pm to 7pm)

Orientation Day – Tuesday, 2nd December (2009 classes will be available on this date)

School Awards Assembly – Thursday, December 18th

Grades 5/6 Graduation Dinner – Thursday December 18th (6-30pm to 9pm)

Student Reports sent home - Tuesday December 16th

Newsletter Production

Quite a high response to our questionnaire was received with many interesting ideas put forward from some parents. At this stage it is apparent that the greater preference is for the newsletter to stay as it is, being produced weekly. In order to increase our efficiency however we will send the newsletter electronically to those who have indicated a desire for this.

Two important issues to remember however:

Please ensure your mailbox is regularly emptied so that the newsletter doesn't bounce back to us.

Any attachments will be provided to your child in a hardcopy form where we are unable to attach them electronically.

Reminders for next week

- Last day today for written requests for class placements to me. Class structures have been decided however teacher allocations are yet to be completed.
- **School Fair** – next Friday (4.00pm-7.00pm) – Please take the time to come along and support the school and your child's contribution to the Fair activities. We always have a fun time.

Ron Payne

BIKE WINNERS

The accompanying photograph shows Kaleb G and Paige A the two excited winners of bikes in the Ride2School program. They received their bikes at our Monday Assembly.



John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

We had a group of children at the Orienteering and Cricket Carnivals today. Mrs Madden and Mr Gilligan have attended with the teams. Thanks again to the parents who have given up their time to help out with these events. More information next week.

Friday the 21st is the Badminton Carnival. Children have now received notes about this day. If you can help on this day please let Mr O know.

Only one week until the school fair. Children should just about be organised for their fair stall. Materials for their stall can be stored in the classroom on the Friday as we will set up at 3:00pm Friday afternoon.

Congratulations to Ebony S who competed at the State Athletics Championships on Monday in the Shot Putt. It is an enormous effort to qualify for this event at all – Ebony was able to finish in 8th out of 16. This puts her at 8th best in the State in this event for her age group. Well done Eb!!

We have Mr Graeme Topp from the Eaglehawk Secondary College coming to talk to the Grade 6 children Monday morning. He is bringing back a couple of past students to talk to the kids about what to expect in Year 7. This is part of the transition process. A reminder that the Orientation Day is on December the 2nd. Grade 6 children will attend their chosen Secondary College on this day.

On November 18th the Senior Department will be involved in an Incursion about Global Warming and Sustainability.

Thanks

Anthony, Jo, Jason and Bronwyn

3/4 TEAM NEWS**School Fair**

We would like to remind parents that this year 3/4A and 3/4 G will be teaming up to present a "*Mystery Jar*" stall at the School Fair. If you plan to contribute a jar or two, could you please deliver them to school asap.

On the subject, *class teachers will be looking for parent volunteers between 4pm and 7 p.m. on Friday 21st*

November for class stalls. Please send a note to your class teacher indicating your availability!

The next round of homework sheets will be handed out at the beginning of next week. Please keep an eye on your child's homework completion. Students at this level are expected to complete regular homework, up to 20 minutes per evening during weeknights.

Emily, Brett O, Rob and Brett G

1/2/3 TEAM NEWS

School Fair

Ms Hurford needs donation of small items, lollies, bars etc as prizes for her fair activity.

Thank you to those families in 1/ 2 W who have already sent items along.

Mrs Wright would like donations of strawberry or chocolate topping sent to school as per her notice.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help out on our stalls. Please fill in the reply slips and let us know as soon as possible if you are available to help.

Developmental Curriculum

Next week we will be changing our class timetables on Tuesday and Thursday to incorporate the initiative that has been established by our Prep/1 team (KOOL time) and will be extended through to Grade 2's next year.

The Developmental Curriculum involves children learning through activities that are of interest to them. It fosters and develops co-operation, oral language, problem solving skills, thinking skills, literacy and numeracy. It is a child centred approach. More formal academic work will be undertaken in the late morning and afternoons on those days. Parents are most welcome to share and assist in classes anytime during these sessions. Sessions will commence at 9.15am.

Melbourne Excursion

On Wednesday the 3rd of December Grade 1 /2 W, 2 H and 2/3 H will be going on a full day excursion to Melbourne to visit the Queen Victoria Market and possibly the beach and /or the Myer Christmas Windows. This is a follow up to our Shopping Integrated Unit.

Unfortunately, the different grade levels have used up various amounts of the excursion levy so parents will need to pay extra. The costs are as follows:-

Total cost of the excursion is \$19 for those who pay as they go.

Grade 1's - \$8

Grade 2's - \$5.50

Grade 3's - \$2

We are also looking for parent helpers so please put this date on your calendar. Further information, permission forms and parent helper forms will be sent home next week.

Carolyn, Amy and Judy

PREP/1 TEAM NEWS

The students have been busy with set assessment tasks in preparation of the report writing period. Although Christmas and the end of the year is fast approaching the teaching program in the classroom is still '***full-steam ahead***'. It is very important that the students' maintain their daily home reading tasks and practising their spelling of high frequency words.

Literacy Focus

This week the prep children will be studying and reviewing many words from the high frequency list. Grade one students will be looking at plurals and words beginning with '***kn***'.

Grade One Melbourne Excursion.

This will take place ***Wednesday 3rd December***. We will require parent helpers to assist with small group supervision. If you are available please notify your classroom teacher.

Prep One Excursion to Eaglehawk Shops.

This will also be on ***Wednesday 3rd December***. The children will walk down to the shops and visit local businesses and community service centres. We will also require parent helpers for this excursion. If you can assist please contact your classroom teacher.

Teddy Bear Competition

Many children have started planning their entries into this competition. Please note that this is a ***TEDDY BEAR*** competition and therefore other cuddly toys are not eligible for entry. Please ensure your child does not bring in their teddy until the day of the fair as storage space in the classrooms are very limited.

Organisation

It is very important that all students have a water bottle at school as well as a school hat. Our sun smart policy is that those children without hats have to sit in a shaded designated area.

Thank you to all those parents who have supported the school fair by donating prizes for the Prep/One stalls. Also a big thank you, to those parents who have volunteered to supervise a stall. We still have many time slots to fill. If you can assist please contact your teacher.

Watch This Space

The Prep/One grades will be performing a small Christmas concert again this year. More information will follow.

Have a great week everyone.

Cheryl, Sharna, Mandy and Tina.

YCDI AWARDS

Nathan D, Jeremy A, Connor G, Trinity A, Jay P, Annabel B, Michael T, Brandon D, Jara D, Arrin B, Jorja E, Shailee B, Ebony Si, Dylan R and Millie B.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

We have had a couple of busy days in the library at the beginning of this week.

Author Adam Wallace visited our school and took students for writing and drawing workshops. Adam had an enthusiastic welcome to our school at assembly on Monday and the enthusiasm with the students continued for the two days he was here. It was great to see so many different drawings and hear the interesting stories that were written.

I would also like to thank Carolyn Wright for putting me onto Adam Wallace. He has been an inspiration to our students.



Please note that there will be no more library borrowing from Friday November 28th as a stocktake will be undertaken. Please have all library books returned by this date to make the stocktake process easier.

Imagine, Live and Dream!

Liz Davis

VISUAL ARTS

Over the past few months, the Art/Craft room has received many donations of reusable items. We have bags of wool, fabrics, printing papers and an assortment of boxes, cylinders, polystyrene trays etc. placed in the Art/Craft room. A huge **THANK YOU** to all those people who help not only us, but the planet by reducing and recycling! It is most appreciated and it also helps the Art budget immensely.

MUSIC

Next Friday 21st (The School Fair Day)we are fortunate to have a visit and performance by **The Marimba Belles**. This Boronia Heights Primary School group of talented musicians are on tour in our region and thanks to Jenni H's suggestion, I have been able to organise this free incursion (at no cost!) for all students. It promises to be a great start to the day!

Keep creating,

Sue O'Hara

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Dinosaur nugget order forms were distributed to students on Tuesday November 11th.

If you missed returning your orders to the canteen today they can be bought up to the canteen **first thing on Monday morning.**

Anita Pilling

Mother Hen Catering

**MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT**

Once again, a great night had by all. Many thanks to all that helped with and on the night, especially Katrina. Although this is an official **"social night"** we also raised **\$ 950** for the school fundraising kitty.

Many thanks to the following businesses that supported the night with donations... Please try and support those who support our school..

Bendigo Regional YMCA, Napier St, Eaglehawk ph. 54469222 – Fun & Fitness including the pool & mini golf

Hello Gorgeous, upstairs cnr High & Victoria Streets, Eaglehawk ph. 54467898 - Hairdresser

Eaglehawk Floral Boutique, High St, Eaglehawk ph. 54469696 – Flowers and Giftwares

Rosemary Metcalf & Travel Counsellors ph. 54462809 – Holidays & Travel Arrangements

SCHOOL FAIR FOOD COURT

If you can assist with donations of cakes/slices for the Food Court at the Fair please bring them along to school on the *morning* of the Fair on Friday November 21st. Please contact Tina Houlden on 0417599955 for further information.



SCHOOL FAIR

Our School Fair will be held this year on **Friday November 21st**.

If you would like to assist either prior to the day or on the day please leave your name at the office or complete the tear off slip to enable a roster to be drawn up ASAP. If any parents would like to donate goods or service items for our spinning wheel please leave your details at the office.

Any assistance, large or small, will ensure our fair is successful!!!!

Name.....

Time Available.....

Phone.....

Fair Committee



TWILIGHT NETBALL

Wednesday November 19th

11/Under Section 3

E/H Nth v St Killians Goldies Crt 7 4.10pm

13/Under Section 3

Creek St v E/H Nth Bluebirds Crt 1 5.40pm

Community News

1. **Bendigo Library Come and Celebrate Dr Who.**
On Tuesday November 25th from 5-6pm for children aged 6-12 years come dressed as Dr Who to help celebrate 45 years of the TV show. Phone 54492700 to make a booking.
2. **Eaglehawk & District Tennis Association** require D grade mixed players. Meet at Eaglehawk tennis complex Crowther St on Saturday at 9-30am or phone Louise Kemp on 54469262.
3. **Five-A-Side Indoor Soccer** will be held on Friday nights from 4.30pm at the Flora Hill Stadium. All age groups both male and female. Phone Rosalie on 0407675384.