
Whipstick Whispers

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2008

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CALENDAR

Friday	November 21 st	School Fair (4pm to 7pm)
Tuesday	November 25 th	Preps 2009 Transition (9am to 11am)
		Return of completed booklists for 2009
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

Congratulations to this week's award winners. Please feel welcome to join us at Monday's assembly for the presentation of certificates. *Georgia H, Reilly H, Madison H, Connor F, Krystal D, Tyler S, Tairna L, Bailey Bk, Chelsea C, Jordan N, Declan F, Nathan B, Aidan W, Matthew T and James L-l.*

2009 Planning – (Subject to Change)

Below I have detailed the interim arrangements for next year's Workforce Plan. Please note that some minor change is possible depending on decisions made by individual staff about their future of which I am not yet aware. Our class and staffing arrangements will be fully confirmed in the final week of the school year.

It is my intention that class placements will be completed next week in order that children are in their confirmed class for **Orientation Day on Tuesday, 2nd December.**

I **will not** entertain further requests based on a desired preference for a teacher within the particular learning teams. Parents have been provided with the necessary amount of time to provide input about any potential staffing or peer concern and this closed last Friday. Only under exceptional circumstances will I now consider any further input.

Principal – Ron Payne (School Leadership & Administration)

Assistant Principal – John Morton (Student Support Programs & Auslan-Senior Classes)

Leading Teacher – Helen Forrest (Technology Instruction & Curriculum Leadership)

Grades Prep/1 Learning Team = Sharna Mulcair, Tina Fitzpatrick, Simon Kiel

Grades 1/2 Learning Team = Carolyn Wright, Judy Heath, Cheryl Healey

Grade 3/4 Learning Team = Brett O'Sullivan, Anna Rookes, Mandy Costello, Anthony Bortolot

Grade 5/6 Learning Team = Amy Hurford, Robert Anderson, Jo Madden, Bronwyn Coffey, Jason O'Neill

Phys.Ed/PMP – Brett Gilligan
Arts & Music – Sue O’Hara (0.6)
Visual Arts – Bekki Probert (0.4)
Student Intervention & Support – Colin Brown (0.4)
Student Intervention & Support – John Reid (0.4)
Classroom Practice Mentoring & Coaching - (0.2) To be appointed

Business Manager – Ricky Hunt (0.6)
Administrative Assistant – Katrina McNaughton (1.0)
Library & Technical Support – Liz Davis (0.6)
Higher Level Technical Support – Tony McGillivray (0.2)
School Chaplain – Wendy Kofoed (0.4)
Integration Aide – Elva Greenwood (0.74)
Integration Aide – Helen Melgin (0.74)
Integration Aide - Further appointment to be made on the basis of funded students.

Mick Surplice – Maintenance & Grounds
Judy Sheaf- Grounds
Nicole White – After School Care
Ian Kurzke – Cleaner
Anita Pilling - Canteen

School Fair

Everybody has been extremely busy preparing for our Annual Fair to be held at school tomorrow afternoon from **4.00pm to 7.00pm**. Our Fair Coordinator, Tim Attwater, has spent countless hours planning and making arrangements. All classes have been busy planning for their contributions. Many parents have been quietly working away with their role. Please endeavour to come along and support what is a major avenue of locally raised funds for our school. Any funds raised from our fair will be directed towards a specific playground improvement project under the direction of our Environment Comment. Thanks in anticipation for your support.

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

School Uniform

Thank you all for supporting us with school uniform. The two blues are very prominent and we really do look like a united school when we all get together at assemblies etc. I noticed however that our Lost Property cupboard is rather full of windcheaters and jackets at the moment. The warmer weather saw many children casting off their warmer clothing and unfortunately much of it is unlabelled. With four weeks of the year to go there is a real danger that much of that clothing could never make it back to its rightful owners. Feel free to make a visit to the cupboard or get your children to have a look.

What Happens at Home Time?

Do you have clear expectations of what your children should be doing at 3.30pm each school day? Are they clear about the route you expect them to take home? Do you have a designated meeting point at school when you collect them? Are they, and you, clear about the rules on climbing equipment and its use after 3.30pm? If they ride home are they very clear about the safe route you prefer them to take? Are siblings meant to walk or ride together? It may be timely to revise the above organisational strategies with your children. The bottom line is their safety.

Our Chaplain

I should acknowledge the work of our Chaplain Mrs Wendy Kofoed who is a great support to me in my capacity of Wellbeing Coordinator. Wendy is available on Monday and Tuesday. Take to time to visit her if you believe she can be of help or support. Recently Wendy has run a Seasons program and at the moment is operating a Girls’ Fun Group.

Auslan

I will be teaching Auslan in our Grade 3 to 6 classes next year. I am keen to get our Sign Choir underway again. The Choir was an initiative of Miss Natalie Riddle and we still have a good number of children who were members of this group. I am also interested in trying to get some Auslan classes going in 2009 for parents who are keen to learn some of this signed language. Please get in touch with me if you have a special interest in Auslan and let me know your thoughts. I have undertaken some basic Auslan teaching in the Grade 5/6 area in the second semester this year as well as the Grade 1/2/3 area.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

The Badminton Carnival is on tomorrow. We have 5 teams representing our school at this event. We wish these teams all the best.

Well done to all the children who competed at the Orienteering and Cricket Carnivals last week. All children were great ambassadors for our school showing great sportsmanship and cooperation on the day. Thanks to Mr W and Cameron McG for helping out with the cricket.

Children in grade 5 and grade 6 have received book lists for next year. Please return these before the due date. The Grade 6 children have 3 notes which they have been asked to return to the Secondary College on Orientation day on the 2nd.

On Monday we had a visit from Mr T, Sarah T and Josh M from the Secondary College. They shared valuable information about making the transition to High School and the kids asked some great questions. Children have also received their Year 7 information packs.

The Fair is on tomorrow night. All children should be organised for this night. Each group has made a roster which shows when they are expected to run their stall. *All students* are expected to be at their stall at 4:15pm-4:30pm to start off and again at 6:00pm-6:15pm to finish up and pack up.

Don't forget the Graduation Assembly and Dinner on *Thursday 18th December.*

Thanks

Anthony, Jo, Jason and Bronwyn

1/2/3 TEAM NEWS***School Fair***

A big thank you to those families who have donated items and / or volunteered to help out at the fair. Your assistance is really appreciated. We look forward to having a fun community time together Friday afternoon.

Developmental Curriculum

The children have really enjoyed this new program and have labelled it Fun Learning Time. They have been involved in a large range of activities such as planning and producing a restaurant menu, constructing objects, making plans, getting along and sharing resources, measuring and problem solving. Parents are most welcome to share and assist in classes anytime during these sessions. Sessions will commence at 9.15am.

Melbourne Excursion – December 3rd 2008

The permission, emergency contact and parent helper forms should have come home today. Please fill in the Parent Helper form and return to school as soon as possible. The Permission and Emergency Contact form along with the payment needs to be returned by *Friday 28th November.*

Carolyn, Amy and Judy

PREP/1 TEAM NEWS***Word Focus***

Next week Preps will be revising vowels and Grade Ones will be focussing on the ending blends 's', 'ed' and 'ing'.

Prep 2009 Transition

Our first transition session for the 2009 Preps was held on Tuesday and was a great success! Some of our Grade 1's were involved and were excellent leaders for the morning. Transition sessions will continue next week on both Tuesday and Friday. Our final session will be on Tuesday 2nd December when the entire school participates in orientation day.

KOOL time visit from Kathy Walker

Last Friday we were extremely fortunate to have Kathy Walker visit our school and observe our KOOL program. Kathy is the founder of the *Australian Developmental Curriculum* and has been working closely with us in implementing our KOOL time program. Her feedback was extremely positive and she commented on how engaged our children were due to the stimulating activities and learning areas provided, along with the excellent sharing and reporting our children are able to do. We are fortunate to have access to the expertise of Kathy and she, along with our new

Bendigo consultant Emily Mills (who some of you may know from her time at ENPS), will continue to work with us in 2009 as we expand our developmental curriculum through the P-2 area.

Only 5 more weeks until your child finishes a significant year in their lives...!

Wow! How far they have all come....

Have a great week everyone.

Cheryl, Sharna, Mandy and Tina.

YCDI AWARDS

Bailey T, Tahlia A, Todd W, Monique W, Jenna W, Connor S, Tom C, Lauren B, Jayden D, Hayden T, Antonio G, Darcy T, Katie B, Molly Mand Jordan T.

BOOK LISTS

Book lists have been sent home this week and we would ask that you send them back completed by next Tuesday November 25th.

For those parents who have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Card, and therefore apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance, can you please change the amount of the allowance to **\$110.50** (the mistake was discovered after the printing was completed).

Please note the dates and times of collection, which will take place at school in the Multi Purpose Room, are Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January 2009.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2009:

There has been a change to the way the allowance will be paid in 2009. Parents can still opt to receive a cheque, but the Department of Education is also offering a direct deposit option. If you choose this option you will need to have your banking details with you when you collect your books as we will ask you to fill out your 2009 EMA form at that stage. To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:

- **Be either a parent or guardian of a primary school student; and**
- **Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or be a foster parent; and**
- **Submit your application to the school by the due date**

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (13th July 2009) for the second instalment.

The EMA payment is made to help you cover the costs associated with educating your children.

Ricky and Katrina

2009 PREP PARENTS

Next Tuesday (November 25th) as part of the Orientation package a Literacy Workshop will be conducted in the library between 9:30am and 11:00am. We will focus on activities to promote speaking, listening, reading and writing strategies for your children. Toddlers are welcome and coffee and tea will be available.

A **HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP** is very important if we are to promote **LITERACY LEARNING**.

I will respond to any concerns you may have and we will read/discuss appropriate reading material we have in our library and classrooms. Hoping to meet and talk with you as your students learn about their new school environment.

Joyce V. Wood Literacy Specialist.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT FOR 2009 PREP PARENTS

Denise Watson will be conducting an Information Session for parents also on Tuesday November 25th from 9-00am to 9-30am **prior to the Literacy Session.**

Cheryl Healey



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who have supported our school and Adam Wallace with your orders. We have raised **\$66.00** so far for our library.

Don't forget all library books need to be back next week so our stocktake can begin.

Imagine, Live and Dream!

Liz Davis

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 **tomorrow morning.**

Please contact Tina Houlden on 0417599955 for further information.



TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION!!!!

Entry fee will now be \$1-00 - there are lots of great prizes to be won again this year...so get those entries organised!

Entries will only be accepted on **FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER**- the morning of the Fair- at the old staff room. Please leave yourself plenty of time before school and help us by having your ticket already filled in etc. Extra tickets are available at the office.

Just a reminder that entries in this competition must be teddy bears and not other types of stuffed/soft toys.

Categories for this year will be:

- Smallest Teddy Bear- must be "hand made"!
- Largest Teddy Bear
- Oldest Teddy Bear
- Cuddliest Teddy Bear
- Best 'Themed' Bear- ie.sport gear, colour clothes, hero costume etc
- Best "hand-made" outfit- Grades Prep-2
- Best "hand-made" outfit- Grades 3-6



TWILIGHT NETBALL

Wednesday November 26th

11/Under Section 3

St Peters Black V E/H Nth

Crt 7 4.10pm

13/Under Section 3

Violet St V E/H Nth Bluebirds Crt 5 4.55pm



PIANO/KEYBOARDS LESSONS 2009

I have been teaching lessons at ENPS for the past 3 years.

I am currently taking enrolments for piano/keyboard lessons commencing in Term 1 2009. Lessons of 1/2 hour duration at \$20 per session are taken during class time, recess or lunchtime. Both beginners and experienced students are catered for.

Lessons include both practical and theory and are suitable for students from Grade 2 upwards.

If you are interested in your child taking lessons please complete the slip below and return to the office by Wednesday December 10th.

Linda Broun

I wish to participate in piano/keyboards lessons in 2009.

Student Name.....

Grade

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.
4. **Satellite Cricket Camps** will be held in Bendigo on January 22nd & 23rd at Ewing Park from 9am to 3pm on both days. Phone 1800351415 to register.
5. **Paul Sadler Swimland Holiday Program Brochures** for January 19th to 23rd are now available from the office foyer.
6. **BOLD Learning Difficulties Support Group** will hold a morning tea on Friday November 28th at the Hill Top Café located in the Salvation Army Complex in Mundy Street. All welcome to attend. Phone Judy on 0408312027 for more information.
7. **Eaglehawk Brass Band** can take some extra learners from February 2009. The band will be playing at the school fair tomorrow. Band members are happy to assist with any enquiries or phone Shirley on 54461212.

