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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Friday	November 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return of all library books- Library closed for stocktake</b>
Monday	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Xmas Hamper Raffle books sent home</b>
Tuesday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Preps 2009 Orientation (9am to 11am) Whole School Orientation Day Grade 6 Orientation Day to Eaglehawk Secondary Return of Booklists for 2009</b>
Wednesday	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Queen Victoria Market Excursion (1/2/3 PLT students)</b>
Friday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Return of Xmas Hamper Raffle Tickets</b>
Tuesday	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Xmas Hamper Raffle drawn</b>
Thursday	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Assembly</b>
Friday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day Term 4- 2-30pm finish</b>
<b>2009</b>		
Thursday	January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Booklist Collection from Multi Purpose Room( 10am to 3pm)</b>
Friday	January 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Booklist Collection from Multi Purpose Room( 10am to 3pm)</b>
Monday	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Students start back at school</b>

## 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. *William J, Todd W, Evan S, Lydia M- H, Juliet B, Lachlan H, Shanae J, Cleo L, Lauren B, Kiara C, Ben T, Bevan M, Nikaylah P, Cassie McM and Renee S.*

### *Congratulations Mandy*

Yesterday we received news of Mandy Costello, along with two colleagues from across our region, being awarded a place in the very prestigious '*Eleanor Davis Women in Leadership*' program. Mandy has very clearly demonstrated her competence as a very fine teacher and is now beginning to move into the school leadership phase of her career. During 2009 Mandy, while still having a teaching role at our school, will undertake broader leadership training and be allocated a principal class mentor to assist her in this journey. Congratulations from all at ENPS on this outstanding achievement Mandy. This award is highly sought and to be one of the three allocated a place from within our region is a credit to you.

### *Back To School Assistance*

The State Government has allocated "*Back to School Assistance*" funding which will cover a proportion of the cost of textbooks, fees and uniforms for families who are directly affected by the ongoing drought.

For schools in the Loddon Shire and the City of Greater Bendigo, this funding will be distributed by Bendigo UnitingCare Outreach via an application process. The necessary documentation relating to this initiative is attached to your newsletter.

Parents are invited to apply directly to Bendigo UnitingCare Outreach who will then liaise directly back with the families. The school has no further involvement in this process so please do not send forms back to school.

### ***School Fair***

Congratulations to all concerned for the outstanding success of our School Fair last Friday. Final figures are still on the way but we achieved a healthy total that will do much to support our ***'Playgrounds Improvement'*** focus over the next year.

Special congratulations to Tim A and his many helpers for their brilliant contribution. It's great to have parents who give so much to our school for the benefit of all children.

If you would like to offer any feedback, please drop a note in to the office and this will be forwarded on to our Fair Committee. I'm sure with the success achieved they will aim to do equally as well next year.

### ***Orientation Day***

Our final day in the Prep transition process coincides with Orientation Day which is held across all Government schools next ***Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.***

On this morning our students will be placed into their anticipated classes of 2009 with their teacher for next year and in the classroom they will occupy.

As far as is possible the classes as compiled will be set, however some change may still be possible up until the start of the 2009 school year.

I will post the class lists, and a map of the classroom locations, around the buildings for reference on Tuesday morning.

### ***2009 Staff Fundraising Activity***

Earlier this month the annual Port to Port Bike Ride was conducted from Mildura to Echuca. While being a broad community activity, a number of schools were involved in this and raised significant dollars for various causes.

I would like to gauge possible interest in our school putting a team into the 2009 Ride with our focus being on raising funds for our current playgrounds development projects.

This is not everyone's idea of a great time however there may be those teachers and parents who would be willing to join the team, if not as a rider, then as a support crew member. It has the potential of being a fabulous social event as well as a fundraiser. Please let me know if you're in any way interested and, if enough interest exists, I will explore further.

### ***Reminders***

▪ ***2009 Booklists were due back on Tuesday.*** Our ladies in the office are processing these at present. If yours is not in, please note they will definitely not be handled at school after next Tuesday as they will be sent off to the suppliers.

***Ron Payne***

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN**

### ***Indigenous Tutoring***

We were fortunate in obtaining money for a tutor to work with Koorie students. Mr Simon Kiel has been working in this capacity for a few weeks now and I believe that our children and staff are enjoying the opportunity to work with Simon.

### ***Calmer Classrooms***

We are all heading off to a professional development program tonight with the alluring title of ***'Calmer Classrooms'***. The focus is upon dealing with ***'traumatised children'***.

***John Morton***

### **5/6 TEAM NEWS**

***We had 5 teams*** represent the school last Friday at the Badminton Carnival. All teams did a fantastic job on the day playing doubles and mixed doubles. It was great to see the improvement in the skills throughout the day. While not making a final we had one team who went through the day undefeated and one team who was only beaten by the eventual winners. Special thanks to the parents who came out to watch and even umpire some games. A special mention to Jayden K who was a

wonderful ENPS ambassador and umpired extra games throughout the day. Well done everyone.

***A reminder for Grade 6 children*** who have 3 notes which they have been asked to return to the Secondary College on Orientation day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

***Well done*** to all of the 5/6 students for their wonderful work at the fair last Friday. While not sure of the final

tally raised by the department, we are sure that we raised more than last year. Thanks to parents for supporting children with their activities by buying prizes and helping to organise materials needed. Bring on next year.

**Thanks**

**Anthony, Jo, Jason and Bronwyn**

### **3/4 TEAM NEWS**

Grades 3&4 are working very hard on their Inquiry Learning units, developing posters, slogans, flyers and handouts for their products. We will be holding our inter-class trade fairs in the next few weeks as well as presenting our television and radio ads to each other. We are all having lots of fun and learning a lot about the nature of commerce and trade!

Students will be completing weekly spelling homework. They are to practice their spelling words on weeknights as well as completing the set writing activities. Please keep an eye on your child's homework completion and encourage them to complete some maths problems in areas of difficulty also. Students at this level are expected to complete regular homework, up to 20 minutes per evening during weeknights.

**Emily, Rob, Brett G and Brett O**

### **1/2/3 TEAM NEWS**

We are in need of some large ice-cream containers to use for storage of items during our developmental curriculum time. Please bring them along and drop them off to Mrs Wright.

The Melbourne excursion is next Wednesday, while most people have been efficient and brought back their permission slips there are still a few that need to be returned. Please do so as soon as possible.

**Payment will also be required before the day.**

Grade 1's - \$8

Grade 2's - \$5.50

Grade 3's - \$2

A note explaining the arrangements for this excursion has gone home today. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help out. A note confirming and explaining your role will be sent home tomorrow. (Friday).

**Next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December** is the School Orientation Day. Classes for next year should be finalised by then and students will spend the morning with their teacher for 2009.

Please have a hunt around home for any take home readers and library books as our stocks are a little low and we need to audit these ready for next year.

**Carolyn, Amy and Judy**

### **PREP/1 TEAM NEWS**

**Thank You**

A big thank you to all parents who volunteered to supervise one of our stalls at the Fair last Friday. Thank you also, to all those who donated prizes.

### ***Grade 1 Excursion - Melbourne***

The schedule of this excursion has changed. Please see the letter being sent home today for details. Permission slips and payments need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help supervise a small group on this day.

### ***Prep Eaglehawk Excursion***

Permission letters went home yesterday for this excursion and a request for parent helpers. Please let your class teacher know as soon as possible if you are able to help on the day and return permission notes.

### ***Literacy Focus***

We are continuing to consolidate many of the skills and strategies the children have been learning throughout the year. Keep practising the spelling of high frequency words and ensure your child continues to read at home every day.

### ***General Classroom***

We are finding that the students are becoming increasingly tired which is resulting in reduced concentration and focus in the classroom. This is such a busy time of year at school as well as for families at home. Please ensure your child has plenty of rest and sleep.

### ***News Items***

We love children bringing in things to share for news but it is really important that these things are named. If your student wishes to bring something to school to share that is of high value it is advisable to speak to the classroom teacher first, and make arrangements for this item to be stored in their office.

### ***Christmas/Favourite Books***

To celebrate the end of the year, we are asking children to bring their favourite or a Christmas book to school to share with the class. These books will then become '**class**' books for children to read for the remainder of the school year. If families have any other Christmas books they would like to '**donate**' to their child's class until the end of the year, that would be greatly appreciated.

**Have a great week everyone.**

**Cheryl, Sharna, Mandy and Tina.**

**YCDI AWARDS**

*Cody Y-G, Marley B, Reilly H, Abbey W, Amy R, Tyler G, Bree B, Braydon S, Toby H, Jayden K, Alex B, Marli F, Leisha M and Oscar M.*

**BOOK LISTS**

Please note the dates and times of collection, which will take place at school in the Multi Purpose Room, are *Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 from 10am to 3pm.*

**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 (28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (13<sup>th</sup> 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*

**EFFECTIVE LITERACY PARTNERSHIPS**

Our children learn best when the Home-School environment is positive, enriching and supportive. We all need to model and participate in quality speaking and listening sessions. Reading to, with and by children needs to be a regular and enjoyable part of family life. Writing is another vital skill that can be practised in a variety of ways. You could use computers, lists, greeting cards or daily journal reflections.

**E.N.P.S VALUES AND EXTENDS ON ALL POSITIVE LITERACY LEARNING EXPERIENCES.**

*Joyce Wood*

*Literacy Specialist.*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

I hope everyone remembers that we are starting *stocktake next week* so please don't forget to bring your library books back this week.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of our visiting author Adam Wallace. We were able to raise \$130.00 for our school library.

*Imagine, Live and Dream!*

*Liz Davis*

**PARENTS ROOM SURVEY RESPONSE**

Early in Term 3, School Council distributed a survey to parents about the possibility of forming a Parents Room within the school. Due to a lack of response, the decision has been made that currently, the school parent community doesn't require a facility as such. We thank everyone for their input into the survey.

**SCHOOL FAIR**

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with making this year's fair a successful one.

It was great to see everyone enjoying the activities on the night despite the inclement weather towards the end.

A thank you is also extended to our wonderful sponsors whose generosity adds to the success of the fair. A list of sponsors will be included in coming newsletters.

We hope to have a total for funds raised in next week's newsletter.

*Fair Committee*

**XMAS HAMPER**

It's nearly that time of the year again and to help celebrate we will hold our annual xmas hamper.

Donations of non perishable food/items would be much appreciated and can be left at the office.

*Tickets will be 50c each and raffle books will go home with the eldest student from each family on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> to be returned by Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*The winners of the hamper(s) will be drawn on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>.*

*Fundraising Committee*



**TWILIGHT NETBALL**

*Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*11/Under Section 3*

E/H Nth Red V Speci Stars Crt 7 4.10pm

*13/Under Section 3*

E/H Nth Bluebirds Bye



**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 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Linda Broun*

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

*Student Name.....*

*Grade .....*

Community News

1. **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.
2. **Satellite Cricket Camps** will be held in Bendigo on January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ewing Park from 9am to 3pm on both days. Phone 1800351415 to register.
3. **Paul Sadler Swimland Holiday Program Brochures** for January 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> are now available from the office foyer.
4. **BOLD Learning Difficulties Support Group** will hold a morning tea on Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
5. **1<sup>st</sup> Eaglehawk Scout Group** will hold an All Wares shopping night on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-30pm to 9pm at the scout hall in Simpsons Road. Gold coin entry includes lucky door prize and supper provided. Phone Cathryn on 54463472.
6. **YMCA School Holiday Program** will run on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
7. **Downtown Bendigo** are holding a family event on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-30pm to celebrate the Christmas season. The lights will also be turned on for the Bendigo Christmas Tree. There are a variety of activities and entertainment including Kate DeAraugo.
8. **Bendigo Jailhouse Rockers** are offering lessons for students aged 8-16 years on Monday nights from 7-30pm starting January 12<sup>th</sup> for 3 weeks. Phone 0417134556 or collect an enrolment form from the office.

**Attachments**

1. **VELS Newsletter**