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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Friday	November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Music Trivia Night from 7-30pm
Monday and Tuesday	November 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Wallace(author) Workshops
Wednesday	November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bendigo Cup Holiday
Thursday	November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Preps 2009 Transition (9am to 11am)
		Grade 5/6 students- Global Warming and Sustainability Incursion
Friday	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Fair (4pm to 7pm)
Tuesday	November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Preps 2009 Transition (9am to 11am)
Friday	November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Return of all library books- Library closed for stock take
Tuesday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Preps 2009 Orientation (9am to 11am) Whole School Orientation Day Grade 6 Orientation Day to Eaglehawk Secondary
Thursday	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation Assembly
Friday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4- 2-30pm finish

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Principal's Awards

Well done to this week's award winners. I have been very impressed by the achievements of the students and their recognition by teachers. As we continually *"raise the bar"* in our expectations of the students, it's no real surprise that they continue to achieve to these standards. I look forward to the presentations at Monday's assembly. *Kaecy N, Noah B, Elliot W, Brodie J, Jasmine D, Bridgitt B, Keisha B, Aidan Se, Ashley M, Liam D, Nicholas C, Daniel L, Jazmin Hannah, Karlie D and Ged H.*

### 2009 Class Arrangements

Next week our 2009 class structure will be confirmed and preliminary placement of students into the classes will commence. Last week I sent home the *'Class Formation Policy'* inviting your input on your child's placement. Please remember that the close for this is next *Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.* Late requests may not be able to be accommodated.

### School Fair

Our students, along with many of our teachers and parents, are busy at present with preparations for our Annual School Fair to be held on *Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November from 4pm-7pm.*

I encourage you to support these preparations and to come along and enjoy the activities of our Fair. The funds raised from this event are an important part of our revenue raising and will be directed towards the upgrade of some playground areas and provision of new play equipment.

**Fair Flier**

Last week's Flier attached to our newsletter contained a couple of errors. **Please note:**

- Fair Day, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, is **NOT** an 'out of uniform' day. School uniform is to be worn as usual.
- There will **NOT** be a disco conducted at the end of the Fair as indicated.

**Newsletter Production (Repeat Notice)**

At its recent meeting School Council agreed to a review of the production of our weekly school newsletter. While a full review of the policy was undertaken earlier this year, consideration is being given to revising its production because of cost, together with the concern that many in our community do not read it. I have attached a small questionnaire which focuses on a few particular aspects. I would appreciate you taking the time to complete this and return to me as soon as possible.

**Reminders for next week**

Please ensure these dates are on your calendar.

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November Bendigo Cup Day** – school will be closed for this Public Holiday.

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November Pupil Free Day** – Children not required at school. Staff will be involved in report writing

**Ron Payne**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN****New Pathway**

I promised you this photo last week and here it is. Look at the happy expression on Alison B's face as she cuts the ribbon to officially open the new asphalt pathway from the drive-through shelter out to Franklin St. She looks as happy as a dog with two tails to wag. In a glittering ceremony attended by three people on Monday morning Mrs B cut the safety tape provided by Tim A with a pair of Art Room scissors. She declared it to be one of her proudest moments as School Council President.

**World Teachers Day Breakfast**

Anita Pilling prepared a beautiful breakfast last Friday morning for our hard-working staff and to top it off our office and aide staff prepared an extravagant morning tea for us and Katrina McNaughton spoke on their behalf acknowledging the work our Eaglehawk North teachers do on a daily basis.

**Bike Presentation**

I will be presenting two bikes to a Grade 6 boy and girl at our next Monday Assembly. A small panel has looked at the projects completed by our regular riders on the topic 'Why My Bike is Important to Me' and two students have been chosen. The bikes were presented to us by the Ride2School program.

**John Morton**

**5/6 TEAM NEWS**

**Next Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> the Orienteering and Cricket Carnivals are on.** Children have been involved in training sessions at school. Thanks to Mr Neil W (local cricketing legend) for giving up his time to help out with the cricket.

**Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> is the Badminton Carnival.** Children will receive notes about this event on Monday. If you can help on this day please let Mr O know.

Children should be in the process of organising their fair stalls. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about what is expected. Organising a fair stall is the Term project as we are

studying advertising and commerce. Please come along to fair night and support the 5/6 sideshow alley.

*On November 18<sup>th</sup>* the Senior Department will be involved in an Incursion about Global Warming and Sustainability. This is an important issue for our futures and children may come home and ask some questions about the topic. Children will be encouraged to conduct an energy audit at home to find ways they could save energy. Cost for the incursion will be covered by the excursion levy unless your child receives a payment request.

*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 working towards trading between class groups to see who has the greatest entrepreneurial spirit!

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.

### ***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 21<sup>st</sup> November for class stalls. Please send a note to your class teacher indicating your availability!

*Emily, Brett O, Rob and Brett G*

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

*R.E. classes have resumed today.* We welcome Mrs Turner back after a long break.

*This is a very busy time of the year.* Over the next few weeks we will be completing our final assessment tasks in preparation for report writing. We ask that you ensure your child/ children get adequate sleep so they achieve their best.

*On Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 at a later date.

### ***School Fair***

Ms Hurford needs donation of small items, lollies, bars etc as prizes for her fair activity. Please send them along to school as soon as possible.

We will be needing parents to volunteer to help out on the night at our stalls.

*Carolyn, Amy and Judy*

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

The children have been very busy completing assessment tasks in preparation of the end of year report writing process that begins next week. During literacy we have been revising many of the beginning sounds and blends with the children and encouraging them use this knowledge to read unfamiliar words and attempt to '*have a go*' at spelling new words in their daily writing activities.

### ***Photo Permission Forms***

*Very Important* - Please return these to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. We will attach a second copy of this letter to this newsletter for those who have not returned them as yet.

### ***School Fair Update***

A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help supervise a stall, also to those who have been kind enough to donate a prize for the teddy bear competition. If you haven't already donated a prize and wish to do so, it's not too late!!! Your support is much appreciated. Likewise, if you can spare 30 mins on the evening of the fair to help supervise either the teddy bear competition or the white elephant stall it will be greatly appreciated as we still have some time slots unsupervised.

### ***Teddy Bear Comp***

Don't forget to remind the children to start planning their entry into our teddy competition. Entry tickets were in last week's newsletter and are also available at the office.

### ***Grade 1 Excursion to Melbourne***

We are in the process of planning an excursion to Melbourne to visit the Victoria Market, we are also

hoping to visit the Myer Christmas windows and follow with lunch at the beach. This excursion will take place in early December. Please be advised that the excursion levy paid at the beginning of the year will not fully cover the cost of this excursion. It is expected that a balance of approximately \$8.00 per grade one student will need to be paid to the school. A full detailed note concerning this excursion will follow when planning is finalised.

### ***Prep Excursion***

The preps will be taking part in an excursion that will look at the shops, business and services that are available in our local community. This will be planned for the same day as the grade one's go to Melbourne, in early December. More details will follow.

### ***Punctuality***

The teachers of the Prep/One team are concerned about the number of children who are constantly late for school. In some cases up to 2 hours late. Students who are this late are missing very important learning, specialist subjects and failing to develop important life skills. Please ensure that you do your best to have your student at school on time so they can organise themselves.

***Have a great week everyone.***

***Cheryl, Wendy, Mandy and Tina.***

### **YCDI AWARDS**

***Jayden H, Boe N-D, Karlie B, Gemma S, Lain J, Tyler S, Shanae J, Eillish C, Julia W, Koby H, Kiara B, Brianna T, Bryce C-F, Savannah W and Harley H.***

### **CONGRATULATIONS COMPREHENDERS!**

At the recent English National Test 3 our students had outstanding results.

***Bevan M top 2%, Rani M top 5% and Katie B top 8%.***

Success comes when you read to understand and understand what you read.

An excellent effort!

***Joyce Wood***

***Literacy Co-Ordinator***

### **EMA CHEQUES**

EMA cheques for this year have now been distributed to parents.

Could you please ensure that these cheques are banked as soon as possible to avoid cheques being lost.

***Ricky and Katrina***



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

We had our Book Fair last week and it was a great success. We were able to purchase **\$570.00** worth of books for our library. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair and thank you to the staff members that helped, I look forward to our next Book Fair in 2009.

Author Adam Wallace will be visiting our school next week and he will be taking some drawing and writing workshops with our classes. Adam will address our school at Monday's assembly so please feel free to come along.

***Please note that there will be no more library borrowing from Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

Students are enjoying Drawing activities in the Art/Craft room and exploring the elements of line, tone and pattern. They have used a wide variety of medium and papers. They have learnt to look, tackle Still Life compositions and also create highly imaginative drawings...many of which would look fabulous, mounted, framed and hanging on the lounge room wall!! Our next area of study will be Threads and Textiles.

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

The Choir and Recorder Band will be performing at the School Fair from **4.45pm to 5.15pm**, so come along and enjoy some music at the Fair. The Choir will also be representing our school at the **Canterbury Carols on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This community family event is a traditional and well supported one. It begins with a free sausage sizzle at 6pm, the Carols commence at 7pm and guest performers, school choirs and the Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band will provide the evening's music. Santa will also call in and give lolly bags to the children. Mark the calendar, revitalise the vocal chords and get into the Christmas spirit!

***Keep creating,***

***Sue O'Hara***



**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Apple Slinky machines have now arrived and are available to purchase from the canteen for \$25.

*Anita Pilling*

*Mother Hen Catering*

**MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT**

*It's not too late* to grab your tickets for a great (cheap) night out!

Phone Rosemary on 54462809 or contact the office.

**TWILIGHT NETBALL**

*Wednesday November 12th*

There is *no netball* due to the Bendigo Cup Public holiday.

**SCHOOL FAIR**

Our School Fair will be held this year on *Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>*.

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*

**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.

**TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION!!!!**

Yes- it's on again!!! The Preps and Grade Ones- (with some help from Mrs.Costello and Mrs. Fitz) will be running the Teddy Bear competition at the School Fair. It will be situated in the old staff room and we aim to have some teddy biscuit decorating activities available at a small cost also.

*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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**

**Community News**

1. **Bendigo Bank Lakeside Fun Run** will be held on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are available from the office foyer.
2. **Intouch Program** is designed for CRT's and Family Leave teachers wanting to get back into teaching. The first session will be held on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4.15pm to 7pm at Church at Eaglehawk Primary School.  
Email Joy at [jennings.tracey.t@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:jennings.tracey.t@edumail.vic.gov.au) by November 6<sup>th</sup> to book a place.
3. **Australian Air League Bendigo Squadron** are holding a Flying Fun Day on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bendigo Airport from 10am to 4pm. Free entry and lots of activities on the day.
4. **Bendigo Library Come and Celebrate Dr Who.** On Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
5. **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.