
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY APRIL 2ND 2009

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CALENDAR

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| Friday | April 3 rd | Return of School Photo Orders/Payment to the office Last Day Term 1(2.30pm finish) |
| Monday | April 20 th | Term Two starts |
| Wednesday | April 22 nd | School Photos will be taken |
| Friday | May 8 th | Mothers Day Stall |

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the final group of children selected to receive Principal's Awards for this term. Certificates will be presented at our first assembly in term 2. I encourage parents and friends to join us to share in this time. *Teisha J, Tristan P, Jackson W, Jack D, Caitlyn V, Taylah S, Tyler G, Lauren B, Chelsea C, Seth G, Zoe V, Marli F, Matthew T, Meghan W and Mathew R.*

Education Provision in Northern Bendigo

In recent newsletters I have been sharing progress on this most important matter that involves the future of our school. Included below is a common notice which all schools involved have been provided with, and encouraged to share with their school community. This has been created by John Jones, the Executive Officer of this project.

"For the past six weeks schools in northern Bendigo have been exploring options with respect to education provision in Northern Bendigo. Schools involved are California Gully, Comet Hill, Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North and Bendigo North. A steering committee with representation from the broader community has also been formed. The discussions are the consequence of opportunities resulting from the Federal Government's "Building the Education Revolution" funds and a desire to expand educational provision and improve educational outcomes. There is also a potential to incorporate 0-5 provision through childcare and preschool as a part of redevelopment options.

A meeting of the steering committee at Eaglehawk PS on Monday night explored a range of options and recommendations and these will be incorporated into an Education Plan to be developed by Project Worker, John Jones. The Education Plan will be available to School Councils by the end of the Term 1 break. After feedback from Councils and subsequent amendment it will provide a basis for consultation with school communities and Councils will then make final recommendations.

A number of options are available for consideration. These include:

- ***No action – status quo remains.***
- ***Redevelop existing sites***
- ***Merger of two or more schools onto a current site***
- ***Merger of two or more schools onto a new site***
- ***Other.***

A combination of options can also be considered but a commitment to some form of action will improve the potential to attract funding.

All decisions are contingent upon the support of individual school councils who can elect to withdraw from discussions at any time.

Parents are encouraged to be alert to opportunities for community discussions and so help inform the process. It is expected that these consultations will take place early in term 2. It is expected that School Councils will resolve their positions by the end of May."

I have refrained from making personal comment on this matter, electing to support our school community through participation in the official forums that are exploring possible options in the professional manner we would expect of our system leaders.

What I want the parents and the broader community of Eaglehawk North PS to know is that significant opportunity for more advanced education provision is possible and is that which is presently being explored. A decision on any change to what is currently Eaglehawk North Primary School will not occur without all in our community being given an opportunity to have a voice.

I am very comfortable that the processes being followed at present are the best we can implement in undertaking such an important review.

Term Finish

Term 1 concludes at 2.30pm tomorrow and will resume on Monday 20th April. I request that parents ensure appropriate pickup and supervision arrangements are available from this earlier time. The normal after-school care program will be conducted as usual from this earlier time.

My Thanks

It's been a few years since we have had a full ten week term to start a school year. Much has been undertaken and I wish to extend my thanks to staff for all of their planning, preparation and commitment to doing their best for the children in their care.

We have had an extremely successful term and some of this is attributable to the excellent support we receive from our families. It's comforting to see the level of positive support and interaction extended to our staff from parents. We value and appreciate this. Thanks to all who have been actively involved in this term's programs in any way.

Our teaching staff has been provided with a day's release in their Learning Teams over the past week to undertake forward planning. I am confident this has enabled them to set their programs up for another busy ten week term.

I wish everyone a pleasant holiday break. Stay safe!

Easter Raffle

I wish also to extend thanks and congratulations to everyone in our school community for the outstanding support of this year's Easter Raffle. The amount of \$2120.90 taken is simply astounding and reflects the wonderful manner in which our families and community get behind our endeavours. We also have very little expense because all of the eggs were donated. Special thanks again to our office staff who manage this alongside their usual duties. Great job everyone!

Policy Sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our 'Fundraising' policy.

With the recent changes to our School Council, new leaders and participants in this important area of our operations will be necessary. I encourage you to become involved as you have the capacity.

Contact me if you have any concerns relating to this policy.

All of our policies are located on the school website if you have need for future reference.

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Ron Payne

5/6 TEAM NEWS

No more weeks left for this term.

Wow! First term has come to an end. Testing, Clean Up Australia Day, Hobbies and Clubs, Athletic Sports, JRFH clinic, Baseball clinic, Otesha Incursion, Science Experiments, 1:1 computers, peer mediation, Harmony Day and between all these exciting events, the core of our business, **learning**. It's no wonder the students need a well deserved holiday. We wish all families a safe and well rested holiday and look forward to returning to school for the start of Term 2.

Thank you to all parents who have helped in any way to make these activities possible and enjoyable for *our grade 5/6 students*.



Mr Anderson would like to extend a special thanks to the boys of the rock band **ENCORE**. Their rendition of

“We Will Rock You” at Monday’s Assembly was sensational. Congratulations to Austin H (guitar), Harrison M (guitar), Hayden C (drums), Tom N (drums), Braydon L (percussion), Jordy S (guitar) and Ethan K (vocals). You rock boys!

Homework: Students should have completed their times tables booklet, 3 nights of reading and the English thinkers key activity. Well done to all students who have completed their Values Project. By all accounts the quality and quantity of most projects was very good to excellent. Thank you to all parents for helping in their child’s endeavours to complete their projects and homework this term. Those students that do not hand in their homework on Friday will be in the Homework Club during Friday lunchtime recess.

Premiers Reading Challenge: Please ensure the children are documenting their read books during the holidays or keeping their reading record up to date. They should all have their usernames and passwords by now. This can be accessed at home via the internet. Our Term 2 Integrated Studies unit will be on Natural Disasters. Any books, newspaper clippings, pictures or journals with information on this topic would be beneficial for your child next term.



Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Our Athletic Sports were held last Wednesday. We were very fortunate to have an almost perfect day for our activities. Staff members were pleased to see the students engaged in the various activities and trying their best. It was also great to see them actively supporting their fellow team members.

Thank you to all those parents who helped with the events and those who came along to support the students.

The Book Fair was a great opportunity to support student reading and we had many excited students who now have some great reading for the holidays.

Please note that while there is no formal homework set over the holidays, that students are still expected to read. Good readers hone their skills by reading.

Students need to be ready for their learning in Term 2 and so please make sure that they have the stationary items that they need. Unfortunately some students have

used or lost some of their pens, pencils etc and so they will need to be replaced.

ADVANCED NOTICE- Our major excursion is being organised for about week 4 and will be to Melbourne. Parents will be notified of the relevant details when they have been confirmed.

Most students are beginning to have established learning behaviours and we are looking forward to these being carried into Term 2 and being further strengthened. Should you have specific concerns about your child’s learning, please contact staff to arrange for a meeting so that your concerns can be addressed.

Next term we will be organising parents to assist with a variety of ‘jobs’ for the 3/4 Department such as organising readers and preparing the studio.

We have thoroughly enjoyed Term 1 see you next term. Have a safe holiday.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Reading – Supporting children with their reading during the holidays will enable them to practise the strategies they have learnt in class.

Also practising the high frequency words in their reading diaries will increase their ability to read more quickly or fluently.

Parent Helpers- A special thank you to all parent helpers who have assisted in the Junior classes this term. Your assistance is invaluable to us and we hope you are able to support us again next term.

Grade 1 & 2 Integrated Topic – there has been a change of Topic. Next term this will be Transport instead of Simple Machines.

Board Game Making- Parent, Janine M presented some of the many board games that she has developed and made to the children in Grades 2H and 1/2 H. As a result the children were very inspired and produced a wonderful variety of board games involving a range of Maths concepts. Playing board games are a fun way to practise Maths skills such as counting and strategies and are also a great family activity for the holidays.

We would like to wish all children and families a very happy and safe holiday and Easter break.

We look forward to seeing children refreshed and ready to make the next steps in their learning journey in Term 2.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

YCDI AWARDS

Connor A, Riley T, Avril T, William J, Olivia C, Connor G, Lauren B, James T-W, Corey I, James A, Carly O, Aidan W, Dylan F, Savannah W and James C-O.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Cheques for the 1st instalment have arrived.

Please sign and collect your cheque from the office.

Payments that were paid direct to bank accounts have also been processed.

Ricky and Katrina

**VISUAL ARTS**

A busy Arts filled Term 1 is almost over and art/craft activities are concluding with construction models. Senior students have made Easter characters and pop stick boxes with lids, decorating them using assorted beads, satin ribbon and leather hinges. Junior grades have created magic wands, egg carton constructions and assorted hats.

Art smocks need to go home for washing. Many thanks to all those who have contributed reusable items to the Art/Craft room during the term- they are most appreciated.

MUSIC

Both the Choir and Recorder students have shown development in their music skills over the term. They are increasing their repertoire, learning to sing in tune, in parts and as a music group. Recorder students would benefit from regular practising over the holiday break.

Have a happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday.

Keep creating,

Sue O'Hara and Bekki Probert

THANK YOU

A ***HUGE*** thank you to all the helpers who undertook an extremely big job in sorting out the guided reading resources this week. An extra big thank you goes to Suzy M who went ***'above and beyond the call of duty'*** and spent many hours doing it. We are very lucky to have such great people in our school who are willing to support us like this.

Carolyn Wright

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. I know that Clifford really enjoyed getting out and about meeting everyone.

As a result of sales totalling ***\$2130.25*** we have been able to select books for our library to the value of ***\$630.***

Well done to everyone involved in making the Book Fair such a success.

Reading can take you anywhere!

Liz Davis

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Just a reminder that the canteen will be ***open*** as normal ***tomorrow*** for lunch orders and over the counter sales.

The canteen will then re-open again on the first day back of Term 2.

I hope that everyone enjoys their holiday break.

Anita P

SPORTS NEWS***3/4 and 5/6 Athletic Sports***

Congratulations to Miller who were the overall winners in the 3-6 house sports last week. We look forward to another busy term, with Cross Country, Soccer, Hockey and Orienteering all during Term 2. Look out for details in the newsletter.

Orienteering

Last year, Eaglehawk North had some outstanding success in Orienteering. I would love to see this continue so we have again enlisted the help of former Australian team member, Jim R who trained the team last year. Bendigo Orienteer's are this year running a primary schools competition. We need a team of four so if you are keen, please see Mr G asap.

Dragon Mile

With the Easter Parade comes the Dragon Mile, the race through the streets of Bendigo. I have already had a large number of students come and see me about an entry form. Remember that it is also a race for adults, so if any parents are keen to run, they are more than welcome. If you wish to run, please see Mr Gilligan for an entry form. ***Entries close 8th April.***

Brett Gilligan



EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all our winners of raffle prizes.

It is great to see our families supporting these fundraising efforts which has resulted in **\$2120.90** being raised.

Thanks must also go to our volunteers for making up the raffle prizes.

Fundraising Committee

MOTHERS DAY STALL

This annual event will be held on **Friday May 8th**.

Donations for this stall can be left at the office from Term 2. The holiday break maybe a good time to start thinking about ideas for the stall.

ANZAC BADGES

From tomorrow Junior School Council will be selling Anzac badges for 50c.

Badge sales will continue during the first week of Term 2.

Junior School Council



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday April 22nd.

Photo packs for all students were sent home with students on Monday.

Photo packs and payment must be returned to the office by **Friday April 3rd**. (Last Day of Term 1).

If you wish to have a family photo taken these packs must be collected from the office. Please note that there is a mistake on the front of the Family Pack stating that Pack 2 is \$18. The correct amount of \$15 as printed on the payment slip.

Ricky and Katrina

LOST PROPERTY

Please check for any items in the lost property cupboard that may belong to your child/children.

Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be disposed of.

LOST AND FOUND

A book purchased from the Book Fair has been **found** and can be collected from the office.

A recorder (Angel brand) in a named bag has been **lost**. If found could it please be returned to Josh in 3/4B.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our very successful program of walking to school Wednesday's has been well received in 2009 and continued thanks must go to the parent volunteers Jody Abel, Tim A, Suzy M, Rebecca, Nicole R and Sara H who are committed to this wonderful program.

Thanks also to Anita and Michaela P and Elley L for organising the Milo for the walker's each week.

In Term 2 we look forward to the Walking School Bus Program being in operation for a year within our school. Enjoy the break and remember the Walking School Bus will power on after the holidays!

Community News

1. **Allwares Night** will be held at Bendigo North PS on Thursday April 2nd from 7pm. Cost of \$5 includes supper. Tickets can be purchased on the night. Phone 54433645 for more information.
2. **Cooking Program at Eaglehawk Primary School** on Wednesdays from 9.30am. Free childcare is available. To book phone 54463722.
3. **School Holiday Workshops** will be held from April 4th to April 19th at various locations around Bendigo. For more information 1800813153.
4. **Wycheproof Boomerangs in Bendigo** will run a school holiday didgeridoo workshop on April 14th and a boomerang workshop on April 7th, 9th and 16th. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Leanne or Jeremy on 54493399.
5. **School Holiday Activities** will be held at Central Deborah Gold Mine and Bendigo Tramways from April 4th to 19th. Phone 54444400 for bookings.
6. **St Lukes** will be holding holiday activities in Canterbury Park on Wednesday April 8th and 15th from 11am to 3pm. A free BBQ lunch will be provided along with a number of activities for all ages. Please bring your own drinks. For more information phone Kate McNamara on 54401100.
7. **Mums Tennis Program** will be held from Monday April 27th to Friday May 29th at the Coca Cola Complex. Cost is \$15 for 5 weeks of group tennis coaching. Phone Stephen Storer on 0419411780.
8. **Martial Arts** training is held at the Y's Men Club in Lockwood Road opposite Aldi. For further enquiries phone Stefan on 0437355649.
9. **Central Victorian Lion Team** would like to invite boys and girls aged 10 to 14 years who may be interested in carrying their junior dragon "Xingfu Loong" in the Easter parades to phone Greg on 0418590811.
10. **Step into Life** have get fit classes from \$12 per session. Free trial session. Phone 54428885 for more information.

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