
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY APRIL 23RD 2009

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CALENDAR

Thursday	May 7 th	Transport Immersion Day- Grade 1/2 students from 12pm to 1-15pm.
Friday	May 8 th	Mothers Day Stall

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to this group of children selected to receive Principal's Awards for the first week of this term. Certificates will be presented at our assembly on Monday. I encourage parents and friends to join us to share in this time.

James D, Nicholas P, Isabel K, Harmonie S, Damon M, Marley B, Brandyne B, Ben R, Lochlan E, Zoe R, Elley L, Sean P, Antonio G, Darcy O'K and Alexandra B.

Welcome to Term 2

We're right back into it! Thanks to the excellent planning and preparations of our staff we have commenced this 10 week term very well and programs are again in full swing. It's great to see our children well rested and there is a lovely buzz around the school.

Welcome back also to the very widely travelled Mr. Morton.

Federal Funding

Through ongoing press reports, parents may be well aware of the significant federal funding targeted at school facilities improvement in schools across Australia.

Notwithstanding the current broader schools discussion around primary provisioning in the Northern Bendigo area and the potential of very major developments in relation to this, we have been allocated significant funding for immediate use on current school improvement priorities.

I am presently undertaking planning and management processes that will see our school administration offices fully refurbished, thereby completing the full renovation of our original school building. I am also hopeful that I will be able to have the asphalt area at the front of the school upgraded. I'll keep you informed as things progress.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day this year falls on *Saturday, 25th April*. Please note that there is no public holiday allocated this year for ANZAC Day. Our school week will be as normal next week.

On Saturday morning I will accompany our student leaders to the ANZAC ceremony in Eaglehawk, representing our school in laying a wreath of commemoration.

Bike Education

'*Bicycle Victoria*' is providing Bike Ed training to parent volunteers within Victoria. We have an opportunity for one keen parent to be trained free of charge and that qualification is then valid for 5 years. The expectation obviously is for that parent to then assist us in the conduct of Bike Ed. Programs at our school.

You will need to set aside two days of your time to undertake the training in Bendigo on *June 10th and 11th*. If you are very keen in supporting the school through the conduct of Bike Ed. Programs and would be willing to undertake this

training, please let me know no later than next **Monday, 27th April**. Places in the training course fill quickly and I cannot extend opportunity beyond that time.

Policy Sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our '**Headlice**' Policy.

We had quite a few instances of concern towards the end of last term and it is important that parents understand we have a very considered, and generally successful approach to its management.

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.

www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN

Walking School Bus Thank You

I need to publicly thank Mrs Suzy McG who managed the operation of our Walking School Bus Program during my seven week period of long service last term. The program was in good hands. Suzy is one of the founding members of the program. We are still keen to attract some new walkers to help us keep our program going and perhaps ease the load on a few of our regular WSB volunteers.

A Very Special School Photo

Yesterday I happened to be teaching Auslan in Ms Cherie Slattery's Grade 3/4 class when they were called to have their class photo taken. As the children lined up with Cherie at the door it suddenly occurred to me that not so many years ago Cherie was lining up to have her photo taken as a student at our school. I imagine there would not be too many former Eaglehawk North Primary School students who have come back as staff members. A pretty satisfying achievement for both Cherie and our school.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Welcome back to all students, parents and friends of the 5/6 PLT. We are all looking forward to a terrific Term 2.

Our Integrated theme for this term is ***Natural and Manmade Disasters***. The students will be looking at disasters that have and could occur and how they relate to the composition of the earth and the way we live.

Homework: All students should have been handed their homework book and tasks for Term 2. We would appreciate your support in your child's endeavours in getting the homework completed and handed in on time. Students will be given class time in which to complete project tasks.

Enrolments – Year 7, 2010 - Catholic College Bendigo will be having an OPEN DAY on Sunday 3rd May between 12noon and 2.30pm. Year 6 students are invited to attend a Transition Day on Monday 25 May. Please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Trish Martin, on 5449 3466 or email tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au.

Rotations will be starting today. The children will be involved in Geography, Technology Challenge, Thinking Skills, Bluearth and Project Research. On Thursday and Friday afternoons Grade 5 will be involved in a Play Based Curriculum program for the

coming four weeks. Grade 6 will be involved in 1:1 Computer activities.

Grade 6 students are now able to take their computers home. Please be vigilant in the care of these laptops and the responsibility required from the students to look after them properly. Students should not be using them into the late hours of the evening. They should be asleep!!!!!!

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The value being investigated this week in social competencies is "**consideration**" : consideration is thinking about how your actions will affect other people and how they may feel. Our discussions about this value have a direct application to our classroom cooperation.

Homework tasks will usually go home on Monday and will be due in on the following Monday. The spelling words will come from classroom activities. Our learning focus areas for this term will be a continuation of the healthy relationships program, digital movie making, sound creations and script writing.

As a part of our study of natural resources, the students have been asked to collect a bag of beautiful things. These will include coloured papers, textured papers, interesting boxes, feathers and materials to name a few. Their items will be put into their bags at school ready for use in their work in their projects and puppet making.

The details of our environment excursion are still being finalised and it is anticipated that it will be in about week 5.

The grade 3 students will be given some practice for their NAPLAN tests which are in May and so by allowing them to do practice tests they get a feel for it and are better prepared.

The grades are establishing class libraries to further support our reading program. The libraries will contain a variety of texts that the students can choose to read from. The children are encouraged to bring suitable magazines and other books that could be shared in our libraries (please make sure that books are named if your child brings in books from home).

The Religious Instruction Program will start next week. Should parents have any concerns or questions about the program they can contact their class teacher.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Welcome back! This term has begun well, the children have settled back and our programs are up and running.

Home Reading and Spelling Homework. Please ensure your child reads each night and practises their spelling over the week so they are able to get a good result when tested on Friday. It is also important that you assist your child in establishing a morning routine at home and that they are taking responsibility for being organized for school.

Healthy snacks and fruit. Children are encouraged to bring to school healthy snacks such as cheese, nuts, dried fruit, vegetables and fruit to eat in class and as part of their lunch or afternoon snack.

PREP

Prep theme for this term is **Toys**. Children are able to bring toys to school to share and investigate but they must be named or they will be kept by the teacher.

Prep Literacy Focus – Next week's letter is "**Dd**" and the high frequency word is "**and**".

GRADE ONE & TWO

The theme for this term is **Transport**.

Transport Immersion Day – will be held on **Thursday May 7th from 12 (noon) to 1.15pm**

We would like to have a special session in which children can see and learn about various forms of transport and recreation vehicles. We are aware that families have a variety of vehicles such as cars, motorbikes, bikes, go-karts, boats, horse and cart, racing/rally car, trucks and vans etc. Collection of items related to this theme that you would be willing to be shared would also be appreciated. **If you are able to show and talk about your vehicle on this day please fill in the form that is on the last page of the newsletter or contact your child's teacher for further information.** Also if the above time does not suit you we would be willing to negotiate another suitable time for you to visit.

Grade 1 Literacy Focus- Next week's is "**dr**" and rime endings "**od**" and "**on**".

Grade 2 Literacy Focus – Next week's focus are words with "**ea**" where it has the long e sound.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy



VISUAL ARTS

Welcome back to another exciting ARTS filled term!

All grades will be exploring the area of COLLAGE for the first few weeks. The word Collage comes from the French word meaning- to paste, and includes a wide variety of activities such as photomontage, mosaics, natural materials pictures and decoupage. Students will use a variety of papers, card, foil, reusable objects and clag, glue sticks and P.V.A. Senior classes will be creating a photomontage on the Anzac theme, middle grades will be tackling mosaics and optical illusion pictures, while junior grades will be completing collages around the themes transport and toys. Art smocks need to be returned ready for use in the Art/Craft room.

PERFORMING ARTS

Our piano students under the tuition of Linda Broun are preparing for their solo performances at Monday assemblies. It is wonderful to see music students gaining confidence in their playing and performing skills.

The Choir and Recorder Band have returned enthusiastically and they are learning new songs and more challenging pieces as they develop their musicianship.

Keep practising

Sue O'Hara and Bekki Probert

YCDI AWARDS

Jordan s, Maddison A, Dylan McG, Brayden W, Tyson D, Zali C, Lachlan Ty, Dane S, Chelsea K, Kayla C, Courtney M, Madison A, Corey P, Bree B and Tyson C.

SPORTS NEWS***Netball***

Just a reminder that some students still need to pay the remainder of their fees. Please send your payment to the office by **Friday May 1st**.

Brett Gilligan

MOTHERS DAY STALL

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

Donations for this stall can be left at the office.

Fundraising Committee

ANZAC BADGES

Badge sales will finish tomorrow.

Junior School Council

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos were taken yesterday.

We will advise when the photos arrive back at school.

For those students who missed putting in a photo order a second round offer will be given in due course.

Ricky and Katrina

Community News

1. **My Best Friend's Wardrobe** is a fundraiser for the new Bendigo Community Farmers Market. It will be held tonight Thursday April 23rd at St Andrews Hall from 7-30pm. Tickets are available at the door for \$20. Bring all your unwanted clothes to swap.
2. **Homework Club** will be held at "Our Place" at 30 High St Eaglehawk on Monday's from 3.15pm to 5pm. Primary school students can receive assistance with literacy and numeracy homework.
3. **Sharon Saunders Dancers** run Hip Hop/Funk, Jazz and Tap classes. Phone 0418309639.
4. **BOLD** will hold an information evening on Tuesday April 28th from 7-30pm to p.30pm about Learning Difficulties, specifically Dyslexia. Dr Darryl Greaves will be a guest speaker. Gold coin donation on entry. Phone 54418200 for bookings.
5. **Eaglehawk Junior Basketball Club** training night this Friday night at 5.30pm at YMCA Leisure Centre, Napier Street, Eaglehawk . New members welcome.
6. **Kangaroo Flat Community House** at 25 Woolcock Ave have after school tutoring and homework help for students aged Prep to Year 10. Phone 54479687.

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Transport Immersion Day

Please complete and return to your classroom teacher

Name

Child's Name and Grade

I have

that I am able to bring and share with the children on Thursday May 7th at 12 (noon). []

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that I am able to bring at another time to share []

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