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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Thursday	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Transport Immersion Day- Grade 1/2 students from 12pm to 1-15pm.
Friday	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Cross Country Grade 3-6 students
Wednesday	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Cross Country Grade 3-6 students at Bendigo Racecourse

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### *Principal's Award*

Congratulations to this group of children selected to receive Principal's Awards this week. Certificates will be presented at our assembly on Monday. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us in sharing these fine achievements.

*Brayden R, Joshua S, Angelica D, Mitchell I, Tamika L, Sarah M, Lachlan W, Harrison F, Haylee S, Cleo L, Aidan e, Olivia S, Zach B, Isaac C and Heather K.*

### *Secondary School Placement Program.*

Tomorrow our current grade 6 students will be bringing home preliminary information relating to their placement in secondary college for 2010.

This process is managed through our Department of Education regional office by a placement committee and relies on families getting their documentation completed accurately and returned on time.

Please carefully read the information provided as it is tailored specifically to your child, indicating their neighbourhood college for 2010. Should there be concerns around the college nominated for your child, that matter needs to be taken up with the placement committee, not with me.

### *Drive Through Reminder*

We still have some parents and children who persist with walking directly across the Drive through, between cars, during the period immediately after school. The processes we put in place are for everybody's safety. We do not have the authority to enforce these in the form of road laws so we simply rely on everyone using some common sense.

### *Update Family Details*

From time to time family details can change, particularly issues like addresses and phone contacts. It can be important for us to be able to contact you at short notice so I ask parents to let Ricky or Katrina know if any of your details change at any time.

### *Parents Victoria Online Conference*

Parents of primary and secondary students are invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria during Education Week. The conference will be held non stop on the internet from 6 am Monday 18 May to midnight Sunday 24 May.

Please refer to the attached documents for further information or access the website [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au) or register online at <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm>

**Policy Sharing**

This week's policy for your reference is our 'Bullying Prevention' policy.

This is always an area of concern so the policy is designed to try in supporting everyone to establish a school environment that is as safe and supportive as we can make it.

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](http://www.ehnps.vic.edu.au)

**Ron Payne**

**ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN****First Anniversary for Walking School Bus**

Suzy McGregor reminded me yesterday that our WSB program is now one year old. This is a great achievement and is due entirely to the enthusiasm and durability of our parent volunteers who have been motivated enough to volunteer and train in the first place and then continue as walkers for a whole year. One pleasing aspect of our program is the fact that most of the children who walk each Wednesday have been with the program since day one. That says something for the enjoyment level. We are confident that we have a good number of years ahead of us.

**National Walk to School Day on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>**

A suggestion has come from our WSB team that we operate our school bus on **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>** as well as the usual Wednesday of that week. Our parents are keen to walk on that day so we will push ahead with it. We felt that it was appropriate to have our Walking School Bus up and about on that day. I think that it is worth promoting right across the school, however informally. We would urge all families to consider leaving the car home on May 15<sup>th</sup> and walking to school if you are able to. Only registered Walking School Bus children are able to walk with the Walking School Bus.

**We Want Our Students to Tell Us What They Think**

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. It is one of my tasks to administer this survey to our Grade 5/6 students each year and I will undertake to do this next week during class time. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete. All responses to the survey are anonymous and results are reported back to the school at the end of July.

**John Morton**

**5/6 TEAM NEWS**

**Well, here we are** at the end of week two of Term Two already. The term looks to be a very busy and productive affair and it has been good to see the students settle back into a solid learning routine. Well done.

**Our Integrated Theme** for this term is *Natural and Manmade Disasters*. Time is set aside each week so that the requirements of this project can be completed in class time.

**Secondary College Information Sessions:** Information Sessions for parents and students coming up for 2010 enrolments at Secondary College are fast approaching. All high schools will be hosting the sessions on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm**.

**Homework:** Just a reminder that homework is due in each Friday. Students are required to read for at least three nights, complete an English task, and complete a maths task. Congratulations to all those students who have tackled this requirement in a conscientious manner.

**Uniform:** It is important that students wear their school uniform to school each day. This is a school requirement. Caps are not a part of this uniform and should not be worn at school.

**Grade 6 students** have been able to take their computers home for two weeks now. Please continue to be vigilant in the care of these laptops. This includes, of course, making sure that they are fully charged and ready for the next day at school. Thank you for your attention to this so far this term. The team appreciates it.

**Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob**

**3/4 TEAM NEWS**

*The value* being investigated this week in Social Competencies is **“Courage”**: Courage is doing things that need to be done even when they are scary or very difficult. Students will be asked to identify people who have shown courage and times when they have shown courage. In our You Can Do It, it is matched with Persistence and Confidence.

*Students have their ‘Beautiful Things’ bags*, they now need to collect the things such as cardboard, material, tubing etc to put in them to be used in their projects. These bags are in our Sound Room.

*Parent helpers will be required* to help the students with their puppet making later in the term. If you are able to assist, please contact Miss Rookes. We are still organising times for parents to come and help in other areas of the 3 / 4 department and we will notify you when they arise. Thank you again for offering your time.

*Our class libraries have now been established* and most students are using their silent reading time effectively. We are still looking for appropriate magazines and books which could be used in our class libraries.

In our Integrated Studies, we are studying **“water”**. The water table, water cycle, uses of water and why we rely on water.

The Religious Instruction Program has started. It is a non denominational program which is approved by the Council of Christian Education and it is delivered in all government schools. Should parents have any concerns or questions about the program they can contact their class teacher.

*Parents are reminded* that DSI’s, game boys, and tech decks are not to be brought to school unless they are authorised for a specific learning purpose by the classroom teacher.

*Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie*

**PREP, 1/2 NEWS**

*Spelling Homework-* Please ensure your child practises their spelling over the week. Just a reminder that there are suggestions and ideas for other ways to learn the words in the front of the homework books. Doing these activities will reinforce the learning.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 (noon) to 1.15pm.*

So far we have had only one response (a big *thank you* to John T) but we would dearly like to have a range of vehicles for the children to observe and learn about.

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 share 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 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 **“cr”** and rime endings **“et”** and **“en”**.

*Grade 2 Literacy Focus* – Next week’s focus are words with **“ey”** and **“y”** where it has the long e sound.

*Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy*

**YCDI AWARDS**

*Nikita H, Bailey E, Ben W, Liam P, Lydia M-H, Trinity A, Alia M-H, Juliet B, Tahlia C, Kayden C, Mayla R, Matthew B, Paige E, Alex W and Jayden B.*

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

This annual event will be held on *Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>*.

Donations for this stall can be left at the office.

*Fundraising Committee*

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Next week Jelly Baby badges will be available for sale to help raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The money raised will help support research into helping find a cure for type one diabetes. *The badges will be \$2.00 each.*

Junior School Council representatives will visit each grade at **9.30am each morning** next week for children who wish to purchase a badge.



## **LIBRARY NEWS**

The library is in full swing for the Term 2. The Children's Book Council have announced their Book of the Year Awards for 2009, they are as follows.

### **YOUNGER READERS**

*The Wish Pony*  
Catherine Bateson  
*Polar Boy*  
Sandy Fussell  
*Then*  
Morris Gleitzman  
*Audrey of the Outback*  
Christine Harris  
*Perry Angel's Suitcase*  
Glenda Millard  
*The Wizard of Rondo*  
Emily Rodda

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

*How to Heal A Broken Wing*  
Bob Graham  
*Leaf*  
Stephen King  
*Applesauce and the Christmas Miracle*  
Glenda Millard  
*Tom Tom*  
Rosemary Sullivan  
*Puffling*  
Margaret Wild

### **PICTURE BOOKS (Illustrator)**

*Sunday Chutney*  
Aaron Blabey  
*Collecting Colour*  
Kylie Dunstan  
*Home and Away*  
Matt Ottley  
*Nobody Owns the Moon*  
Tohby Riddle  
*Captain Congo and the Crocodile King*  
Greg Holfeld  
*The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness*  
Colin Thompson

**The winners will be announced in August, in the meantime we will have our own vote.**

**'Reading can take you anywhere'**

**Liz Davis**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### ***Jump Rope For Heart***

Our JRFH team are heading off for their first demo next Monday and are very much looking forward to the challenge. The team will be off to Kalianna and then California Gully PS to perform. We wish the team the best of luck.

### ***Orienteering***

We have been fortunate enough to have Jim Russell working with the Grade 5/6 students as they prepare for the Bendigo Schools Orienteering Championships on **Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Finalisation of the team will take place soon, with notes coming home after that. A few of our students have also taken up the challenge of competing for the school on a Saturday morning. We look forward to hearing how they are progressing.

### ***School and Regional Cross Country***

Our school will be having our Cross Country on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

The Regional Cross Country will be on the following week at the Bendigo Racecourse on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Notes for the Regional Cross Country will be out shortly and need to be returned to class teachers as soon as possible.

**Brett Gilligan**

## **SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE**



### **Children who attend ENPS:**

*They're all mine!!!*

### **What roles do you undertake as a school councillor ?**

*Principal/Executive officer*

### **Why did you choose to be a member of the school council?**

*Because I have to- it's part of my positions role*

### **What is rewarding about being a school councillor?**

*The chance to work with staff and parents in a different format to make informed decisions about the direction of the school.*

### **What is your most memorable moment at the school?**

*Where do I start? The current discussions about setting the direction of our school community for the next 50 years is very important and stimulating.*

### **What are your favourite things about the school?**

*everybody! The daily challenge. Seeing growth in everybody – well, almost.*



**NETBALL DRAWS**

*Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**13/Under Section 5**

Girton Red V E/H Nth Blue Crt 11 9am

**11/Under Section 1**

St Peters Green V E/H Nth Navy Crt 2 10am

**11/Under Section 3**

Maiden Gully Purple V E/H Nth Gold Crt 1 9am

**Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon**

E/H Nth V Maple St Crt 10

*Please note that the final date for payment of netball fees is tomorrow. Please send your payment to the office.*

Community News

1. **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.
2. **Sharon Saunders Dancers** run Hip Hop/Funk, Jazz and Tap classes. Phone 0418309639.
3. **Eaglehawk Junior Basketball Club** training night this Friday night at 5.30pm at YMCA Leisure Centre, Napier Street, Eaglehawk . New members welcome.

4. **Kangaroo Flat Community House** at 25 Woolcock Ave have after school tutoring and homework help for students aged Prep to Year 10. Phone 54479687.
5. **Murray Jones Original Artworks & Framing** is available for viewings. Phone 54823876 or email [murrayej@echuca.net.au](mailto:murrayej@echuca.net.au)

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**Transport Immersion Day**

*Please complete and return to your classroom teacher*

Name

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Child’s Name and Grade

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

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

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