


Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY August 13th 2009

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CALENDAR

Friday	August 14 th	Chocolate Drive Money/Boxes To Be Returned
Saturday	August 15 th	Photo Fundraising Day
Monday	August 17 th	3/4 Melbourne Soundhouse Excursion
Monday	August 17 th	Bikes Drawn for Chocolate Drive
Tuesday	August 18 th	3/4 Melbourne Soundhouse Excursion
Thursday	August 20 th	Father/Son Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday	August 21 st	5/6 Bendigo Library Excursion
Saturday	August 22 nd – 28 th	Book Week
Tuesday	August 25 th	Footy Fever Day (SSRC)
Tuesday	September 1 st	Preps Animal Land Excursion
Wednesday	September 2 nd	District Sports
Wednesday	September 2 nd	1/2Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Friday	September 4 th	Fathers' Day Stall
Wednesday	September 9 th	Space Watch - 3/4 Star Night

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Well done to the following students on their nomination for awards this week. Certificates will be presented at Monday's assembly. Please feel welcome to join us.

Cody Y-G, Riley T, Kobi H, Kyal Z, 1/2 Wright, Tylar C, Tyler S, Michaela P, Corey I, Ashley M, Caitlin C, Hayden T, Jordan N, James B, Emily W.

Special Assembly – Mrs. Wood

On Monday we shall have a special segment in our usual Monday assembly. As I have previously informed you Mrs. Joyce Wood is retiring and we wish to acknowledge her time with ENPS.

Mrs. Wood will attend our assembly on Monday and I encourage any parents and students, past and present, to join us to say farewell.

Asphalt Resurfacing

Unfortunately the weather has been inclement enough to delay the resurfacing work planned. The contractors did some more work yesterday and will endeavour to support us in getting this work finalized as soon as possible. Hopefully this valuable play space will be back in action very soon.

Chocolate Drive

The time has come for this to be finalized. Children need to return the money by this Friday to be in the draw to win the bikes. They can still bring their money/chocolates back after this date but will miss out on the draw for the bikes at next Monday's assembly.

Thanks to everyone for your support with this fundraising project. It is one of our key sources of locally raised funds each year. This year again we will be again directing our fundraising to improving play areas and equipment for the children.

School Routines – Contacting Staff / Picking Children Up Early.

Over recent times we have been experiencing a degree of disruption during our designated instruction times. We have, in the past, had good processes in place, but sometimes these slip and before long, things aren't as good as they can be. For this reason I ask all in our school community to observe a couple of key routines.

1. Our session times are: (9.00-11.00), (12.00-2.00) and (2.30-3.30). Please note that the office may be contacted during these hours but teaching staff will not be available. I have instructed office staff that teachers are not to answer calls during their class time except in the case of emergency matters.

2. Picking children up early from school – our established process has slipped somewhat and I wish to reaffirm the process that allows good order and routine to exist in a manner that minimizes disruption. If you wish to pick your child up from school early you need to sign them out from the office. You will be provided with a slip by office staff to then present to the class teacher indicating that you have permission to collect the child early. The procedure of calling the office and asking for the child to meet you at the drivethrough is not acceptable as the child must be signed out if leaving school early.

I thank you in anticipation for your support with these matters.

School Policy

This week I have attached the school's Trainee Teachers and Work Experience policy for your reference.

Our school has a responsibility to support training and we are acknowledged as a strong supporter of the training institutions. Currently Mrs. Jo Madden is our coordinator of this work and I thank her for the extra work she does in this regard.

All of our policies are located on the school's website if you have need for future reference at www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN

You Can Do It

Congratulations to this week's group of students. Awards will be presented at assembly.

Ava B, Josh S, Connor C, Jay P, Macklin W, Cam S, Lauren B, Jack T, Kayden C, Aidan S, 5/6 Madden, Leisha M, Ben T, Jordy S.

Environment & Resources Committee Next Tuesday

My E&R Committee will be meeting on Tuesday evening. Do you have any thoughts on this aspect of our school? Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts, expertise or ideas with our group. Contact me at school if you have something to share.

Restorative Practice

Sharna Holland, Jason O'Neill and I will be heading off next week for Level 3 training in a program called Restorative Practice. The focus of this program is on conflict resolution and problem solving where the emphasis is upon making the situation 'right' without necessarily primarily focusing upon blame and punishment. Repair and rebuilding of relationships is paramount. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Wonderful Judy Sheaf

Some of you will be aware of the work of one of our mums Mrs Judy Sheaf who has held the dual roles at our school of Grounds Manager and Headlice Manager. Judy has performed outstanding work at Eaglehawk North Primary School in two quite challenging roles. As a keen gardener she has brought her knowledge to the grounds position and as a trained nurse she has performed her headlice role with sensitivity and skill. Judy was actually instrumental in developing our system of checking for headlice and the paperwork and documentation that sits behind our school processes. Whenever headlice have reared their little heads Judy has been there to deal with them. Headlice are part of the landscape unfortunately. They always seem to be with us but we have minimal instances thanks largely to the **processes enforced by Judy and the great support of parents who** alert us when cases arise in families. Judy is reigniting her medical career outside school. We wish her the very best with her endeavours.

Great Attendance

Would you believe it? Miss Hurford's class have won the 'Attender Chicken' Award for the second successive month with only one day of absence. They are the July winners and have a certificate to hang proudly in their window. Mrs Madden's class were close behind them with nine days of absence.

100% Attendance!

We still have thirty lucky children who have not missed a day of school this year. Here is the list as at August 13th: Zak McD, Connor A, Avril T, Jeremy A, Kayleigh B, Megan B, Kynan G, Andrew M, Jasmine D, Lain J, Stephanie T, Jayden H, Emily James A, Samantha B, Eillish C, Rani M, Corey I, Dylan F, Jackson G, Antonio G, Cooper H, Lewis H, Alyssa G, Shelby H, Hayden T, Heather K and Nikaylah P. I wonder how many will make it to the end of the year without an absence. Let's wish them good health for the rest of 2009.

John Morton**5/6 TEAM NEWS****Excursion:**

The 5/6PLT headed off to Melbourne on Thursday to visit the Melbourne Museum's Pompeii exhibition and IMAX theatre to see 'Forces of Nature'.

Thanks to Miss Hurford and Mr Anderson for their efforts in organising this event and to our parent helpers (Greg C, Bev F and Shane T) for coming along- we all had a very enjoyable day!

Book Week:

A reminder that we will be attending a Book Week activity on August 21st at the local Bendigo Regional Goldfields Library. Permission forms for this event should have been returned to your child's classroom teacher by the end of last week.

Projects:

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Task 2 is due next Friday, August 21st. Students may need to do some work at home if they are not up to date.

Sporting Events:

Mr Gilligan is in the process of organising the 2 teams for the basketball tournament, permission notes will be sent home with those students chosen to represent the school today. There will be a cost of \$5.00 associated with the activity to cover the cost of the bus and participation in the event. Please return form and money to the office as soon as possible. The tournament will take place on Friday August 21st.

Tree Planting:

Today, Miss Hurford's class went to Lake Tom Thumb to plant trees in the area surrounding the lake. Each year our school is involved in this tree planting project and students thoroughly enjoy getting out into the local community to support this worthwhile cause.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Our excursion to the Soundhouse and Museum will be on Monday 17th for Mr Brown's and Miss Rookes' grades and Tuesday 18th August for Mr Bortolot's and Miss Slattery's grades. Please note that the students are required to be at school by 6.45am ready for a 7.00am departure. Students should be in school uniform and should have a snack and lunch in a carry bag.

We still need parent helpers for both excursions so that we can move around the museum in small groups ensuring that the students are able to discuss what they are seeing. **The Office should be contacted if your need to make special arrangements for the payment of this excursion.**

Please see last page of newsletter for students' work on this topic.

Space Watch

We are having a STAR NIGHT on Wednesday 9th September conducted by the Bendigo astronomy club.

Watch the newsletter for further details.

Please contact the discovery centre for their Thursday 'SPACE DISCOVERIES of the NIGHT SKY' if you would like to further involve the family with our terms focus. This month, August, is the best month to vie the night sky – we are able to see Jupiter with our naked eye! Have a look to the north at night from 10pm onwards!

Reminder that the Father/Son night in on next Thursday August 20 between 7.00-8.00pm

Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP,1/2 NEWS***Living Eggs***

The chickens have grown strong and have been delightful additions to our classrooms. We have had many discussions and lessons based around the chickens and the children have been very excited and interested in their growth and wellbeing. It's now time for the chickens to leave us, and go to their new homes. Thank you to all the families who have volunteered to take give the chicks a new home. We hope they will continue to thrive and the grades look forward to receiving updates of their progress.

***KOOL Time***

There has been a wide variety of investigations occurring in KOOL Time over the past 2 weeks. Some students are studying mapping skills by designing their own zoo. They have been researching this by using the Melbourne Zoo website and also reading books related to maps and mapping.

Excursion details

Final arrangements are being made for the two excursions. Grade one and two students will be going to the Melbourne Zoo. All prep students will be visiting Animal Land Farm. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Literacy Focus

Preps word focus 'are' and letter focus 'u'.

Grade one focus 'th' and 'ay'.

Grade two focus 'ock' and 'ew'.

Silverton Primary School Visit

Today all the Prep/One/Two teachers along with Mr Payne and Mrs Forrest are visiting Silverton Primary School in Melbourne. This is part of our continual professional development in the implementation of the Australian Developmental Curriculum (KOOL Time). This visit will enable us to discuss ideas and to observe other classrooms in action.

Using Books to Stimulate your Child's Language R and R: Repetition and Rhyme for younger 'readers'. Repetition makes books predictable, and young readers love knowing what comes next.

- Pick a story with repeated phrases or a poem you and your child like.
- Read slowly, and with a smile or a nod, let your children know you appreciate their participation.
- As children grow more familiar with the story, pause and give them the chance to "fill in the blanks."
- Encourage your children to pretend to read, especially books that contain repetition and rhyme. Most children who enjoy reading will eventually memorise all

or parts of a book and imitate your reading.

When youngsters anticipate what's coming next in a story or poem, they have a sense of mastery over books. When children feel power, they have courage to try. Pretending to read is an important step in the process of learning to read.

We hope you enjoy using these helpful hints on stimulating language through the use of books.

Sophie, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

FUNDRAISING

We have had a great response with our chocolates so far, keep up the great work. They boxes contain 50 bars which are sold for **\$1.20 each/\$60.00 per box.**

Could all money be returned by Friday 14th August to be in the bike draw on Monday 17th August.

The fantastic prizes for our chocolate drive are now in the foyer. Two new bikes to be won, **have to be in it to win it.**

Don't forget the Advancedlife Photography Portraits on **Saturday 15th August.** Could all cheques be made out to **Eaglehawk North Primary School.** It's not too late, call into the office and make a booking along with the \$15.00 payment. We have 52 families booked in at the moment and if we can get another 8 we will receive some great prizes for our school.

Fathers' Day Stall will be held at school on Friday September 4. It would be appreciated if donations could be left at the office and if anyone can volunteer their time to help on the day please let Katrina or Ricky know.

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Would anyone be interested in organising the Music Trivia Night this year. Please contact Jody Abel on 0438 070 096.

FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Please note there will be a Fair Committee Meeting held in the Staffroom on Thursday, August 20 at 7.30pm. Interested parents are welcome to attend.

FOOTY FEVER STRIKES AGAIN...

Dear Everyone,

On **Tuesday 25th** August we will be having a fundraiser for the **SSRC** (State School Relief Committee) so we can help raise money for students who can't afford to buy their school uniform. So come dressed in your favourite teams' footy, soccer, or rugby colours. We ask for a gold coin donation.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Don't forget we have Book Week coming up on the 24th August to 28th August. We also have a **colouring competition** running and we have great prizes to be won.

We will have Adam Wallace visit on the 24th and 25th August for Book Week and it should be lots of fun.

Please return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

**NETBALL DRAWS**

Saturday August 15th

13 Under Section 6

Big Hill V E/H Nth Blue Crt 3 10am

11 Under Section 1

Creek St B V E/H Nth Navy Crt 11 9am

11 Under Section 4

St Thereses B V E/H Nth White Crt 8 9 am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

Court 12

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge**LAST WEEK.**

Please note that the challenge finishes this Tuesday 18th August. All books read need to be entered using the website by this date. Students who have been responsible for entering their own data will need to ask their teachers to verify each book read. As this could take some time students as asked not to leave this to the last minute.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Tina Fitzpatrick

CANTEEN NEWS

Watch out for these amazing window sale specials next week:

Spike the Echidna and Fergus the Frog @ \$1.50 each.

Footy Day – Tuesday August 25 specials:

Big Pie, Drink and Footy Biscuit - \$5.00

Hot Dog, Drink and Footy Biscuit - \$4.00

Cheese extra 20cents

Malt Drink extra 20cents

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. **CentaCare - Family Education Services** have some courses available refer to flyers on main notice board or phone 5438 1339.
2. **2009 Men's Health Week** Saturday 29th August – Saturday 5th September. Men's Health "Who can Men can!"
3. **'Kicks4Chicks'** Football Competition for 9-15 year old girls. August 3rd ends September 28th, Barnard Tennis Courts. Ph 0429 023 618 Chris Hain.
4. **Bendigo vs USA Freedom** girls football match at Dower Park, Kangaroo Flat on Thursday August 13 at 5pm (free entry). Wear your favourite football team colours and come and support the girls!
5. **Raywood Pre School** are looking for children who may be eligible to attend our funded 4 year-old program for 2010. Raywood is situated 22kms out of Eaglehawk and the Pre-School is a small rural kinder with great facilities and teachers. If you would like an enrolment pack or to inspect the Pre-School, please contact Carla or Wendy on 54361470 on Mondays 9-1.30 or Fridays 9-1.
6. **Bendigo United Cricket** is holding its registration night on Friday August 28 at the club rooms, Harry Trott Oval, Neale St, Bendigo between 5-7pm for age groups U/9, U/11, U/13, U/15 and U17. New players will be very welcome.
7. **Eaglehawk Cricket Club** is having its junior registration day for all junior grades this Sunday, August 16. This will commence at our clubrooms, Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk from 11am. Registration fees are \$60/child payable on the day. EFTPOS facilities will be available. We are fielding sides in all grades. Anyone interested in coaching a junior side is also encouraged to attend. For further information, please phone Craig Gaffee on 0438109953.

SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE:**Name:** Laurie H**Children who attend ENPS:** *Monica H***Why did you choose to be a member of the school council?***I wanted to do something to make my daughter proud of her dad and at the same time to help my fellow parents.***What roles do you undertake as a school councillor?***As well as being on the main school council I am also on the "environment and resources" subcommittee. We have had some success, new picket fence, new pretend grass and a 3 million dollar upgrade. I must admit I had some help from the other members. I am also on the Finance committee, although I must admit I am happier spending the money, than accounting for it.***What is rewarding about being a school councillor?***It is very hard to pick any one single event but a few things spring to mind. Like being involved in the selection of a canteen operator or being involved in the latest Government Provisions for Primary School Education in Northern Bendigo, or seeing the great effort and support everybody puts in and the smiles when it all comes together. But mostly it's the feeling I get when I know I am doing my bit to help others and the smile I get from my daughter Monica.***What is your most memorable moment at the school?***I think the most memorable moment was when I saw the look on the Principals face when I suggested we partition his office and use part of it as the new area for uniforms. Moving the class rooms just before the last Christmas break was a great moment as was Mr Morton and Mrs Heath coming to my wedding late last year.***What are your favourite things about the school?***Plenty of open space and a lovely bush setting. Friendly people, dedicated teachers who are open to new ideas and ever ready to take in new concepts. The great School Council, and a wonderful principal, teachers and staff.***CHOCOLATE DRIVE:**

These are the two bikes that two lucky children will win at Monday's Assembly. If you have sold all your chocolates and have returned the money to the office, you will automatically go into the draw. TOMORROW is your last chance to return the \$60! Any money returned on or after next Monday will not go into the draw.

**Attachments:**

1. Trainee Teachers & Work Experience Policy

3/4 POEMS AND AMAZING SPACE FACTS: