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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Thursday	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Father/Son Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	5/6 Bendigo Library Excursion
Saturday	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Tuesday	August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Footy Fever Day (SSRC)
Tuesday	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Preps Animal Land Excursion
Wednesday	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	District Sports
Wednesday	September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1/2Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Friday	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers' Day Stall
Wednesday	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	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.

*Shane D, Katelyn S, Isabella M, Tamika L, Maisy McP, Emily G, Dane S, Madison W, Erica F, Cooper G, Elli W, 5/6 Hurford and Jayden B.*

### *Prep enrolments 2010*

This is my first notification that we are now taking enrolments for 2010. Quite a number of parents have already enrolled their child but I am now officially starting the process for next year and encourage you to attend to this soon if you are involved. I would encourage you also to spread the word of enrolments being open so that friends, neighbours and others may pick up on this.

The question has been asked of me regarding possible enrolments because of the new school that will result from the merging of Eaglehawk, Comet Hill and Bendigo North. At this stage, any decision for that will rest with parents as these schools will continue in their current form for 2010.

### *Excursions Programs*

The past few weeks have seen many of our classes travelling to Melbourne for a range of programs and the feedback from the children indicates them having really enjoyed the experience.

My sincere appreciation to all staff for the extra work involved in planning and conducting these activities and to the parents who accompanied the groups. Your work and support is greatly valued.

### *Asphalt Resurfacing*

Almost there! The workers have been busy spreading sand over the surface and all that's needed is a final leveling off. Another school improvement project done that I'm sure you'll agree is really adding to the presentation and functionality of our grounds.

***Parent Support - Fundraising***

Many thanks to Jody Abel and her team for their wonderful work with our Chocolate Drive. At today's date we have made a profit in excess of \$3700, but we won't have a final figure until all money and chocolates have been returned. Congratulations to Austin H and Derrien M on being the lucky winners of the bikes. Well done to all who did a great job of selling.

Thanks also to Anita Pilling for her work with organizing and conducting the Family Portraits last weekend. The funds raised totalled \$858 and will also be directed towards our school grounds development work.

I know these parents had their teams of helpers and we sincerely appreciate all of the positive effort that is given. Many thanks.

***School Policy***

This week I have attached the school's 'Class Formation' policy for your reference.

I am putting this out ahead of time in order that people may become fully aware of the processes we will undertake as we head into term 4. At the appropriate time I will call for parent input as detailed in the policy.

All of our policies are located on the school's website if you have need for future reference at [www.ehnps.vic.edu.au](http://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 next Monday's Assembly.

***Brayden R, Brayden W, Monique W, Shauna C, Tom C, Brooky P, Shanae J, Joel M, Josh W, Beth L, Aidan W, Cooper H, Dylan F and James L-H.***

***Car Park & Drive-through Danger***

Reports of cars reversing towards pedestrians in our carpark and some rapid overtaking in the drive-through came to the office via eye-witnesses this week. Please continue to observe caution in that part of the school. Moving cars and young children can be a potentially fatal combination.

***Restorative Practice***

Sharna Holland, Jason O'Neill and I are currently attending a three day professional development activity on the Restorative Practice program. We will communicate more about this program to children and families as we complete the training and begin implementing the principles and practices at our school. A move away from purely punitive or adversarial remedies in times of conflict or misbehaviour is a part of this approach. Successful implementation in a school relies strongly upon a good relational base, something we certainly strive to maintain within our school community. Stay tuned for more information.

***Walking School Bus***

Great news! We have an interested volunteer to increase our number of WSB adults. This ENPS mum will be accredited as soon as possible following training. We will return to Wednesday and Friday walking in Term 4. The weather should be on the improve although to be honest rain has not affected the program much at all this year.

***Bike Track***

When I return to work next week I will ensure that a supply of bike track permission forms are available for interested riders. I will get this activity happening again as soon as possible.

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

A girls' team and boys' team will head off with Mr Gilligan tomorrow to compete against other local schools in the Basketball Tournament at the Schweppes Centre. Good luck to those students involved and thanks to Mr G for his organisational work to ensure we are represented.

***Projects:***

Task 2 of the Flight project is due tomorrow- Task 3 is due on September 11<sup>th</sup> and as usual, students will have time in class to work on completing it. Some students however, may find it necessary to do some work at home to ensure that it is completed by the due date.

**School Uniforms:**

Just a reminder about students coming to school in the appropriate school colours and clothing (navy blue and light blue).

**Library Excursion:**

The 5/6 Department are heading off to the Bendigo Regional Library tomorrow afternoon to get involved in a Book Week activity organised by our local librarians. Thanks to Mr Anderson for looking into, and organising this excursion for our students.

**Chocolate Fundraising Money:**

There are still a few families who are yet to return either the money, uneaten chocolates or a combination of both to the school. It would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned to the Office ASAP.

**RSPCA Cup Cake Day:**

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> August was National Cup Cake Day to assist in raising money for the RSPCA. 5/6 Hurford got on board and made quite a large batch of Cup Cakes to support this cause. A special thanks to all those families involved and to Anita in the canteen for allowing this interruption to her business for the day. The students raised approximately \$90 for this worthy cause and displayed terrific entrepreneurial skills.

**Mrs Wood:**

Many of the students in the 5/6 Department had the pleasure of working with Mrs Wood in the last few years while she fulfilled her role as ENPS's Literacy Specialist. She was always a keen advocate for the important of 'Speaking and Listening' within classrooms and I am certain that those students involved in her sessions owe much of their success to the manner in which she went about teaching student skills in areas such as debating and impromptu speaking. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in her retirement, and also extend to her an invitation to come back whenever she likes to continue her 'legacy' within the 5/6 classrooms!

*Thanks,*

*Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob*

**3/4 TEAM NEWS**

*Our excursion* to the Soundhouse and Museum was very successful. It is pleasing to be able to report that the students were very well behaved and readily engaged in the learning activities. A BIG thank you to all of the helpers who gave their time to ensure that we had such a great learning experience. We all have sore feet from the walking! Check out the last page of the newsletter for childrens' thoughts and photos of the day.

*The Father and Son night* which is on TONIGHT is open to those boys in grade 4 who beginning this part of their development. For some boys who have older brothers and sisters, it might also be appropriate. Please contact Mr Brown should you have any other questions.

**Space Watch**

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

Watch the newsletter for further details.

**Homework**

Because of the excursions this week, no homework has been set. The children are expected to discuss their excursion experiences.

*Thankyou*

*Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

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

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

Please return any overdue library books.

**'Reading can take you anywhere'**

*Liz Davis*

**PREP,1/2 NEWS*****KOOL Time***

This week some of the grades have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in woodwork activities. Thanks to Richard Holmberg for working with the students during this time. Other areas of interest this week have been constructing robots, dinosaurs and guitars. The students are encouraged to follow their own interests during KOOL time sessions as well as complete the 'must do' activities that are set by the teacher in order to cover our integrated studies themes of zoo animals and farm animals.



We have had many wonderful families collecting boxes for our construction activities in KOOL Time and we would like to thank them for their efforts. However, at present, due to storage limits we are unable to accept anymore boxes. There are still items that are always in great demand, cardboard cylinders and material scraps are very popular. If you can help with these items it would be greatly appreciated.

***Silverton Primary School Visit***

This was a very interesting and educational experience for the teachers who attended this Instructional Round session. We were able to observe the developmental curriculum being implemented in an open plan classroom setting and were able to discuss with other teachers their processes of assessing students against the developmental domains. If you would like more information regarding this please ask your classroom teacher.

***Excursions***

Notices have been sent home for both the prep and the grades one and two excursion. These permission notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

***This week's Literacy Focus***

Preps will be focusing on the 'ch' sound and with word of the week will be 'said'. Grade 1 students will be studying the 'wh' blend and looking at words with 'lk'.

Grade two students will be focusing on words with 'all', 'ell' and 'oo'.

***Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge***

We are delighted to announce that we have 120 students from the prep/one/ two team that have successfully completed the reading challenge. Well done to all those students! Students have also been checking out the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge website and printing their own individual reading records. Our daily reporters have been busy using the digital cameras to record the activity of each session.

***Term 4 School Performance***

Students and teachers are in the process of planning and organising their performances. Some are even practising! Stay 'tuned' for more details.

***Some hints on Looking for books for reading pleasure***

The main thing is to find books you both love. They will shape your child's first impression of the world of reading.

- Ask friends, neighbours and teachers to share the names of their favourite books.
- Visit your local public library. Ask the librarian for help in selecting books.
- Look for award winning books.
- Check the book review sections of newspapers and magazines for recommended new children's books.
- As soon as they're old enough, have children join you in browsing for books and making selections.
- If you and your child don't enjoy reading a particular book, put it aside and pick up another one.

Keep in mind your child's reading level and listening level are different. When you read easy books, beginning readers will soon be reading along with you. When you read more advanced books, you instil a love of stories, and you build the motivation that transform children into lifelong readers.

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

**FUNDRAISING**

***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*** - Thank you to Naomi Filcock who has very kindly volunteered to organise this fun filled night. More details when available.

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

### FOOTY FEVER STRIKES AGAIN...



Dear Everyone,

On **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### NETBALL

Golden City Netball Association are once again running a Twilight Netball Competition (open to boys and girls) commencing on Wednesday September 16 and running through to Wednesday December 16 2009. Entries close on September 5, so if any boys or girls would like to join a 13yrs and under or an 11yrs and under team please inform the office. Along with the team members we would also need coaches and umpires.

### VISUAL ARTS

All grades have completed activities in the area of Threads and Textiles and students will be moving into Puppet making for the remainder of the term. Some excellent textile artworks are on display around the school and in the Art/Craft room.

Grade 3/4 students have produced space themed collages and delicate paste resist and dye fabric samples. Prep/1 classes have drawn and painted wonderful animal fabric pictures which Ms. Probert has painstakingly mounted/framed onto wooden boards and which would hang proudly on any wall or exhibition space! Grades 1/2 have made wearable fashion accessories, Cool ties, Jungle pictures and fabric collages, while senior classes have stitched, woven, braided, dyed, embroidered, painted, drawn and pasted a variety of threads and textiles!

Thank you to all those parents who have contributed reusable items to the Art/Craft room. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

### MUSIC

The School Choir is expanding its repertoire and singing skills. Students are gaining confidence in singing solo and performing. The Recorder Band members are also learning new and challenging pieces. Could parents remind their music students to bring their recorder and music book each Monday, as many are coming without them and my extra supply is exhausted!

**Keep creating and practising,  
Sue O'Hara and Bekki Probert**



### NETBALL DRAWS *Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>*

#### **13 Under Section 6**

Cal Gully V E/H Nth Blue Crt 2 12noon

#### **11 Under Section 1**

Creek St B V E/H Nth Navy Crt 8 9am

#### **11 Under Section 4**

St Thereses B V E/H Nth White Crt 12 10.30am

#### **Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon**

Court 12

### CANTEEN NEWS

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

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Many thanks to all families who sold chocolates and returned their money by Friday August 14. Pictured below are the two lucky winners of a bike each....Austin H and Derrien M. Congratulations boys!



### MRS WOOD'S RETIREMENT ASSEMBLY

We had a very special assembly on Monday to farewell one of our most popular teachers who has retired from teaching. Mrs Wood was presented with a long service award along with many gifts made by the children.



**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 29<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Men's Health "Who can Men can!"
3. **'Kicks4Chicks'** Football Competition for 9-15 year old girls. August 3<sup>rd</sup> ends September 28<sup>th</sup>, Barnard Tennis Courts. Ph 0429 023 618 Chris Hain.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Wee....are in this together.** The Primary School Nursing Program and the Bendigo Continence Clinic invite all parents, teachers and carers to a free information evening on Bedwetting, Day Wetting and Soiling to be held on September 2 at the DHS Building, Cnr Edwards & Queen Sts, Bendigo between 7.00-8.30pm (light supper provided). For more information contact School Nursing on 54345603 or Denise Watson on 0409002959.
7. **Creating Confident Kids-** this four hour workshop to be held on Saturday September 19 from 12-15-4.30pm in Bendigo is especially designed for children aged between 10-14 and will help them to let go of worry, fear and not feeling good enough. The cost is \$40/child and is held in a fun and light hearted environment. Contact Julie Lake, Achievers Life Coaching on 54442327.
8. **Bold – (Learning Difficulties Support Group)** – Our next morning tea will be held on Friday August 28 at the Café in the B-central building at 45 Mundy Street from 10.30am We would like to share the latest news with you. Anyone interested in this subject are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact Judy on 0408312027.
9. **YWCA School Holiday Programs** – if you are interested in your child participating the YWCA School Holiday Program, please call into the office for more information or go online at [www.ywca.net](http://www.ywca.net)

**SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE:**

**Information omitted from last week's profile of Laurie Hill.** "Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help in any way whatsoever...54462211 or via email on [laurie@doctorhill.com.au](mailto:laurie@doctorhill.com.au)

**Attachments:**

- 1 **Class Formation Policy**