
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Friday	August 28	Parent Surveys due back today
Monday	August 31	MSReadathon money-due date
Mon-Sun	Aug 31 – Sept 6	National Literacy & Numeracy Week 2009 Activities
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	Star Watch Night for the Grade 3/4s

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. **Braydan R, Darcy P, Linda-L H, Brayden W, Evan S, Bailey T, Lauren B, Eillish C, Koby H, Kayla C, Zoe V, Maddy A, Zach B, Sarah W and Leah D.**

Parent Opinion Surveys

Our ladies in the office recently sent out to a random sample of our parents this year's Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is one of a set of surveys used across our state's school to gather feedback on our operations.

If you have received one of the surveys I ask that you take the time to complete it, as gaining enough responses is important in making the sample valid.

Please contact me if you have any concerns with getting this survey completed.

Restorative Practice Training.

Our school is at present undertaking a very comprehensive review of the "Wellbeing Program" which incorporates what we do in relation to student behaviour and management. The Restorative Practice program is being introduced across schools in our region and is supported by a great deal of recent research.

Mr. Morton, Mrs. Holland and Mr. O'Neill recently completed the level 3 training for this program and will work the rest of our staff who have all completed the Levels 1 and 2 training.

As we move forward on this we shall conduct sessions whereby parents can gain a deeper understanding of the methods involved.

Essentially we are moving towards restorative measures rather than the punitive (punishment) strategies that have been practised for many decades.

JSC Spellathon

Miss Slattery is presently guiding our Junior School Council in setting up a Spellathon which will be conducted during Term 4. The JSC have a role in supporting various charitable causes and doing activities such as this is a meaningful way of engaging the children in 'service for others.'

We'll let you know more in the coming week. The plan is to have the lists for each grade level ready by the holidays for the children to start working in earnest on their learning.

Cognitive Coaching Training

For the next four days Mr. Morton will be absent from school as he is attending a training program on Cognitive Coaching. He will also give up four days of his coming holidays to attend the second part of his training.

This is important work as I have revised his role to spend more time in the classroom working with teachers on coaching and instructional practices, designed to improve the levels of classroom instruction available to our students.

I will also be undertaking work across all classes, visiting regularly during maths time in an endeavour to support teachers and children with achieving improvements in our numeracy standards.

More and more our attention is being focused on the core areas of literacy and numeracy.

Reminders

- Prep enrolments 2010 – Please attend to this as soon as possible as it will help with our forward planning for next year

School Policy

This week I have attached the school's 'Anaphylaxis Management' policy for your reference.

With Spring coming on, this is the time most issues in relation to anaphylaxis surface. If you have concerns in relation your child or to the policy, I am happy to help.

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 next Monday's Assembly.

Gabby L, Tristan P, Isabel K, Jessica P, Jasmine D, Ella R, Lachlan T, Bridgitt B, Cooper B, Seth G, Mitchell L, Nattavan N, Molly M, Alexandra B and Savannah W.

Headlice

With the imminent retirement of Judy Sheaf from her headlice role we have managed to persuade two of our hardest working parent volunteers Narelle A and Sharon T to take on the role. Judy is taking Sharon and Narelle through some training and induction under the supervision of School Nurse Denise Watson and they are already showing an aptitude for the job of spotting the little critters and advising on treatment. School Council have given their endorsement and when Judy eventually relinquishes her role we will have two very skilled and enthusiastic operators. One of the strengths of our program is that we get good support from parents in advising us when they discover headlice or nits at home. This alerts us to do extra checks on classes as well as our routine cycle of checks.

Steve McNaughton

School Council have given their endorsement to the appointment of Steve McNaughton as our new grounds person following Judy Sheaf's retirement. This is quite a diverse role, involving gardening, watering, mowing and buildings area sweeping/blower-vacuuming. We are confident that Steve will continue the same high standard Judy Sheaf has set. And if he doesn't I am sure Katrina will be on his back very quickly.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Bendigo Regional Goldfields Library Visit

On Friday, we headed to the Library to see the illustrator Heath MacKenzie in action demonstrating his drawing skills using his Mac computer. I think the kids and teachers were all in agreement that this session was very motivating- I know I had the urge to draw when I got home!!

Basketball Tournament

On Friday, a group of about 12 students headed off with Mr Gilligan and Rox M to the Schweppes Centre to compete in a the basketball tournament for local schools in our region. A huge thanks to Rox for assisting Mr G on the day by looking after the girls' team.

Adam Wallace Visit

On Monday and Tuesday, the 5/6 Department were lucky enough to have a session with Adam Wallace. Adam is a well known author and illustrator who writes books for school aged kids, his books include; Better Out Than In, The Share-A-Not and 'How to Draw' series. Thanks to Adam for coming along and sharing your writing and drawing skills with us!

Project

Task 2 was handed in last Friday, Task 3 (the final task) is due on September 11th. As per usual, students will work on their projects in class, however they may need to complete extra work at home to ensure they have the task completed on time.

Kids'Congress

Six students from grade 5 have been chosen to represent ENPS at the Kids'Congress on September 9th and 10th. These students will spend two days at the conference learning a variety of computer skills which they will then share with the Department upon their return.

Regional Athletic Sports

In two weeks, Mr Gilligan will be taking a group of students to compete at the Regional Athletic Sports. He is in the process of organising representatives and will be running try-outs this week to enable him to put the team together. Notes will be sent home on Monday and will need to be returned ASAP.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Space Watch

We are having a STAR NIGHT on Wednesday 9th September conducted by the Bendigo Astronomy Club. The event will start at 7.00 pm and families are asked to bring a supper to share. The cost is \$2 per participant or \$5 per family which is to be paid on the night. Please see the information letter which has been sent home for further details.

Reflections with an Author:

Today Adam Wallace was here at school. He taught us how to draw a shark from a rocket. He read us one of his books called Mac Beauty. I got his signature – awesome! Ben

Today Adam Wallace came to our school to teach us to draw and to show us his disgusting books. It was held in the school library. Adam has a new animal to color in, it is a shark. Brooky

Adam was pretty good. He draw a bull and a shark. He told us interesting stories. Ethan

Looking forward to seeing as many families on our Space Night, and remember to continue on your space projects!

Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Parents randomly selected to complete our 2009 Parent Opinion Survey would have received their package in the mail this week. This is just a reminder that they are due back to school TOMORROW, Friday August 28.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Footy Fever Day...is was a huge success. We raised approx. \$230 for State Schools Relief Fund. At Monday's Assembly look out for the overall tally of the teams worn on the day.

EMA SECOND INSTALMENT

Parents who have applied for the EMA second instalment, please note that the cheques are available for collection from the office. For those who elected to have the instalment deposited into their bank accounts, this should have been done last week. Any enquiries please Katrina or Ricky.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is here and everyone enjoyed Adam Wallace visiting our school, Don't forget that if you wish to purchase some of Adam's books please bring your order in by Friday 28 August (tomorrow).



We have some winners for Book Week:-

Younger Readers

Perry Angel's Suitcase MILLARD, Glenda

Early Childhood

How to Heal a Broken Wing GRAHAM, Bob

Picture Book

Collecting Colour DUNSTAN, Kylie

Eve Pownall Award

Alive in the Death Zone HALL, Lincoln

All shortlisted books will be available to be borrowed next week.

Don't forget to enter the colouring competition by Friday (tomorrow).

A big thank you to Trish Hall for helping me to organise the Teachers Resource room.

Please return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

PREP,1/2 NEWS

Literacy/Numeracy Week

Next week we will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy week. We will be participating in reading/literacy sessions with a buddy grade. During this time we will be reading to our buddies, have a story time and complete activities based around responding to text. Our usual literacy and numeracy program will not operate next week as teachers have planned many learning rich games and activities in order to celebrate

student's achievements and growth in this core curriculum area.

Excursions

Prep excursion – Next Tuesday.

Grade One/Two excursion – Next Wednesday.

Please ensure you have returned the permission note.

KOOL Time

The students continue to be very engaged in the learning stations and a variety of activities that are provided for them and well as completing their own investigations. Many students have been researching the correct names of animal's babies and using the National Geographic and Enchanted Learning Web Sites. Some grades have commenced exploring the development of a grade Blog site, more details of this will follow from your classroom teacher. Students have also been applying the drawing skills taught by Adam Wallace to make comic strips.

Jewellery Concerns

We have notice in recent weeks that some students are wearing inappropriate earrings to school. Please note that for the student's own safety the school rule is that only small sleepers or studs are allowed. Dangling earrings are particularly dangerous for small children in a school/play environment. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Using books to stimulate your child's language.

Read to Me!

The single most important way for children to develop the knowledge they need to succeed in reading is for you to read aloud to them.

- Read aloud to your child every day. Start at an early age.
- Simple books can teach children things that will later help them learn to read. For example they learn about the structure of language. That there are spaces between words and that the print goes from left to right.
- Tell stories. Encourage your child to ask questions and talk about the story. Ask her to predict what will come next. Point to things in books that she may relate to in her own life.
- Look for reading programs. If you aren't a good reader, program in your community can provide opportunities for you to improve your own reading. Friends and relatives can also read to your child.
- Make writing material available.
- Visit the library often.
- Read yourself. What you do sets an example for your child.

The ability to read and understand makes for better students and leads to better opportunities and a lifetime of enjoyment!

Have a great week.

Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl, Sophie and Judy

ART BLOGS

As a new way of communicating with parents/guardians and the broader community of our school, I am currently designing an ART BLOG that will be used to showcase students' artwork throughout the year. Photos and comments made by students will be posted on this website on different occasions, however surnames will not be included on the site. BLOGs are an effective way for parents/guardians to see what their child/children are doing in art and will provide an option for you to leave feedback for the students. I am aware that in some cases it is not appropriate to include student photos and names, therefore I have cross checked all students with the permission form filled in earlier in the year. If you have any queries or concerns in regards to your child being a part of the Art BLOG please feel free to contact me at school. I am hoping to have it up and running in the next few weeks.

The ART BLOG will be a fantastic way to showcase what the students have been making and creating in 2009.

Bekki Probert
Art Teacher

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.

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

ART NEWS

This week all students have been learning about PUPPETS. Prep/Ones have been busy creating finger puppets out of paper plates and gloves. Grade one/two students have started constructing their box puppets and three/four students are making sock puppets. The senior department begun exploring components of effective puppet making and are designing a puppet using paper mache, card board cylinders and polystyrene balls. Puppet making is always a busy, messy but very enjoyable topic in art and we are all very excited to see our final designs.

Fantastic start made by all students, keep up the great work!!!

Keep creating
Bekki Probert



NETBALL DRAWS

Saturday August 29th – Semi Finals (1st vs 2nd)
(apologies for last week's draw...looked at the wrong week)!!

11 Under Section 1

St Thereses White vs E/H Nth Navy Crt 7 10.30am

11 Under Section 4

St Josephs Orange vs E/H Nth White Crt 1 9.00am

GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!!

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Our school has forms available for students to claim a Conveyance Allowance if, travelling by private car:-

- they live more that 4.8km radial distance from the nearest school
- they live more that 4.8km radial distance from the nearest contract school bus service
- the allowance is \$410 per year for the first child and an extra student in the vehicle will attract the '**additional student**' rate of \$200
- forms to be collected from the office and must be returned by next Wednesday **September 2 2009.**

Please contact Ricky or Katrina if you need more clarification.

LOST:

1 Size 16 Rugby top...name of tag. If found please return to Callum Varker, 5/6M

Attachments:

1. National Literacy and Numeracy Week '09 flyer
2. Anaphylaxis Management Policy

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***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.
2. ***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.
3. ***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.
4. ***MS Readathon Sponsorship*** – A big thank you to the families and friends of our Eaglehawk North Primary School participants who have sponsored their reading during the 30th year of the MS Readathon. As our students begin to close their books on this year's program, it is nearing time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money due date of August 31, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum and dad. Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your for, a replacement can be downloaded from www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the State Office.
5. ***Paul Sadler Swimland Bendigo*** – Holiday Program 21-25 September 09. Information flyer available from the office.
6. ***Junior Table Tennis*** – at the Eaglehawk Table Tennis/Badminton Stadium, Victoria St, Eaglehawk every Friday night between 7-9pm. Junior seasons run the same as school terms. Fees - \$5/school team plus \$3 playing fees each night. Need rubber soles shoes. Bats available to borrow and balls provided. Contact, Supervisor John Connor, on 54471002 or call Stadium on 54461839 on Friday nights.
7. ***Austswim Bendigo*** – Next Austswim course is being conducted in Bendigo on the following dates: Friday 6 November 4.45-8.00pm; Saturday 7 November 9.00-5.00pm and Sunday 8 November 9.00-3.30pm at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre at a cost of \$345.00 If you gained your Austswim Certificate or re-registered in 2006, you need to re-register again this year. You can do this by attending some theory and practical sessions during the full course. Ring to find out times when you will need to attend. Cost for update is \$77.00 If interested, please contact Kate Nichols, on 0427153591 or email kate@valleysport.net.au
8. ***St Judes Tennis Club*** are seeking players 8 years and older for the forthcoming season commencing fourth term The courts are at the corner of Taylor & Bailey Streets California Gully. Phone Judy Sheaf on 0438541959 or Louise Kemp on 54469262. There will be two weeks of tennis coaching from an accredited coach before the season starts for newcomers.
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
10. ***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.

