


Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY August 6th 2009

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CALENDAR

Thursday	August 6 th	Mother/Daughter Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm
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

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the group of students listed below who will receive awards. I look forward to our assembly on Monday to present these. Please feel welcome to join us. *Connor A, Gemma S, Dylan McG, Tia M, Jaydan L, Amy R, Lachlan W, Ben R, Lachie H, Nick G, Jake T, Nicole T and Maraide C.*

Congratulations Anthony

At this week's assembly I was privileged to present a **National Excellence in Teaching Award** to our years 3/4 Team Leader, **Anthony Bortolot**. Anthony was nominated by one of our parents under the Inspirational Teaching category and this was very much due to the extra work he undertook, which often extended to 'out of hours' involvement, in tutoring one of his students. Congratulations Anthony. It's very reassuring to think that your endeavours have been appreciated to this degree.

Anthony joins Nigel Vernon, Mavis Leat and Helen Forrest as teachers from this school who have received nominations for these awards. Many of the annual teacher recognition awards depend on parent nomination and it's nice that some of our very fine teachers are supported and acknowledged in this way.

Netbooks Research work

Over the past week our teachers and students involved in the **Netbook Trial**, together with staff and students from Strathfieldsaye PS, have been working with Prof. Patrick Griffin from Melbourne University on trialling the assessment other students will use to assess the effectiveness of this program.

Often learning is not just about the known, it can involve forms of '**Action Research**' which this work very much was. I have a strong sense that our students and teachers enjoyed being 'guinea pigs' whereby the learning was as much about making mistakes as it was about taking tests. Well done and thanks to those involved. That you were asked to undertake this work is a measure of confidence our system leaders have in you and our school.

Siverton PS visit

Next Thursday our Curriculum Manager, Helen Forrest, and I will accompany our Prep-2 teaching team to Silverton PS in Melbourne to spend the day with their staff learning more about the Australian Developmental Curriculum. Silverton are acknowledged as leaders in the implementation of this work and it is important that I provide our teaching staff with opportunity to be exposed to 'best practice' teaching.

Helen and I will also engage with school leaders looking at how they structure their school and support aspects of its operation including their ICT integration.

For this day replacement teachers will be employed to work in our Prep-2 classes under Mr. Morton's school leadership.

Thank you Ash

We at ENPS are lucky that we have many parents who readily give their time to support our school and its community by doing a range of work on school improvement and student support.

Recently Ash D spent many hours erecting a secure fence around the area adjacent to our carpark with the intention that this space will be able to be regenerated over time.

Your hard work is greatly appreciated Ash. Sincere thanks!

Somers Camp

In **October**, thirteen of our students will be part of a group of more than a hundred students who will attend the wonderful Somers Camp program. Unfortunately not all children get to experience this camp and those attending were lucky in the ballot conducted for places.

Mr. Gilligan will accompany the students on camp and, having attended the program in past years, I know that they will all have a wonderful social and learning experience. Congratulations and thanks are also extended to Brett as he is putting extra commitment into his professional development by volunteering to take on the District Secretary role for this program into the coming years. This is a big undertaking.

School Sores

The winter months have been testing us out with a range of illness to students and staff. The latest issue is that we have, over the past few weeks, experienced a couple of cases of school sores. While these are not a major cause for concern, there are guidelines around their management in school. The advice on this is that, on contracting school sores a child is to be excluded ***"Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return provided that appropriate treatment is being applied and that sores on exposed surfaces, such as scalp, hands and legs are properly covered with occlusive dressing."***

Please give me a call if you have any concerns with this or, if wanting medical confirmation, I'm sure our school nurse, Denise Watson, will be supportive of your request for information. Let me know if you wish to contact her.

Reminder – Stop Sign at end of driveway

It's your responsibility to observe this. Police will visit periodically and have indicated that notices will be served.

'Learning Neighbourhood' Project

The portable classrooms have gone and the site is cleared ready for the preliminary meetings. Tenders have closed and our builder will be known soon. Once this is finalized I will be meeting with the project manager, most likely in a couple of weeks.

School Pride Program

Project 1, of this program, our new front fence has been completed and looks great.

Project 2, the resurfacing of the front asphalt area with synthetic turf, is underway and will be completed next week.

Project 3, the refurbishment of our administration office is to a stage where tenders are being called from builders.

The \$150000 allocated to this program is allowing us to achieve some very positive school improvement works.

School Policy

This week I have attached the school's Property Security Policy for your reference.

Given the challenges of damage around our school over the past couple of weekends, the dissemination of this policy is probably timely.

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. *Lexi H, Jack Fd, Reilly H, William J, Connor P, Monica H, Rani M, Rylee E, Bridgit B, Skye R, Chloe H, Emily S, Elley Land Meg W.*

Attender Chicken

On Monday '**Attender Chicken**' will be presented to the class with the best attendance for the month of July. The June winners were **Grade 5/6 Hurford**. They only had four days of absence. I wonder if they can keep up this brilliant record. I do know that both **Miss Hurford's** class and **Mrs Wright's** class each have half a dozen children who have not missed a single day of school this year. Amazing good fortune.

Assembly Surprise

Come along on Monday morning to see one of our more athletic staff members perform a very impressive act of agility. We have managed to capture it on video and we will play it on the big screen.

815 Pickets

Yes that's how many pickets we have in our beautiful new front fence. Three of our children managed to count them and win a small prize. They were **Zoe R, Keisha B** and **Dylan R**. **Mrs Bev F**, one of our parents, won a polly waffle for her entry in the Parent's Section.

Some Thank-You's

I want to acknowledge the great work of one of our dads, Ashley D who has completed the construction of a fence around the hill above our main carpark. This fence will protect the flora growing in this area and eventually restore the screen between us and the highway. Apparently Ash's dad Rodger also assisted with this task. Ken Wellard of Neangar Nursery has very generously donated some trees for the schoolyard to replace some damaged ones and also to assist with Miss Hurford's class and their creative gardening project near the main asphalt at the front of the school. One of our aides, Mr Tim Attwater, has been able to involve some of our students in gardening work and the odd bit of landscaping. He is rapidly becoming the Kevin Hinze of Eaglehawk North Primary School.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS*Sporting Events:*

There was yet another successful sporting event last week with approximately 30 students heading off to the Schweppes Centre with Mr Gilligan and student teacher Jack Baker, to compete in the **Sideline Basketball** competition. There was apparently some tough competition, but our students displayed grit and determination to win a few games and have an enjoyable day out.

Projects:

Task 2 is due on **August 21st**. Children will continue to work on Task 2 in class, however some student's may also need to complete some work at home to ensure that it is completed by the due date.

Excursions:

The 5/6 Department headed off to Melbourne today to visit the Melbourne Museum and IMAX Theatre. We will also be visiting the **Bendigo Library** on **August 21st** as part of Book Week celebrations.

ENPS Class Gardens:

Mr Anderson would like to extend a huge thank you to **Terri Williams** for her help with the class garden. Terri not only supplied the plants required, but also worked

with a team of students to plant them and cover the area with mulch. The area is now looking great! Thanks Terri!

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 Rooke's** grades and **Tuesday 18th** August for **Mr Bortolot's** and **Miss Slattery's** grades. Permission forms should be returned as soon as possible. If your child is unable to attend this activity, please return the permission from indicating that your child won't be attending.

We still need parent helpers for both excursions. The Office should be contacted if you need to make special arrangements for the payment of this excursion.

Space Watch

We are having a **STAR NIGHT** in the near future when the Bendigo Astronomy Club will unlock some of the mysteries of our galaxy for us. We hope that it will be early in **September**, probably on a **Wednesday evening**. Please check the newsletter for details as they will be published as soon as details are confirmed.

SPACE 3/4 Slattery

WONDERINGS	AMAZING SPACE FACTS
Why isn't there air and as much gravity on the other planets? Jai	Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. Jaz
Why do the planets spin? Lachie	Mars is named after the Roman god of war. Tom
Why is the sun the centre of space? Amy	Jupiter has 40 moons that orbit the planet. Julia
When was the first rocket built? Jake	Earth is the only planet that has water on it. Emily
How were the planets made? Tyler	
Why haven't there been as many rockets going up into space? Liam	

Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

The **Prep/One** classrooms are buzzing with the excitement of **hatching chickens**. The students were able to observe the eggs hatching and are now eagerly watching the chicks grow by the day. We will be able to handle the chicks with supervision very soon. We have been learning about the egg cycle as part of the study theme for this term of pets and farm animals. The Living Eggs program will be followed by our prep excursion to **Animal Land Farm** at Diggers Rest in **September** where we will observe cow milking.

Grade One/Two students are fully immersed in studying zoo animals and also gaining some basic geography knowledge of where these animals originate from. They have been checking the **Melbourne Zoo Website** and downloading maps and planning their visit. Many students have been designing and making their own zoo enclosures for their favourite zoo animals in the form of dioramas.

We were very fortunate to receive a visit from **Kathy Walker** today who is the founder and developer of the **Australian Developmental Curriculum** on which our **KOOL Time** is based. Kathy came to discuss our progress in the implementation of this curriculum program and to continue to mentor the Prep/One/Two team teachers. More information on the outcome of this meeting will follow.

This is Wendy Cullen's last week acting on behalf of Cheryl Healey who will return from long service leave on Monday. The P/1/2 teaching team would like to thank Wendy very much for her hard work and enthusiasm over the past four weeks and look forward to working with her again in the future.

This week the prep literacy focus will be the word **'are'** and the letter **'u'**

Grade one students will be focusing on **'ch'** and **'sk'** endings.

Grade two's spelling focus will be **'ack, eck'** and the vowel combination of **'u-e'**.

Using Books to Stimulate your Child's Language.

Story Talk

Talking about what you read is another way to help children develop language and thinking skills. You don't need to plan the talk or expect an answer.

1. Read slowly and pause occasionally to think out loud about a story. You can speculate: "I wonder what's going to happen next!" Or ask a question: "Do you know what a palace is?" Or point out: "Look where the little mouse is now."

2. Answer you children's questions, and if you think they don't understand something, stop and ask them. Don't worry if you break into the flow of a story to make something clear.

3. Read the name of the book's author and illustrator and make sure your children understand what they do. Talking about stories helps children develop their vocabularies.

We hope you find the above hints useful. Have a great week and enjoy reading together.

Sophie, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

CANTEEN

Exciting new snacks from canteen next week! (Windows sales only)

*Watch out for the ants in the log!

*Jelly cups available

*Honey joys

*Yum Yum balls

*Mini quiches

and REAL fruit sticks.



Anita Pilling

Mother Hen

CHAPLAIN

Interesting Parenting Information:

In his book **The Optimistic Child** (1995) **Martin Seligman** speaks about the need to 'psychologically immunise children to prevent depression and encourage a sense of optimism and personal mastery. He argues that it is not enough to bolster children's self esteem by focussing on telling them how good they are. Children, he believes, need to achieve in order to feel good about themselves. They need to learn social and problem solving skills which will help them overcome the obstacles and failures that they will inevitably face.

Teachers and parents need to encourage the development of positive attitudes which young people can harness when times get tough. Understanding the way in which feelings change and how to develop a more positive and realistic approach when they encounter disappointment can greatly benefit a child's outlook on life. This term some of our students will be doing this work through the introduction of the Resilient Kids Program.

All families will know that one of our 'You Can Do It' keys is 'Resilience', something we are very keen to develop, with your help, in all of our children.

Wendy Kofoed

Chaplain

Eaglehawk Nth Primary School

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**.

Music Trivia Night

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

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.

Butterfly Badges- This is the last week to purchase a butterfly badge. They are **\$2.00** each and all monies go to the Deafness Foundation.

Lost

A pair of grey hand knitted gloves were misplaced. Please return to Mrs O'Hara when found.



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.

Please return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis



NETBALL DRAWS

Saturday August 8th

13 Under Section 6

Gld Square V E/H Nth Blue Crt 12 11am

11 Under Section 1

White/H Purple V E/H Nth Navy Crt 1 10am

11 Under Section 4

St Monicas Aqua V E/H Nth White Crt 12 9 am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

Court 8

Community News

1. ***CentaCare - Family Education Services*** have some courses available refer to flyers on main notice board or phone 5438 1339.
2. ***Family Fishing Day – Kennington***. Come and enjoy a family day out at Kennington Reservoir on Sunday 9th August 2009.
3. ***Kathy Walker “A Seamless Transition: Pre School To School”*** presentation on Thursday 4th August, 4pm to 6pm. Violet Street Primary, Bendigo. Ph 03 89855 1243 or www.kathywalker.com.au .
4. ***1st Eaglehawk Scout Group*** come and try night. No cost – No obligations, if you’re between 7 and 15 years of age come along for a fun filled night and find out what Scouts do these days. For more details contact Helen Downes on 5439 5407.

5. ***2009 Men’s Health Week*** Saturday 29th August – Saturday 5th September. Men’s Health “Who can Men can!”
6. ***Central Victorian Hockey*** will run a 6 week development program in Term 3 on Saturday mornings from July 25th to August 29th. Cost is \$22 which includes insurance. To register phone Kerri on 54493527.
7. ***‘Kicks4Chicks’*** Football Competition for 9-15 year old girls. August 3rd ends September 28th, Barnard Tennis Courts. Ph 0429 023 618 Chris Hain.

Attachment

1. Eaglehawk North Family Portrait Fundraiser