
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH 2009

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CALENDAR

Friday	February 20 th	Closing Date for School Council Nominations at 4pm
Friday	February 27 th	Closing Date for EMA applications Grade 1 Pizza Night Grade 2 Sleepover Grade 5/6 "Clean Up" Excursion to Lightning Hill
Wednesday	March 11 th	Prep Family Fun Night
Saturday	March 21 st	Dahlia and Arts Parade
Friday	April 3 rd	Last Day Term 1(2.30pm finish)

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students on their selection by their teachers as award winners for this week.

Please feel welcome to join our assembly on Monday when certificates will be presented. *Ava B, Fiona M, Connor C, Jay P, Brodie J, Luke M, Jai N, Corey H, Tenesha G, Gypsy M, Carly O'N, Elli W, Jorja E, Bradley Pand Tyler McM.*

Bushfire Appeal

Well done and a very big '**Thank You**' to students, teachers and parents for the magnificent effort with our 'Casual Dress Day' in aid of the Bushfire Appeal.

We raised the wonderful total of **\$1068** as our part in the contribution of all schools across the state. A great effort everyone!

Crossing the Drive-through – Safety Matter

We have quite a number of new families who may not be fully aware of the traffic routines in relation to drop off and pick up time.

I think our school community manages the congestion around the school, particularly at dismissal, very well and a great deal of tolerance and patience is generally displayed. Thank you for this.

As a safety measure, we ask that **EVERYONE** refrain from walking across the Drive Through Lane to and from the car park during the peak times of 8.20am-9.00am and 3.25pm – 3.45pm. Outside of these times it is not an issue providing commonsense continues to be used. We cannot make you comply but your support with this request will aid our safety endeavours and will be very much appreciated. We also request that drivers please observe the STOP sign when leaving the drive through to allow students to cross safely.

School Council Elections

A reminder that nominations for our new School Council close **tomorrow afternoon at 4.00pm.** Last week's newsletter detailed the number of positions available. Nomination forms may be obtained from the ladies in our general office. Please give consideration to this if you are at all interested in how our school operates and have an interest in its management.

Biketrack Operations

Mr. Morton has previously notified parents of the need for students to have a permission note signed and returned to school if they wish to use the bike track during lunch times. These forms are available from the general office. I will endeavour to supervise the use of the bike track in Mr. Morton's absence during Term 1. This will be done as time permits me during the lunch breaks.

New Language Centre

I have been provided with information on the opening of a new languages centre in Bendigo. Details are listed below. If interested, please make contact as detailed below. Do not contact ENPS.

Opening Term 1: 2009 - A new VSL Language Centre

When? Tuesdays 4.30-7.00pm

What languages?*

Chinese (Mandarin) Years 1-12

German Years 1-12

Italian Years 1-12

Karen Years 1-10

Spanish Years 1-12

*Languages and year levels offered are subject to student demand.

CONTACT PERSON for 'expressions of interest':

Mr See Tuang Tan

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Email: tan.see.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Garden Beds Management

Your child may soon speak with you about becoming involved in a classroom project on maintaining a designated garden area within our school grounds. The drought, and some playtime wear and tear, has really had an effect on many of our gardens and this is a way of trying to bring our school back to the wonderful standard of years past. If you have an interest in this area, and the time to spare, I encourage you to become involved. Children always love to see their parents directly involved in school activities.

Policy sharing

This week's policy for your consideration is our Homework Policy.

Please thoroughly read the policy and contact me if you have any concerns on it's content.

If there are issues surrounding your child's homework, these should be directed to your child's teacher in the first instance.

All of our policies are located on the school website if you have need for future reference.

www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

Ron Payne

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Homework: Students should have completed for tomorrow their times tables booklet (3 & 7's), 3 nights of reading and the English A – Z thinkers key activity. Those students that do not hand in their homework on Friday will be in the Homework Club during Monday lunchtime recess.

The Parent Information Session was held last night and was a huge success. Thank you to all families who attended and we hope you enjoyed the evening getting

to know about your child's grade, expectations and the teacher.

We extend a huge thank you to Derek Filo who spoke to the students and parents, those *students* who presented on the evening, ***Cameron and Bev Frank*** for their kind donation of bread for the BBQ and ***Mr Payne, Mrs Forrest and Mrs O'Hara*** for helping with the BBQ.

The students showed the YCDI attributes to be able to speak in front of an audience. Well Done.

Hobbies and Clubs: If any parents, friends and grandparents have a special talent or would like to run an activity with a small group of students for these sessions it would be greatly appreciated. Please discuss this with your child's teacher. Thank you to the five parents who have already offered their assistance.

Excursion: Clean Up Australia Day. This year the 5/6PLT will participate in the *'Clean Up Australia'* campaign and will be cleaning up the Lightning Hill area on *Friday 27th of February*. Could students please return their notices by *Wednesday the 25th February*. Any parents wishing to participate are most welcome and should contact their class teacher. Could all students please bring along a plastic bag and a pair of disposable gloves.

Guess the number of Jellybeans

One of the students in Mrs Madden's grade has kindly donated a lolly jar filled with jelly beans to be used to raise money for the Red Cross Fire Appeal. The jar will be coming around to all classrooms in the coming week so that students who wish to participate in this activity may have an opportunity to do so. The cost of a guess will be 50 cents. The winner will receive the jar of jellybeans and there will be a 2nd and 3rd prize. Thank you to Colin and Cheryl Dix for their kind donation.



Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Thank you to the families who were able to attend the Information Session. We hope that you have gained a deeper understanding of the learning programs that the students will be involved in this year.

Most students returned their homework tasks on Monday. Well done. Some were a little anxious to complete the tasks quickly and had them returned on Tuesday. However remember that the reading log is an important part of the task and this should be kept up until Thursday.

Students have been given their first investigation for the term. The theme is *"seasons"* and students are able to choose from activities grouped according to their different learning styles. They have also been given an assessment rubric so that they are aware of what is expected of them if they want to achieve top marks. The tasks are to be completed at school but they are encouraged to research ideas from home.

Rotations have continued this week. The value being investigated this week in social competencies is *"caring"*. Caring is paying attention to the things that matter to you. We looked at things that are healthy and

those that are not healthy and the influence that the media have in trying to sell a product.

Miss Rookes in her environmental science will be looking at waste. In an effort to reduce waste, the school is continuing to recycle paper waste. In each class a student is responsible for monitoring our recycling bins to ensure that students are recycling the correct materials and for emptying the bins when needed. Senior classes are also assigned the responsibility of monitoring a junior class's recycling.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Labelling- please label all items of clothing so they don't end up in our Lost Property cupboard!

Bedtime Routines- young children need 10-12 hours sleep per day !! Please ensure your child gets sufficient, uninterrupted sleep so they can be effective listeners and learners in a busy 6 ½ hour school day.

Also minimise extra-curricular activities during the school week if your child is becoming too tired.

Parent Helpers- with class timetables established, it's wonderful to see so many parents willing to be involved in our many class programs. Parents can also assist at home with other jobs such as typing stories, mending readers etc.

We currently have a number of readers which do require mending. Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to assist.

Canteen Money- please ensure all money for the canteen is in a purse, wallet or envelope and given to the class teacher.

Peer Mediators – well done to the Grade 6 Peer Mediators who have taken on the role of assisting Junior children with peer problem-solving. These wonderful role models are giving up their lunchtimes and we certainly appreciate their help.

Premiers Reading Challenge – please complete these permission forms so that your child can be part of this excellent class based Literacy event.

PREP

Parent Information Night- TONIGHT from 6pm to 7.30 pm in the Library. We hope you will join us this evening!! Important information about our school and class programs will be presented.

Baby sitting is available and a scrumptious supper also.

Prep Literacy Focus- next week's letter is *"s"* and high frequency word is *"to."*

Prep Family Fun Night- please mark **Wednesday 11th March** on your calendar. Please watch for a flyer outlining this special event in the coming weeks.

GRADE ONE & TWO

Goal- Setting Interviews- Thank you for the wonderful attendance to our Getting to Know You/ Goal Setting Interviews this week. Individual goals have been set for all children and copies of these term goals will be at school and also have been sent home.

Spelling Homework-we are pleased that parents and children are starting to establish their spelling homework routines. Remember that all homework books should remain in the blue reading folder so they are accessible for school and home practice each night. Good luck with your spelling tests tomorrow !

Grade 1 Literacy Focus- next week's consonant blend will be "sl ". Short " a" endings were introduced last week and continue to remain a focus for this week eg *at,an, am* and *ag*.

Grade 2 Literacy Focus- the past two weeks grade 2 have been revising all "l" blends eg *bl,sl* and "r" blends eg. *br, tr*, also short vowel sounds "a" and "e." This week our spelling focus is on "s" blends, *sc* and *sn* and the short "o" vowel sound.

Grade One Pizza and Disco Night/Grade Two Sleep Over- Friday 27th February. Please read these forms carefully and complete and return permission and parent helper slips by **Monday 23rd February**.

These special nights are part of our Camps Program and are very beneficial in developing independence and confidence. The children are already showing great excitement about these upcoming events.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

YCDI AWARDS

Amber S-S, Shaleah G, Katelyn S, Isabella M, Evan S, Nathan Ds, Amy H, Rylee E, Joshua B, Seth G, Nathan B, Callum V, Nick C, Jordan T and Robyn P.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's reading Challenge is starting up again for the year. You will notice the books in the library with the yellow or green spine sticker's are for the Premier's Reading Challenge. I hope everyone enjoys all the different books for the challenge.

Reading can take you anywhere!

Liz Davis



THE VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2009

Students will be bringing home permission slips to participate in this reading challenge. Please sign and return as soon as possible as the registration process can be very time consuming.

A copy of the Premier's letter to parents has been attached to this newsletter for your reference.

This challenge promotes the reading of quality literature and the students will be actively supported by their classroom teachers to complete the challenge successfully. We hope to see the majority of students participating.

If you have any queries relating to the challenge contact me or your classroom teacher.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Tina Fitzpatrick.

VPRC Cordinator.



VISUAL ARTS

All grades are enjoying Painting in the Art/Craft room. Senior students are studying famous Australian landscape painters, exploring a variety of techniques and approaches and creating a landscape in that style. Junior grades are working on imaginative paintings around the Fairy Tale/Nursery Rhyme theme and works about ME.

Thank you to all those who contribute reusable items; they assist the Arts budget enormously.

On Saturday 21st March our school will be entering in the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival Street procession. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and its supportive community. The theme this year is '***Eaglehawk, It's Magic***' and we are asking students to dress up in something ***MAGICAL...*** characters, magicians, wizards' rabbits in hats' or whatever your imagination brings to mind!!! and to accompany our Big Eaglehawk/ Bird in the procession. Each grade will prepare a banner representing the ***MAGIC*** of their grade, our school and the Eaglehawk community. Parents are welcome to join the walking group and assist in preparing our entry. If you would like to help please let us know.

MUSIC

We are off to a great start with the School Choir and Recorder Band with lots of budding choristers and musicians in attendance. Support your music student by listening to their efforts and encouraging regular practice.

Linda Broun, our visiting piano teacher has some spare spots if you would like to enrol your student in individual lessons at school. See me or the office for more details.

*Keep Creating
Sue and Bekki*

**SPORTS NEWS****Jump Rope For Heart**

Thank you to all those students who made an effort to try out for the team. We have so many interested people that we have two demo teams and a junior squad. Trainings will be on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. The "A" team will be heading to Melbourne next week for training. Could all students please make sure notes are returned.

Golden City Netball

Notes are ready to go out for Eaglehawk North Netball teams. All those interested in joining the teams need to see Mr Gilligan for a note. If there are any parents who are interested in helping our teams over the season, can they also come in for a chat.

Swimming Sports

The Regional Swimming Sports are coming up. I would ask that only students who are very strong and competitive swimmers attend. A signed note is required.

Brett Gilligan

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Just a reminder that healthy snack foods are available over the counter and in lunch orders. These include items such as strawberries, carrot and cucumber sticks. Please note it would be appreciated if lunch order bags are not stapled.

Anita Pilling

PEER MEDIATION

Last Friday 24 grade 6 children were trained in Peer Mediation. Throughout the day they were involved in role plays and discussion about how to solve problems out in the yard. Students will patrol the front of the school interacting with the junior children, helping to solve any problems that might occur. Any difficult issues will still be referred to the yard duty teacher, however the students have shown the ability to listen carefully and create a win win solution for all involved. The Peer Mediators have already been busy but have enjoyed their role.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you are eligible for EMA and *haven't* completed an application please call into the office with your Health Care Card by **Friday February 27th**.
Late applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria:

- *Centrelink Pension Card as at January 28th 2009.*

Ricky and Katrina

UNIFORM SHOP-SHOES

Dear Parents,

We have had some new school shoes donated to the school in various sizes. If you would like to have a browse and perhaps try them on, Please come to the Uniform shop on Monday 23rd at 3.30 pm.

Many Thanks

Wendy Kofloed

Chaplain

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our school has a very successful Walking School Bus. *Thanks to our volunteers* Jody A, Tim A, Rebecca D, Sara H, Suzy McG and Nicole R who are committed to this wonderful program as "*drivers*" and "*conductors*". These parents continue to guide the Walking School Bus safely to school. Their efforts whether big or small are important to the success of encouraging children to be active and involved in their school community.

Volunteers are valuable and if you are considering getting on board contact Suzy McGregor (parent volunteer) for details of how to get involved.

1. **White Hills Junior Football Club** will hold their Registration Day on Sunday February 22nd at the clubrooms in Scott St White Hills from 10am to 12pm. Phone Helen on 54483404 or contact the office for more details.
2. **Crime Scene Discovery Challenge** will be held at the Discovery Centre on Saturday February 28th from 10am to 4pm. Phone 54444400 for more information.
3. **Golden City Soccer Club Registration Day** will be held on Saturday February 28th. Phone Nicole on 54353542 for more details.
4. **After School Tutoring and Homework Help** is available at the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre at 2 Humboldt Drive. Phone Michael on 0413116096.
5. **BOLD(Learning Difficulties Support Group)** will hold a morning tea on Friday February 27th at the Hill Top Café (old Gravel Hill P.S. site) from 10.30am. Phone Judy on 0408312027.
6. **Bendigo Sustainability Group Family Fun Day** will be held this Saturday February 21st at Lake Weeroona from 11am to 2pm. Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy. See flyer on main noticeboard.
7. **Bushfire Benefit Concert** organised by the Bendigo Youth Choir will be held at the Capital Theatre on Sunday February 22nd from 1pm. A variety of artists have donated their time and entry is by donation. See flyer on main noticeboard.
8. **View Street Open Day** will be held on Saturday February 28th. Come along, wear something red and join in the community parade. Orchestra Victoria will also have a free concert in Rosalind Park. Phone 54270124 for more information.
9. **CentaCare Family Newsletter** is available from the office foyer.
10. **Child Eczema Management Study** is being conducted by Amy Mitchell from Queensland University School of Nursing. An online survey can be completed at www.quteczemastudy.com or phone 07 31383856.