
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH 2009

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CALENDAR

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 Tickets for Easter Raffle sent home to families
Friday	March 13 th	Farewell for Mandy Costello from 3.45pm to 4.15pm
Friday	March 20 th	Harmony Day
Saturday	March 21 st	Dahlia and Arts Parade
Friday	March 27 th	Return of Easter Raffle tickets
Wednesday	April 1 st	Easter Raffle(s) drawn
Friday	April 3 rd	Last Day Term 1(2.30pm finish)
Monday	April 20 th	Term Two starts

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. *Connor F, Liam A, Connor Dennis, Jessica P, Connor P, Madison H, Ella R, Liam D, Erin V, Shanae J, Corey P, Austin H, Harrison M, Jackson G, Tom N and Deanna J.*

Education Tax Refund

Included with your newsletter this week is information forwarded to us in relation to the new Education Tax Refund. This will apply to many of our families and the information provided is included to support your claims. Should further information be required on this matter, support contact details are included at the bottom of the page.

School Council Elections

At the close of nominations for appointment to our school council the number of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies.

I am therefore very pleased to be able to declare the following parents and staff members elected to our council for the next two year period.

Parent Member Category = Laurence H, Robert T, Elizabeth N, Elizabeth D

DEECD Employee Category = Sharna H, Anthony B

My sincere congratulations and appreciation to these people for their willingness to contribute to our school as councillors.

Those leaving school council will be acknowledged after attending their final meeting at our Annual General Meeting on 24th March.

Policy sharing

This week's policy for your consideration is our 'Communication with the School Community' policy. Contact me if you have any concerns relating to this policy. 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 (4 & 8's), 3 nights of reading, the English Brainstorming key activity and Project Task 3 & 4. Please keep supporting your child in these demands. *We are aware that it may take some time for Grade 5's to adjust to the increased work requirements but persisting with these tasks will improve their organisation skills and work ethic in later life. Those students that do not hand in their homework on Friday will be in the Homework Club during Monday lunchtime recess.*

Hobbies and Clubs-If any parents/ friends/ 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.

For students involved in groups such as Community Activities, Cooking, Sewing/Embroidery and Scrapbooking any associated costs will be covered by the Excursion Levy paid by families at the start of the year. For those families who opted not to pay the levy, a note will be sent home with your child indicating how much money is required for your child to be involved.

Excursion – The '**Clean Up Australia Day**' excursion is tomorrow. Any parents wishing to participate are most welcome and should be at school by **9.00am**. Could all students please bring along a plastic bag and a pair of disposable gloves.

Premiers Reading Challenge – Please return your notes as soon as possible.

The Otesha Cycling Group visited the 5/6 department and gave a performance about economic and environmental sustainability. They provided the students with excellent practical suggestions that could be implemented at home and at school. They also conducted workshops with the students.

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge- The enrolment forms have been sent home this week. If your child would like to attempt this year's challenge please return the form as soon as possible. It supports their reading program with some great incentives.

Thanks to families for their support with the homework program. We have been amazed at the quality of work some students are presenting. Keep up the great work.

Rotations have continued this week. The value being investigated this week in social competencies is "**cleanliness**": means keeping your body clean. We looked at how we stay clean and the problems associated with not being clean.

Friday is keep Australia Beautiful Day and all grades will be involved in a clean up around the school. We would appreciate the donation of plastic bags to assist with this process. Students could also bring old tongs to help with litter collection. (please make sure that they are named if you want them back).

Each grade has been allocated an area of the playground to maintain. If parents are able to assist with the garden maintenance program, we would appreciate hearing from you.

The School is looking at participating in the Dahlia and Arts Festival. The students have been asked to come up with some poster concepts around the theme "**magic**".

Keep watching this space for information about "**Harmony Day**" which will be celebrated by the whole school on **20th March**.

Students must have art smocks for their art lessons and must have their computer permissions returned to be able to use the computers.

We would also like to thank all the parents who attended the Information Evening. It was a fantastic turn out and was a testament to the support of our community coming together. What a great year this will be!

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Punctuality- it's imperative that children are at school before 9.00am to ensure they are settled for the morning program. On a number of mornings, classes are either at Specialist subjects or PMP/ Fun Fitness, so if your child is late they can be quite upset when their class is not in the room.

Parent Helpers- Thank you to the many parents who have offered to help with food preparations for the Grade 1/2 "**Camps Activity**" night on Friday. Please watch for your note with allocated jobs tonight.

Also thank you to parents who have been in the class room today helping the children prepare some yummy treats for the Grade 2 Supper. A very special thank you to one of our dads, Richard Holmberg, for making a fantastic wooden puppet theatre for our KOOLtime learning. It's a very professional job and colour co-ordinated in purple to match our classrooms. The children are having a wonderful time making puppets and presenting their plays to class.

Premiers Reading Challenge - Keep those notes rolling in so all children can be involved.

PREP

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

GRADE ONE & TWO

Grade 1 Literacy Focus- this week's blend is "**pl**" and rime endings are "**in**" and "**ig**".

Grade 2 Literacy focus- this week's focus is "**sw**" and "**tw**" and the vowel focus is the short "**i**" sound *eg it*.

Grade One Pizza and Disco Night- Children need to be picked up on time as teachers will need to get organised for their second shift for the Grade 2 sleepover.

Grade Two Sleep Over tomorrow night -please ensure all forms are returned by tomorrow. Asthma plans must be included with permission slips.

All Grade 1 and 2s have had a meeting today to discuss appropriate behaviour and expectations. Please ensure that all children have an early night tonight.

We're looking forward to a fantastic fun-filled night!!

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

YCDI AWARDS

Connor W, Ashlyn H, Meleah C, Kayleigh B, Boe N-D, Corey R, Jackson H, Cameron S, Michaela P, Saxen M, Annabel B, Caitlyn S, Hayden T, Chelsea B, Jade M and Sarah G.

'FAREWELL TO MANDY COSTELLO'

On Friday March 13th we are organising a farewell to Mandy Costello who left our school to take up an Assistant Principal position at Comet Hill PS. Mandy has worked at ENPS for several years and in that time she has contributed in so many ways to our students, staff and school community. Her boundless energy, drive and friendship have been valued by so many. **Parents are invited to say farewell at 3.45pm to 4.15pm** and staff will continue with the more formal acknowledgement and presentation. It will be held in the Staffroom and refreshments will be available. Mark your diaries if you would like to say thank you and farewell to a former, wonderful staff member of ENPS.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

I hope everyone is enjoying their library books that they are taking home. I will be sending out overdue notices on Friday so please make sure you bring your library books back.

If anyone would like to help with covering or putting books away please come and see me.

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.

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.

**SPORTS NEWS**

Just a reminder that netball notes and deposit must be handed in by **Thursday March 5th**.

Brett Gilligan



ARTS

How are the **MAGICAL** costumes and ideas coming along for the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Street procession to be held on **Saturday March 21st**.

All students are getting enthusiastic and activities in the Art/Craft room will focus on this community event over the coming few weeks.

MUSIC

Our Recorder Band is making their debut performance on Monday at Assembly, after only 2 weeks of tuition! They are keen, great learners!

*Keep Creating,
Sue and Bekki*

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 **tomorrow Friday February 27th**. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

Eligibility Criteria:

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

Ricky and Katrina

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

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

- they live more than 4.8km radial distance from the nearest school
- they live more than 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 **March 4th 2009**.

Please contact Ricky or Katrina if you need more clarification.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

It's in our school, it's successful and it's more than just walking.

This week 17 students participated along with our parent volunteers.

The Walking School Bus group enjoyed it's walk to school, not only did they benefit from the exercise, the social interaction along the way is a great way to start the school day.

If there are any parents within our school wishing to volunteer or help out with the Walking School Bus Program please contact Suzy McGregor or leave your details at the office.

A big thank you to Anita and Michaela Pilling and Elley Lawton for organising the Milo for all the walkers every week....it is much appreciated.



EASTER RAFFLE

It's nearly that time of year again.

We will again hold our Easter Raffle.

Tickets will be sent home to each family on Wednesday March 11th to be returned by Friday March 27th. The raffle(s) will then be drawn on Wednesday April 1st. During March we will call for donations of Easter eggs.
Fundraising Committee

Community News

1. ***Crime Scene Discovery Challenge*** will be held at the Discovery Centre on Saturday February 28th from 10am to 4pm. Phone 54444400 for more information.
2. ***Golden City Soccer Club Registration Day*** will be held on Saturday February 28th. Phone Nicole on 54353542 for more details.
3. ***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.
4. ***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.
5. ***Kids Cooking Classes*** will be held in the April school holidays at the Schweppes Centre. See flyer on main noticeboard or book on 54406246. Brochures are also available from the office foyer.
6. ***The Bendigo Regional YMCA*** will commence bookings for the holiday program next week. Bookings will be taken at B Central in Mundy St. Phone 54418200 or go online to www.bendigo.ymca.org.au to view the brochure from March 2nd. Printed brochures will be available from the school office foyer by March 10th.
7. ***Huge Baby and Kids Sale*** will be held at YMCA Stadium 45 Mundy St on Saturday May 2nd from 9am

to 1pm. Book your stall now. Prices start from \$20.
Phone Kate on 54445667.

8. ***Bush Fire Bombers Football Match*** will be held on Monday March 9th at the QEO from 4pm. Any child aged 10-12 years that lives in the fire affected community is eligible to play in the game which will include some senior players from the Essendon Football Club. Entry is adults \$10, U14 free.