
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY JULY 16TH 2009

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CALENDAR

Friday	July 17 th	Chocolate Drive Boxes To Go Home With Eldest Student In each Family
Wednesday	July 22 nd	Prep Information Evening
Thursday	July 23 rd	Music Is Fun-School Incursion
Monday	August 3 rd	Closing date for EMA Applications (new applicants)
Thursday	August 6 th	Mother/Daughter Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday	August 6 th	5/6 Melbourne Museum and IMAX
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
Tuesday	August 18 th	3/4 Melbourne Soundhouse Excursion
Thursday	August 20 th	Father/Son Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the group of students listed below who will be the first to receive awards for this term. I look forward to our assembly on Monday to present these. Please feel welcome to join us.

Georgia Hl, Rebeka G, Meaeah C, Josh P, Tahlia A, Ella R, Bradyn Mc G, Lauren B, Emily G, Hayley B, Jayden K, Callum V, Shailee B and Jackson S.

Staff Achievements

Our staff continue to do innovative work in an endeavour to provide the best to our children.

Over the holiday break Anthony Bortolot presented at the annual Literacy Educators conference which was held in Hobart. This follows on from his presentation last year in Adelaide.

Tomorrow Jason O'Neill will travel to Melbourne to present on his research work using Nintendos to promote thinking and maths skills with students in his class.

Congratulations to both teachers. It's wonderful to be leading a school that has teachers willing to stretch themselves in the interests of providing a stimulating education to the children.

Welcome Sophie and Wendy

Special welcomes this week to Sophie Morrow who has received an ongoing appointment within our school and Wendy Cullen who has joined us on a short term contract.

Sophie is teaching a Prep/1 class and Wendy has a four week period with grades 1/2 replacing Cheryl Healey who is on Long Service Leave.

Student Led Conference Opportunity

Late last term we undertook the annual Student-Parent-Teacher conferencing program associated with our mid-year reports. A number of families were unable to attend on the designated day and I am keen for all families to have had the opportunity for sharing of this important time.

Next week teachers have been released from any meeting commitments and so, opportunity exists for them to spend time after school with you on the conferences. If you wish to support your child with this program, please make direct contact with your child's teacher to make an agreeable time.

New Fence

I'm sure that this new addition to our environment has been received positively and reinforces our ongoing endeavours to provide an outstanding school for our community. This project is part of the \$150,000 of the recent Federal Government grant we received for facilities improvement.

In a couple of week's time we will have the front asphalt area resurfaced with synthetic turf. Again, I'm sure this will further improve the play space available for the children's use, hopefully reducing some of the scrapes and bumps.

New 'Learning Neighbourhood' Project

The physical works for our new \$3million project has started. Over the next week some staff will be busy relocating classes and equipment in preparation for two of our buildings to be removed. This will enable the site for our new Learning Neighbourhood to be ready for building works to start. This work is scheduled for early in August.

With a project such as this there is potential for disruption and stresses that impact on people across the school. We will endeavour to keep things as "**normal**" as possible but please understand there may be times when classes or programs are compromised by the work to be undertaken. Your support and understanding with this will be appreciated.

Smoke Free School

All staff, parents and visitors to our school are advised that as from 1 July 2009 smoking on all Victorian government school premises is prohibited.

Previously there had been some variations on the ban on smoking however this now extends to all areas of the school, including car parks, and takes in both during and out of school hours.

Please note that these are not local arrangements, but reforms invoked by government. Your support in ensuring that these laws are observed will minimize any need for uncomfortable contact on this matter.

School Policy

This week I have attached the school's Social Service Policy for your reference.

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. ***P/I M, Imogen O'N, Reilly H, Sharni B, Jaydan L, Adam E, Liam D, Michaela P, Brayden M, Cleo L, Harvey H, Bryce C-F, Braydon L, James B and Jade W.***

No Walking School Bus on Wednesdays

Normally our Walking School Bus operates two days per week however we have made a decision to only walk on Fridays this term. Partly because of the weather and partly because of availability of volunteers. If you live on the route and are willing to be one of our '**drivers**' or '**conductors**' please contact me as soon as you are able to and I will arrange for you to attend a training session. We love our Walking School Bus and want it to keep on walking.

Garden Beds

All classes have a garden area that they are responsible for. Children have been enthusiastically spreading mulch and pulling our weeds and even putting decorative rocks in place. We may feature some of their beautiful garden creations at assembly on Monday.

'Attender Chicken'

Mrs Healey's children were very excited to learn that they had won the award for best attendance in May with only three days of absence! Attender Chicken is perched proudly in their classroom but he will fly out of there on Monday when the June winner is announced unless they manage to win him again.

You Can Do It

Our focus for Term 3 will be '**Getting Along**' and YCDI Award winners will be children who display the key habits of being tolerant of others, thinking first, playing by the rules and social responsibility.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Welcome back to all families of 5/6 students, we hope that you kept warm and had a relaxing holiday break!

Students will again have weekly homework tasks due each **Friday**. The tasks are based around 3 nights of reading (updated in their weekly Home Reading Record) and a Maths component in their Maths Homework Book. Projects will be completed in class, however some work may be required at home if students are not up to date. Students will begin working on their *'Flight'* projects this week or early next week and will be required to complete a minimum of three activities. Due dates are as follows; **Task 1-31st July, Task 2-August 21st, and Task 3-September 11th**. Some students may even like to complete extra tasks for bonus points!

We will be venturing to Melbourne for our major excursion on Thursday August 6th. We will be visiting the **Melbourne Museum** and **IMAX** for activities related to last term's unit *'Environmental Disasters'*.

There are a number of sporting activities coming up this term including; football, netball, basketball (regular and sideline) as well as athletics. Permission forms will be sent home with students prior to the event. Forms and any relevant monies associated with the activity will need to be returned to the Office.

By mid-year, students are often running low on stationery items like grey-leads, red and blue pens, glue sticks, erasers, coloured pencils and other miscellaneous items. It would be greatly appreciated if families could ensure that their child is *'re-stock'* with the necessary items ready to get stuck into the second half of the year.

With the colder months upon us, it is important for students to ensure that they are coming to school appropriately dressed in warm navy blue or light blue clothing.

Thanks,
Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

We hope that everyone had a restful holiday as we are looking forward to another eventful semester's learning. Term 3 is the winter term. Students should have warm clothing for their outside activities. Please check that jumpers and jackets are named as they are often taken off in the classroom.

We appreciate any time that parents can give to support the students' learning. A timetable has been posted inside the classroom doors where parents can indicate when they can assist the students. Please add your name if you are able to assist. Please note that all visitors to

the classrooms must sign in at the office and collect a visitors tag before coming into the rooms.

To broaden the learning program this term, the students will be involved in rotation programs for maths and literacy. In maths, Mr Brown will be teaching measurement, Mr Bortolot *shapes* and *space*, Miss Slattery *addition* and *subtraction* and Miss Rookes *multiplication* and *division*.

In literacy, Mr Brown will be teaching spelling and word study, Mr Bortolot comprehension, Miss Slattery literacy engagement and Miss Rookes creative writing. Our integrated studies theme this term is *Space*. The children have already shown a lot of interest and knowledge in the topic. Students are encouraged to bring books on the topic from home. Please make sure that they are named. As this is the international year of Astronomy there has been and will be a lot of information in the media that the students can collect and use in their studies.

As you will be aware, Mr Bortolot and Miss Rookes have had a room shift. Miss Rookes has moved to room 15 and Mr Bortolot to room 5. Please assist your child in settling into these rooms so that we can quickly establish our routine.

Thankyou
Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Welcome back to term 3! The children seem well rested and ready to learn in what promises to be another eventful term.

It has been great to see how well our new team member, Sophie Morrow, has taken on her new role. She has put a lot of work into getting prepared and setting up her new classroom and the children have shown her what a friendly, supportive place ENPS is.

With the recent wet weather, some children have brought slippers to school to wear inside the classroom when they take their shoes off. It would also be a good idea to put a spare pair of pants in the bottom of the school bag, especially if your child is a fan of the sand pit or a keen football player.

The Prep teachers have been very busy preparing for the Prep Information night next Wednesday July 22nd 7.00-8.00. It will be an informative night and also a chance to meet some of the parents who will be new to our school next year (there will also be a nice supper!)

Literacy Focus for next week

PREP–GRADE ONE – “sw” beginning blends and “nt” endings

GRADE TWO – “oa” words such as boat and “th” endings

Sophie, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

FUNDRAISING

On tomorrow **Friday 17th** the chocolates will be going home with the eldest family member. They will contain 50 bars which are sold for **\$1.20 each/\$60.00 per box**. Money will need to be returned by **Friday 14th August**. There will be some fantastic prizes to be confirmed.

We are also having Advanced Life Photography coming to our school on **Saturday 15th August**. Please see **Anita Pilling** if you are interested in having a family portrait taken. **A great gift idea for father’s day.**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

I hope everyone has had a great holiday break and are ready for another Term.

For Book Week this term we are running a colouring competition so please come and grab your sheet from the library. We have some nice prizes to be won.

We will also have Adam Wallace visiting our school on Book Week. I can’t wait to see what our students do this time.

‘Reading can take you anywhere’
Liz Davis

**THE ARTS****Visual Arts**

A **BIG** welcome back after the holiday break. As usual the term ahead promises to be action packed and full of exciting challenges! In the Art/Craft room students will be working with threads and textiles for the first few weeks. They will be weaving, plaiting, stitching, winding wool, dyeing, painting on fabric and creating mixed media masterpieces!

Music

Next Thursday afternoon, all classes will be attending the **Music Is Fun** incursion in the Multi-purpose room at school. Many students have special roles in this performance and it promises to be a fun filled and interactive Arts experience for **EVERYONE!** The **School Choir** is preparing for a visit to Amity to

entertain the residents and the Recorder Band will play at Monday’s assembly.

Keep Creating,
Sue O’Hara and Bekki Probert

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The 2nd instalment of EMA will be paid during Term 3. Please let us know at the office by **Monday August 3rd** if your situation has changed regarding eligibility for a Health Care card.

- If you received EMA and your Health Care card is current as at **July 13th** no action is required.
- If you received the 1st instalment of EMA and your Health Care Card has been cancelled or expired please contact the office.
- If you are a new parent to the school and you have a Health Care Card dated from **July 13th** please contact the office to complete an application.
- If you weren’t eligible for the 1st instalment but now have a Health Care card please contact the office.

Ricky & Katrina

Junior School Council News

Next week JSC representatives will be selling Butterfly Badges as a fundraiser to help raise money and support the Deafness Foundation. The badges will be \$2.00 each.

UNIFORMS

Our uniform shop will now be closed on Wednesday’s.

We would like to encourage parents to please make sure all uniform items are labelled clearly. Due to limited space the lost property cupboard will be cleared at the end of every month.

BENDIGO BRAVES BASKETBALL

We have tickets available at the office for **Complementary Child Pass** and some **Adult Pass’s** to tomorrow night’s basketball game. If you are interested parent’s can collect them or send a letter to the office.



NETBALL DRAWS

Saturday July 18th

13 Under Section 6

Violet St. A. V E/H Nth Blue Crt 3 9am

11 Under Section 1

St. Monicas V E/H Nth Navy Crt 8 9am

11 Under Section 4

Girton Blue V E/H Nth White Crt 8 10am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

Court 5

Community News

1. **Loddon Campaspe Inter-School Gymkhana** will be held on July 25th & 26th at the Prince of Wales Showground. For further details phone 54432133.
2. **BOLD Learning Difficulties Support Group** will hold their next morning tea on Friday June 26th at the Hill Top Café in the Salvation Army complex in Mundy St from 10.30am. Phone Judy on 0408312027.
3. **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.
4. **Tutoring available for all subjects.** Meagan is available for tutoring please call Ph: 5444 7925 M.Pattison@Latrobe.edu.au \$20.00 - \$25.00 per hour.
5. **Bendigo Regional YMCA Gymnastics Program** contact YMCA booking office on 5447 1444.

6. **ACTIVE8 Drama Group** Ages 10 – 100, Come for a great time! Tuesdays 3.30pm “Our Place” 30 High Street Eaglehawk.
7. **CentaCare - Family Education Services** have some course’s available refer to flyers on main notice board or phone 5438 1339.
8. **Free Community Breakfast** Friday 17th July 7.30am-8.30am to be held at ‘Our Place’ the Community Assistance Centre. **All Welcome!**
9. **“My Best Friend’s Wardrobe”** Thursday July 30th. Check in at 7.30pm to start at 8.00pm, St. Andrew’s Hall, Myer’s Street.
10. **Family Fishing Day – Kennington.** Come and enjoy a family day out at Kennington Reservoir on Sunday 9th August 2009.

Attachments

1. Kelly Sports Wicked Winter Sports Program
2. Advanced Life Photography Fundraiser