


Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY JULY 23rd 2009

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CALENDAR

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 Excursion
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
Saturday	August 22 nd – 28 th	Book Week
Friday	August 21 st	5/6 Bendigo Library Excursion
Tuesday	September 1 st	Preps Animal Land Excursion
Wednesday	September 2 rd	District Sports
Wednesday	September 2 rd	1/2Melbourne Zoo Excursion

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. *Ebony L, Bailey E, Tyler H, Andrew M, Olivia C, Connor G, Emily H, Liam P, Jordan A, Logan W, Alyssa G, Aimee C, Janae S, Tymika P and Robyn P.*

Well Done Jason

Last Friday I was privileged to accompany Jason O'Neill to Melbourne where he was one of about 18 educators to present at a statewide celebration on their research into the use of hand held learning technologies. There are some wonderfully innovative trials being held around the state and Jason did a magnificent job of presenting the finding of his research. I am hopeful of supporting Jason in further extending his work across our school to support students in the use of technologies to improve their basic number skills.

Congratulations on this fine work Jason.

Swine Flu

Recent months have seen a range of information provided on the management of this subject and it no longer holds the degree of concern as initially forecast. During the current season for colds and flu however, people still need to be vigilant about general health.

This week I have been informed by parents of one *confirmed* and one *suspected* case of this flu with their children.

Please note there is no cause for alarm as the current advice to the community is to treat this in the same manner as any other form of flu. It is recommended practice that if high temperatures are experienced the child should be kept home until this abates and if you have serious concern about general wellness, you should seek your doctor's advice.

'Learning Neighbourhood' Project

We have vacated three of our classrooms and these are being made ready for removal. I understand the contractors will move in next week and take these away. The project managers will meet with me in the first week of August for necessary discussions and things will start to happen from then.

Some concern has been expressed over the need to remove some of the trees within our bush as part of this project. Rest assured we will minimise the impact as far as possible and all necessary permits to undertake this work will be obtained.

School Policy

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

This policy does require some revision due to the school council decision to outsource its operation last year. The review and updating of documentation will be conducted during the scheduled review in 2010.

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. *James D, Jerry M, Toya Gahan, Jeremy A, Brodie J, Amy R, Ryan B, Skye R, Haylee S, James A, Dylan R, Matthew B, Georgia B, Darcy O'K and Arrin B.*

Heating Food

Apparently some children have been asking our Canteen Manager Anita to heat food up for them at lunchtime. Apart from issues around the topic of workload for Anita there are issues about safety and canteen regulations. We would ask families not to send children to school with an expectation that they can have food heated by canteen or teaching staff.

The New Picket fence

The finishing touches have been completed on our beautiful new fence. I challenged the children at Assembly to tell me how many pickets they think have been used. A prize is on offer. Parents are welcome to have a go at telling me the answer. Just write your number on a piece of paper and send it along. Of course if you have time you could come up and count them.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Sporting Events:

Congratulations to the students who represented ENPS at the netball on Tuesday and the football on Wednesday. A big thanks to Miss Hurford and Miss Ryan for their involvement in organising the netball and Mr O'Neill and Mr Gilligan for their work with the football team. It sounds like a good day was had by all involved in both tournaments!

Projects:

Students have been working on their '**Flight**' projects this week in class, just a reminder that Task 1 is due on **July 31st** (next Friday). Some students may need to work on this task at home if they are behind with the set requirements.

Excursions:

Just a quick reminder about the 5/6 Department excursion to **IMAX** and the Melbourne Museum on **August 6th** and the Bendigo Library on **August 21st**. Information/permission notes went home last week and need to be returned to school ASAP.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

Our rotations program has begun and the students have quickly moved into the new routine. Already there have been many positive comments about the new challenges of working with the different teachers.

The students are expected to complete their homework tasks and return them to school by Monday at the latest. Students who haven't completed their homework tasks will be given time at lunch play to complete it. Should there be a legitimate reason for a task not being completed we expect parents to write the reason in the homework book. The spelling words are from the week's spelling activities with the extra words coming from their writing tasks.

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. Again we will need helpers for the activity. If you are able to assist with this, please inform the teacher in writing. The excursion will mean an early start and late return to school so that we can make the most of our learning time in Melbourne. Permission forms will be sent home in the near future. The **Father/Son**, and **Mother/Daughter** information sessions would be appropriate for grade 4 students who

are approaching puberty. Details of the programs will be sent home next week. Please see **Mr Brown** if you have any questions about this program.

Thank you to the parents who have offered their assistance in the class programs and filled in the timetables which are displayed inside the classroom doors. If you are able to assist, there is still room on most days for classroom helpers.

We would be particularly interested in hearing from any parent who would be interested in coaching or umpiring football, soccer, netball or any other games which the students are involved in during lunchtime or recess.

Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

The grade ones and twos are all looking forward to our excursion to the **Melbourne Zoo** which will be on **Wednesday September 2nd**. Preps will be visiting **Animal Land in Diggers Rest on Tuesday September 1st**.

Our Prep Information night was held last night and the Prep teachers have reported that it was very successful and that it was wonderful to meet new families that will be joining us next year, as well as catch up with 'old' ones. Special thanks to Sharna Holland and Tina Fitzpatrick for their time and efforts with this.

Some classes are experiencing a '**lull**' in the amount of parent helpers coming in to help with reading etc. Understandably, as there are more illnesses at this time of the year, it is sometimes a little more difficult to make it. Perhaps if you haven't become involved already, this might be a good time to start. The children love it, and so do we!

Mrs Wright is looking for some **ice cream containers with lids**. If you have any to spare, please send them along.

Each class has been assigned their own **garden** to look after. Please see your child's teacher if you are able to lend a hand with these. Mrs Wright is looking for some **geraniums**.

It is great to see all the **spelling homework** getting done, and it is important for the children to manage it on their own. It is important however, to have it checked by an adult so that they are not learning words which have been incorrectly written down.

Kathy Walker is coming to Bendigo! Not to be missed is this presentation with practical strategies and ideas for

school transition on **Thursday 6th August** from 4-6 pm at Violet St Primary School.

Can we **PLEASE** have all **jumpers named**. It is very easy to return the ones that have names on them, almost impossible if they are not.

Literacy Focus for next week

PREP – sound 'e' and the word is 'they'

GRADE ONE – tw blend and nk ending

GRADE TWO – ow (as in grow), sh ending

Sophie, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

FUNDRAISING

We have had a great response with our chocolates so far, keep up the great work. They box's contain 50 bars which are sold for **\$1.20 each/\$60.00 per box**. Money needs to be returned by **Friday 14th 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**.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

Update

The challenge is becoming very interesting. Students, at this school who have registered for the challenge have read 3436 books in total. Well done!

47 ENPS students have already completed the challenge.

Critical dates.

18th August. All students should ensure that their reading records are up to date.

22nd August. Children's Book Week – Book Safari.

31st August. Challenge Ends. No data can be entered after this date.

Good luck to all students.

Tina Fitzpatrick.

SPORT NEWS**Lacrosse**

We have had a lot of interested kids do lacrosse over the last term. For this week lacrosse will be at Eaglehawk Leisure Centre, Napier St. This is great practise for our lacrosse team for later in the year. Remember there is also a Sunday competition starting at 12 for juniors. See Mr Gilligan for more information.

Football

The Eaglehawk footy team competed in **Div 1** this year. Although some of the teams were very strong, the boys held their own. Many outstanding performances were had on the day, with the boys finishing **4th overall**.

Netball Comp

Miss Hurford and Miss Ryan took our netball team to the Schweppes Centre on Tuesday. Although the girls failed to win a game, they all had a very good time and did come close in a few. Thank you to the girls and to the teachers.

Space Racing

Space Racing is back for this term. A number of students have come to see me about information. Last term we finished a close 2nd so we will be hoping to go one better this term. The first race is at Kangaroo Flat in Camp Street, starting at 10:00am. For more information, please see Mr Gilligan.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

We are all getting ready for **Book Week**, reading lots of the shortlisted books and deciding what we think are the best.

We will also have Adam Wallace visit our school for Book week so get ready for some fun.

Book Week Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

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

**NETBALL DRAWS**

Saturday July 25th

13 Under Section 6

Lockwood V E/H Nth Blue Crt 5 11am

11 Under Section 1

St Thereses White V E/H Nth Navy Crt 12 11am

11 Under Section 4

St Killians Pink V E/H Nth White Crt 10 9am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

Court 4

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. **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.
3. **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.
4. **CentaCare - Family Education Services** have some course's available refer to flyers on main notice board or phone 5438 1339.
5. **"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.

6. **Family Fishing Day – Kennington.** Come and enjoy a family day out at Kennington Reservoir on Sunday 9th August 2009.
7. **'Kicks4Chicks'** Football Competition for 9-15 year old girls. August 3rd ends September 28th, Barnard Tennis Courts. Ph 0429 023 618 Chris Hain.
8. **Autism Spectrum Two-day Workshop** Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August. Ph 1300 881 971 or www.bendigoautism.org.au 'Go to Events'
9. **BOLD – (Learning Difficulties Support Group)** morning tea to be held Friday 31st July at the Hill Top Café from 10.30am. Ph Judy on 0408 312 027.
10. **2009 Men's Health Week** Saturday 29th August – Saturday 5th September. Men's Health "Who can Men can!"
11. **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 .