
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY JUNE 11TH 2009

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CALENDAR

Friday	June 12 th	Pupil Free Day (3 Way Conference Interviews from 12 noon to 7pm)
Wednesday	June 17 th	Return of Permission Notes and Payment for Grade 3/4 Ceres Excursion
Tuesday	June 23 rd	Grade 3/4 Ceres Excursion
Friday	June 26 th	Last Day Term 2 (2.30pm finish)
Monday	July 13 th	1 st Day Term 3
Monday	August 3 rd	Closing date for EMA Applications (new applicants)

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Well done to this week's group of students on your nomination for an award. I look forward to presenting your certificate on Monday at our weekly assembly. *Amber S-S, Fletcher R, Katelyn S, Megan B, Kayleigh B, Michael T, Nathan D, Julia W, Michael T, Connor S, Gypsy M, Kirsten R, Hayden C, Cooper H, Jordan T and Arrin B.*

Congratulations Anna (Miss Rookes)

I regularly endeavour to do justice to the quality of our teaching staff by mentioning their achievements and efforts. Sometimes simply making others aware is enough to give a boost.

The latest achievement brought to my notice is that of Anna Rookes, a first year teacher in our school who will soon be recognised by LaTrobe University with the presentation of the '*KG Scarrott Award.*'

This award is for a student completing their Bachelor of Education with consistent excellence in practicums coupled with an outstanding academic record.

Congratulations Anna. There is obviously a wonderful career ahead of you and some very lucky children who will cross your path.

Anna's achievement follows that of another of our teachers, Robert Anderson, who also won this award a couple of years ago.

\$3Million Funding

I can now confirm the reports from yesterday's media that our school will receive a \$3million injection of funds for facilities development with this work scheduled to begin in early August and proceeding over the next twelve months.

Contrary to the Advertiser report, the funds are not for the construction of a new library. This project will involve the provision of a new '*Learning Neighbourhood,*' a building that will house six new classrooms with it's own library and ICT facility built in. This building will replace current portable classrooms and will strongly support our endeavours to assist staff in continuing to develop and refine their teaching practice.

Pupil Free Day – 3 Way Conference Program

A reminder that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day set aside statewide for schools to undertake processes in relation to assessment and reporting. Our school will conduct our annual 3 Way Conference program commencing at 12pm and proceeding through until 7pm.

Please ensure you stay to your allotted time as the program can be compromised if this gets out of balance. Sessions are to be concluded on the ringing of the school bell.

If it has not been possible for you to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher, I ask that you undertake a personal approach and make a time that suits. This is an important element of our reporting program and provides opportunity for your child to be closely involved in the information sharing process.

Drive through Concerns – Police Monitoring our school

John Morton and I regularly draw attention to the importance of safe driving around our school, particularly the 15 minute window of time at the end of the day.

Earlier this week a parent reported the careless approach of a driver in a black car using the drive through that resulted in a degree of stress. This matter was reported to the police who have since contacted me and yesterday morning visited the school, issuing warnings to a number of drivers. Sen. Constable Bernie Monaghan has indicated that they will continue to monitor the traffic so please be vigilant about your driving.

Drivers ***MUST STOP*** at the stop signs at the end of the drive through, not at the gutter. We will endeavour to assist by adding further warning signage and providing a clear line at the stop signs, however the responsibility is yours. We don't wish for people to incur fines so please be careful.

Parents Night Out: A Parents Role in Developing Resilience in your Child

Wednesday 29th July at 7:00pm at Kalianna School in the Multipurpose Room.

Dr. Loretta Giorcelli will be our presenter for the evening. She travels the world as an Educational Consultant and has a vast knowledge in this area. She has worked extensively in our region so this is an opportunity for parents to hear a wonderful guest speaker. A light supper will be provided. This evening is ***FREE***. If you would like to register for this evening please contact Kalianna School on ph: 5442 1311.

Wicked Winter Sports

Kelly Sports Connection is a private firm who offer sports coaching to students across the state. They have been involved with our school in the past and are again offering a coaching program during the coming winter. Attached to your newsletter this week is a flyer that provides all information necessary. This is a '***user pays***' program and anyone interested with need to register using the details provided.

Please note that our only involvement is the provision of the venue and facilities. All other matters are handled by Kelly Sports and registration should be made directly with them.

Please note that due to the Pupil Free day tomorrow there will be no Kelly Sports. On Friday June 26th (last day of term) Kelly Sports will begin at 2.40pm.

Advance Notice – Special Assembly for Mrs. Wood on Monday, August 17th

Please mark this date in your diary. Mrs Wood will be retiring in August after a long and very valued contribution to education. We wish to recognise her contribution by conducting a presentation at our assembly and I'm sure there are many parents, past and present, who would wish to be present and acknowledge her time with our school. Please let anyone you know that may have moved on from our school. You will be made most welcome to attend this assembly and stay to share a morning tea.

Policy sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our '***School Bus Management policy***'.

While this policy only concerns a small cohort of our population, it is important that we have clear procedures around its operation in place.

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

www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN**Auslan**

Mrs Carmen Byrne will be replacing me in my role as Auslan teacher for the remainder of the year to allow me a wider involvement in working with staff on Teaching and Learning Practice alongside Helen Forrest our Curriculum Coordinator. I am looking forward to my change of role and I know that Carmen's skills in the Auslan area will be certainly appreciated by our children.

You Can Do It

Congratulations to this week's group of students. Awards will be presented at assembly. *Georgia H, Claudia H, Connor D, Jay P, Lachlan W, Shauna C, Jasmine L, Ethan P, Georgia A, Brandon D, Caitlin C, Nikaylah P, Braydon L, Jade M and Sarah W.*

Walking School Bus Awards

Several of our children have managed to accumulate 40 days of walking. They will be presented with new cards and other items at a special presentation next Monday Assembly. A representative of BUFs, one of the sponsors of the WSB program, will come along to acknowledge this and do the presentation. We are now walking two days per week and numbers of walkers are very pleasing.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Three Way Conferences: A reminder that these will take place *tomorrow* Friday 12th June. The 5/6 team looks forward to meeting with you.

Natural and Manmade Disasters: Just a reminder that next Thursday morning, *June 18th*, all grade 5/6 children will be making their '*Natural Disaster*' models here at school. Students will need to bring all of the materials they need for the construction process to school by next Thursday the 18th. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Homework: Just our regular reminder that homework is due in at the end of each week. Due to the pupil free day on Friday this week, however, homework may be submitted on Monday of next week. You are required to read for three nights only. It would be good to see each and every 5/6 student meet this challenge this week.

Soccer/Hockey: Congratulations to all who attended the Zone hockey and soccer this week. The children gave their best and, as usual, were outstanding representatives of our school. Well done!

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

The value being investigated this week in social competencies is "*excellence – giving your best to any task you do.*"

Our puppets and dioramas are beginning to come to life and some groups are planning the plays that the puppets will star in.

Permission forms and \$18 payment for our excursion to CERES should have been returned. Do not forget that this will be a waste free lunch excursion.

Next Wednesday the grade 3/4 Team will hold a **RUBBISH FREE LUNCH DAY** to practise for our excursion so, consider what your child's lunch may be wrapped in and re used or recycled. Think of plastic snap lock bags?

The students have been preparing to celebrate their learning through the 3 way conferences on Friday. Those parents who wish to see their classroom teacher at another date may organise another meeting. Please see your child's teacher to arrange this.

The students have been fortunate to have a guest speaker, Mr Filcock who works for Ecowise environmental in Bendigo, gave them some insights about our water that we get from our taps at home. Ben learnt that we drink water from Lake Eppalock; Mikki learnt that they use different chemicals to treat the water to make it safe to drink; Gypsy was wondering whether puddles are soaked into the ground only or evaporates. Nick learnt oil is weird because it floats on the water and stops the air getting into the water. Lauren learnt that 97.5 % of the water is salt water. Did you know? If our whole body was water then only one fingernail would be usable water.

3/4 TEAM NEWS



Because of the short week, last week's homework tasks were carried over into this week. Some students have been asked to continue making puppet and diorama materials for class.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Three Way Conferences

Staff and students are well prepared and eager to share your child's learning journey during the three way conferences tomorrow. It is an important time for you to share in your child's successes and discuss any concerns. Conferences will take place in the classrooms and we hope to be able to stick to the times allocated very closely.

If you have not already arranged a time, please see your child's teacher.

Planning Days

Next week all teachers will be involved in planning for next term. The Prep/1 teachers will be planning on Thursday and Gr 1/ 2 will be on Friday. Specialist programs will occur on those days. Library borrowing may occur at different times due to planning days being conducted in the Library.

Toys from home

The children love to bring toys from home but it is very difficult for us to monitor the *'safety'* of them if they are taken outside. Therefore we suggest that precious toys and other possessions are not brought to school.

PREP

Prep Literacy Focus – Next week's letter is *"Jj"* and the high frequency word is *"came"*.

GRADE ONE & TWO

With the short week it was difficult to fit spelling homework and testing in, so the following will remain the focus for next week:

Grade 1 Literacy Focus-the blend is *"sm"* and rime ending *"up"* and *"ub"*.

Grade 2 Literacy Focus – words with *"oy"*, eg. boy, and the blend *"spl"*.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy



LIBRARY NEWS

The shortlisted books are now on display so please come and have a look and see which book you think should win which category.

Don't forget to return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis



SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

On Tuesday we had three hockey teams represent the school in the Bendigo Hockey Championships. By all accounts our teams acquitted themselves well, despite the cool weather. Thank you to Zerlina Martin and Miss Rookes for taking the teams and umpiring duties. Once again our student's behaviour was also acknowledged as being fantastic.

Soccer

Today our Soccer teams are off at the Bendigo Soccer Championships. We hope that both our boys and girls teams do our school proud.

Space Racing

Our Orienteering team had last week off, but have moved into 2nd place and are in striking distance of the top spot. If you are keen to be in the next Space Racing team (which starts next term) please see Mr G. It will give you a spot in the orienteering team to head down to Melbourne in November.

Brett Gilligan



MOBILE MUSTER- 2009

5/6 Coffey would like to thank all those fabulous people who assisted them with their recent Mobile Phone Muster. We successfully *'mustered up'* 18 mobile phones and various other mobile *'paraphernalia'* e.g. chargers, covers, batteries etc.

Thanks again for your support

Miss Coffey and 5/6C

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 June 13th

13 Under Section 6

Lockwood V E/H Nth Blue Crt 2 10am

11 Under Section 1

St Thereses White V E/H Nth Navy Crt 9 10am

11 Under Section 4

E/H Nth White V St Monicas Aqua Crt 4 11am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

E/H Nth V White Hill Pink Crt 12



CANTEEN NEWS

Apple Slinky machines are available from the canteen for \$25-00 each.

Anita Pilling

Mother Hen Catering

LOST PROPERTY

A large number of items are in the lost property cupboard.

Please check the cupboard before the end of term if your child is missing any clothing items.

Any named items will be returned to students.

SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE



LIZ D

Children who attend ENPS:

Samantha D, Leah D, Nathan D

What roles do you undertake as a school councillor?

The roles I undertake as a parent school councillor are involved with Environment / Resourcing and Fundraising.

Why did you choose to be a member of the school council?

I joined the school council because I wish to be more involved with the ENPS school community and the decisions we make as a school.

What is rewarding about being a school councillor?

Being a school councillor is rewarding because ENPS gives so much to our children it is nice to be able to give something back. It is also important to ensure our school will still be here in many years to come and give our children the opportunity to learn in the best environment possible.

What is your most memorable moment at the school?

My most memorable moment at ENPS is when my eldest child meets up with all her old school mates. They are always happy to see each other and are keen to catch up. Her friendships have been nurtured at EHNPS for 7 years and will be there for life.

Community News

1. **Free Family Food Fun and Games Day** will be held on Wednesday June 17th at the Long Gully Community Centre in Havilah Road from 11am to 3pm. Lots of activities for the whole family. See poster on main noticeboard. RSVP to Kate by Friday June 12th.
2. **CentaCare** are holding a free workshop called "**Blending Families**" on Wednesday June 17th from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at 176-178 McCrae St Bendigo. Bookings are essential. Please phone 54381300.
3. **Loddon Campaspe Inter-School Gymkhana** will be held on July 25th & 26th at the Prince of Wales Showground. For further details phone 54432133.

Attachments

1. **Paul Sadler Swimland School Holiday Program**