
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Tuesday	June 23 rd	IMPORTANT REMINDER: The grade 3/4 excursion to CERES. Students will need to be at school at 7.00am to board the bus for 7.30am departure. Last chance for students to return permission forms and \$18 payment is Monday June 22 nd .
Friday	June 26 th	Last Day Term 2 (2.30pm finish)
Monday	July 13 th	1 st Day Term 3
Thursday	July 23 rd	Music Is Fun-School Incursion
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. *James D, Jemma F, Reilly H, Allira W, Stephanie T, Jasmine H, Casey Y, Rylee E, Brayden M, Annabel B, Caitlin C, Elli W, Lewis H, Nicole T and Darby I-H.*

Staff Appointments

I wish to confirm the appointment this week of two Education Support personnel in Wendy Gaylor and Tim Attwater. These people have been working with us during the first semester and have now had their tenure extended in line with staffing conditions available to them. Congratulations to you both. We look forward to your ongoing fine work with our students, staff and parents.

Enjoy Your Break Ricky

I wish to extend best wishes to our Business Manager, Mrs Hunt who will be taking a period of Long Service Leave starting next week and returning the first week in August.

I know that Ricky is looking forward, with her husband Peter, to spending part of their time in America visiting her son Ben and daughter-in-law Erin.

I hope your time is really wonderful Ricky. Please enjoy a well deserved break.

Somers Camp – Preliminary Notice

Our years 5 and 6 students have the opportunity of participating in the Somers Camp program later this year. Mr. Gilligan will be providing information to you and will coordinate our enrolments into the camp. I encourage all parents to consider this opportunity. It is an outstanding social experience for the children.

Please note the tight turnaround on returning your expression of interest. Those not returned on time will definitely not be considered in the ballot for positions.

Pupil Free Day – 3 Way Conference Program

Feedback to me indicates another very successful program being achieved. I understand there are some who were not able to undertake the program last Friday and will need to make separate arrangements with the children's class teachers. I encourage you to meet in these conferences as they provide a wonderful opportunity for your child and teacher to reflect on progress made to date and to set forward goals for the remainder of the year.

My sincere appreciation to all staff for their contribution to this important part of our work.

Swine Flu Latest

Please find attached to your newsletter an Open Letter that may broaden your understanding of this current challenge.

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.

Policy Sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our 'Sexual Harassment' policy.

This policy is embedded within a range of other wellbeing policies but has specific implications to its implementation across our school.

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***YCDI Awards***

Congratulations to this week's winners. Certificates will be presented at assembly on Monday. ***Cody Y-G, Makayla L, Zak McD, Jemma H, Sophie A, Marley B, Alia M-H, Tahlia M, Lochlan E, Jamie W, Austin H, Todd H, Jorja Evelyn, Harley H and Millie B.***

A Manure Problem

Have you heard the story about our manure pile? We were very generously given a huge pile of manure by the organisers of the Beef and Cattle Show some time ago. The idea was that we would use it on our gardens. Unfortunately it attracted approximately three billion flies that threatened to take over the school. We persisted for a week or so with fly spray and fly strips, even holding competitions in the Grade 3/4 area offering prizes for the most flies caught. Eventually we decided enough was enough and we hired a contractor to move the pile which had become known as The New Ayers Rock of Eaglehawk North. The new location appeared perfect and our flies reduced in number. The other night at our Environment and Resources Committee meeting I learnt from our resident flora and fauna expert Terri Williams that our pile of manure is now sitting right on top of the only crop of Parrot Pea flowers on the school property. Doh!!!

STOP

A new sign in our driveway reminds drivers to stop at the stop signs upon exiting the drive-through. Police have visited and will book drivers who disobey these legally enforceable signs. Please do the right thing. They are there for the safety of our school community.

Historic Seats

New seats made from the original bluestone doorsteps of the 1874 building are now in place. They sit on the edge of the garden bed near the historic pathway. We may place a small plaque near them commemorating their placement.

Walking School Bus Awards

Rohan Powell from BUFS appeared at our Monday Assembly to give some goodies to five of our walkers who have logged over 40 days of walking. The lucky recipients were Megan and Samantha B, Sophie D-M, Jack D and Braydn McG.



Picket Fence

A beautiful new picket fence will appear along the front of our school during the school holidays. This project was funded by a grant from the Schools Pride program. Ron was successful in his application for this money some time ago. The grant will also fund an administration area upgrade as well as some schoolyard re-surfacing.

Prep Information Evening for 2010 Families

Most families will know about the July 22nd Information Evening but you may know of a family who are thinking of sending a Prep to our school next year and may not be aware of this event. Get them to contact us if they are interested. They may like to attend this evening.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Three Way Conferences: A very successful round of three way conferences took place last Friday 12th June. It was great to see so many parents turn out to celebrate the work of their children. Well done!

Natural and Manmade Disasters: This morning, Thursday June 18th, all grade 5/6 children built their '***Natural Disaster***' models here at school. The process went smoothly and some outstanding models were created. Congratulations to all on the completion of our integrated unit for this term, '***Natural Disasters***'.

Homework: Just our regular reminder that homework is due in at the end of each week.

Football: Tomorrow our school football team will be competing against Eaglehawk Primary with the perpetual trophy that we currently hold up for grabs. We would like to wish the boys good luck.

Hobbies and Clubs: Thanks to Bev Frank and Shelley Whitehead for helping out with Hobbies and Clubs this term. Your help has been greatly appreciated by all.

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The value being investigated this week in Social Competencies is "***flexibility***" which is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way.

Last Friday was a very successful day when students were able to share their successes for the semester with their parents. It was pleasing to see the confidence most students brought to the task of introducing their parents and then discussing their learning.

Our Ceres excursion is next ***Tuesday June 23rd*** and the students will need to be at school by ***7.00am*** so that we can leave by ***7.30am***. Their rubbish free lunches will be stored in their small light backpack. Please ensure that they are named. Play lunch will need to be in a separate plastic snap lock bag.

Students will be able to bring books, comics or the like to use on the bus. Please make sure that they are named. No electronic games please.

We are asking students to have another rubbish free lunch next Monday as a preparation for our excursion lunch.

Please remember that all library books will need to be returned and re-borrowed before the holidays.

Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie



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 *unnamed* items are in the lost property cupboard.

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

All named items have been returned to students this week.

KIWANIS "TERRIFIC KIDS" AWARD

Next Monday at assembly, one lucky Grade 5/6 student will be awarded a "*Terrific Kids*" certificate and a gift card voucher valued at \$25-00.

Kiwanis Clubs throughout Australia are presenting these on-going awards to students who demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and are responsible school members.

John Reid

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. *Basketball Victoria Holiday Program* will be held on Friday July 10th from 10am to 2pm. \$15 entry and students receive a basketball, drink bottle and giveaways. Contact Flora Hill Basketball stadium.
3. *Aussie Hoops Basketball Program* will run on Wednesday's during Term 3 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for students aged 7 to 12 years old. \$35 for new players and \$25 for returning players. Prices include items and giveaways. Register from July 15th by phoning Andrea Walsh on 0432347999.
4. *Our Place Eaglehawk* will be holding a Youth Week from July 6th to 10th.
5. *YMCA School Holiday Program* bookings are still available. Phone 54458300.
6. *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.
7. *Phenomenal Stars* is hosting a netball clinic at the Schweppes Centre on July 2nd. See flyer on main noticeboard.
8. *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.
9. *Balls N Bumpers Junior Holiday Program* will be held at Country Vet Oval in Wade St on July 6th, 7th & 8th from 8.30am to 5pm. See flyer on main noticeboard.
10. *Bendigo Swimming Club* require a head coach. If interested phone Tony on 54417155.
11. *Bendigo Pony Club* has vacancies in the Saddle Club. To join you must be at least 4 yrs old and have a pony. Phone Sue on 54478285.
12. *City of Greater Bendigo School Holiday Program* is now taking bookings. Contact the office for a brochure.