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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Friday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 2 (2.30pm finish)
Monday	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Term 3
Wednesday	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep Information Evening
Thursday	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Music Is Fun-School Incursion
Monday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Closing date for EMA Applications (new applicants)
Thursday	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mother/Daughter Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Melbourne Soundhouse Excursion
Tuesday	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Melbourne Soundhouse Excursion
Thursday	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Father/Son Night 7.00pm – 8.00pm

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Principal's Award

No awards made this week due to it being the final week of term. Our awards program will resume again next term. Well done to all students who worked hard this term and special congratulations to those who were able to receive a Principal's Award.

### School Dismissal

Please note that the usual end of term arrangements will be in place for tomorrow. School will dismiss at 2.30pm and after school care will operate as normal. Your support in ensuring appropriate collections or supervision arrangements are in place from 2.30 will be appreciated.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

### Goodbye and Thanks Mr. Kiel

I wish to express appreciation on behalf of our school community to Simon Kiel who has done his best in his role as Prep/1 teacher during the first half year. Simon will be resuming his studies at LaTrobe University in the second half year.

I know that Simon has learnt a great deal about the profession in his time with us and I wish him well in the time ahead.

### Cheryl on LSL

Best wishes to Mrs Healey who will be extending her holiday break by taking a period of well earned Long Service Leave at the beginning of next term. Cheryl will rejoin our staff on the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> August.

I hope you and Leigh have a wonderful time away Cheryl.

### Staff appointments

This week a school selection panel concluded some very significant appointments that will hopefully see a degree of long term staffing stability for the school. These appointments were for three graduate teacher positions, teachers young into their careers. I am extremely confident that these people will add greatly to the quality of professionalism our teachers offer.

My congratulations to Anna Rookes, Cherie Slattery and Sophie Morrow.

Anna and Cherie had previously been on contract for the first half of the year at our school. They are doing excellent work and will continue in their present roles as grade 3/4 teachers. Sophie will join us from Big Hill PS where she is currently teaching grades Prep/1. She will take on the Prep/1 class at our school, replacing Simon Kiel. I'm sure all of these people will appreciate now having ongoing employment with the Education Department. I wish them well for the time ahead.

My sincere thanks are also extended to Helen Forrest and Jody Abel for the extensive amount of time and work involved in supporting me through this appointment process.

Jason O'Neill and Ian Kurzke – Well done and Thanks

I know Mr. Morton has made mention of Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Kurzke's contribution to our school in their respective roles. I wish to add my personal congratulations and thanks.

### Policy sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our 'Newsletter' policy.

As always, if there are ways you think we can improve our newsletter, we are happy to receive your input.

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

[www.ehnps.vic.edu.au](http://www.ehnps.vic.edu.au)

*Ron Payne*

### **ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN**

#### *The Look on Mr O'Neill's Face Said it All*

Jason O'Neill has completed ten years of service at Eaglehawk North Primary School. At our Monday Assembly this week I had the pleasure, in Mr Payne's absence, of presenting a special certificate to commemorate this achievement. Jason's family were present to see this occur and the look on his face when two of his former scholars Nick and Sonny appeared from behind the door said it all. Jason's achievements in the areas of Grade 5/6 leadership, sport, chess, information and communication technology and innovative teaching are well documented but the most telling thing I can say above all of these is that Mr O'Neill is a much loved teacher of Eaglehawk North Primary School. Well done Jason!



#### *Farewell Mr Kurzke*

Ian Kurzke has been happily cleaning our school for a few years now and unfortunately he is shifting to Tasmania. We will miss him. Ian's cheerful manner as he goes about his work has been very much appreciated. He is a responsive and responsible cleaner who has been a pleasure to have as a member of our school team. Ian's children Bradley and Adam went to our school so his connection with ENPS is a strong one. We all wish Ian a happy future and hope that he enjoys whatever he takes on in the Apple Isle. Goodbye Mr Kurzke!

***Caring for Kids***

Are you a grandparent or other family member caring for another family member's children? There is a page at the end of this newsletter promoting a support group that may be of interest to you.

**John Morton**

**5/6 TEAM NEWS**

**Wow!** Here we are at the end of another term already. The 5/6 team would like to thank everybody who supported our arrangements for learning in one way or another this semester. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

**Netbooks:** The Netbook program ran smoothly this term with the children using these in class on a daily basis. We are all looking forward to what can be achieved next term in this area.

**Natural and Manmade Disasters:** The unit has run its course and some fine work was presented. Well done to all students for the level of commitment you have shown throughout the many tasks you have tackled this term.

**Homework:** No homework due next week, its holidays!

**Football:** Congratulations to the football team who managed to retain the perpetual trophy in their match against Eaglehawk Primary last Friday. The game was played in a good spirit and both sides gave their best. Well done to all involved.

**Hobbies and Clubs:** Hobbies and clubs is finished for the term and was greatly enjoyed by all. Special thanks go to those parents who were able to assist in one way or another. We appreciate what you do. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to next term with great anticipation.

**Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob**

**3/4 TEAM NEWS**

**Congratulations** on a fantastic term and the values we shared throughout the team. Their resilience to their learning is growing every day.

**After a false start to our excursion,** children showed a lot of tolerance and it resulted in a great day being had by all. Students may access their photos of the day for their digital portfolios on the school server next term. Staff at CERES were impressed with the knowledge the children displayed.

A special thank you to all the parents who helped on the day. We really appreciate the assistance you gave the teachers and students on the day.

**Our next excursion is in Term 3** to the Alfred Brash Soundhouse. Please send your payment of \$18.00 to the office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Term 2 has been an eventful experience into natural resources and recycling. We hope that students apply their new learning's in the

not too distant future to continue the greening and improving of our planet. **GREEN is GOOD!**

**Next term our focus is on SPACE** – the final frontier! We have been busy preparing resources for the students and it looks to be an excellent term ahead. Children will be creating diorama's so start collecting shoe boxes and cereal packs for sculpturing.

**Students will be able to borrow books** from the library for the school break so make sure they have their library dues up to date. Take care and have a safe and wonderful winter break. See you all bright and bushy tailed for Term 3 when we go to infinity and beyond! Who knows how we will travel there, light years away!



**Thankyou**

**Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie**

**PREP, 1/2 NEWS**

Well, here we are, half way through the year! You will have no doubt been impressed with the terrific progress your child has made since the beginning of the year during our three-way conferences and, with your continued support we should see similar achievements (or maybe more) during the next 2 terms. Remember that lots of reinforcement of literacy and numeracy skills can happen incidentally at home eg. writing a shopping list, reading signs, counting cars, working with money, telling the time etc. Questions can be asked around these

tasks such as, “How many items have we got on our list?” “How many will have if I need 2 more things?” “If that drink costs \$1, what coins could we use to buy it?”

We say good-bye to **Mr Kiel** tomorrow and our team would like to thank him for his contributions and wish him well. Grades P/1K and 1/ 2W will be having a shared lunch to mark the occasion, and to farewell Michael Taylor (1/ 2W). As mentioned in the note brought home last week, boys are asked to bring something savoury and girls, something sweet. Only a **small** plate is required and Mr Kiel is supplying some drinks.

We would like to also thank all of our wonderful parent helpers who come to help with PMP, KOOL time, reading, etc. We look forward to seeing you again next term.

Our theme for next term will be zoo animals and you might have heard the whisper, yes we are going to the zoo. More details next term.

If anyone has any large plant pots to spare, could you please send them along to Mrs Wright.

#### *Literacy Focus for 1<sup>st</sup> week next term*

**PREP**—sound-i, word- have

**GRADE ONE** - sk, sc initial blends and nd endings

**GRADE TWO** – wh beginnings and ch endings

Have a great holiday!

*Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy*



#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have come to the end of another Term. I hope everyone holidays are safe and full of fun. Don't forget to read more books for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

*'Reading can take you anywhere'*

*Liz Davis*



#### **THE ARTS**

We are completing modelling activities in the Art/Craft room and students are busy reflecting on their clay artworks. Art smocks need to be taken home for washing after a busy, messy, creative and fun filled term!

The students enjoyed the variety of modelling mediums and seeing the clay firing process in action. Our school is fortunate to have a kiln and such a well appointed Art/Craft room.

With the approaching holidays, visit the Archibald exhibition at the Bendigo Art gallery with your students, or have fun creating together...outdoor sketching or cooking up a storm in the kitchen? Recorder students could perform for the family and practise their pieces at an informal concert!

***Keep Creating,***

***Sue O'Hara and Bekki Probert***

#### **EAGLEHAWK CHALLENGE**

Last Friday the 19th June the annual Eaglehawk Football Challenge against Eaglehawk PS took place at Canterbury Park. In a terrific team performance we were able to come away with a good win. The whole team played very well together and moved the ball well. Bato, Hobble, Seeigar, Thommo, Fitzzy, Fluffy, T Mac, Tank and the Hyphen were better players on the day. Sportsmanship was excellent and it was a pleasure to coach the team in this event. I would like to thank all of the parents who came along to watch and help out. A special thanks to Mr Alan Findlay who volunteered to umpire and also presented the shield. He was really impressed with some of the skills from both teams. Thanks also to Mr Rik McCaig from Eaglehawk for bringing his team along to play.

***Mr O***

#### **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of EMA* will be paid during Term 3. Please let us know at the office by **Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 13<sup>th</sup>** no action is required.
- If you received the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>** please contact the office to complete an application.
- If you weren't eligible for the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment but now have a Health Care card please contact the office.

***Ricky & Katrina***



## **NETBALL DRAWS**

*Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>*

**13 Under Section 6**

Golden Square V E/H Nth Blue Crt 9 11am

**11 Under Section 1**

W/H Purple V E/H Nth Blue Crt 1 11am

**11 Under Section 4**

**Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon**

K/F White V E/H North Crt 12

## **SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE**

**Robert F**

### **Children who attend ENPS:**

Harry (Grade 4) and Connor (Grade 1)

### **What roles do you undertake as a school councillor?**

Vice President, environment and resources subcommittee; communications subcommittee.

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

I chose to be a member of school council to learn more about how the school operates, to have a say and be part of the decision making which affects the policy and future directions of the school for both my children and the children of others for many years to come.

### **What is rewarding about being a school councillor?**

Knowing that the decisions we make have a positive impact on the students both today and for the future.

### **What is your most memorable moment at the school?**

The visit at assembly by the walking school bus and cooking the BBQ in the rain at the fair!

### **What are your favourite things about the school?**

The positive atmosphere about the school and the sense of community surrounding the school.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

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

***Please check the cupboard tomorrow as all unnamed items will be disposed of at the end of Term.***

All named items have been returned to students this week.

## **Community News**

1. **Loddon Campaspe Inter-School Gymkhana** will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at the Prince of Wales Showground. For further details phone 54432133.
2. **Basketball Victoria Holiday Program** will be held on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> by phoning Andrea Walsh on 0432347999.
4. **Our Place Eaglehawk** will be holding a Youth Week from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.
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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. See flyer on main noticeboard.
8. **Central Victorian Hockey** will run a 6 week development program in Term 3 on Saturday mornings from July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
13. **Ironbark Riding Centre's School Holiday Program**. Full day program, BBQ lunch \$45.00.
14. **Tutoring available for all subjects**. Meagan is available for tutoring please call Ph: 5444 7925 [M.Pattison@Latrobe.edu.au](mailto:M.Pattison@Latrobe.edu.au) \$20.00 - \$25.00 per hour.
15. **Bendigo Regional YMCA Gymnastics Program** contact YMCA booking office on 5447 1444.

Attachments

1. The Zone Family Entertainment Complex.(extra flyers available at office foyer.)
2. Balls N Bumpers Junior Footy Fun.
3. Videoland Colouring Competition.