
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Friday	March 27 th	Scholastic Book Fair in Room 15(Last Day)
Friday	March 27 th	Return of Easter Raffle tickets
Wednesday	April 1 st	Easter Raffle(s) drawn
Friday	April 3 rd	Return of School Photo Orders/Payment to the office Last Day Term 1(2.30pm finish)
Monday	April 20 th	Term Two starts
Wednesday	April 22 nd	School Photos will be taken

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following children selected to receive Principal's Awards for your achievements. I look forward to presenting your certificate on Monday. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us.

Ava B, Imogen O'N, Elliot W, Konnor H, Todd W, Bronwyn H, Tyler S, Skye R, Jenna W, Samantha B, Rohan L-H, Daniel B, Alice P, Tymika P, Riley B.

Dahlia & Arts

What a wonderful event that showcased the 'Magic of Eaglehawk!'

My sincere thanks to all from our school community for the various contributions in support of our involvement in the event. Our years 3/4 and 5/6 relay teams again competed with enthusiasm and success. Well done to the students involved and thanks to Miss Hurford for her willingness to coordinate the teams on Saturday.

Our participation in the procession was very warmly received and resulted in us being awarded the best team entry. Well done to Mrs. O'Hara, Ms Probert, Judy Sheaf and Mick Surplice who led a wonderful band of helpers and excited children to create real magic on the day.

School Council

On Tuesday we conducted our Annual General Meeting of School Council.

Our School Council Annual Report was presented and adopted. A copy is attached with your newsletter for your reference.

Our new school council consists of the following members:

President = Robert Trew

Vice President = Robert Filcock

Treasurer = Sharon Grundy

Minute Secretary = Jody Abel

Council Members = Terri Williams, Elizabeth Norie, Liz Davis, Laurie Hill, John Morton, Helen Forrest, Sharna Holland, Anthony Bortolot

Executive Officer = Ron Payne

At our meeting we said farewell to Alison Bacon, Brenda Valente, and Katrina McNaughton from council. I wish to acknowledge the work of these people who give up part of their personal time to make a very valued contribution to our

school operations through their role as a school councillor. Special mention is reserved for Alison who has served for seven years as our School Council President and done so with enormous energy and commitment in providing very professional guidance for us all.

The contribution of the Valente family to our school is also very worthy of note. A span of 18 years is most significant and Brenda and her family will have noted quite a contrast in many aspect of how our school has evolved. Good luck to all for the future.

Northern Bendigo Primary Schools Provision.

Recent newsletters have provided basic information around the conversations being held on potential future primary school provision in the Northern Bendigo area of which we are part. Working Party and Steering Committees continue to do research into the possibilities of restructuring the primary schools provision within this section of Greater Bendigo.

This afternoon a deputation of School Councillors, staff and principals from the five schools involved will be at Yuille Park in Ballarat, looking at an exemplar model of what reorganization may bring.

At Tuesday's School Council meeting, our School Council voted to continue merger possibilities subject to the development of Educational and Business Plans that meet the approval of the communities involved.

No decision to reorganize or merge will occur without the direct involvement of the communities and approval of the School Councils of the schools involved.

Somers Camp – Advance notice

Our school will be part of a Loddon Mallee contingent of grades 5/6 students to attend the very popular Somers Camp from October 6-14. Because of the popularity, students are usually subject to a ballot to be able to attend. No other formal school camps will be held for ENPS this year.

More information will be provided on this later.

Congratulations Anthony

I recently endorsed an application for one of our team leaders, Anthony Bortolot, to undertake leadership training through the 'Leaders in the Making' program to be held throughout this year. Anthony has been selected for this program and will undertake a training program with other potential leaders over the course of the year. Well done and good luck Anthony.

Kelly Sports Program

Kelly Sports, an independent organization, is canvassing interest in conducting after-school sports sessions for children in years Prep-4 during term 2. While possibly not the most convenient time, the clinics will be run on Fridays during term 2 from 3.40-4.40pm.

They will run a free clinic at lunchtime on Wednesday next week for grades Prep-4 and will also provide a flyer with all required information for next week's newsletter. Full directions will be provided then.

Policy sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our 'External Academic Competitions' policy.

This relates directly to the notice placed in last week's newsletter on upcoming competitions.

Contact me if you have any concerns relating to this policy.

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

www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

Ron Payne

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Only one more week left for this term.

Harmony Day was a huge success. The students enjoyed the activities on offer and we extend a huge thank you to Greg and Narelle Croft for allowing the students to experience 'Xingfu' the Chinese dragon. *Athletic Sports* were today. An announcement will be made at assembly as to which team were the outright winners and which students were the star performers. Well done to all students who participated and had fun.

Homework: Students should have completed for tomorrow their times tables booklet 3 nights of reading, the English Brainstorming key activity and the last of their Values Project. Please keep supporting your child in these demands. ***Those students that do not hand in their homework on Friday will be in the Homework Club during Monday lunchtime recess.***

1:1Computers have been in use in the classrooms this week. The children have had fun changing their backgrounds, screen savers, arrows and setting up files ready for term 3. They have also had a chance of exploring their computers and using some of the Encarta programs and maths programs. There is a real sense of excitement around the Grade 5/6 classrooms.

Premiers Reading Challenge – Please ensure the children are documenting their read books. They should all have their usernames and passwords by now. This can be accessed at home via the internet.

Jase, Rob, Bron, Amy and Jo

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The value being investigated this week in social competencies is “**confidence**” : confidence is being certain. It is being sure you can do something. It is knowing your strengths and weaknesses. We looked at what we are good at and proud of about ourselves. We discussed heroes in our lives. This was carried over from last week due to the Harmony Day focus and CFA visit.

Harmony Day! What a terrific celebration it was for everyone. We (staff) were all impressed by the enthusiastic buzz around our classrooms before school even started. Next came the sharing of their costumes and the learning’s they had gained around them followed by the presentation of their projects. The range of presentation styles was enormous and the students readily complimented each other on the excellent efforts.

The piece de résistance was our celebration of the foods from the many countries. The students are to be congratulated on the way in which they were able to share in our communal feast.

A big thanks from the students and staff to the families for their support in all aspects of this learning experience. A little aside though, remember that it should be the student’s work supported by the family. We are looking at future celebrations of student learning.



Congratulations to all who were involved in the Dahlia and Arts parade. This was another chance to celebrate our community values.

Unfortunately the baseball clinic had to be cancelled. This clinic has been rescheduled for Wednesday April 1st.

The Book Fair is a great opportunity to support student reading with interesting educational reading at a very reasonable price. Books make great presents!

Yesterday we held the 3/4 sports.



A reminder to parents that there will be no homework next week as it is the last week before Easter. We suggest as an option that students may keep a journal that they can share in class when they return!

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Dahlia and Arts- WOW!!! Merlin the Magician would have been very proud of his magical students in the parade. A special thank you to all parents and children who supported our school’s entry and to Mrs Heath and Mr. Kiel for representing our Junior team on the day.

Jurassic Book Fair – The children were very excited to see Clifford out and about for our Book Fair. Please show your support and purchase some bargain books or stationary at our Book Fair this week.

PREP

Prep Literacy Focus- this term’s letter and sounds as well as the high frequency words will be revised this week.

Integrated Studies- Toys will be next term’s unit topic.

GRADE ONE & TWO

Grade 1& 2 Literacy Focus-revision of this term's blends and short vowel sounds will occur this week.

Harmony Day-thank you to the parents who assisted their children by providing items relating to their family's culture. A special thank you to Addie - Monica (from 2H's) mum who came to talk to the class about her country, the Philippines.



Planning Day- our Term 2 Planning Day will be Thursday next week so children will have specialist subjects on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

Integrated Studies -Next term's unit topic will be simple machines and movement.

On Monday March 30th starting at 9.00am, (last week of term) we will be doing an audit and a tidy up of the guided reading books used by Prep to Grade 2. This is a big job and we will need a few helpers (Mrs Wright has promised some morning tea!) Anyone able to help could see their child's teacher or Mrs Wright.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

YCDI AWARDS

Gabby L, Gemma Linda-Lee H, Megan B, Evan S, Jasmine H, Alex H, Corey H, Madison W, Emily S, Aidan S, Braydon S, Lewis H, Ged H and Emily W.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Cheques for the 1st instalment have arrived.

Please sign and collect your cheque from the office.

Payments that were paid direct to bank accounts have also been processed.

Ricky and Katrina

**VISUAL ARTS**

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who contributed to our school's entry in the Dahlia & Arts street procession. It was a wonderful community event and so many of our students participated.

Thank you to Mick Surplice, Mr.Cohen and Judy Sheaf for their efforts on the float, to the parents who assisted their children with **MAGICAL** costumes, transportation to and from the venue, taking photos (Bev. Frank) and walking in the parade (Tim Attwater Mr. Trew). The banners looked sensational and involved every student's artwork in the school. We won Best Theme Entry and as a school we certainly looked **VERY** magical, Mr Payne looked resplendent as Merlin and Helen Melgin-Hill was an exceptionally well co-ordinated witch!!

Well done to all the students and staff who represented our school in such a positive and community affirming manner.

Keep creating,

Sue O'Hara

**LIBRARY NEWS**

It is great to see so many different books being borrowed from our library. I have sent out awards for the kids who have borrowed the most books in each class, so well done to those students.

Don't forget to return your overdue library books and keep on enjoying your reading.

Dinosaur competition entry winners:-

Lydia-M-H

Shania P

Declan F

Braden McG

Well done to everyone who entered, the dinosaurs will be on display in the library.

Don't forget the **Book fair** this week in **Room 15**.

Reading can take you anywhere!

Liz Davis



VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

For those still wishing to enrol in this challenge you still have time. If you need a new permission note please ask your classroom teacher.

Facts and Figures

We currently have **220** students throughout the school enrolled in this challenge.

So far we have read a total of **563** books.

Some grades have every student registered – Well done to those!

Popular Books are: Little Fingers by David Johnson, High School Musical 3 by Peter Barsocchini and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rawlings.

Register now so you can add your favourite books and access the wonderful website for information and a running tally of your reading progress.

Key Dates

26th June – Student registration ends.

18th August – Schools finalise their reading records to complete data check.

31st August – Challenge Ends.

If you have any queries concerning this challenge please speak with your classroom teacher or contact Tina Fitzpatrick – School Coordinator.

Happy reading

Tina Fitzpatrick.

SPORTS NEWS

Golden City Netball:

Team members should have been in contact with their coaches and have a training day and time. If there are any problems, please contact your team coach. Each player will receive a letter today outlining what fees are still to be paid.

Training for students in the Grade 3 clinic will be held on Wednesday April 1st at 3-45pm to 4-45pm. Meet at the netball courts with your coaches Gen and Katelyn Williams.

Training for Under 11 Navy will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.35pm to 4.35pm.

Training for the U/13 Mixed team will be on Tuesdays between 3.35-4.45pm at the school netball courts commencing next week.

Baseball Clinic:

The baseball clinic that was due for last week will be moved to Wednesday 2nd April at 12:00.

Dahlia And Arts Relays:

What a great day we had at the Dahlia and Arts Relays. Thank you to all competitors that participated, you raised \$350 for the school to spend at the YMCA.

3/4 and 5/6 Athletic Sports:

The Athletic Sports were big successes. Thank you to all those students who competed and to those parents and teachers that gave their time on the day. Look for some more write ups in next weeks' newsletter. I can't give too much away, but in the 3/4 results, only 0.01 points separated first from second.

JRFH update:

We were lucky enough to have Mary-Lou Fischer from JRFH Victoria come up to help the team train yesterday. She had some very good tips for the team, which will hopefully make the routines more exciting.

Dragon Mile:

With the Easter Parade comes the Dragon Mile, the race through the streets of Bendigo. If you wish to run, please see Mr Gilligan for an entry form.

Brett Gilligan



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to those students who have sold and returned their tickets.

Just a reminder to please return tickets to your class teacher and money to the office, in a named envelope, by tomorrow Friday March 27th.

The raffle(s) will then be drawn on ***Wednesday April 1st.*** ***Donations of Easter eggs are most welcome*** and can be left at the office.

Fundraising Committee



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday April 22nd. Photo packs for all students were sent home with students on Monday.

Photo packs and payment must be returned to the office by ***Friday April 3rd.*** (Last Day of Term 1).

If you wish to have a family photo taken these packs must be collected from the office. Please note that there is a mistake on the front of the Family Pack stating that Pack 2 is \$18. The correct amount of \$15 is printed on the payment slip.

Ricky and Katrina

LOST PROPERTY

With the end of term fast approaching please check for any items in the lost property cupboard that may belong to your child/children.

During the last week of this term any named items will be returned to students but any unnamed and unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Community News

1. ***Allwares Night*** will be held at Bendigo North PS on Thursday April 2nd from 7pm. Cost of \$5 includes supper. Tickets can be purchased on the night. Phone 54433645 for more information.
2. Eaglehawk Basketball Association ***URGENTLY*** require players for the junior games on Friday nights. Only \$2.00 per game. Phone Rosemary on 5446 2809 for further details.
3. ***Vegout Sunday*** will be held at the Star Cinema on Sunday March 29th from 10am to 4pm. Free showbags and food tastings plus a range of activities. See flyer on main noticeboard.
4. ***Cooking Program at Eaglehawk Primary School*** on Wednesdays from 9.30am. Free childcare is available. To book phone 54463722.

5. ***Ymca School Holiday Program for Autumn.*** The school holidays are just around the corner. The YMCA has put together an action packed program for kids over the Easter Holidays.

Activities include visits to the Geelong Adventure Park, Kryal Castle in Ballarat, African Drumming, Break Dancing, Swimming, Tennis Clinic, Cinemas, Cooking and lots more. For more information please call the Holiday Program Booking line on 5445 8300 or look at the website. www.bendigo.ymca.org.au
Bookings are now open so be quick to secure your spot.

6. ***School Holiday Workshops*** will be held from April 4th to April 19th at various locations around Bendigo. For more information 1800813153.
7. ***Wycheproof Boomerangs in Bendigo*** will run a school holiday didgeridoo workshop on April 14th and a boomerang workshop on April 7th, 9th and 16th. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Leanne or Jeremy on 54493399.

Attachments

1. **Kelly Sports Application – Prep-Grade 4**
2. **2008 Annual Report to the School Community**