
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Monday	May 18 th	Back to School Assembly-Education Week
Tuesday	May 19 th	School Cross Country Grade 3-6 students
Wednesday	May 20 th	Open Day- Education Week
Wednesday	May 27 th	Regional Cross Country Grade 3-6 students at Bendigo Racecourse
Monday	June 8 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday	June 12 th	Pupil Free Day

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to this group of children selected to receive Principal's Awards this week. Certificates will be presented at our assembly on Monday. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us in sharing these fine achievements. **Braydan R, Fletcher R, Luke W, Liam P, Amber H, Corey R, Julia W, Josh M, Chloe H, James A, Derrien M, Todd H, Paige E, Rhys H, Arrin B, Amber B, Jasmine S-S, Annabel B and Mr A.**

Congratulations John

Next week is Education Week, a time during which many positive features of our school system are highlighted. One of the very significant happenings for Eaglehawk North PS will be the presentation to our very popular Assistant Principal, Mr. John Morton, of a 35 Year Service Award.

While I have known John for only a fifth of that time, I have come to know him as a person very dedicated to the Eaglehawk North PS community and he leaves no stone unturned to better the life opportunities of our children. He is an outstanding educator and speaks fondly of the many experiences he has had in his time in teaching.

John will receive his certificate from our Regional Director, Mr. Ron Lake, at a special dinner next week.

Principals' Conference

From Sunday to Tuesday of this coming week Mr. Morton and I will be attending the annual Loddon Mallee Principals' Conference in Melbourne. This is an important time during which we catch up with very important school leadership training and share practices with our colleagues.

On Monday and Tuesday Mrs. Forrest will undertake school leadership responsibilities as acting Principal. Any matters of concern should be directed through Helen.

Grade 6 Information Night at Eaglehawk Secondary College.

This will be held next Wednesday May 20th in the Music Room at 7.30pm. Parents and children should go to the Wes Vine Hall in Bright Street where they will be greeted by Learning Neighbourhood Leaders and shown through to the Music Room. All parents are encouraged to attend, even those who are current parents, as it will be an opportunity to find out more about the College's new facilities, structures and curriculum and any questions or concerns to be answered. There will be time for discussion and a chance to meet individual teachers and student support staff over a cuppa. ESC staff look forward to meeting with you and your child next week!

Policy sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our 'School Privacy' policy.

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

ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN***You Can Do It***

Connor W, Fiona M, Bailey H, Jack D, Andrew M, Hannah I, Tylar C, Casey Y, Eillish C, Koby Hf, Brandon D, Caity S, Maddy A, Nicholas C, Chelsea S and Cher N-D.

Above is our latest list of YCDI Award winners. They will receive their certificates at our next Monday Assembly. The Preps are planning a small presentation featuring 'Gabby Getalong' which should be worth seeing. Last Monday three of our Grade 3/4 girls were accompanied on guitar by Mr Anderson singing the 'Connie Confidence' song. It was quite a sight. They displayed great confidence!

Will You Be Walking to School Tomorrow?

It is National Walk to School Day on Friday. Why not consider walking to school with your children and getting some exercise. We are operating our Walking School Bus for an extra day this week to commemorate the event. Unless we get extreme weather it will be quite a sight to see droves of people strolling through the various entrances to our school. Think of the positive benefits for our health and wellbeing.

Driveway Danger

Parent reports tell me that a gentle reminder is required regarding drive-through collections and drop-offs. It is vital that children are not collected or dropped off along the driveway. This should only happen in the zone near the shelter and our rule of thumb has always been three car lengths from the little gate. This minimises any need for overtaking. I know that you will want to support us with this safety rule.

Nine Values for Australian Schooling.

You will recall mention of the 'National Values for Australian Schooling' some time ago. New material has arrived and we will be endeavouring to incorporate these into our own Student Wellbeing documentation review in 2009. The nine values are:

- Care & Compassion
- Doing Your Best
- Fair Go
- Freedom
- Honesty & Trustworthiness
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Understanding, Tolerance & Inclusion

Interesting list? What are your reactions?

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Naplan: All grade 5 children around the country were tested this week in writing, language conventions, reading, and maths. The tests all went off without a hitch and the children all tried their very best. Congratulations to all for a great effort. Thank you to Mr O'Neill for doing such a great job of organising the testing program.

Integrated Studies: By now we are sure you are all well aware, our Integrated theme for this term is *Natural and Manmade Disasters*. Just a reminder that the *second* assessment task is due this Friday, 15th May.

Netbooks: The grade six children have been working hard to complete assignments using their netbooks, on a topic of their choice. These have been presented before their peers and graded. Congratulations to all. These netbooks are really proving to be a valuable learning tool indeed!

Homework: Just our regular reminder that homework is due in on each Friday. This week the English requirement is to prepare a talk on a subject of personal choice. Please remember that there are reading and maths tasks too!

Cross County: Just a reminder that the cross country event for this year is fast approaching. This year the school cross country will occur on 19th May. Notes have gone home with students who are required to attend the zone cross country event on the 27th May. Please return these as soon as possible along with the \$3 bus fare. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Orienteering: This will occur next Friday for those who have been selected. Could all involved please return their notes and money ASAP to Mr Gilligan? Thanks.

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The value being investigated this week in social competencies is creativity - "is the way you use your talents to bring new ideas and new things into being. Everyone is unique."

We were very fortunate to have a visit from a puppeteer, Mr Rookes who introduced the students to the world of puppets. The students saw a variety of puppets and were keen to know how they were made. Check out the photos attached to today's newsletter.

Students are asked to bring recyclable objects to make our sculptures in education week. We are still collecting beautiful things for our projects. These will be used in our puppet making.

On Grandparents Day the 3/4 team will be cooking. 3/4R and 3/4AB at 9.00 am and 3/4S and 3/4CB at 10.00 am. We would appreciate any parent help that we can get.

Grade 3/4 students making their own terrariums.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP,1/2 NEWS

Grandparents and Special Friend's Day:

Grandparents or a Special Friend are invited to visit the children in their classes on Wednesday 20th May from 12 (noon) to 2.00pm. This is a great opportunity for sharing and special activities will be happening in the classrooms.

Money For the Canteen:

Please ensure that your child brings no more than \$2 to spend at the canteen. The money must be brought in a named envelope or wallet. This is to be handed to the teacher or placed in the container in the classroom.

PREP

Prep theme for this term is *Toys*. Children are able to bring toys (not expensive ones) to school to share and investigate in class. They must be named.

Prep Literacy Focus – Next week's letter is "Vv" and the high frequency word is "my".

Monday Morning Assembly – Prep/1Holland and Fitz will be performing 'Gabby Get Along'.

GRADE ONE & TWO

Grade 1 Literacy Focus- Next week's is "gl" and rime endings "ed" and "em".

Grade 2 Literacy Focus – Next week's focus are words with "ai" where it has the long 'a' sound and the blend "str".

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy

MOTHERS DAY STALL

I hope all of our mums had a lovely Mothers Day. Thank you to everyone who supported our Mothers Day Stall, we certainly have some very creative parents at our school.

This year our stall raised \$1290-00 which is fantastic effort.

Fundraising Committee



LIBRARY NEWS

Within the Library this week we have had a few new books arrive, please come and see if any take your interest to read.

Don't forget to bring back your overdue library books and if you cannot find them please come and see me.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

SPORTS NEWS**School and Regional XC**

Another reminder about our school Cross Country on Tuesday 19th May. We would appreciate any parent support on the day. Notes should be coming back to school for the Regional Cross Country at the Bendigo Racecourse on Wednesday 27th May. All students are required to pay \$3 to attend to cover travel and entry.

Orienteering (Friday 22nd May)

The final team has been chosen and notes have gone home. Can parents please ensure they are returned quickly. A good result also for our Saturday Orienteering team, who currently sit 3rd overall. If you would like to join the team, please see Mr G.

Lacrosse

If your child is interested in playing Lacrosse, matches are played on a Thursday night starting at 6:30pm at the Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre on Browning St. You can contact Neville directly on 0438 042 111 or Mr G at school for more information. I have had a few questions regarding safety, but I can assure all parents that it is very much a non-contact sport at the junior level.

Brett Gilligan

**NETBALL DRAWS**

Saturday May 16th

13/Under Section 5

E/H Nth Blue V Camp Hill White Crt 6 10am

11/Under Section 1

White Hills Purple V E/H Nth Navy Crt 10 10am

11/Under Section 4

E/H Nth Gold V Girton Blue Crt 4 11am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

E/H Nth V St Josephs Green Crt 9

**MOBILE PHONE MUSTER**

Once again, 5/6 Coffey are eagerly looking to help the environment and support farmers in areas affected by the recent bushfires by collecting any old, unused (working or not) mobile phones, chargers and mobile phone accessories.

For each 5kgs of phones we collect before June 5th, a fence post will be provided to help rebuild the farm fences burnt during the recent Black Saturday fires.

If you, a friend or a member of your family has an old mobile phone laying around the house we'd really appreciate it if you could drop it off to the collection box in the Office. Alternatively you could also drop it off at Miss Coffey's classroom (Room 3).

Thanks for your assistance

Miss Coffey and 5/6C

LOST

An Auskick football with Connor G's name on it has been lost at school. If anyone has found this football please return it to Connor in 2H.



Students are being invited to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Since 1979 schools and children across Australia have read to help people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Students, parents and grandparents can get involved, here's how...

Click online for free registration and receive an MS Readathon wristband

Flick through books from 1-30 June (you can count books from other reading programs too)

Collect sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.

Bonus! Once 20 students from our school register online for the MS Readathon, the school will receive a Penguin book pack for the library- it's free to register online, just check with mum or dad first.

STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF COMMITTEE

The State Schools Relief Committee exists to ensure that every young person has access to new footwear and clothing that is of equal quality and style as that worn by other students.

Around 8,000 children are supported by SSRC each year. Sadly the need is growing. Many families struggle to find money for the absolute basics - books, shoes, uniforms and the many excursions and other extra curricula costs. This limits the ability of children to access opportunities in school and their future lives.

Monday the 25th of May we will be having a school fundraiser for the State Schools Relief Committee. We are going to sell freshly made Popcorn from the Canteen for \$1 a bag AND Jelly in a Cup for 50c with the proceeds going directly to the SSRC.

SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE

John Morton

**Children who attend ENPS:**

Nil

What roles do you undertake as a school councillor ?

I convene the Environment & Resources Committee.

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

It is a positive way of contributing to the smooth running of the school. I enjoy representing the staff.

What is rewarding about being a school councillor?

You get to meet parents in a different setting and it is not without its sociable side.

What is your most memorable moment at the school?

Completing 20 years service and in that time overseeing a few projects in both the Facilities and Curriculum areas.

What are your favourite things about the school?

That everyone is very supportive of ENPS. We also have a talented teaching staff who are a lot of fun to work with.

Community News

1. ***Dr Harry Little Pre School Annual Fair*** will be held on Sunday May 17th From 11am to 2pm. Lots of craft activities, spinning wheel, raffles etc.
2. ***Girl Guides Victoria School Holiday Camp*** will be held during the June/July holidays at Iluka on the Mornington Peninsula from June 28th to July 4th. This is a camp for girls aged 10 to 14 years and is open to Girls Guides as well as non members. Phone 86063500 for more information or see flyer on main noticeboard.
3. ***Epsom Preschool Open Day*** will be held on Tuesday May 26th from 1pm to 3pm. Phone 54484037.
4. ***Bedwetting DVD and Fact Sheet*** is available online at www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300135796.
5. ***An Evening with Donna Williams "Autism as a Fruit Salad"*** will be held on Thursday May 21st at the Foundry Hotel from 7.30pm. A registration form is available from the office. RSVP by May 14th.
6. ***The Little People's Art Studio*** has opened at 287 High Street in Golden Square. Creative fun for children aged 12mths and upwards. Parties and group bookings welcome. Phone 54442666.
7. ***Neangar Pre School All Wares Night*** will be held on Thursday May 28th from 7pm to 9pm. Entry is \$2 with a light supper provided.
9. ***Educating Twins and Triplets Seminar*** will be held on Friday June 5th at the Campbell Theatre from 7.30pm. Light supper provided and gold coin donation on entry. See flyer on main noticeboard.
10. ***LCM Inter School Gymkhana*** to be held Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July 2009 at the Prince of Wales Showgrounds. Contact Weeroona College Bendigo on 54432133 for more information. Program and Entry forms available at the Office.

Attachments:

- 1.School Privacy Policy
- 2.Behaviour and Food Additives
3. Parents Victoria Newsletter
- 4.Puppet Photos