
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY MAY 21ST 2009

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CALENDAR

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| Monday | May 25 th | State Schools Relief Fundraiser (Popcorn \$1/ Jelly in a cup 50c) available from the canteen |
| 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

Well done to this week's group of students recognized for striving for excellence. I look forward to presenting your certificate on Monday at our weekly assembly. *Ava B, Ashlyn H, Isabel K, William J, Boe N-D, Monica H, Tiarna L, Corey H, Tenesha G, Joel M, Courtney M, Bryce C-F, Alice P, Gedd H and Matthew R.*

Education Week

We have had a most successful week celebrating the quality of work that is achieved across our school. Although I missed Monday's '*Back To School*' assembly due to the Principals' Conference, I was assured it was an enjoyable event. Yesterday's 'Open Day' with our Grandparents focus was wonderful. We had many visitors through the school and students from each class spent time talking with many of the Grandparents.

My thanks to teachers for their planning in making this a time many students, parents and grandparents will remember.

Swine Flu Concerns

This matter is something occupying the news at present and the fact that it has already been detected at a school in Melbourne leads to the possibility of concerns from parents about what may be in place in local schools. At present we have no cause for concern and will be guided by our Education Department.

Should parents have any concerns about swine flu I have been advised to refer you to any of the following:

- Call the Swine Influenza Hotline Telephone 180 2007
- Call Nurse-on-Call Telephone 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- Call your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.
- Visit the Victorian Government Health Information Web site for up-to-date information for schools, children, parents and the community: www.health.vic.gov.au

Schools Pride Program Funding

Recently our school was advised that we have been allocated \$150,000 of Federal Funding under this program. I am presently doing the work necessary to secure the funding and it will be directed towards:

- Finalising the refurbishment of our original building. This will involve a complete upgrade of our administration office.
- Resurfacing the front asphalt area. The best type of surface for junior student play is being explored and costed.
- If I can stretch the funds far enough, consideration will also be given to upgrading our front fence.

While there may be other areas that we would like to spend this money on, there are specific guidelines and so the priorities as listed are being explored.

Education Provision in Northern Bendigo

This very significant project is still in the exploration stage and a firm decision on this will be forthcoming very soon. There has been a lot of speculation around what this will involve. While I don't wish to add to the speculation, I can say that our school will be a significant component of the future primary school provision in this area.

Thank You From Eaglehawk Secondary College

Thank you very much for your promotion of the Grade 6 Information Session at Eaglehawk Secondary College which was held last night. The attendance was excellent!

If any families were unable to attend the Information Session please contact the college .

Policy Sharing

This week's policy for your reference is our '*First Aid*' 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

'Gabby Getalong'

I was at a conference on Monday and missed the Preps' rendition of the '*Gabby Getalong*' song but I am told it was beautifully done. Our focus at the moment with the '*You Can Do It*' program is ***EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE***. Congratulations to all of the following award winners who will receive their certificates at Monday Assembly. Come along to see this if you are able. ***Cody Y- Gale, P/I Holland, Ben W, Shakyra J, Tamika L, Madison H, Harrison F, Brayden M, Keisha B, Jake T, Braydon S, Jackson G, Ben T and James L-H.***

Driveway Danger

Most of the time our drive-through pick-up/drop off system works quite well but we get reports of parents walking across between cars, sometimes with children, and we even get complaints occasionally that cars do not keep moving along when they should or take too long collecting or dropping off their children. We have a rule about not crossing the driveway on foot before and after school. Regardless of the concerns, commonsense and care for the wellbeing of our children are the bottom lines in all that we do at Eaglehawk North Primary School. I had the unpleasant experience recently of coming across an accident in Bright St on my way home from school where a very small girl had run out from behind a bus and was hit by a 4WD. It was a sickening sight. I would not like to see the scenes of distress and shock I saw that day repeated at our school. We can never be complacent about basic safety rules. As they say in the classics '*everything's alright until something goes wrong*'.

Walking School Bus

The exciting news is that some of our volunteers are prepared to now walk on Fridays as well as keeping Wednesday going. If we maintain our numbers of children at a good level on two days we will trial Wednesday and Friday as our regular days of walking for the foreseeable future. This is great news for our children. The times and route are unchanged. Big thanks need to go to our team of volunteers.

The Kenworthy Family Rocks!

Big thanks have to go to the Kenworthy family who donated a large pile of volcanic rocks to our school for placement in gardens. Each class has a garden area to look after and many creative ideas are coming to the fore under the guidance of staff, children and parents. Strangely no garden gnomes or concrete kangaroos have appeared as yet however every time you pass a rock please think of the Kenworthys.

100% Attendance

A couple of weeks ago I discovered that we had over 90 children who had not missed a day of school so far this year. A recent check shows me that this number has been reduced to 84. I wonder how many we will have by the end of this term.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS

Dr Harry Little: This week a group of grade 5 students visited the Dr Harry Little kindergarten to teach and play games with the children there. As usual, the students involved represented the school well and made the venture a huge success. Congratulations to those who participated.

Natural and Manmade Disasters: The children are continuing to work hard on their projects and some excellent work has been submitted. The next task due is Task 3 on Friday 29th May.

Netbooks: It has been pleasing for us to see the Grade Six children growing in both confidence and their ability to use these machines this term. The 5/6 teachers would like to commend you for this and encourage you to keep exploring the resources that are available on these excellent units.

Homework: Just our regular reminder that homework is due in on each Friday. The peer assessed talks that were presented as a part of last week's homework requirements were of an excellent standard.

Cross County: The School Cross Country was held on Tuesday of this week and was a huge success. Well done to all involved for the great sportsmanship that was displayed on the day. Just a reminder that 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 tomorrow for those who have been selected. **All notes and money(\$4)** should have been returned by now. Good luck to all involved.

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The value being investigated this week in Social Competencies is "**excellence**" -it is giving your absolute best to any task you do. The students were asked to identify things that they were not able to do when they were younger but are now excellent at.

Tuesday was our school Cross Country race. Rani's Yellow Hat Thinking was that a Truscott person came 1st and so they got lots of points, Will's White Hat Thinking was that it was windy, Harry's Red Hat

Thinking was that he felt very happy for Truscott and Williams.

The students will be competing in the Regional Cross Country at the Epsom race track on **Wednesday 27th May**. Permission forms should have been returned to school. If not could you please contact the office and follow up on a permission form.

We had a very busy day celebrating Education Week yesterday. The students enjoyed our cooking experience. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who assisted us. The students also enjoyed sharing their learning with their visitors and talking about education in their day. One question asked from Mr Bortolot's grade was "**What's it like to be an old person?**" and "**What was behaviour like back in the olden days?**" Very thought provoking questions.



Permission forms for our excursion to CERES should be returned as soon as possible **along with payment of \$18**.

If your child is not able to attend, please return the form indicating that the student will not be participating.

We will need parent helpers for the day.

If you would like to attend, please let the class teacher know in a note so that we are able to select our helpers and get the relevant information to them parent helpers . We will endeavour to make this day a recyclable rubbish lunch day.

Our “*junk pile*” is growing and the students are looking forward to getting into the construction for recycle rubbish sculpture day.

The students have their Rich Assessment Task for their environmental project. Some elements such as the puppets and scripts for their Natural Resources project will be completed at school while some can be done at home.

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP, 1/2 NEWS

Grandparents and Special Friend’s Day

It was wonderful to see Grandparents and Special Friends visiting in classrooms. The children really enjoyed sharing their work and have our visitors join in activities. In some classroom visitors shared memories of their childhood and explained how life in some aspects has changed. Thank you for being part of our special day.

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 Literacy Focus – Next week’s letter is “*Ww*” and the high frequency word is “*was*”.

GRADE ONE & TWO

Grade 1 Literacy Focus- Next week’s blend is “*sn*” and rime ending “*ug*”.

Grade 2 Literacy Focus – Next week’s focus are words with “*ay*” where it has the long ‘*a*’ sound and the blend “*scr*”.

Simon, Tina, Sharna, Carolyn, Cheryl and Judy



VISUAL ARTS

Feast your eyes upon some excellent photomontages and collages that on are display around the school as we complete our unit in this area!!

All grades are moving into the area of Modelling. This includes working with modelling dough, plasticine, model art and clay. Senior students will have the opportunity to have a clay creation fired in the kiln and then glazed and re-fired. All students will explore a variety of techniques and processes. This is a very popular area of the Arts and over the years students have created some timeless ceramic pieces during their primary Art/Craft sessions.

Some students still need to bring their own, named smocks to classes.

MUSIC

Our Choir and Recorder Band students are making some wonderful music as they increase their knowledge and performing skills. They are also learning to cooperate and work as a team as they combine their talents and ideas for the benefit of the group. The Choir will perform at assembly in 2 weeks, so come along and enjoy the performance.

Keep creating,

Sue O’Hara and Bekki Probert



LIBRARY NEWS

The school has been a buzz this week with Education Week, it has been great to see so many grandparents visit our school.

For Book Week next Term we will have Adam Wallace visit our school to do writing and drawing workshop’s with our classes. It should be lots of fun.

‘Reading can take you anywhere’

Liz Davis



SPORTS NEWS

School Cross Country

What a fabulous day we had as all 3-6 students gave it their all on the challenging Cross Country circuit. It was also fantastic to see the amount of support given to the runners while out on the course by other students. Congratulations to all those who finished the course. Winners of the individual races and overall House Champions will be announced on Monday during assembly. We now look forward to the Zone Cross Country next Wednesday out at the Bendigo Racecourse. Please remember to keep those notes and money coming back in.

Orienteering (Friday 22nd May)

Our team is raring to go and should give a good account of themselves. We look forward to hearing back from them on Monday.

Lacrosse

Had a visit yesterday from Neville Bell who was very pleased about having many ENPS students out at their Thursday night games. He was also looking further into the future about a team from Bendigo competing in the Australian National Carnival. Stay tuned. Remember if lacrosse is something you would like to try, please see Mr G for more info.

Baseball

I am pleased to announce that ENPS has scored a win in the “*Hit, Run, Throw*” competition we entered during

Term 1. The Bendigo Baseball Association has been in touch so we should know more next week. Well done to those who took part.

Auskick

I was lucky enough to go and watch Carlton annihilate Collingwood at the MCG last weekend, but I wasn't as close to the action as a couple of local boys. Four ENPS students graced the hallowed turf for a halftime Auskick game. I'm sure they had a great time and might appreciate the experience even more when they get older. Well done boys.

Brett Gilligan



CANTEEN NEWS

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

Anita Pilling

Mother Hen Catering



NETBALL DRAWS

Saturday May 23rd

13/Under Section 6

E/H Nth Blue V Big Hill A Crt 9 9am

11/Under Section 1

E/H Nth Navy V Creek St B Crt 3 9am

11/Under Section 4

St Killians Pink V E/H Nth Gold Crt 6 10am

Grade 3 Clinic at 12 Noon

E/H Nth V St Thereses Crt 5



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



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 1st-30th 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.

LOST

A size 6 Polar Fleece jacket (named) was lost on Tuesday May 19th. If you know of its whereabouts please return it to Nikita in P1/K.

LOST PROPERTY

A large number of unnamed items are in the Lost Property cupboard. If you are missing any items please check the cupboard.

A number of named items have been returned to students. Please name items of clothing as this assists with returning lost items to students.

Community News

1. ***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.
2. ***Epsom Preschool Open Day*** will be held on Tuesday May 26th from 1pm to 3pm. Phone 54484037.
3. ***Bedwetting DVD and Fact Sheet*** is available online at www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300135796.
4. ***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.
5. ***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.
6. ***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.
7. ***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.
8. ***BOLD*** (Learning Difficulties Support Group) will hold their next morning tea on Friday May 29th from 10.30am at the Hill Top Café located in the Salvation Army Complex, Mundy Street. Phone Judy on 0408312027.
9. ***Bendigo Judo Academy*** offers a fun way to learn the sport of self defence judo. Located at 47 Victoria Street Eaglehawk. Phone Stephen Stuart on 54462442.
10. ***Neangar Pre School Open Day*** will be held on Wednesday June 10th from 2-15pm to 3.15pm. Children for both 3 and 4 year old kinder groups for 2010 are invited to attend.
11. ***YMCA School Holiday Program For Winter*** is now open for bookings by phoning 54458300. ***Bookings for Eaglehawk are available from May 25th to May 29th.***