
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY November 5th 2009

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CALENDAR

Friday	November 6	School Fair 4.00-7.00pm
Friday	November 6	Calendar/Greeting Card order form due
Sunday	November 8	ParticipACTION Day (see note in Community News)
Mon-Wed	November 9-11	Book Fair in the MPR(note change of date and venue)
Friday	November 27	Music Trivia Night 7.30pm at school

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students on their nomination for awards this week. Certificates will be presented at assembly on Monday. We welcome your attendance to share this time with us.

Shane D, Claudia H, Luke W, Sophie D-M, Liam P, Monique W, Shauna C, Jai N, Ruby C, Lachie H, Ashley M, Jayden K-K, Maddy A, Jordan N, Janae S, Jordan T and Sarah W.

2010 Classes

I have developed some initial class structures and staff have had some opportunity of input into this. I will not communicate my decision on this for another few weeks as I still have enrolments coming in intermittently. It would assist greatly if enrolments that have not yet been completed could occur as soon as possible.

'A Night on the Green'

What a truly fabulous night this was! It's times like this that makes me even more proud of the staff and students. To see the community support demonstrated by the attendance and the obvious pleasure people gained from the children's performances was wonderful.

Congratulations to the students and sincere thanks to all staff.

Building Works

Our general office refurbishments have started and demolitions have already given a new look to the area. Those who have had reason to visit will now know their way around. For those with future need, our general office is presently operating out of my office at the rear of the main building. Please follow the signs and you'll be supported as best we can.

1:1 Netbooks program

At Tuesday's school council meeting we made the decision to extend upon our netbook trial of this year to introduce the program in 2010 across our senior years, Grades 4 to 6.

In the coming week I shall be sending documentation home to all parents of next year's grade 4-6 children clarifying all aspects of the program. Much of this will be based on the materials we used for the trial which was extremely successful. We shall also offer opportunity to any parent of children within the school to attend a general information session on the introduction of this program.

This is a significant step forward in our approaches to teaching and learning and presents a wonderful opportunity for the way in which our senior students undertake their future learning.

Ron Payne

ASSISTANT PRICIPAL'S COLUMN

'You Can Do It' is our core Values training program at the school and works at developing the foundations of Persistence, Organisation, Resilience, Getting Along and Confidence. This term our Monday Assembly awards will be awarded using the criteria of 'Organisation' so children displaying the qualities of good organisation in one of the busiest times of year will feature strongly.

Amber S-S, Shaleah G, Jemma H, Stephanie T, Corey P, Julia W, Ben R, Madison W, Keisha B, Jayden K, Harvey H, Cooper G, Derrien M, Brayden S, Dylan F, Jordan T, Travis B.

Exciting After School Care News

School Council have given support to the notion of outsourcing After School Care at our school. We are currently negotiating with a company to take on this very important Eaglehawk North program. If all goes as planned the program should be greatly enlarged over time with a wider variety of activities being provided and the capacity for families using the program to receive substantial refunds on the fees they pay. The program will become an Approved, licensed Out of School Hours Care program. More information will become available as we proceed toward 2010. Our objective is to have this up and functioning for the start of the new school year.

Walking School Bus

The warmer weather has seen walking numbers being maintained in this valuable school program. The only difference is that instead of Milo when they get to school our students are enjoying a refreshing cup of cordial. Any families who think that their children may like to join this group are welcome to get an enrolment form from the office. Once enrolled children may walk any day they choose. We are currently walking to school on Wednesdays and Fridays. I need to acknowledge the effort of our volunteers Mrs Suzy McG, Mrs Jody A, Mr Tim A, Mrs Nicole R and Mrs Rebecca D who week, week out keep fronting up to enable our Walking School Bus to run.

On the Way Home

We occasionally have to unravel issues that arise between children on the way home from school. Fortunately it is not a regular occurrence but frequent enough to be a concern. It is helpful if families can have very clear expectations about the route they expect their children to take home as well as the time they expect them to be home. The focus of course should be upon getting home promptly and safely with minimal detours or distractions. Occasional reminders on the home front would be helpful. The bottom line of course is the safety of our children.

Thanks Mr Sea

Robert Anderson, Tim Attwater and I had the pleasure of performing at the recent Concert 'A Night on the Green' with one of our grandfathers Mr Gary Sea, a member of the renowned Bendigo group 'The Impalas'. Gary not only played keyboard for us but loaned a substantial amount of the sound system that made our concert such a success. We presented Mr Sea with a You Can Do It award at Monday Assembly to acknowledge his efforts. The Croft girls, Aimee and Olivia, were very proud of their grandad.

Excited Bike Winners

Grade 6 students James L-H and Paige E are the proud winners of brand new bicycles courtesy of the 'Ride 2 School' program, a state government initiative that promotes healthy activity, particularly bike riding. Paige and James constructed presentations around the topic 'Why My Bike is Important to Me'. They are hoping to bring their beautiful new machines to school for Monday Assembly next week.

Shade Structure

We are currently collecting quotes for a shade structure to cover the area formerly covered by large sails in the centre of the school. We are going for a steel construction to provide a useful sheltered area for wet or sunny days.

Office Buddies

Most of you will have worked out by now that Ron Payne and I are now office sharing. Ron has vacated his office to enable our office ladies to take it over. He has moved in with me. Some of you will be old enough to remember 'The Odd Couple' Oscar and Felix. It could be a bit like that. Coincidentally my pet rat Felix has had to move out to make room for Mr Payne. You will find us at the front of the school but it is a convoluted route via the Staff Room. See the Office ladies for directions. Good luck.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS**Orienteering**

Mr Gilligan and Mrs Madden are taking some of our 5/6 students Orienteering at Brimbank Reserve in Melbourne tomorrow. We wish them all the luck and hope that no one will get lost! Tune in next week for the results and a report on how the day turned out. A reminder that the bus will be leaving school at 7:30am.

Personal Development

Today was the final Personal Development session. We sincerely thank Denise for her warm and friendly approach to the issues discussed. The students participated in these classes with a high level of maturity which was very pleasing to see.

School Concert

What a fantastic night this turned out to be. It was lovely to see so many families come along and enjoy the entertainment from the students. There was quite a lot of rehearsing and effort from both students and staff to make the night happen so we thank them for this.

School Fair

A reminder that the School Fair will be on tomorrow night from 4pm til 7pm. All 5/6 students will be required to run their own stalls that they have been busy developing in class and will need to be at school at 4pm to set up for the evening. See you there!

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS

The "Night On The Green": congratulations to all for a terrific night.

Flora:

The students have been very fortunate to have had Terri Williams teaching them about the flora found in our playground. The students also had the opportunity to speak to Mrs Williams about her job and the skills that she has to be able to do it.

Careers Excursion:

We had our careers excursion on Tuesday and it proved to be a valuable learning activity. We are indebted to the shops and businesses who gave so freely of their time. Our local shops are very important for our community.

Water Bottles:

Please remember to send the students with water bottles on hot days as they will need to remain hydrated. We will be encouraging them to pursue quiet activities on hot days.

3 / 4 Rookes comment:

"On Monday 2nd November after assembly we came back to class and got some pens and pencils, a jotter, a clipboard and our hats and went to the outdoor class room. Then a lady called Terri W and took us for a nature walk, we looked at a Showy Parrot pea, Blue Finger, Golden Wattle, Red Iron bark, Redbox, Totem Pole and lots of other trees. Terri told us the scientific name and about the plants. She told us that butterflies lay their eggs on a certain tree and at night the ants come and take the lava down to the nest and feed it and when it's morning they take it back up for the butterfly."





This is a picture of markings that a Gala made. The Gala marks his territory. Tim, Mr. Reid, Ethan, Will, Harry, Mikki, Rani and I went to Wellsford Forest and we went looking for lots of things. We went in a promotion for the school and if we win then we get computer things for our school. *Lauren*

3 / 4 PLT

Anna, Anthony, Cherie, Colin

PREP/ONE/TWO NEWS

SCHOOL FAIR – TOMORROW!

Our wonderful school fair is TOMORROW from 4.00-7.00pm. We still require helpers for our number of stalls, so please see your child's classroom teacher to organise a time that you can assist – we only require 20 minutes of your time. As 'they' say, many hands make light work and it will be greatly appreciated. Mrs Healey and Mrs Holland would also welcome any last minute donations for their 'Lucky Dip' and 'Mystery Jars' stalls. See you then!

REMINDER – Drink bottles & school jumpers

A reminder for ALL children to please bring a drink bottle FILLED WITH WATER to school. The weather is getting warmer and is essential the children keep well hydrated and have immediate access to these during class times.

We have lots of unnamed and unclaimed jumpers in our classrooms. Please come in and check to see if they belong to you before they get sent to the lost property cupboard.

Early to bed, early to rise

As this time of year is busy, busy, busy it is essential that children are getting enough rest, keeping hydrated and following a good diet to ensure that they are alert and ready to learn when at school. Classes are currently testing and preparing for report writing and having your child at their best and attending school regularly is important.

Spell-a-thon

The whole school spell-a-thon will take place next week. Children have been eagerly practising their words through word finds, partner testing, using chalkboards - even writing them with pasta shapes! We thank you for supporting your child in learning these words at home and look forward to seeing them achieve their best.

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

P/1 PLT

Tina, Cheryl, Judy, Carolyn, Sophie and Sharna



LIBRARY NEWS

It is great to see everyone so excited about the School Fair, I hope everyone has a great night. Don't forget we are having our BOOK FAIR next week starting Monday afternoon and finishing on Wednesday afternoon. Look out for our special visitor, he will be out and about on Monday afternoon. The Book fair will be in the MPR, hope to see you all there,

'Reading can take you anywhere!'

Liz Davis

SPELLING BEE

- **9th-13th November** Week of the Spell-a-thon testing. Teachers to send home spelling test with the students test scores
- All Monies and sponsorship forms due back to school by **20th November**

Cherie Slattery

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

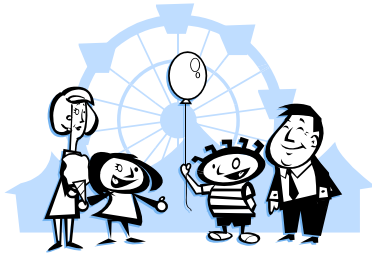
Order forms were sent home on October 23 with the newsletter. Children have completed their artwork at school this week (ask them what they drew for their art work). All orders and money to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday November 6.

NIGHT ON THE GREEN

DVD's are now for sale from the Office of our wonderful 'Night on the Green' concert. If you would like a copy, please fill out the order form at the end of the newsletter and send along \$15 to secure your copy.

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Our annual Music Trivia Night will be held on Friday November 27 at 7.30pm in the School's Multi Purpose Room. Check out the attached flyer and book your table early. If we have any families associated with local businesses who may like to make a donation towards the raffle held on the night, please contact Naomi Filcock on 54461247.

SCHOOL FAIR***White Elephant Stall***

We are taking donations for our White Elephant stall which will be held in the Multi Purpose Room.

Devonshire Tea

If anyone could donate cakes and slices for our Devonshire Tea please bring them to the Canteen on the day of the fair.

Apply Slinkies

Mother Hen Canteen is selling apple slinkies and for every purchase they will donate 5% to our school. They are \$25.00 each and can be pre-ordered to be picked up on the night of the fair.

Mr G Legs Waxing

To raise money for our school fair Mr G has kindly offered to have his legs waxed. If we raise enough money he is prepared to get a full leg wax. If you would like to see Mr G have his legs waxed please bring your money to the office.

Can't wait to see you all there.

Goods and Services

If any parent can donate 'goods' or 'services' as prizes in the Fair Raffle it would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office or Jenny Williams on 0429144547 leaving your name and number.

School Fair Committee**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Mr Gilligan has kindly offered to have his legs waxed as a fair fundraiser to help raise money for our school. We need to raise over \$60.00 for him to have one leg waxed. So far we have only raised 20.00 in total. JSC reps will be visiting each grade with a tin for students/teachers to donate money and will also be selling poppies for Remembrance Day they are .50c each.

Spell-a-thon

Next Tuesday or Thursday (10th-12th November) all students across the school will be participating in the spell-a-thon program either Mr Payne or Mr Morton will be visiting each grade to test all students. The spelling words that you need to practise are the words allocated for your grade and are in this week's newsletter for you to practise them! Only the students who have bought back their permission note and have been collecting sponsorship will receive a certificate and some students will receive prizes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***Eaglehawk Basketball Association*** - New Junior Players are required for the Eaglehawk Basketball Association's Friday night games. No experience necessary. Cost is only \$2.00 per game with play starting at 5.30pm. Contact Rosemary Metcalf on 54462809 or 0428 463565 for more information.
2. ***Bushfire Safety Meeting*** – Are You Ready? To learn more, CFA invites you to attend a free information session on Monday, November 16 at 7.30pm at the Eaglehawk Fire Station, Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk.
3. ***Small Township Meetings*** – are taking place in our district during November. If this is of interest to you, please place the following on your calendar. Neillborough on Thursday November 5, Woodvale on Tuesday November 17 and Sebastian on Thursday November 26.
4. ***St Libs Wine and Cheese Evening*** – Friday 13th November 09, 7.30-9.30pm at the Eaglehawk Town Hall. Tickets \$20 each (\$25 @ the door) available from St. Libs school office, IGA Cellars, Grant Rules Menswear. BE THERE IN BLACK!!
5. ***Heavenly Recipes*** – Out Now! Heavenly Recipes Cook Book, at a cost of \$12, with all proceeds going towards the East Loddon P-12 College Chaplaincy Fund. Pre order your copies now via email to eastloddonchappo@yahoo.com.au or guthries@megalink.com.au. Books will be available from the end of November/early December – but order one now so you don't miss out!
6. ***Bendigo Autism Asperger Group*** – presents a Family Fun Day at Discovery Science and Technology Centre, 7 Railway Place, Bendigo. For parents/carers of school aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. To be held on Saturday November 14 between 4-5 pm. Admission free to BAAG Members. Please bring a place to share, refreshments supplied. To register, send your details via email to info@bendigoautism.org.au or phone 0417057672. RSVP Tuesday November 10, 2009.

FUNDRAISING

Chocolate Drive – We still have 18 families who need to bring back their chocolates or the \$60 to help us finalise this fundraiser. To date our profit is \$5294 but we still have \$1080 in money/chocolates outstanding...so please keep them coming back in!

GRADE 6 2010 POLO SHIRTS

Our Grade 5 children will bring home a letter/order form today to enable them to place an order for their 'Grade 6 2010' Polo Shirts.

