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# Whipstick Whispers

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## CALENDAR

Monday	October 12	Zone Athletic Championships
Thursday	October 15	Softball Tournament
Tuesday	October 20	Grade 1/2 Gym Program commences
Friday	October 23	Grade P-2 Bendigo Show Excursion
Tuesday	October 27	School Concert (refer flyer)
Wednesday	October 28	Bendigo Cup Day Holiday – no school
Friday	November 6	School Fair 4.00-7.00pm
Wed-Fri	November 11-13	Book Fair in the Library

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

*Welcome Back to Term 4.*

*How quickly the year is slipping by! I hope everyone enjoyed their time over the past two weeks and are now looking forward to what will be another busy Term 4.*

**I have listed below many of the key tasks facing us over the next 10weeks.**

- Our main task will remain on presenting stimulating daily teaching and learning programs across all classes
- Education Support Staff appointments necessary to fill coming vacancies
- Facilities projects: Our main ones are – Office refurbishment, New Learning Neighbourhood started, Playground relocation, amphitheatre covered.
- Designing our Class structures for 2010
- Completing all teaching appointments and placements for 2010
- Strategic Plan Leadership Team focus – preparing for our School Review in 2010
- Further developing Instructional Leadership roles of our senior staff (Ron, John, Helen)
- Related PD – John (Cognitive Coaching), Helen/Ron ( E<sup>5</sup> Instructional Model- Train the Trainer)
- Completion of Student Reports
- School Fair
- School Performance – ‘A Night On The Green’
- Preparation for 2010 Pupil Free Day program
- Working with Anne Rochford – Literacy Coach
- School Council Annual Report 2009 Drafting
- 2010 Annual Implementation Plan prepared
- Staff Mid-cycle review process
- Transition and Orientation Day programs
- Graduation program

As you can see there is a lot on that will keep us busy. Please ensure dates and times are entered onto your calendar as appropriate as the end of one year, and start of the new year, are always challenging times.

***Ricky's Retirement***

I wish to take this opportunity to inform our school community of the impending retirement of our very competent and highly regarded Business Manager, Ricky Hunt.

It's going to be somewhat strange as ENPS without Ricky is something difficult to contemplate.

Ricky's retirement will take effect from the start of the next school year.

I will provide more comment and detail regarding this to everyone later in the term.

We are presently going through an appointment process with respect to our office staffing for the future.

***Principal's Award***

Congratulations to the following students on their nomination for awards this week. Certificates will be presented at assembly on the first week back for term 4. We welcome your attendance to share this time with us.

***James D, Amber C, Josh S, Isabella M, Damon M, Macklin W, Tiarna L, Bridgitt B, Jenna W, Zoe L, Aidan S, Trent H, Zac S, Justin B and Cher N-D.***

***Sunsmart Reminder – Hats please!***

A reminder of the expectation for all students and staff to support our Sunsmart practices from now up until the end of next April. The school has an established uniform with respect to headwear and parents, students and staff are requested to observe these expectations.

Children not having the appropriate headwear at school will be required to spend their break times in the shaded areas designated.

***Parent Opinion Survey prize***

Last term we offered the incentive of a small prize for those parents who took the time to complete the survey for us. Congratulations to Kirsty T who was the lucky draw winner.

My thanks to all parents who took the time to complete the survey. It does provide important feedback from a parent perspective of how we are operating. Our results will come through later this term and these will be shared with you.

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

Congratulations to this week's group of students. Awards will be presented at next Monday's Assembly.

***Codi L, Fiona M, Zach G, Kyal Z, Sophie A, Bailey T, Brandyne B, Michael T, Koby H, Ryan B, Caitlin C, Callum V, Janae S, Rhys H and Jackson S.***

***Working Bee This Sunday***

Can you spare an hour this Sunday morning at 10.00am to come along and assist with a general tidy-up in the Environmental Classroom area in the bush below the school oval. Terri Williams will lead our work on this day. Some removal of rubbish and general tidying up of scrub etc will be undertaken. Nothing too strenuous but a very important job that needs to be done. Some planting may possibly occur as well. Hope to see you there.

***Bike Track***

The track was opened today. Children wishing to accompany me on the bike track need to have a signed permission form. Teachers have these or children can see me about getting one.

***John Morton***

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

These are now in the school and will be sent out to families, in a sealed envelope, next Thursday October 15. Parents are encouraged to speak to classroom teachers if they need clarification on any aspect of the report.

**5/6 TEAM NEWS*****Term 4***

Welcome Back everyone, we trust you had a safe and relaxing break and are ready for what is going to be a terrific albeit very busy term. Students have commenced planning for the School Fair as they are required to plan and run a successful stall. There are 4 parts to this project and due dates have been negotiated with your child's classroom teacher.

***Sunsmart***

Students are reminded throughout term 4 they will be required to wear a HAT during break times. Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day.

***Zone Athletics***

Next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October students who were successful at the recent Athletics carnival will have the opportunity to represent the school at the Zone Athletics. We wish them luck for the day, if students have not returned their permission slips and money, please do by tomorrow.

***Softball Tournament***

Next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October there will be 3 teams going to the Softball Tournament with Miss Coffey. Please return permission slips along with payment to the office as soon as possible.

***Personal Development***

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October is also the beginning of the Grade 6 Personal Development sessions with school nurse Denise Watson. Grade 5 students will participate in Drug Education sessions with Mrs Madden, Mr O'Neill and Mr Anderson. Some interesting topics will be covered in all of these sessions.

***A Night on the Green***

All classes have been busy preparing and rehearsing for our school concert "A Night on the Green". Parents, families and friends are encouraged to come along with a picnic rug and nibbles on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and enjoy what is set to be a very entertaining evening.

***Somer's Camp***

On Tuesday Mr Gilligan and Miss Hurford took 13 students from Grade 5 and 6 to Somer's Camp. The camp gets rave reviews from previous students so we look forward to hearing all about their 9 day adventure when they return.

*Thanks,*

*Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob*

**3/4 TEAM NEWS**

We hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday ready for a busy last term.

***Integrated Studies***

Our integrated studies topic for this term is "Careers, Communities and Neighbourhoods." We will be looking at our neighbourhood and the services that it offers us. This will link to the particular jobs that people have and the skills that help us.

***Rotations***

Our rotations program has changed for this term. The students will be stream-lined grouping for maths twice a week. The students have been grouped into new, mixed groups for our integrated studies twice a week.

***School Fair***

The school fair is on this term and the grade each have a different focus. 3 /4Brown will be doing the mystery jars. We would appreciate any clean jars that can be filled with mystery contents. If you would like to fill your own mystery jar and send it along for sale, contributions would be appreciated. 3 /4 Slattery is doing "snow cones." 3 /4 Rookes "coins on the lily pad" - we would also appreciate donations of wrapped lollies or chocolates for prizes. 3/ 4 Bortolot "Pick a Stick".

***Night on the Green***

Each of the grades is presenting an item at the "Night on The Green" and the students will be informed as to what they will need for their items as soon details are finalised.

***Tissues***

The colds and flu in Terms 2&3 have depleted our tissue supplies. We would ask that each family supply a small box of tissues for class use during the term.

***Term 4 Supplies***

Thank you to those parents who have ensured that their children have pens, pencils etc ready for the term.

**Sun Smart**

Term 4 is the "Sun Smart" term and students will need a sun smart hat if they are to play in the playground. Children are also encouraged to use sunscreen.

**3/4 PLT Team,**

*Anna, Anthony, Cherie, Colin*

**PREP/ONE/TWO NEWS*****Welcome to Term 4***

We hope all families have had a relaxing break from routine and that all children are refreshed and ready for a busy and productive term. It is the final term of the school year so it is imperative that parents and carers continue to support their child's learning by maintaining regular reading and spelling routines.

Daylight Saving can pose some issues for bedtime, however, ensuring your child has 10-12 hours sleep will enable him/her to be alert for the whole school day.

Water bottles are essential for children to be hydrated in this warmer weather. These must be labeled!

Hats must also be worn this term. No hat means NO PLAY!

***Online English Testing***

All classes will be involved in a new Statewide On-Line English Testing program over the next four weeks. Reading, Oral Language, Writing and Spelling will be the areas that will be assessed.

***Bendigo Show***

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October all classes will be visiting the Bendigo Show to view the exhibits and the circus.

This is an exciting new addition to our P-2 excursion timetable this year. Please refer to the enclosed excursion notice for the rationale and details.

***Night on the Green***

School Concert practices are in full swing! Many classes have also been busy making masks, instruments and props for their musical items. Please mark Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October in your diaries so that families can share in this wonderful celebration of our children's artistic talents.

***A Request***

Boxes and recycled materials are again needed for our budding artists and engineers in KOOLtime.

***Grade 1/2 Gym Program***

Please keep those Gym notes rolling in.

Any families who require alternative payment arrangements, such as instalments, for the upcoming Gym Program and Bendigo Show excursion this month, please contact the Office. We still require permission notes by the designated time so that children do not miss out on these wonderful school experiences!

***Lost***

Could parents please check labels on their children's blue school pants. Shane D is missing a size 6 pair from the Swimming program last term.

**PREP**

Next week children will be busy revising their high frequency words.

**ONE/TWO**

Next week's spelling focus is "ung" and words ending in "th" for Grade 1 and "ir" (as in bird) and "ou" (as in should) for Grade 2.

*Cheryl, Judy, Carolyn, Sophie, Sharna and Tina.*

**ADVANCED PHOTOS**

Any family that took part in the family portraits fundraiser last term and didn't receive their 'Key Ring', can you please call into the office to collect one.

**TRANSPORT REQUIRED**

We are looking for someone to assist with transport of three children to and from school each day. They are living near the Eaglehawk Secondary College. Please call Sharon Gill on 0427049509

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Opening Hours for this Term are as follows:

Monday 3.00-3.30pm

Thursday 8.45-9.15am

Friday 3.15-3.45pm

The Shop is now located next to the General Office. Order forms are always available from the parent waiting area in the foyer if you can't make these times.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Term 4 has started and it is great to see that everyone has had a nice break. In October we are having another author visit our school. **Meg McKinlay** was a past student of our school and it will be great to hear about her experiences as an author.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a book fair. It will be held in the library so I can't wait to see what books they have available.

*'Travel with your imagination by reading a book!'*

*Liz Davis*

**SCHOOL FAIR**

Time has arrived for us to all get into the swing of things for our school fair. It is on 6<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. we are looking for donations for the White Elephant Stall and volunteers for the evening. Can't wait to see you all there.

*School Fair Committee*

## ARTS NEWS

### Visual Arts

Welcome back and get ready for another exciting and busy final term! In the Art/Craft room all grades will be commencing with PRINTING. This is a very creative and expressive area where art smocks are compulsory!...school uniforms need protection during this sequence of lessons, so please check with your students to ensure they still have their art smock. A BIG thankyou to all those wonderful parents who have contributed reusable materials for our use.....we receive some very useful and varied items and they do assist our Arts budget enormously. Check out the Artblog which Ms. Probert has produced after many hours of hard work. It celebrates The Arts at ENPS with examples, photos and student comments and it demonstrates how strong the Visual and Performing Arts programs are at this school.

### Music

Everyone is busily preparing for our **Night on the Green**. Students will be performing with their grades and the variety of items on offer is wonderful. The School Choir and Recorder Band will also be performing and it promises to be a great celebratory event. Mark your calendars NOW!

The Choir will also be performing at Canterbury Carols on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder for all Recorder students to bring their books and recorders **every** Monday as we consolidate our playing skills and prepare for performances during the term.

### *Keep practising*

*Sue OHara and Bekki Probert.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***Aussie Hoops*** – Aussie Hoops is about kids having FUN while experiencing basketball skills. If you would like to attend this program on Wednesday October 14 between 4.30-5.30pm at the Flora Hill Stadium, please call into the school office and collect an application form.
2. ***Central Victoria Hockey*** – Junior Summer Competition commencing October 16...for more information check out the drive through noticeboard.
3. ***Eaglehawk and District Tennis Association*** – are offering Junior B, C & D grade clinics at \$3 per head per week on Saturday October 10 and 17 2009. Enquiries please phone Judy on 54461997.
4. ***Kids Character Carnival Bendigo*** – the City of Greater Bendigo is currently in the process of organising its annual Kids Character Carnival on October 17 2009. The Kids Character Carnival is a major community event providing a completely free family fun day for up to 10,000 children and families living in Bendigo and surrounding areas. Call into the office if you require information or contact Kylie Blanchard on 54346331. To coincide with this, children can enter a colouring competition which closes on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Entries available from the office.

5. ***Neangar Pre School*** – enrolments for 2010 are now open. Please contact the Pre School on 54469767
6. ***Marong Primary School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*** - an invitation is extended to interested persons to celebrate 150 years of education at Marong PS on Saturday October 31 commencing at 1.00pm (check flyer in noticeboard).
7. ***Bendigo Blaze Inline Hockey Club "Come and Try Day"*** – Saturday October 10 from 4-6pm at The Zone Family Entertainment Complex, Rohs Road, Bendigo. Bring your own cycle helmet. All other equipment provided. Everyone Welcome.
8. ***Bendigo Autism Asperger Group*** – invites families to an Open House at The Austism Assessment Centre, 8 Wallace Avenue, Flora Hill on Sunday October 11 between 11.30-1.30pm. Come along and meet other families who have a loved one with Austism or Aspergers Syndrome. We will have a sausage sizzle and lots of fun. Everyone welcome.
9. ***Take Home An International Big Brother or Sister*** – thinking of hosting an international exchange student, then check out our notice board at the drive through for more information.
10. ***Melbourne International Arts Festival*** – Join us Bendigo and surrounds for the opening weekend of the Melbourne International Arts Festival and Reverb from Melbourne Fringe Festival. Free buses are being provided and will leave this Friday at 3pm and Saturday at 3.15pm from the Capital Theatre. To book your place, contact Capital Theatre, Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre on 54346100. Check our notice board for more details.
11. ***Eaglehawk Cricket Club*** – Registration Day is on next Tuesday, October 13 from 5.30pm at Canterbury Park Oval (under grandstand). Cost \$50 for 5-10 year olds (players receive a cricket kit). Enquiries to Phill Kerr on 0407808927.

## FUNDRAISING

Chocolate Drive – We still have 20 families who need to bring back their chocolates or the \$60 to help us finalise this fundraiser. To date our profit is \$5174 but we still have \$1200 in money/chocolates outstanding...so please keep them coming back in!

### **Attachments:**

1. A Night on the Green