
Whipstick Whispers

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THURSDAY October 15 2009

NO 30

CALENDAR

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
Mon-Wed	November 9-11	Book Fair in the MPR(note change of date and venue)

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 the first week back for term 4. We welcome your attendance to share this time with us.

Lexi H, Rebeka G, Reilly H, Jeremy A, Hannah I, Madison H, Tyler G, Josh M, Chelsea C, Emily S, Austin H, Olivia S, Matthew T, Bree B and Heather K.

Welcome to Country:

On Monday we will have Aunty Lyn Warren joining us at assembly to provide a talk on the background of the 'Welcome to Country' which all schools are required to undertake on official occasions. You are welcome to join us for this activity.

At each Monday assembly and at official gatherings within our school from this time on, the 'Welcome to Country' will be undertaken.

Office Project:

Today I had our builder and project manager on site and preparations are well under way for a complete refurbishment of our administration office. Over the next two weeks we will be busy shifting furniture and equipment out of the area. As from Monday, 2nd November Ricky and Katrina will operate from my office and I will join John Morton in his office (the rat's gotta go though!)

We will continue to operate in this fashion until the end of the year.

Obviously this is going to create some stresses with our operations and so I ask in advance for your tolerance in relation to our capacity to support you in our usual manner.

2010 forward Planning:

This week I have started my forward planning work in relation to setting in place our structures for 2010.

I have asked staff to express their interest in teaching roles for 2010 and am presently gathering this input.

I have also provided staff with a range of class structure options and will seek feedback on this over the next week or two.

Once some of these structures are confirmed I will provide parents with a profile of our 2010 approach and you will be invited to express input as to your child's placement in keeping with our established 'Class Formation' policy. Please do not send in this input until it is called for.

If you intend enrolling a child for next year and haven't already attended to this, it is most important that this be done as soon as possible.

Spellathon:

Under Miss Slattery's capable guidance, our Junior School Council is presently setting in place processes to conduct a "Spellathon" across our school. The funds raised from this activity will be directed towards supporting Norlan, the child our school sponsors through World Vision.

Testing for the Spellathon will be conducted during the week of November 9-13. In the meantime I encourage you to support your child in learning the words from their list, some of which will be quite challenging.

Strategies such as: Look-Say-Cover-Write-Check, breaking the words into syllables(sound parts), rote memorizing(saying and spelling over and over), regular testing with you, writing the words daily and numerous times, writing them into sentences, are all strategies that may assist. There's no substitute for repetitious practice and effort in learning.

Zone Sports:

Earlier this week a number of our senior students represented our school in the Loddon Campaspe Zone Athletics Sports. I know that all did their best at this next level of competition and my congratulations to all on their fine personal achievement of reaching this standard.

Special congratulations to Tom N who placed 2nd in the boys12/13 years 1500m event. Great effort Tom!

World Teachers Day:

Friday, October 30 is the date set aside worldwide for the recognition of the work teachers do.

Throughout our lives we all remember many of our teachers. Some left us with pleasant experiences about school, while others we don't remember so fondly.

On this day the children will be encouraged to pay tribute to their teachers and I encourage you to support your child with this. Even the most basic "thank you" can mean a lot.

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.

Ava B, Hayden T, Connor D, Jay P, Amber H, Jayden H, Emily G, Corey H, Chloe H, Declan F, Jake T, Sean P, Jorja E, Leah Dand Riley B.

KidsMatter Briefing:

Chaplain Wendy Kofoed and I went to a briefing last week on this federally funded program. It encourages schools to have four essential elements in place for a supportive environment where mental health issues are prevented and, if required, addressed:

- **All children need to feel that school is a safe place** where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems.
- **Social and emotional learning benefits all students.** It involves learning to recognise and manage emotions, promote caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish and maintain positive relationships, and handle challenging situations effectively.
- **Parenting Support and Education** is recognized as important in promoting children's mental health. International research has shown the positive effects of good parenting on children's mental health and on school achievement.
- **Early intervention can make a significant difference** to reducing mental health difficulties in children and can result in dramatic, practical benefits that are sustained over time.

Walking School Bus:

We are walking on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The weather is gradually becoming warmer. Rain is the only weather element that stops the bus running. Enrolment forms are always available at the office. Parents are welcome to walk with us too. Often Milo is provided at the Canteen except on mornings when I am disorganised or forgetful but the children usually let me know if I have forgotten.

Bike Track

I will be opening this more often in Term 4 however only children with signed forms can participate. They are freely available at school. We have a dozen or so spare bikes for children to use but they should bring a helmet. We only have a couple.

John Morton

NAPLAN RESULTS

These are now in the school and will be sent out to families, in a sealed envelope, today 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***Sporting Events:******Athletics Sports:***

Mrs Madden and a team of around 16 students headed off to the Zone Athletics at the Flora Hill Athletics Track on Monday to compete against students from other schools in our local area. Well done to all students involved and to those students who will go to the next level to compete.

Softball:

Today, Miss Coffey, her two student teachers, Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Meyer and 3 teams of students headed to Beischer Park in Strathdale to compete in the Softball Championships. A big thank-you to Trevor Larson for his assistance in organising gear and umpires on the day.

Fair Projects:

Students in the 5/6PLT are currently in the process of organising their Fair Stalls for November 6th. Although the majority of the project work will be completed at school, students will need to do additional work at home to ensure that they are fully prepared for the event.

Hats:

Another reminder that in Term 4, students are expected to wear a broad-brimmed or bucket hat during both recess and lunchtime as well as during any PE sessions or other lessons that take place outside the classroom.

Somers Camp:

A big welcome back to Miss Hurford, Mr Gilligan and the students who attended Somers Camp with them. From all accounts, both students and teachers had a FANTASTIC time! Check out the photos below!

Personal Development (grade 6's) and Drug Education (grade 5's):

Just a reminder that for the next three weeks, these sessions will continue on Thursday afternoons in classrooms.

Thanks,

Rob, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Amy

Sarah Wenjoying new challenges at Somers Camp



Even Miss Hurford tried something new!

**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

3/4 TEAM NEWS***Integrated Studies:***

One activity for our integrated studies topic “Careers, Communities and Neighbourhoods”, will be a walk to our neighbourhood shops in Eaglehawk where we will have the opportunity to speak to the shop keepers and workers about their jobs and the skills that they have to be able to carry out their jobs. The excursion will be on Tuesday 3rd November and will be a whole day activity. For the excursion to go ahead, we will need to have parent helpers. Please let one of the teachers know if you are able to assist us on the day. We are also very appreciative of the support that the local shop keepers are prepared to give the students. An excursion permission form will be sent home shortly. There will be no cost for this activity.

If any families have any expertise that they would be willing to share on this topic, we would be pleased to hear from them including coming in to give a brief talk about their career paths in their working life.

Grade 3 /4 BC are fortunate to be able to be involved in an Environmental Education Activity sponsored by the Bendigo Environmental Group. They will be looking at the school environment and then a small group will be selected to travel to the Welsford forest to take some photographs. These will be entered into a digital photography competition.

School Fair:

PLEASE NOTE: for the School Fair, 3/4Brown will be making milkshakes & selling soft drinks– we will be looking for some helpers. The mystery jars are being organised by Mrs Holland’s grade.

Could parents for each grade consider donations of wrapped lollies, chocolates or other prizes that are still being sought for each class. Please bring them in and we will create a classroom box to collect them.

The “Night On The Green”:

The students are busily preparing for what should be a great community event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Tissues:

Thank you to those who have already sent along tissues. If you have not yet supplied a small box of tissues for class use during the term, we would appreciate your help here.

Hats:

Students have been reminded that hats are required in the playground, even on cloudy days during Term 4.

Library:

A reminder all students are expected to borrow from the library each week to support their home reading.

Anna, Anthony, Cherie, Colin

PREP/ONE/TWO NEWS***Hat Reminder:***

Hats must be worn this term and any child who does not have a hat will be required to sit under shelter in the lunch eating area during play times. NO HAT means NO PLAY!

Bendigo Show Excursion:

Is on next Friday 23rd October. We are very excited about this upcoming event. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note by tomorrow morning as circus seats need to be reserved. **Children will be unable to attend if notes are not returned tomorrow.**

Excursion Payments:

All Excursion Levy money has been used on previous excursions/incursions. Therefore all families will need to pay for the Bendigo Show excursion. The Grade 1 and 2 Gym Program is a special sports program (as was Prep Swimming) and requires a separate payment also. Please notify the office staff if you need to pay by instalments.

School Fair: Activities have been chosen and parent volunteers will be required to assist with the running of the stalls. Some stalls also require donations of prizes. The School Fair is a School Community event and can only be successful if all parents share the workload. Class teachers will organize volunteer rosters and notify parents of their stall requirements in the upcoming weeks.

Prep/1 F- Fairy Floss

Prep/1 H- Mystery Jars

Prep/1 P- Trash and Treasure

1/2 H- Paper Bag Lucky Dip

1/2W- Lucky Numbers (Mr. Reid)

2H- Ice Creams

Money and Maths:

Please give your child real life experiences with money. Lunch orders, money boxes, piggybanks, Birthday money, shopping and the Fair are all experiences that involve money. Prep and Grade One children should be able to recognise coins and notes, also different coins that can make one dollar. Grade 2 children need to learn to work out simple change and be able to count a small mixture of coins.

Volunteers Needed: - Parents are desperately needed to cover new readers with contact and mend a large quantity of “well loved” ones. Please see your class teacher if you are able to assist in this area.

Boxes and recycled materials are still required for KOOL time activities!!!

Victorian Spelling Tests:

Will be undertaken this week so there will be no spelling homework.

1/2 Gym Program:

Will commence next week on Tuesday 20th October. There are four consecutive 45 min. sessions. Times are listed below.

Group 1 - 9.30- 10.15 (Grade 1/2W and the 1s from the P/1 classes).

Group 2 – 10.15- 11.00 (Grade 1/2H and 2H)

Please ensure all permission notes and money are returned by tomorrow.

P/1 PLT

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

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 located next to the General Office until the new administration refurbishment commences. We will keep you informed of its position when we know! Order forms are always available from the parent waiting area in the foyer if you can't make these times.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please note there is a change of date to the Book Fair - it is now on **November 9th – 11th**. It will be held in the **MPR** so I can't wait to see what books they have available.

'Travel with your imagination by reading a book!'

Liz Davis

SPELLING BEE

- **19th October** Spelling forms and spelling lists are distributed
- **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

SCHOOL FAIR

Our School Fair will be held on Friday 6th November between 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

If anyone could volunteer their time it would be most appreciated. Please send back your slip at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Can't wait to see you all there.

School Fair Committee**THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Our whole school production for this year is '**A Night On The Green**' which is coming up SO QUICKLY!

All students will be performing with their grades on the evening of 27th October commencing at 6pm.

The venue is our newly turf area in front of the school and as space will be limited, we encourage people to bring their picnic rugs to place on the green instead of chairs to view the performance. If chairs are used they will need to be placed on the outside boundaries so others can view unobstructed. If the weather is inclement we will move to the Multi Purpose Room. Students are busily organising costumes, props, songs and performance items for the event. The School Choir and Recorder Band will also be performing, so MARK the calendar, come along and enjoy this special whole school community event. In keeping with this year's 'mini production', there is no entry cost or ticketing arrangements and some grades will need to be at school by 5.30pm for a 6 pm start. More details next week.

Keep performing!

Sue O'Hara

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***Central Victoria Hockey*** – Junior Summer Competition commencing October 16...for more information check out the drive through noticeboard.
2. ***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.
3. ***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 14th October. Entries available from the office.

4. **Marong Primary School 150th 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).
5. **Reading It's Magic** – Early Years (0-6)Literature Festival (for pre schoolers) to be held at Eaglehawk PS and Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk on Thursday October 29 between 11.00-1.30. Featuring a street parade, story readings and Don Jones, storyteller, magician and performer. There will be a free book for each child and a free sausage sizzle lunch for all children. Come dressed as your favourite character and celebrate Universal Children's Day. If your child does not attend school yet, please register your interest with the office at Eaglehawk North Primary School or the Eaglehawk or Neangar Kindergartens. For further information contact John Jones on 0419113065.
6. **Halloween Bonnie At Neilborough** – Saturday October 31 from 12noon 'til late at the Neilborough Hall, Murchison Street. BYO food and drink. Bring the kids, prizes for best dressed. Hope to see you there!
7. **Communities for Children Bendigo – Community Forum.** Thursday November 5 2009 between 11.00am-3.00pm (morning tea and lunch provided) to be held at the California Gully Mechanics Institute Hall, 8 School Street, California Gully. This day is for workers, service providers and volunteers who work directly with children and families, along with any parents and community members who may be interested. RSVP to Naarah or Lisa at St. Luke's on 54471000 by Monday November 2.
8. **Eaglehawk Scouts** – are running a Trivia Night on Saturday October 24 at the Eaglehawk Scout Hall, Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk. Fun night, great prizes, lucky door, raffles, games, competitions. For more details please contact Sheryl on 54461170.
9. **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.

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!

LOST

Rugby Top and Polar Fleece Jacket are missing! They are both named and are a size 6. Please check at home and if found, please return to Lexi Hall in P/1P.



SCHOOL FAIR

Our School Fair will be held this year on **Friday November 6th**.

If you would like to assist either prior to the day or on the day please leave your name at the office or complete the tear off slip to enable a roster to be drawn up ASAP. If any parents would like to donate goods or service items for our spinning wheel please leave your details at the office.

Any assistance, large or small, will ensure our fair is successful!!!!

Name.....

Time Available.....

Phone.....

Fair Committee