
Whipstick Whispers

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NO 31

CALENDAR

Friday	October 23	Grade P-2 Bendigo Show Excursion
Tuesday	October 27	School Concert
Wednesday	October 28	Bendigo Cup Day Holiday – no school
Friday	November 6	School Fair 4.00-7.00pm
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)

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.

Kaecy N, Maddison A, Ben W, Allira W, Lachlan W, Zali C, Liam D, James r-W, Chelsea K, Zac W, Cooper G and Harrison M.

School Closures – Bushfire Season:

Schools have received notification of the Government's decision to close schools on days declared a 'Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day.' This policy has arisen from an assessment and audit of the preparedness of schools following the February fires.

Where possible, the Education Department will provide up to 3 days notice of a planned closure however a final decision to close a facility will be confirmed no later than 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Obviously I will provide the most up to date information on this matter to everyone at the relevant time.

No Newsletter Next Week:

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week as our office will not have access to computing and printing facilities on Thursday and Friday. On these days we will have workers on site disconnecting all equipment in the general office and relocating our office staff to my office where they will work for the remainder of the year.

1:1 Computing 2010 – Booklist Delay:

I recently sent a general letter to all families regarding my views on taking our children into the 'Digital Age' and the desire to introduce within the school learning underpinned by the latest technologies.

A team comprising school principals and staff from our Regional Office are working busily to investigate a range of possibilities of extending on this year's very successful Netbook trial and to establish an approach for 1:1 technologies next year that we may present to parents. Unfortunately we're working on another tight timeline but I'm very confident we'll successfully get things into place.

As a consequence of this work I am deliberately holding up the distribution of our Class Booklist as I don't want to send them out only to change because of decisions we take with 1:1. Our ladies in the office have done a wonderful job and have these ready go. When a decision is finalized you will receive them to go through the usual process.

2010 forward Planning:

This process has started. At this stage I am working on the staffing and class structure aspects of our planning. Parents can help greatly by ensuring any intended enrolments are completed. If it is likely that your child will be transferring to another school for whatever reason, this is important information for me also. Student numbers are critical in planning and I need to be as accurate as possible with this.

Mrs. Wright Long Service Leave:

As there is no newsletter next week I wish to take this opportunity to inform parents, particularly those of children in her class, that Mrs. Wright will be taking a period of well earned Long Service Leave from 2nd to 13th November. Mrs. Wright will be replaced for the two week period by Mr. Reid who does regular teaching in this class. Best wishes for a nice break Carolyn.

Reminders:

A Night on the Green – Next Tuesday, October 27 – a ‘family night’ for all to share in our concert from 6pm.

Bendigo Public Holiday – Next Wednesday, October 28- No school, so please make supervision arrangements for this day.

World Teachers Day - Friday, October 30 - Your child acknowledging her/his teacher will mean a lot.

School Council – Next meeting is Tuesday, 3rd November – rescheduled because of the ‘Night on the Green.’

Sunsmart - We still have quite a number of children without the appropriate hats. No hat or an inappropriate hat = the child stays in the designated shade area during breaks.

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.

Cody Y-G, Ashlyn H, Katelyn S, Noah B, Tahlia A, Sarah M, Lauren B, Lauren B, Koby H, Cleo L, Rohan L-H and Nikki P.

Restorative Practice:

Staff are currently reviewing our Behaviour and Wellbeing Program. One significant change to practice will be adoption of Restorative Justice approaches. The focus when upset has occurred is upon repairing harm and rebuilding damaged relationships. It quite deliberately avoids punitive responses and adversarial attitudes. Jason O’Neill, Anna Rookes and I attended a forum in Melbourne on Tuesday where schools showcased their successes and challenges with implementing Restorative Practice. Schools overseas are adopting the approach and it is now widespread in Australia. Sharna Holland joined Jason and myself in doing Level 3 training last term. The questions when things go wrong in the classroom or in the schoolyard become ‘What happened?’, ‘Who has been harmed or affected?’ and ‘What needs to happen to repair the harm?’ The central focus will be upon relationships, repairing harm, offender responsibility and working together to strengthen relationships.

Great News. The Parrot Pea Lives!

Liz Davis came rushing up to me excitedly in the staffroom yesterday to tell me that a patch of the local wildflower ‘parrot pea’ has been found in the fenced off outdoor classroom down in the bush. You may recall that when we were forced to relocate our fly-blown pile of cow manure away from the Grade 3/4 area we inadvertently dumped it on top of what was thought to be the only patch of this scarce plant in the district. Phew. What a relief!

Hats Hats Hats:

Big thanks to all parents who have managed to support us with the hat rule in Term 4. It seems that the vast majority of our children are now equipped with their hats. Next year will see a small change practice. Our recently revised Sunsmart Policy states that hats will be worn from September through to April. We frequently remind our children of the importance of sun protection. I am planning to repeat this message on Monday at Assembly.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS***Softball:***

Last Thursday, 3 teams of students, Miss Myer, Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Coffey headed off to Beischer Park for the Softball Championships. Despite some very ordinary weather conditions resulting in a few drenched kids and teachers, a fun-filled day was had by all!

Miss Coffey would like to extend a BIG thank-you to Trevor and Nathan L who came along, umpired on the day and brought along extra equipment- what would we have done without you!?! Thanks also to Mrs W who provided encouragement and her softball knowledge to assist our girls' team and Mrs Mand Mrs G who came along to cheer us all on in the wet.

Jump Rope For Heart:

Yesterday Mr G took our Jump Rope for Heart team down to Melbourne to the State Hockey and Netball Centre for their 'Jump Off'. Students had a great day showing off their skills and watching other schools perform.

A Night on the Green:

A reminder that Tuesday 27th October is our School Production, students will need to start bringing along costumes and props if required for their act. A full dress rehearsal will be held Monday. Parents and families are encouraged to come along and enjoy some music and entertainment as the students have been practising very hard for the night.

School Fair:

Students are well under way with the preparation of their Fair Stall, they have been busy developing the advertising by creating a poster, a jingle and an animation to be screened at school. A reminder for students to start collecting and bringing along any equipment or prizes they will need to ensure their stall is a success.

Personal Developmental Sessions:

A big thank you to Denise Watson for running the Personal Development sessions with our grade 6 students. Some of these sessions have covered quite sensitive issues about the changes that happen when growing up and we encourage you to discuss these with them.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

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

The program to support our integrated studies involves the students working in mixed working groups for 2 sessions a week. The students are then able to share their experiences with the rest of the class during class sessions as they complete their rubric tasks.

The students also work in streamlined groups for 2 sessions a week. The students have quickly settled into their learning environments. It has been obvious that some students need to improve their organisational skills so that they have the things they need for their lessons.

Careers Excursion:

Please return the **careers excursion forms** as soon as possible. We still need more helpers.

Bendigo Environments Club:

Jan Orr from the **Bendigo Environments Club** took 3/4 Brown on a walk through our bush setting and the students enjoyed learning about our plants and creatures in our environment.

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. We will be having dress rehearsals on Friday and Monday.

School Fair:

The grades are busy planning their activities for the fair.

A reminder:

All students are expected to borrow from the library each week to support their home reading overdue notices were sent home last week.

Anna, Anthony, Cherie, Colin

PREP/ONE/TWO NEWS***BENDIGO SHOW EXCURSION – TOMORROW!***

Our 'Community Helpers' excursion to the Bendigo Show is tomorrow, leaving at 9.15am and returning at approximately 2.00pm. As this is a long day of walking please ensure your child has adequate food and drinks for the day. Lunch will be eaten at the show grounds. Children will have their snack when they arrive back to school. They must be in full school uniform and as the weather is heating up, please remember to put sunscreen on your child and ensure they have a broad-brimmed hat to wear.

'A Night on the Green':

Both teachers and children have been busy rehearsing for their concert item next TUESDAY NIGHT. Please keep an eye out for reminders from individual classes on

what time and where to meet before the concert as most of our classes will be required in the holding area before the evening begins. We hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful school community event – look forward to seeing you then!

School Concert :

We have been busy making musical instruments, props and rehearsing. We need the following Australian animals (stuffed toys) as props - kangaroo, wallabies, koala, platypus and cockatoo. These toys need to be 30cm or taller so they can be seen by the audience. If you have a suitable toy or know of someone who could lend us one, please send it along to school. We will take very good care of it. On the night of the concert children are to come dressed as stockmen, jackaroos or jillaroos.

English Online Interview Testing:

For the past two weeks the P-2 children have been working extremely hard in completing the new end of year testing that involves all areas of the English curriculum – Speaking & Listening, Writing and Reading. We are very proud of the achievements they have made not only in their testing, but for the entire school year.

REMINDER – Appointments:

Please be reminded that if you have an issue you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher it would be appreciated if you could make an appointment. Although our doors are always open, it is often difficult to discuss issues in detail and give you our full attention; in particular in the mornings when teachers are actively preparing for the day in what is an extremely busy time of year. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Fair:

The school fair is quickly approaching the P-2 team would like to thank Cheryl G and Sharon F in advanced for their wonderful assistance and hard work as our fair committee contacts. Prep/One Holland still require LOTS of donations for their 'Lucky Jars'. Keep an eye out for timetables to assist with your child's class stall.

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

P/I PLT

Tina, Cheryl, Judy, Carolyn, Sophie and Sharna

VISUAL ARTS

All grades are up to their elbows in printing and paint! Junior students have created mono prints, stamp prints, fold over pictures and articles using printed paper such as wallets, bags, purses and pianos. Senior students have made relief blocks and have printed on a variety of papers. They have marbled, incised, drawn and made rubbings, producing some excellent print artworks.

THE PERFORMING ARTS

Our whole school production for this year is '**A Night On The Green**'.

All students will be performing with their grades next week on Tuesday 27th October commencing at 6pm.

The venue is our new 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 Multipurpose 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. Bring some nibbles or tea and have a wonderful entertaining evening. In keeping with this year's 'mini production', there is no entry cost or ticketing arrangements and students from Mrs. Healey's grade, the School Choir members and the Junior School Council representatives will need to be at school by 5.30pm for a 6 pm start .

Keep performing!

Sue O'Hara



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

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Attached to today's newsletter is an explanation sheet and order forms for the Calendar/Greeting Cards Fundraiser. Children will be completing their artwork at school during the week commencing Monday November 2. If you want to have a photo instead of artwork, please send the photo to school with your child on the 2nd to enable them to attach it to the paper supplied. Your photo will then be returned at the completion of the process. All orders and money to be returned to school by Friday November 6.

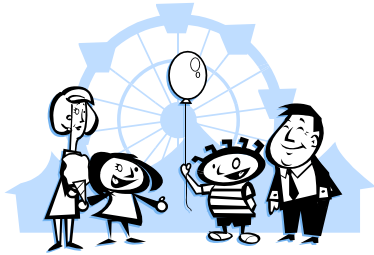
ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS CERTIFICATES

The last of these certificates will be given out at Monday's assembly. Mathematics and English.

CANTEEN:

If anyone needs a copy of the Canteen Menu/Price List, please call into the office. The current price list is dated February 09.

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 return 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.

Mr G Legs Waxing (Re:Flyer)

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

Junior School Council members will visit classrooms commencing next Monday selling Poppies for 50cents to commemorate Remembrance Day through until November 11 or until sold out.

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***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).
2. ***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.
3. ***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!
4. ***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.
5. ***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.
6. ***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.
7. ***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.
8. ***ParticipACTION Day*** - will be held on Sunday November 8 at Strathdale Park 11am-3pm and The Bendigo Aquatic Centre 4pm-7pm. This is free community event educating children of all ages and abilities how to become more active and live a healthier lifestyle.
9. ***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. Neilborough

on Thursday November 5; Woodvale on Tuesday November 17 and Sebastian on Thursday November 26.

10. **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!!

11. **Bold – (Learning Difficulties Support Group)** – Next meeting on Friday 30th October at the Café’ in the B-Central building at 45 Mundy Street from 10.30am.

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!

Attachments:

- 1. **Calendar Fundraising Forms**
- 2. **ParticipACTION Day Flyer**
- 3. **Fair Activity**



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