
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Friday	September 11	Prep Water Familiarisation Program begins 2-2.40pm
Mon-Thurs	Sept 14-17	Prep Water Familiarisation Program continues
Tuesday	September 15	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday	September 18	Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30 pm finish
Monday	October 5	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday	October 27	School Concert (more details early next term)
Wednesday	October 28	Bendigo Cup Day Holiday – no school

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Principal's Award

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

Nikita H, Todd K, Luke W, Sharni B, Boe N-D, Trinity A, Jake McD, Harry F, Madison W, Logan W, Dylan R, Olivia S, Nick C and Oscar M.

Drive Through Use

Another reminder as a consequence of a parent complaint.

Our routine is: During the peak periods of 8.30-9.00am and 3.25-3.45pm we ask anyone parking in the large car park to use the pathways and walk around the drive through to the car park area.

We can't stop people simply walking across the drive through during the peak traffic periods before and after school. All we can do is encourage the routine we have established in the interests of safety. I'm not sure that common sense is something you can teach.....if you do the right thing, please keep doing it!

Planning Week

This week our specialist staff have been supporting our classroom teachers with a revised timetable that allows each teaching team a full day of planning in preparation for Term 4 ahead. This is valuable time and I thank all staff for their support of each other to ensure quality planning and preparation is in place.

School will conclude next Friday, 18th September at 2.30pm and resume for Term 4 on Monday, 5th October.

Bendigo Community Holiday

Please note that schools within Bendigo have been allocated a public holiday on Wednesday, 28th October which coincides with Bendigo Cup Day. This holiday is in lieu of all metropolitan schools receiving Melbourne Cup day as a public holiday. Please mark this date onto your calendar.

Reminders

- Prep 2010 Enrolments – as soon as possible. Planning will be underway from start of Term 4
- School Grounds Development 'Wish List' – Family input due back tomorrow please.

School Policy

This week I have attached the school's 'Camps' policy for your reference.

Teachers in the senior classes have already started giving consideration to next year's camp program and their decisions and planning will be made in line with this policy.

All of our policies are located on the school's website if you have need for future reference at www.ehnps.vic.edu.au

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.

Teisha J, Liam A, Angelica D, Liam P, Lain J, Sophie A, Luke M, Alex H, Nick K, Emily G, Jamie W, Cooper Gaylor, Jara D, Jordan N, Sarina A, Janae S and Justin

Maths Challenge

Last week all classes had the opportunity to participate in a Maths Challenge as part of Literacy & Numeracy Week. Each day saw a new task to perform. The three classes with the best results were 1/2 Wright, 3/4 Rookes and 5/6 O'Neill. They all received an icy pole for their efforts. They discovered that there were 360 yellow footprints around the school, that the library has 13,185 books, Mr Payne weighs 84 kilograms, it is 18 metres from the lost property cupboard to the canteen and the three tallest teachers in order are Mr Morton, Mr Bortolot and Mr Gilligan.

Schoolyard Ideas

You may have noticed the page in the newsletter last week seeking ideas for schoolyard development. Specifically we are looking for ideas for activity-centred play for our children. Send us your ideas no matter how far-fetched you might think they are. My School Council Environment & Resources Committee met on Tuesday evening and a project we are currently considering is the roofing of the area below the Multi-Media Centre outside Rooms 7,8,9 and 10. It was formerly covered with three large shade-sails.

Sunsmart

We are an accredited Sunsmart school and we are required to ensure that our policy is in line with Sunsmart guidelines and expectations. One of their suggestions is that hats be worn from September to April. This is at slight variance with our current expectation of ENPS children that they wear hats only in terms 1 and 4. It is possible that we may adjust our policy to accomodate this.

After School Care

Please consider supporting this convenient ENPS program. It operates from 3.30-6.00pm five nights per week. It costs \$8.00 per child. Numbers have been down in recent times compared to previous years. A shake-up of services such as before and after school care is in the wind. We currently have a provisional licence that will take us through a general period of review and I expect that some changes are imminent. School Council will certainly discuss our future options and we will keep you informed as we become more informed ourselves.

Solar Grants

Our Environment & Resources Committee of School Council has registered for the Solar Grants program however we have held off putting in an application until the position with mergers, rebuilds and constructions became clearer. At our meeting this week we discussed the relative merits of putting the money toward solar panels and other innovations such as energy-efficient lighting, sensor devices and even window furnishings to conserve heating and cooling. Several companies have provided us with information and, as you would expect, they are keen to be our preferred partners in the scheme. As I have said in previous columns we would love school community to let us know your thoughts on solar energy and share any expertise you may have on the subject.

John Morton

GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

A heartfelt thank you to the 'WHOLE' ENPS school community for my teaching/learning journey at this 'special place'. I have influenced and been influenced by teachers, students and parents. I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity/challenges.

To Principal Ron and the School Council, thank you for the official presentations and the kind reflections on my career. To the sensational staff, thank you for your musical rendition at my recent farewell. Your gift and thoughts will provide me with many years of memories.

To the students, thank you for your thoughtful words, cards and individual creations that were presented at a recent Monday Assembly.

ENPS is a wonderful school and you have exciting plans ahead. Continue to "Spread Your Wings" as you all get to contribute to a positive teaching/learning environment.

Yours in sincere appreciation for the many years at Eaglehawk North Primary School.

Joyce V. Wood

5/6 TEAM NEWS***Athletic Sports***

Well done to those students who went last Thursday to compete. Mr Gilligan is in the process of finalising the team who will represent ENPS at the Zone competition.

Projects

Task 3 (the final task) is due tomorrow- September 11th. If students are not organised to submit this tomorrow they will need to do some work at home overnight to ensure it is completed ready to hand in.

Kids' Congress

The 6 students attending headed off to Kids' Congress yesterday and today with Mr Anderson. In next week's newsletter we will include a few reflections from some of the students involved.

Personal Development Sessions

Denise Watson, our school nurse, will be running Personal Development sessions with the grade 6's in Term 4. All grade 6's should have received a note about this today.

Kite Building Day

On Thursday September 17th the 5/6 Department will be involved in a kite building extravaganza to conclude our unit on Flight. Students will have time this Friday to plan and design their kites. They will also have made a list of the materials that they will need to collect during the week in preparation for the session on Thursday. An emphasis will be placed on students trying to build their kite using recycled or re-usable materials from around the home.

The kite making will take place in the middle session 12-2pm.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

3/4 TEAM NEWS***Space Watch***

Unfortunately our star gazing had to be postponed due to the cloud cover. We are still hoping that we will be able to gaze on the terrestrial bodies, tonight, Thursday night.

Chris, from the Bendigo astronomy society, took the students on a journey through our solar system. We were all impressed with the questions that the students asked as they showed the depth of learning about space that they had gained. We are looking forward to the students' presentations of their learning's about space next week.

Library

Students will need to ensure that library books are returned or re-borrowed before the holidays.

Student Requisites

Students will be checking the status of their requisites next week so that items, e.g. pencils, pens which have been used are replaced ready for Term 4.

Term 4 – Wear Your Hat

Please remember that Term 4 is "hat term" and so students will need a sun-smart hat if they are to play outside the designated shade areas. The School Uniform Shop has various sizes/styles in stock at a cost of \$8.00

Homework

There will be no homework tasks set for the last week of term. Students should continue their reading.

Integrated Studies

Our integrated studies topic next term will include a study of our local community linking to the careers people have. We will be looking for speakers to talk to students about our community and the careers people have and the skills needed for them.

Thank you

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

PREP/ONE/TWO NEWS***Kool Time***

After the zoo visit many students have been engaged in completing a zoo enclosure in the form of a diorama of their chosen animal. Students have also been 'travelling' around the world exploring many exotic countries and cities of Australia using Google Earth. A particular favourite was visiting Disneyland in Paris and also checking out their own homes with a birds-eye view.

***Prep Swimming Program***

The swimming program starts tomorrow. We will still need some parent helpers to assist the students in changing their clothes at school and afterwards at the pool. If you can help, please write your name on the roster outside the prep classroom or speak to your classroom teacher. Please remember that it is very important that all students clothes, towels and goggles are clearly labelled.

A modified timetable will be in place for the grade one students.

One/Two Grades.

On Tuesday 15th September, 2.30pm – 3.30pm the students would like to invite their parents to the classrooms for an end of term celebration sharing their zoo dioramas. During this time we will also be making zoo masks and have a sing-a-long. If you can attend you will be very welcome.

Grade One Gym

The grade one students will be attending Palmer's Gym in Bendigo early next term. Information and permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Literacy Focus for next week.

As this is the last week of term students will be revising many of the focus words and spelling strategies studied during this term.

Student Teacher

During the past 3 weeks prep/one Fitz have had the pleasure to have 2nd year Latrobe University Teaching Student, Miss Jess Telford working alongside Mrs Fitz. We would like to thank Miss Telford for her hard work and dedication during this time and wish her luck in her future teaching career.

Prep/One Fitz Blog

The grade have been working on the classroom blog. This is designed to keep students and parents informed of activities in the classroom and also gives a forum for sharing comments.

You can access this at home and make comments the web address is <http://fitzpat2.globalteacher.org.au> This is a work in progress and hopefully as we become more proficient we will add photos etc. of the students. If you have any concerns about your student being involved in this project please speak with Ms Fitz. We hope you enjoy the blog and look forward to receiving your comments.

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Cheryl, Judy, Carolyn, Sophie and Tina

EMA SECOND INSTALMENT

Parents who have applied for the EMA second instalment, please note that the cheques are available for collection from the office. For those who elected to have the instalment deposited into their bank accounts, this should have been done last week. Any enquiries please Katrina or Ricky.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

We are nearly at the end of term and everyone has been very busy. Don't forget to borrow some books to read over the holidays.

Please return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

FUNDRAISING

1. Fathers' Day Stall – thank you to everyone who donated items, gave up their time to help on the stall and to the children who purchased that 'something special' for their dad. The final figure raised was \$1103.00...well done.
2. Chocolate Drive – We still have 23 families who need to bring back their chocolates or the \$60 to help us finalise this fundraiser. To date our profit is \$5054 but we still have \$1400 in money/chocolates outstanding...so please keep them coming back in!

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property cupboard is full of unnamed clothes. Can you or your children please check to see if any of these items belong to you. TOMORROW we will be clearing the lost property cupboard and discarding any unnamed items.



ARTS NEWS

Visual Arts

PUPPETS, PUPPETS, PUPPETS!!!

All grades have been busy this week dressing and finishing off their puppets. It is fantastic to see the process is coming to an end and the results are great. Some grades have begun naming their puppets and writing scripts or monologues to accompany their puppet. Next week grades 3-6 will be presenting their puppets using different techniques and adding a few final touches to their work. P-2 will be adding the final touches to their chickens and box puppets. It has been a very exciting three weeks working on our puppets, we have taken several photos of the students working on their puppets and hope to add these to the ART BLOG that is almost up and running.

Fantastic effort displayed by all students this week. Your puppets are terrific!

***Keep creating
Bekki Probert***

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. ***Creating Confident Kids***- this four hour workshop to be held on Saturday September 19 from 12-15-4.30pm in Bendigo is especially designed for children aged between 10-14 and will help them to let go of worry, fear and not feeling good enough. The cost is \$40/child and is held in a fun and light hearted environment. Contact Julie Lake, Achievers Life Coaching on 54442327.
2. ***Paul Sadler Swimland Bendigo*** – Holiday Program 21-25 September 09. Information flyer available from the office.
3. ***Austswim Bendigo*** – Next Austswim course is being conducted in Bendigo on the following dates: Friday 6 November 4.45-8.00pm; Saturday 7 November 9.00-5.00pm and Sunday 8 November 9.00-3.30pm at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre at a cost of \$345.00 If you gained your Austswim Certificate or re-registered in 2006, you need to re-register again this year. You can do this by attending some theory and practical sessions during the full course. Ring to find out times when you will need to

attend. Cost for update is \$77.00 If interested, please contact Kate Nichols, on 0427153591 or email kate@valleysport.net.au

4. ***St Judes Tennis Club*** are seeking players 8 years and older for the forthcoming season commencing fourth term. The courts are at the corner of Taylor & Bailey Streets California Gully. Phone Judy Sheaf on 0438541959 or Louise Kemp on 54469262. There will be two weeks of tennis coaching from an accredited coach before the season starts for newcomers.
5. ***YWCA School Holiday Programs*** – if you are interested in your child participating the YWCA School Holiday Program, please call into the office for more information or go online at www.ywca.net
6. ***School Holiday workshops at all Bendigo Attractions*** – if parents are looking for something to entertain the kids during the upcoming holidays, you've got plenty of fun activities to choose from. Call into the office to get a copy of the '2009 Spring Holiday Program Activities Calendar'
7. ***Back to Work*** – Return to work after a Workplace Back Injury. You are invited to a free forum where a panel of experts will discuss workplace back injuries and returning to work after a muscle stress or strain injury. This forum will be held on Wednesday September 30 between 9.30am-12.30pm at the Bendigo Trades Hall, 34 View Street, Bendigo. RSVP by Monday September 28 on 96593511 or tcarty@vthc.org.au
8. ***Bendigo Community Farmer's Market Fundraiser*** – Friday September 11 at Spa Eleven in Forest Street, Bendigo commencing at 8pm. Event Details: Clothes swap – bring a maximum of 2 items in great condition and enjoy a vintage fashion parade presented by Vonica Vintage and Doris. Relax with a bunch of friends and sample canapés made with local produce and a glass of wine. A silent auction will run through the night with some fabulous items available to bid on! Cost: \$30. Tickets are limited and available for purchase at 'Milt and Jo' and 'Spa Eleven'.
9. ***Ironbark Riding Centre's School – Holiday Program*** – catering for children aged 6 years and over. Day activities include riding lessons; trail rides; horse care; BBQ lunch; mounted and unmounted games; activity course. Fully insured and all safety gear provided. Cost \$45 for a full day program. Bookings essential on 54361565 or 0427084437.
10. ***Bendigo Little Athletics*** – Introduction to 2009-2010 Season. The Track and Field season will begin with two registration days at the Athletics Complex, Retreat Road, Spring Gully on Saturday October 3 9.30-11.30am and Thursday October 8 6.30-8.30pm. The fee is \$85 for pre-season on these days - \$10 discount.
11. ***Kiwanis Club of Bendigo*** – "Terrific Kids Award". WHO WILL IT BE? At next Monday's Assembly a Grade 5/6 student will be awarded a "Terrific Kids Award" along with a \$25 book voucher.
12. ***Pink Ribbon Motorcycle Run*** – Meeting 8.00am Sunday October 25th at Bunnings Kangaroo Flat.
13. ***Holiday Activities at the Bendigo Art Gallery*** – During the upcoming school holidays, the Art Gallery is offering various workshops for students. Please refer to the flyer in the noticeboard at the drive through for further details. Bookings essential – phone 54346088



BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In January and February 2010, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

GOLDEN BIN AWARD

Each week the cleaners reward two grades within the school who have had the tidiest rooms for the week.

At last Monday's assembly the Golden Bins were awarded to Mrs Heath's and Miss Hurford's grades. Here you can see Adam and Janae accepting their 'Golden Bins'.



IRONBARK RIDING CENTRE'S
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN 6 YEARS AND OVER

DAY ACTIVITIES

Riding Lessons **Trail Rides**
Horse Care **BBQ Lunch**
Mounted and unmounted games
Activity Course
Fully insured and all safety gear provided.
COST \$45.00
Full Day Program
BBQ Lunch Included