
Whipstick Whispers

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CALENDAR

Mon-Sun	Aug 31 – Sept 6	National Literacy & Numeracy Week 2009 Activities
Friday	September 4 th	Fathers' Day Stall
Wednesday	September 9 th	Star Watch Night for the Grade 3/4s
Friday	September 18	Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30 pm finish
Monday	October 5	First Day of Term 4

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. Please feel welcome to join us.

Dante P, Jemma F, Amber C, Kayleigh B, Lydia M-H, Adam E, Amy H, Will N, Tahlia C, Georgie A, Zac W, Harvey H, Bailey B, Jorja E, Harley H and Ethan K.

Parent Opinion Surveys

A random group of families were sent surveys to complete last week. At present we have a little more than half still to be returned. This does not give us enough for a valid sample and I request your support in attending to this tonight. The process ensures confidentiality as your name is taken from the envelope once it is returned. Please support this important process if you still have your survey. We need them back tomorrow as our bulk postage to Melbourne must go on Monday. Thanks.

Prep /1/2 Excursions

The response from the students who attended the Farm and Zoo excursions this week was wonderful. These activities, while being big days, are an important part of the learning calendar and do so much to assist teachers in building a teaching and learning foundation.

My sincere appreciation to those parents who made themselves available for the wonderful support shown, and to the teaching staff for their work in pulling together these exciting activities. Your efforts reflect the fine work that occurs within our school.

Prep 2010

Again, I remind community members of our intake for Prep 2010. Early enrolment will assist us greatly with our planning and preparations which start from the beginning of Term 4.

School Grounds Development

There has been a great deal happening at school in recent years with regards to our facilities. Projects such as:

The provision of many new and more functional relocatable classroom buildings

The refurbishment of the old building with our new staffroom, work areas and offices.

The development of an Outdoor Environmental classroom

Erection of a new front fence.

Resurfacing of the front asphalt area.

are all adding to ongoing improvement.

Our School Council and the 'Environment & Resources' sub-committee are always very supportive and keen to create a school that fully meets the needs of our children. I have attached to the newsletter this week a proforma which families are invited to discuss and fill in to send back to us. We will then work with our committees and council to develop a plan for future development of our grounds area. Classes at school will also be invited to participate in this process.

'A Parents Guide to Victorian Government Schools'

The Education Department has published a document designed to provide parents with information relating to some of the great things happening in our schools.

We have a couple of the booklets at school for people to peruse or you may wish to access this by visiting www.education.vic.gov.au/shine

School Policy

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

Staff are already planning our annual performance for next term so this policy has relevance for that.

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.

Amber S-S, Rene K, Ben W, Josh P, Lachlan W, Monica H, Alia M-H, Rylee E, Jordan A, Jasmine S-S Kirsten R, Aimee C, Sarina A, Nikki Tand Cher N-D.

Happy Principals' Day Mr Payne

Today is that special day of the year all school principals look forward to excitedly. Principals' Day! I know that some little tributes from around the school have arrived at Mr Payne's door and everybody appreciates the work he does but if you want to see an example of the type of creative thinking Principals do go for a walk across the new turf at the front of the school. After being away at some training for four school days it really struck me when I returned on Wednesday morning what a fabulous feature of our school this is. The area is now much more usable and safe and the way it blends in with surrounding greenery is quite impressive. Ron looked at our patchy old asphalt and visualised something better. Then he made it happen. Thanks Mr Payne! To commemorate Mr Payne's special day today's Literacy-Numeracy Task across the school was for all classes to estimate Mr Payne's weight to the nearest kilogram.

Restorative Conferences

I was chatting with a couple of our Grade 5/6 staff yesterday and they excitedly told me about a restorative conference they had held following a schoolyard conflict. You will have read Ron's outline of the principles of Restorative Practice in our last newsletter so you will have some idea of what I am talking about. You will recall that the purpose of the restorative process is not punishment but rather rebuilding damaged relationships and repairing harm done. Conferences can involve as many as twelve or more people or as few as two. They can involve children, parents, teachers or any combination of the above. Over time our aim is to embed restorative practices in our school rather than punitive, adversarial approaches. This will not happen overnight. Sharna Holland, Jason O'Neill and I completed Level 3 training late in August. We are hoping to provide effective guidance for our staff in implementing Restorative Practice as well as embedding the processes in our soon to be completed revision of the Student Wellbeing & Management Program.

Maths Challenge

All classes are having a go at the Maths Challenge this week to celebrate Literacy-Numeracy Week. The Monday task was to discover who are the three tallest teachers in the school in order. On Tuesday the task was to find out how many of those little yellow safety footprints there are painted around the buildings. On Wednesday the challenge was to estimate how many books our Library owns. The Thursday question revolved around Mr Payne's mass.

School Uniform Reminder

A pleasing feature of our school is not just the fact that we have a school uniform but the fact that our parent community supports us by consistently getting children along to school wearing the uniform. It certainly adds to our sense of team. If for any reason your child has to come along not wearing uniform please send a note or make a phone call to advise us that this is happening with your knowledge. Just lately it has become apparent that a few strange colours have made an appearance. We value our community commitment to uniform. Please continue to support this important feature of our school.

John Morton

5/6 TEAM NEWS***Projects***

Task 3 (the final task) is due on September 11th. Students are continuing to work on this in class, however may need to do some extra work at home if they are not 'up to speed' with what's required.

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Kids' Congress

The 6 students attending have been selected and will head off to the venue on September 9th and 10th. Permission forms have been sent home and will need to be signed and returned ASAP.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Students will have had the chance to be involved in a variety of activities including the Reading Safari and online Mathletics and Spell-o-drome activities.

Personal Development Sessions

Denise Watson, our school nurse, will be running Personal Development sessions with the grade 6's in Term 4. There will be more details sent home with students in the next few weeks of Term 3.

Thanks,

Amy, Jo, Jason, Bronwyn and Rob

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

Thank you to the families who have sent back the responses for the Space Night. While families are asked to pay on the night, we would appreciate the response slips being returned to school as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the groups. As a part of the evening, our visitors will have the chance to visit the classrooms and see the students' fantastic learnings about space.

Over the past 3 weeks you have had a lot of class time to work on Space Projects. It has also been part of the homework requirement and good copies should be nearly finished.

**Projects are due on
Tuesday 8th September**

Literacy and Numeracy Week

As a part of our celebration of literacy and numeracy week, the students were involved in buddy reading with the junior students. This was a great learning activity which was enjoyed by all students. It was pleasing to see the way our students took on the role as tutors for the session.



Thankyou

Colin, Anna, Anthony and Cherie

Academic Competitions

The awards for the SPELLING and WRITING competitions have arrived. These will be presented at this week's assembly for those children who participated. All competitions have been completed and we are currently catching up with a couple of students who were absent at the time of the testing.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property cupboard is full of unnamed clothes. Can you or your child/ren please check to see if any of these items belong to you. On Friday, September 11th we will be clearing the lost property cupboard and discarding any unnamed items.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who placed an order with Adam Wallace, we raised \$154 for our school.

Congratulations to the following winners of the colouring competition for Book Week:-
Zak Mc D P/1F, Brodie J 1/2W and Jai N 3/4 S.

Please return any overdue library books.

'Reading can take you anywhere'

Liz Davis

FUNDRAISING

Fathers' Day Stall will be held at school TOMORROW September 4. It would be appreciated if donations could be left at the office and if anyone can volunteer their time to help on the day please let Katrina or Ricky know. Just a reminder for all students to please bring their own plastic bag to take their purchases home.

Family Portraits

Congratulations to Riley T (P/1H) and his family on winning the raffle which was held in conjunction with the Family Portraits fundraiser.

ARTS NEWS***Visual Arts***

We've all had another fantastic week in the Art Room. The senior department have been busy adding major features to their paper mache puppets and they are looking terrific. We look forward to painting them next week. The 3/4's have added their final details to their sock puppet and are ready to begin their script writing. The junior department made stick puppets this week and have begun the body of their chicken puppets. Thanks to Mr. O'Hara for his additions to the Art Room this week, the students thoroughly enjoyed having you here. Puppets,Puppets, Puppets!!!

NOTE: I am continuing to work on getting the ART BLOG up and running. Hopefully this will be ready to go before the end of term!

Well Done to all students this week, we are achieving some great results!!!

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. **Junior Table Tennis** – at the Eaglehawk Table Tennis/Badminton Stadium, Victoria St, Eaglehawk every Friday night between 7-9pm. Junior seasons run the same as school terms. Fees - \$5/school team plus \$3 playing fees each night. Need rubber soles shoes. Bats available to borrow and balls provided. Contact, Supervisor John Connor, on 54471002 or call Stadium on 54461839 on Friday nights.
4. **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
5. **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.
6. **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
7. **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 chose from. Call into the office to get a copy of the '2009 Spring Holiday Program Activities Calendar'

**NETBALL**

Well done to all our 2009 netball teams on a wonderful season. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Golden City Netball Association are once again running a Twilight Netball Competition (open to boys and girls) commencing on Wednesday September 16 and running through to Wednesday December 16 2009. Entries close this

Saturday, September 5, so if any boys or girls would like to join a 13yrs and under or an 11yrs and under team please inform the office. Along with the team members we would also need coaches and umpires.

SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILE



Anthony Bortolot

Children who attend ENPS:

I wish I had some kids to attend.

What roles do you undertake as a school councillor ?

Communications

Why did you choose to be a member of the school council?

I like to know what's going on with the community.

What is rewarding about being a school councillor?

Seeing the passion from parents about how we create a community and school environment.

What is your most memorable moment at the school?

Writing on the whiteboard 'I've lost my keys, does anyone know where they are?' and then realising a day later I left them in the toilet!

What are your favourite things about the school?

Having the connection with the children and continually learning.

BUTTERFLY BADGES

Everyone who purchased a butterfly badge help raise \$154 for the Deafness Foundation...well done! Here is Mariade presenting Mr Payne with the certificate.



Attachments:

1. School Wide Performance Policy
2. Our Wish List
3. Bendigo Regional YMCA Holiday Program



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

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The following graph displays team colours worn by our students on the Footy Colours day in aid the State Schools Relief Fund. We raised a total of \$319.35 from this day.



