

# Whipstick Whispers

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## Calendar

Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428

Wednesday December 20th 2023

End of Term 4 - 1.30pm Finish

2024 January

Wednesday 24th

Booklist Collection Day - 8.30am—5.30pm

Term 1

January Monday 29th - Term 1 Start for Staff

Tuesday 30th - Term 1 Start for Students - Grade 1 - Grade 6 Students

Tuesday 30th - Wednesday 31st January (Prep Assessment Days)

February Thursday 1st - Preps to Start

March Thursday 28th - End of Term 1

Term 2

April Monday 15th - Start of Term 2

June Friday June 28th - End of Term 2

## School Council Members

**President:** Rebekah Perryman

**Vice President:**

Nicole Taylor

**Treasurer:** Claire Stewart

**Secretary:** Meg Bagnall

Jason O'Neill

Helen Forrest

Emma Choo

Leanne Boston

Samantha Craig

Shirley Symons

Andrew Cameron

Bek Probert

Simone Martin

**Community Member**

Laurie Whyte

Christina Tibbett

## Principal Column

### GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to all our Grade 6 graduates who participated in this years Graduation ceremony and dinner yesterday. The day was hosted by our fantastic School Captains Jack and Luciana which was their last formal event for the year. Many thanks to the families and friends who attended the awards assembly to celebrate with the 47 graduating students.

We are proud to announce the following award winners:

**Our new school captains:** Matilda M and Chester F

**Principal Encouragement Award** – Layla A and Nic P

**Peter Krenz Award** – Piper W& Max C

**Ferguson Award Scholarship** – Abbey G & Luciana V

**Rotary Junior Citizen Award** – Jemma G

**Masonic Award** – Jessica P

**Shirley Frewin Memorial Citizenship Award** - Ebony B

**Chaplaincy Award** – Leina H

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**Kiwanis Award** – Elizabeth S  
**Bike Track Award** – Callum O'B

**Literacy Award** – Nicholas C  
**Numeracy Award** – Jack P  
**Music Award** – Lily R  
**ICT Award** – Bram Mc G  
**Arts Award** – Charli F  
**Sports Award** – Ethan C  
**Chinese Award** - Bram Mc G

### **Welcome to Week 11 of Term 4**

The ENPS School Choir did an amazing job at the Community carols last Sunday night. They also did a fantastic job at the Eaglehawk Block Party on Friday. This group have been working hard each week at school and it is always a pleasure to walk past the music room to hear them all singing happily. Whenever I open up the door to listen they are always smiling and enjoying themselves as they practice. A huge thanks to Mrs Croft who leads the choir, guides their learning and provides the opportunities to perform in front of an audience. Here are a couple of photos of the night. They look amazing in their Choir uniforms.



### **Final Transition Morning**

We had our final Transition morning on Tuesday with students in their 2024 class groupings. Staff have spent hours looking over requests and working combinations the last few weeks, it is not an easy job to get right. We are aware that not all students will be happy with their class grouping initially but ask that families support the school to build a positive mindset around what is in place. Communication with classroom teachers is important as we move into 2024. If you can help out in the classroom in some way please make contact early in the year, or even before the year ends.

### **20 Years of Bike Track**

At assembly on Friday we had a short presentation celebrating 20 years of Bike Track. Mr Morton came along to give a bit of history of the Bike Track and how it has grown in his time. It was great to see some old faces around who had helped to build the track as well, including staff, students and families. Mr Morton finished up by presenting Mr Gilligan with his own Bike Track sign which he was very proud of.

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed to Bike Track over the past 20 years – it has been a fantastic community space.

## **Swimming**

Swimming has been very positive over the past couple of weeks. Our students have been fantastic at the pool and have been trying hard to improve their skills. Behaviour and listening to instructors has been first class. We have our last session on Friday of this week. Please check around at home for any items that may belong to another student at school. Some bits and pieces have been misplaced this week and may have been picked up by someone else at the pool.

## **School Reports**

Reports will go home tomorrow with students. Families will also have access to assessments on Sentral through the 'I Can' statements as mentioned in the reports. I would encourage families to take some time to access this ongoing assessment area as you can monitor progress of students all through the year.

## **Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony**

Congratulations to all of our award winners on Wednesday at our Graduation and Awards ceremony. All award winners and nominees worked hard throughout the year and thoroughly deserved their recognition. Mr Birch and the 5/6 team did a great job organising and planning the event on the day as it is a big job to pull it all together. Good luck to all of our Grade 6 graduates as they move into their chosen Secondary School. It was a great event to celebrate our wonderful Grade 6 cohort. It was a hot morning which can be challenging. We are in discussion about how we can make some changes to our venue for future years.

## **Energy Breakthrough 2024**

We have had some initial interest and inquiries about Energy Breakthrough in 2024. While I am interested in having some involvement as a school, I am aware that it is a huge commitment. This note is a quick call out to see what interest there is from adults and families at home and who may be able to help out in some way. If we go ahead, there would be team selections and a process involved early next year, as well as an Information session, but this note is to see what interest is out there. If you could send Mr O'Neill a short note to school with your child/ren outlining your interest and how you could help that would be helpful in deciding how we might get involved.

## **End of Term 4**

We finish school for 2023 next Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. There may be some families/students who are not at school next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for the year and for your continued support of the school. It has been great to meet so many new faces and families through the course of the year and look forward to meeting and saying hello to a few more in 2024. We have some camps and extra-curricular activities planned for next year so it should be a busy and exciting year for everyone. Have a safe and enjoyable break with families and friends.

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## Staffing for 2024

We will have some changes to staffing for 2024. Miss Wolfe will be taking some time away from school for maternity leave for 12 months (she will be back). Sandra Dalrymple will not be continuing in her tutoring role which she has done amazingly well. Ms Katie Pagliaro will be taking up employment at another local Bendigo school. We wish these staff all the best for 2024 and thank them for their time at ENPS, they will be missed and we hope that they will come back to visit at some stage.

Ms Bulluss is moving into the 5/6 team. Ms Purtill into the 1/2 team. Mrs Forrest will still work in her AP role, however will be working 4 days a week in 2024.

We welcome Miss O'Callaghan to our staff for 2024. She will work in the 5/6 team and meet her class on Tuesday. She is a local Eaglehawk person and is looking forward to working at ENPS.

Mr Gilligan is hanging up his whistle for 2024 to work in the 3/4 team. He has been our PE teacher for 17 years and done an amazing job in this role. We thank him for all the wonderful sport opportunities he has brought to ENPS in his time. Mr G does many wonderful things behind the scenes to support and encourage students across the school. He is looking forward to working in the classroom again. Mr Clayton will be our PE teacher for 2024.

## Families Leaving

For all of our wonderful families who are leaving ENPS this year we would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. Some of you have been with us for many years and we have many great shared memories with you. It is always sad to finish up this connection, however our families are always welcome back and encouraged to come back and visit.

## Have a Great Week

*Jason O'Neill*  
*Principal*



## Choir News

Congratulations to all Choir students who participated in the Burra Block Christmas Party (Friday night) and/or the Canterbury Carols (Sunday night). Well Done! Great work to everyone who performed and special thanks to all parents and families for your support in getting students to these events.

**Can all remaining CHOIR SHIRTS yet to be returned, please send to Mrs. Croft ASAP before the end of term and holidays PLEASE !!!!!**

*Narelle Croft*



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### ***20 years of Bike Track***

Last Friday at our school assembly we celebrated the 20th year of our Bike Track. Mr Morton outlined some of the history of this very unique school facility as well as playing a PowerPoint and a video that a visiting secondary college student made for us in 2016. We unveiled a couple of new signs commemorating Mr Gilligan's excavation work in the gully and his pride and joy, a new bridge. Mick Surplice, former ENPS Handyman, attended the assembly. Mick built quite a few of our Bike Track structures. Former Ed Support staff member Kirsty Tall was also at the assembly. Kirsty used to regularly supervise a jump that is now named after her. Ex-student Dakota Woodhatch and her mum Maree attended. Dakota even brought along her Bike Track Monitor fluoro vest. She is about to commence her VCE at Bendigo Senior. The PowerPoint and the video are both watchable on our school webpage if you're curious.



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# Happy Holidays!

*From*



**The Smith  
Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.

**The Smith Family would like to wish you a safe and Happy Holidays. We hope you enjoy your summer break and a very Happy New Year!**

**If your child is on the Learning For Life program, please use the QR code below to send through your End of Year School Report as soon as you receive it.**

**Take care and we will see you in 2024!**



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# Festive fun in Hargreaves Mall!

Hargreaves Mall will be a hive of activity over the school holidays with an exciting range of FREE entertainment and activities for families to enjoy, kicking off with plenty of festive fun.

## December 2023

**Music in the Mall** featuring a local artist  
11am to 2pm

**8**

**Moonlight Market**  
3pm to 8pm

**9**

**Music in the Mall** featuring a local artist  
11am to 2pm

**15**

**Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show**  
10:30am to 12:30pm  
Children of all ages will love the interactive musical activities

**Music in the Mall with a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**16**

**Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Santa Claus The Movie**  
2pm

**18**

**Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Year Without A Santa Claus**  
2pm

**19**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Grinch**  
2pm  
Enjoy a Christmas movie on the big screen and then bush music by The Topsy Trio. 5pm to 6pm.

**20**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Polar Express**  
2pm

**21**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Music in the Mall featuring a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Elf**  
2pm

**22**

**Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show**  
10:30am to 12:30pm

**Music in the Mall featuring local artists**  
12noon to 3pm

**23**

## January 2024

Activities in the Mall continue in the New Year, so save the dates!

**Thursday January 4, – Saturday January 6**

**Bush Music in the Mall with The Topsy Trio**  
11am to 2pm

**January 10**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 12**

**Safe Archery with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 17**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 19**

**Slot Car Racing with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 20**

**Roller Disco with the Dragon City Roller Derby**  
5pm to 8pm

**January 24**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 25**

**Zorb Balls with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 27**

**International LEGO Day**  
10am to 3pm  
Pop up exhibition and build with Bendigo LEGO User Groups

**Moonlight Market**  
3pm to 8pm

To keep up to date with Hargreaves Mall activities, visit  
[www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall)

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