

Whipstick Whispers

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Calendar

Every Week

Friday School Assembly
 9.10am Start
 Walk to School
 (starting Friday 10th Feb)

February

Wednesday 7th Parents and Friends Meeting—2.15pm in the staffroom

Prep Assessment Day

Wednesday 14th Prep Assessment Day

Taylor Swift Dance -
 MPR 11.15am -
 11.45am

AFL Visit 11.00am

Wednesday 21st Prep Assessment Day

Monday 26th - Grade 5-6 Log Cabin
Wednesday 28th Camp

Prep Assessment Day

Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to this week's award winners. I look forward to our presentations on Friday at assembly. **Please feel welcome in joining us next Friday.**

Prep Grant	
Prep Symons	
Grade 1/2 Holding	Micah F
Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton	Bailee S
Grade 1/2 Purtill	Ralph D
Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett	Skylah L
Grade 3/4 Gilligan	Heath R
Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls	Abby G
Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson	Ava L
Grade 5/6 Bulluss	Sherri S
Grade 5/6 Watt	Lily M
Grade 5/6 Birch	Tilda A
Grade 5/6 O'Callaghan	Phoenix E

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

Laure Whyte

Christina Tibbett

Principals Column

Welcome back to all of our families for the 2024 school year. We hope everyone was able to get some quality family time over the break, in whatever form that may have taken. Hopefully the kids were able to help out around the house a bit as well. The first couple of days have seen a smooth transition back into school. There will always be a few nerves and some anxiety about a new school year with new teachers and classmates, this is natural. But a huge thanks and well done to families for preparing the students for the return.

150th Celebrations

2024 is the year of our 150th Anniversary. Some early preparation has taken place with a Facebook page created and information added to our webpage about our celebrations on Friday 18th October and Saturday 19th October. Please spread the word to all current and past students and families, we hope to make this an

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enjoyable event for all and look forward to hearing some stories about Eaglehawk North from the past.

New Staff Members

Welcome to Enya O'Callaghan and Yilin Lewis who will be joining our staff this year. Enya will be in the 5/6 team and Yilin will be teaching Chinese. Please make them feel welcome and drop in and say hello.

Updated Student Information

At the start of a new school year it is important for any medical plans to be updated and submitted to the school so that we have the most up to date documents to assist your child if needed. If anything has changed in these documents please let us know at the office and even have a chat with your classroom teacher.

Extreme Weather

With the hot weather around in Term 1 please ensure your child has a hat, refillable drink bottle for water and sunscreen applied when necessary. Please also check out our school website for information about what we need to do in the case of an extreme or catastrophic weather event. This Sunday is predicted to be extreme weather for Bendigo and the school may be closed for all staff and community. You may see some signs out around the school if this occurs over the weekend and you are driving past.

COVID-19

Unfortunately Covid is still around in the community, as a school, we need to ensure our learning environment minimises risk as much as possible.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the [Get vaccinated](#) webpage.
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms. If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support.

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

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Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours). Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines. Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain. Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus. The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

School's back! So that means reduced speed limits around schools to keep kids safe.

Please watch out and slow down for children crossing the road and around school buses.

For more information please check out.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/school-speed-zones>



Annual Permissions—SENTRAL Forms

This year our annual permission and consent forms will be done/completed through our online Sentral system. This will minimise the need for paper copies which is better for the environment and may not get lost as easy in the bottom of a bag. If parents can please keep an eye out for the Sentral message and links for the consent forms and complete what is required that would be appreciated. If you need some help please contact the office.

Drive Through Reminder

It is important that between 8:30am-9:00am & 2:45pm-3:30pm that we are not walking across the drive through zone. This is for safety reasons as it can get quite busy during these times. During these times we ask families to walk around the path down to Franklin St and into the car park that way, it is a bit longer, but it is safer for everyone. (as per the red arrows on the map) If anyone is unsure of how to do this, please ask one of the staff on duty at the pick up area. New families to the school might not be aware of this requirement and what this means, so please ask if you are unsure. In the meantime it is important that our families using the drive through move slowly through the area and are patient as we learn this process. Thank you.



Jason O'Neill

Principal

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Grade 5/6 News

Welcome back everyone! We are so happy to see you!

The Grade 5/6 students and their teachers have spent a wonderful week together, building relationships, setting up class routines and working on school expectations. Over the first ten days of Term 1, classes will continue to work with our school's Respect Values of: Self, Others, Learning, Environment.

In **Reading**, students have focused on the Reader's Notebook and Reading Workshops. They have begun to demonstrate their understanding of workshops, their importance, roles of students/staff in each session and set up their classroom library.

In **Writing**, students created graffiti boards to represent our School Values of Respect and began their first text type for the year: Recount. Grade 5/6 students used the Stephen Graham model of Recount writing planning and began to compose their texts.

In **Maths**, students have completed a range of Pre-test activities and enjoyed a range of Maths games that require use of their Mental Maths skills from previous years. Pre-tests enable the teachers to accurately record where each individual student is achieving success and where they will need to take their learning next. **Reminders:**

School hats must be worn in Term 1

Bring ALL school books to school

Long hair needs to be tied up for the duration of the school day

Diaries should travel to school and home each day.

Nightly Reading- please record this in the diary each night (nights read, title of book, pages/chapters/etc) and parent signatures once a week

Camp information to be sent via Sentral in the coming week

NAPLAN is this term, more info to come.

Values Awards: This term we are focusing on Respect for Self

5/6 Watt: George H- For actively ensuring he is working at his full potential.

5/6 Bulluss: Taylah N- For an excellent start to Grade 6.

5/6 Birch: Xavier C – For a positive start to the school year.

5/6 O'Callaghan: Ruby S- For settling back into school well and engaging in all activities.

5/6 Team

Alex, Enya, Laura and Megan

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Grade 3/4 News

Welcome back to school for 2024. It has been wonderful to see all students settling back into school life and routines. We hope you all had a restful break.

This term our Integrated Studies topic starts of with our values and then moves on to Melting Moments.

Students have started planning a 'Holiday Recount' in writing, where they are able to showcase what they know and how they feel about writing.

We read a fantastic story called 'The Dot' which focuses on recognising when we may find something challenging and how we overcome that situation.

In Mathematics our focus topic has been graphing where we look at creating bar graphs, collecting information and learning the different features of graphs.

Reminders:

Term 1 is a hat term. All students will be required to wear a SunSmart navy blue hat as of next week. Please make sure the hats are clearly named.

February 14th is Taylor Day. Please see Sentral for details on this event.

NAPLAN for Grade 3 and 5 will be 13/03/24-20/03/24

Grade 3-6's will participate in House Sports Athletics Day

Values Awards: Respect for Self

3/4 McRob- Lachlan I: for his enthusiastic and positive start to ENPS.

3/4 Gilligan- Avah M: for always having a positive and confident attitude.

3/4 Craig- Jayden C for his confident attitude during class discussions.

3/4 Rayner- Denzel H: for being a wonderful role model to our new students.

3/4 Team

Kayleen, Brett, Anna, Kristy, Sam, Chelsea and Christina

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Grade 1/2 News

Welcome to 2024, we hope all families had a lovely break. Thank-you for ensuring that students are ready to learn by bringing in learning materials, hats, drink bottles etc. There are still a few students who are yet to bring in head phones, art smocks and library bags. If they could be brought in the coming days that would be appreciated. Next week we will begin our regular timetables when all specialist classes will be running as well as library and computer lab sessions.

Reading. This week we have been focusing on getting back into routine with reading. We have been setting up book boxes, engaging in shared reading as a whole class and discussing the expectations in the classroom for independent reading.

Top home reading tip: The students are being asked to read at least one just right book at home with an adult each night. Home reading also needs to be recorded in students diaries so that we can monitor reading progress. We are hoping that all students will receive many reading nights awards throughout the year.

Writing. This week, we began our writing by recounting the school holidays. The students have been enjoying reflecting on their holidays through discussion, drawing and writing.

Numeracy. This week, we have been focusing on counting and recognising different numbers based on place value. The students have enjoyed interacting with their classmates through a variety of activities and maths games.

Inquiry. This week we are focusing on the school values and expectations with a lot of class discussion.

SOLE Awards: This Terms focus is Respect for Self

1/2 Holding: JJ R- B

1/2 Epworth: Zaxon H

1/2 Purtill: Kayne R

Thank you for your ongoing support. Remember SENTRAL is our preferred method of communication and for better or worse tell us first, so we can work out solutions to support your child with their ongoing development.

Take care,

Bec, Rhys, Laura, and Erin.

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Coming Events 2024

Please place this on your fridge to keep up to date with events that are happening at Eaglehawk North Primary School.

TERM 1	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	7th Prep Assessment Day Parent and Friends Meeting- 2.15pm 14th Prep Assessment Day AFL Visit Taylor Swift-The Eras Tour 21st Prep Assessment Day 26th-28th Grade 5/6 Log Cabin Camp 28th Prep Assessment Day	6th Easter Raffle Tickets Sent Home Parents and Friends Meeting- 2.15pm 7th Movie Night 13th-20th NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5 16th Dahlia and Arts 18th Easter Raffle Tickets to be Returned 20th Easter Raffle Drawn Term 1 Sausage Sizzle 28th End of Term-2.30pm Finish	
TERM 2	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
15th Start of Term 2 30th Book Fair	1st-2nd Book Fair 1st Divisional Cross Country Parents and Friends Meeting- 2.15pm 9th Mothers Day Stall 13th-17th Education Week 2024 28th Regional Cross Country-St Arnaud	5th Division 1 Soccer Parents and Friends Meeting 6th Division 1 Soccer 12th Division 2 Soccer 26th Term 2 Sausage Sizzle End of Term 2-2.30pm finish	



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 Perryman

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 29th January - 28th March
 Term 2 15th April - 28th June
 Term 3 15th July - 20th September
 Term 4 7th October - 20th December

Welcome back to ENPS for 2024

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the 2024 school year and give a special welcome to all of our new students and their families.

All of our students have settled in to their new classroom environment and have started building positive relationships with their peers and teachers across the school. It has been wonderful to see all the happy faces.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

The focus for our SWPBS program this term is:
RESPECT for the **SELF**.

What does this mean?

We look after ourselves and have positive thoughts and attitudes.

Why is this important?




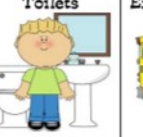


We want to be the best that we can be and feel good about ourselves.

Be sure to check out our SWPBS expected behaviour matrix attached below!



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SWPBS - BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS MATRIX

							
Respect for Self We look after ourselves and have positive attitudes.	We attend school every day. We come prepared to learn. We ask for help when needed. We always try our best.	We look after our belongings. We use the 'naming behaviour' strategy. We play safely.	We wash our hands. We use the facilities correctly. We use our inside voices.	We stay in our seats. We use our seatbelts. We move carefully.	We eat quietly. We clean up after ourselves. We go to the eating area.	We have our devices ready to use. We are cyber safe. We notify an adult if we feel unsafe.	We line up properly. We walk in a straight line. We walk to the left. We come to school in the correct uniform.
Respect for Others We are safe and kind towards other people.	We use helping hands, not hurting hands. We speak kindly to others. We use our manners. We are inclusive of everyone	We play safely with others. We use helping hands not hurting hands. We always use appropriate language. We walk carefully around the buildings. We decide on and play by the rules.	We respect the privacy of others. We ask permission. We wait patiently in line.	We keep our hands to ourselves. We use our manners. We follow the rules and expectations.	We eat our own food. We use our manners. We leave others alone whilst they're eating.	We only make positive comments online. We research appropriately. We only use our own devices.	We move quickly and quietly. We walk safely as a group. We are mindful of other classrooms at work.
Respect for Learning We do everything we can to help ourselves be successful and productive learners.	We are always ready to learn. We are quiet and calm and respect the rights of others to learn. We listen. We follow instructions first time, every time. We get permission to leave the classroom. We learn from our mistakes. We try our best in every lesson. We ask for help by raising our hands.	We line up ready for class when we hear the music. We enter the class ready to learn. We are proud of our accomplishments.	We use the toilet during lunch and recess time.	We have high expectations of ourselves and others. We follow instructions first time, every time. We are curious and ask questions.		We use I.C.T. to support our learning. We conduct positive and appropriate research when using the school computers. We save and back-up all our files.	We are quiet and calm and respect the rights of others to learn. We arrive to class on time.
Respect for school Environment We show pride, appreciation and care for our school surroundings inside and outside.	We use equipment appropriately. We walk inside. We use our inside voices. We maintain the cleanliness of the area we are using. We enter a room when given permission.	We keep our yard clean and tidy. We stay within the boundaries. We walk around buildings safely.	We use the toilets properly. We keep the area clean for the use of others.		We only eat in designated eating areas. We maintain the cleanliness of the area we eat in. We place our rubbish in the correct bin.	We use equipment safely and properly. We carry our device carefully.	We maintain the cleanliness of the area we are using. We use equipment appropriately. We walk inside. We use our inside voices. We maintain the cleanliness of the area we are using.

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ENPS Music Programs

Eaglehawk North PS offers Guitar, Drum and Piano lessons to our students that can be taken in school hours.

Guitar

Shannon Millard runs our Guitar lessons every Tuesday in one Room 17. The cost is \$40.00 for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Drum

Adam Bourke runs our Drum lessons Friday between Room 17 and 18. The cost is \$250.00 per Term for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Piano

Irina Vorontsova runs our Piano lessons, the day TBA, between Room 17 and 18. The cost is \$300.00 for a 10-week Term for a one on one 1/2hr lesson.

Please fill in the form below and return it to ENPS office if you are interested in the above lessons.

Name:

Grade:

Age:

Guitar: \$40.00

Drum: \$250.00 per Term

Piano: \$300.00 per Term

Past experience:

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Bendigo City Council

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

A promotional poster for 'Fresh Fruit Friday'. At the top left, the words 'FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY' are written in large, bold, green letters with a white outline, set against a red and yellow circular background. Below this, the text 'Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children' is written in red. In the center, a young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, is smiling and holding two red apples. To his right, there is a tall stack of sliced fruit, including yellow apples, red apples, and oranges. At the bottom right, the text 'SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!' is written in white on a red background. Below this, a red banner contains the text 'Proudly funded and supported by:' in white.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Welcome (or welcome back!) to another fun-filled year at Eaglehawk North!!

BOOK CLUB – The first issue of the Book Club for this year has been handed out, orders are due back by 14th February.

Spend \$35 or more in one transaction on this issue for a \$5 credit to spend on the next issue! (For terms and conditions see the Scholastic website)



BEANIES AND SCARVES – We still have a small amount of these (more scarves than beanies) available to purchase at the office. They are \$20 each and once they are gone, we will not be ordering more at this stage.

MOVIE NIGHT – Bring your chairs/blankets and movie snacks and settle in for a fun social night. The movie is yet to be decided on, but we have a list we are working through and will get student feedback on the final choice. Our Movie Night will be Thursday 7th March.

Upcoming events

14th February	Book Club Due
7th March	Movie Night
6th – 20th March	Easter Raffle
16th March	Dahlia & Arts
27th March	Sausage Sizzle

PARENTS AND FRIENDS (see attached flyer)

The Parents and Friends will meet twice a term to assist with planning and implementing school social activities and fundraising events to provide the best possible environment for the children.

Our first meeting for Parents and Friends will be next Wednesday, 7th February at 2.15pm in the Staff Room. Please come along, have a cuppa and get to know everyone while we set our goals for this year. Younger children not at school are welcome.

If you have any questions or feedback please don't hesitate to reach out. The Fundraising/Parents & Friends Committee can be contacted through the office, or via email ENPSfundraising@outlook.com

MEETING DATES:	
TERM 1	TERM 3
7 February	7 August
6 March	4 September
TERM 2	TERM 4
1 May	9 October
5 June	6 November

Nicole, Rebekah, Emma and Leanne

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Who can access the program?

smalltalk is for families that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Hold a current Health Care Card or equivalent.
- Have children aged between 0-5 years.
- Are from a diverse background.
- Have less than 10 books in the home.
- Parents are aged 25 years or less.
- Is a single parent family.



Parents are children's first and most enduring teachers, and BCHS recognises that parents are the experts on their children.

For more information on our smalltalk program contact
Supported Playgroup Facilitator
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www.bchs.com.au



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MAIDEN GULLY EAGLES
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Join us for our SEASON LAUNCH

When: Thursday, 15th February
Time: 5–6.30pm
Where: Marist Club Rooms

- Chat with Coaches
- Buy/Order Merchandise
- BBQ Dinner

**Register Now for the
2024 season**

www.playhq.com/afl/register/0593c3

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Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

**BBQ provided by
Rotary Club of
Eaglehawk**

If you can't make it, but want further information email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at facebook.com/EpsomSoccer

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