

# Whipstick Whispers

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## Calendar

### Every Week

Friday School Assembly  
 9.10am Start  
 Walk to School  
**Breakfast Program**  
 every Wednesday

### March

**Wednesday 6th** Easter Raffle Books  
 Sent Home  
 Parents and Friends  
 Meeting—2.15pm in  
 the Staffroom

**Thursday 7th** Movie Night 6.00pm  
 start

**Wednesday 13th** NAPLAN - Grade 3  
**- Wednesday 20th** & Grade 5

**Saturday 16th** Dahlia and Arts  
 Parade & Relay

**Monday 18th** Easter Raffle Books  
 to be returned

**Wednesday 20th** Easter Raffle to be  
 Drawn

## 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.**

<b>Prep Grant</b>	<i>Addy C</i>
<b>Prep Symons</b>	<i>Lilly D</i>
<b>Grade 1/2 Holding</b>	<i>Erika B</i>
<b>Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton</b>	<i>Jed M</i>
<b>Grade 1/2 Purtill</b>	<i>Skylah S</i>
<b>Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett</b>	<i>Charlie S</i>
<b>Grade 3/4 Gilligan</b>	<i>Dylan FG</i>
<b>Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls</b>	<i>Theodore K</i>
<b>Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson</b>	<i>Noah R</i>
<b>Grade 5/6 Bulluss</b>	<i>Jeremy B</i>
<b>Grade 5/6 Watt</b>	<i>Tyson P</i>
<b>Grade 5/6 Birch</b>	<i>Nicholas P</i>
<b>Grade 5/6 O'Callaghan</b>	<i>Connor M</i>

### 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**

Lauire Whyte

Christina Tibbett

## Principals Column

No newsletter last week due to a relocation and then another one yesterday. I would like to thank our school community again for your support, flexibility and patience as we work through this relatively new process and requirement. Thanks to those parents who inquired about our BARR rating during the week, I am more than happy to answer any questions. I have included some further information about CAT 1 & 2 schools, which we are categorised as, and also included what a CAT 3 would look like. The purpose of our relocations is to ensure the safety of our school community. This information below will also be placed on our school website for future reference.

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### **Bushfire Category Descriptors – Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR)**

**CAT3:** Wholly in a BPA. Has a Shelter in Place (SIP) onsite that is fire resistant. In catastrophic conditions, likely that SIP will fail. No adequate outside means to access SIP when fire is catastrophic. **Is on the BARR, will close on declared **Catastrophic** Fire Days in fire weather district.**

**CAT 1 and 2:** Under extreme risk. Has a Shelter in Place (SIP) onsite that is fire resistant. In extreme conditions, likely that SIP will fail. No adequate outside means to access SIP when fire is extreme. **Will relocate/planned closure when an **extreme** fire danger is declared in the Local Government Area, will close on declared **Catastrophic** Fire Days in fire weather district.**

### **Parent/Teacher Interview Day**

A reminder that **Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>** is our official Parent/Teacher Interview Day for Term 1. This was approved by School Council at our first meeting of the year. On this day students are not required at school except for their interview time. More information about this day will be on Sentral as we get closer.

### **Curriculum Day Term 2**

**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>** has also been approved by School Council as a **Pupil Free Curriculum Day** for Term 2. On this day our school will host a Math's Conference. Thanks and well done to Miss Holding for being able to organise this exciting event for our staff.

### **School Council - AGM**

Our next School Council meeting in March will include our AGM. If you are interested in joining school council this year, please contact the office. If there is enough interest we will hold a ballot to elect any new members. If you would like more information about what is involved please call the office or speak with Mr O'Neill at school.

### **School Canteen**

We still have not had any official interest in our School Canteen. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please get them to contact the office for more information.

### **Variety Childrens Charity - Jamison O'N**

Jamison O will be participating in a fundraising car rally in the coming months to raise money for the Variety Childrens Charity. It is fantastic to see our students actively contributing to their community in these ways. Tomorrow at assembly Jamison and his family will share some information about what they will be doing on their trip. As part of their fundraising efforts, they will have their rally car at school for the morning to show classes after assembly. Any families interested in supporting this fundraising cause will be able to purchase a small paper crown from Jamison and his family after the assembly for \$3 which is added to the vehicle.



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## 150th Anniversary - Booklet Sponsorship

A reminder to check out our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Facebook page if you haven't already. There are some great photos and memories going on there which are prompting some good discussion. As part of the celebrations this year a book is being created. There is an opportunity for local businesses, past and current families and students to sponsor a page of the book for \$10. This sponsorship will get your name on the bottom of the page to acknowledge your contribution.

*Jason O'Neill*  
*Principal*

## Grade 5/6 News

Week 5 is almost done already, time really flies when you are having fun learning! Classrooms are running like well oiled machines. It's great to see so many students being organised on a daily basis, with their diaries, homework, hats and computers. Keep up the great work.

In **Reading** Week 4, we focused our attention on character development within Fictional texts. Students worked on summarising the importance of characters and identifying their personality traits.

In **Writing** Week 4, we continued our Sound Waves journey, moving into lessons and follow up work. During Genre Writing the focus has been on Narrative writing structure and language features that improve the experience for the reader.

In **Maths** Week 4, we were busy. We built on our Place Value knowledge- working closely with Decimal Numbers. We also extended our skills with Rounding to higher numbers and also estimation with measurement. Finally we moved into our Fractions unit, which fits nicely with Decimal Place Value. Plenty of games along the way to keep us engaged.

**School Wide Positive Support** sessions this year have started very well. Classes have used Smiling Mind to focus their attention on sounds, their bodies and the importance of using these skills in everyday life. Students and families can set up their free accounts at: <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/> It is great for times of stress, relaxing before bed, giving yourself a much needed break, etc.

**Camp! What a fun experience.** Students have been able to build on their interpersonal and intrapersonal skills during various activities. It was great to see how they approached each new challenge in their own way, building on confidence along the way. Thanks so much to all the staff and also our two wonderful parents, Craig and Meg, for taking their time to make this camp such a terrific success. (Photos of camp will be included in the following week's newsletter)

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**Reminders:**

School hats must be worn in Term 1

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

NAPLAN is this term, more info to come soon

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

**5/6 Watt:** Frankie G- for being organised and ready to learn each day

**5/6 O'Callaghan:** Isabelle S- for concentrating in class and allowing herself to learn.

**5/6 Birch:** Riley B – for taking on multiple extra-roles with enthusiasm.

**5/6 Bulluss:** Evelyn R - for participating in whole group discussions

***Grade 5/6 Team***

***Megan, Laura, Enya and Alex***

## Grade 3/4 News

**Reading-** Text to Text connections with different genres

**Writing-** Persuasive text looking at the structure and vocabulary used.

**Maths-** Continuing with Place Value. Students are having a lot of fun playing our warm up game Wishball.



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**Integrated Studies-** Finishing off on our first topic of values, where we have explored emotions and building resilience.

### **Take Home Reading Update:**

Students change their books each Monday. They are levelled books that the teacher allocated based on assessments with the student. Teachers assess student levels on comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding the vocabulary. We expect that students to be able to independently choose a range of different text types to develop their reading strategies at a 'Just Right' text level. One book goes home each night in the reader bag. Student diaries need to be written in and signed daily.

### **Value Awards: (Respect for Self)**

**3/4 Craig:** Annabelle L: for consistently trying to improve her work

**3/4 Rayner:** Kiarna C: for always showing respect for others and doing her best.

**3/4 McRob:** Willow S: for completing nightly home reading.

**3/4 Gilligan:** Kyle M: for having the confidence to begin learning tasks.

*Have a great week!*

*3/4 Team*

*Kayleen, Annan, Kristy, Sam and Brett*

## **Grade 1/2 News**

We are now half way through Term 1 and what a busy half term it's been! We would like to thank families for their understanding on the days when we have needed to relocate due to the extreme weather. Adapting to change can be difficult but it does help to build on our resilience.

**Reading:** During our shared reading time the classes have been revisiting our tricky words. We have also been looking closely at the first, middle and end sounds of words as we are reading and talking a lot about reading fluency. Students have been thoroughly enjoying reading a variety of pig the pug books as well as books focused on our integrated topic on healthy eating.

**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 student's diaries so that we can monitor reading progress. We are hoping that all students will receive many reading nights awards throughout the year. Reading at home every night is extremely important in grades 1 & 2, it is when students generally make the most reading progress to set themselves up for their future education. One on one guidance will have a significant impact on reading progress.

**Writing:** For the last 2 weeks, we have been focusing on Description and using the description bubble. Students have engaged in drawing a pig the pug character and describing it in their writing. We have also been describing a variety of fruit. Our spelling focus has been on the e and ea sound as in (e for egg) as well as 'd and dd'.

**Numeracy:** This week, we been looking at teen numbers and how we make them using the base 10 wooden blocks. Classes have also completed a pre test on essential assessment on fractions and will start learning more about fractions today.

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**Inquiry:** This week we are continuing to focus on the school values and expectations with a lot of class discussion as well as starting our integrated topic on healthy eating.

**Reading Nights:**

Please remember reading nights certificates are awarded for the number of nights, not the number of books that have been read.

**25 nights:**

**1/2 Purtil:** Archie K, Bailee S, Lenny A-C, Mahalia W-R, Carolyn H, Ryder M and Ellie G-W.

**1/2 Epworth:** Jed M, Hunter W, Blake H, Louis B & Hunter M.

**1/2 Holding:** Sebastian N-G, Piper A, Lachlan C, Charlie K, Kasen S, Sage C, Erica B, Kora W and Jaylee T.

**SOLE Awards:** This Terms focus is Respect for Self

**1/2 Holding:** Kasen S

**1/2 Epworth:** Cooper L- Respect for Self

**1/2 Purtil:** Archie K- Respect for Self

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.

Grade 1/2 Purtil had a special visit from some Chinese Lions



*Take care,*

*Bec, Rhys, Laura, and Erin.*

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## Prep News

Students enjoyed looking at baby photos of their classmates and guessing the baby. If you have a chance to visit our rooms check the back walls to view photos and various drawings students have created.

They also enjoyed their second session of PMP. They were working on fine and gross motor skills and will continue to participate every week for one session.



### This week in the Prep rooms

**Phonics** – students have been learning the letter and sound of Tt. We introduced the character, Tim Turtle.



**Reading** – we have continued discussing where to find the front cover of a book, where to find the title and which direction we read the text. We have been reading texts about friendships and what makes a good friend.

**Writing** – students have continued to practise their pencil grip and forming M, S, F, A, P and T correctly, starting at the top.

**Math's** – we have continued focusing on numbers 1-10. We have also continued practising number formation, subitising and attempting choral counting.

**PBS** – we have been discussing how to read others' emotions by looking at facial expressions and other body language.

### Sole Awards: Respect for Self

**Prep Grant** – Malia H-S for showing resilience and being able to bounce back from difficult situations.

**Prep Shirley** – Silas F for showing empathy and caring towards others.

**25 reading nights** – Harper C, Anna F, Ella H, Alex R.

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## Reminders

It may be convenient to send a spare set of clothes in your child's school bag just in case they have an accident. We don't always have spare clothes at school.

Remember to fill in your child's reading diary each night. You can use the 'Read and Draw' books that are sent home each afternoon or a book you read to your child from home. Once your child has read 25 nights they will receive their first reading award.

In a few weeks students will create a family tree. We would like all families to send in photos of family members, even including family pets to add to their family tree.

## Prep Team

*Shirley and Kellie*

# 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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## SENTRAL Parent Portal App Tips

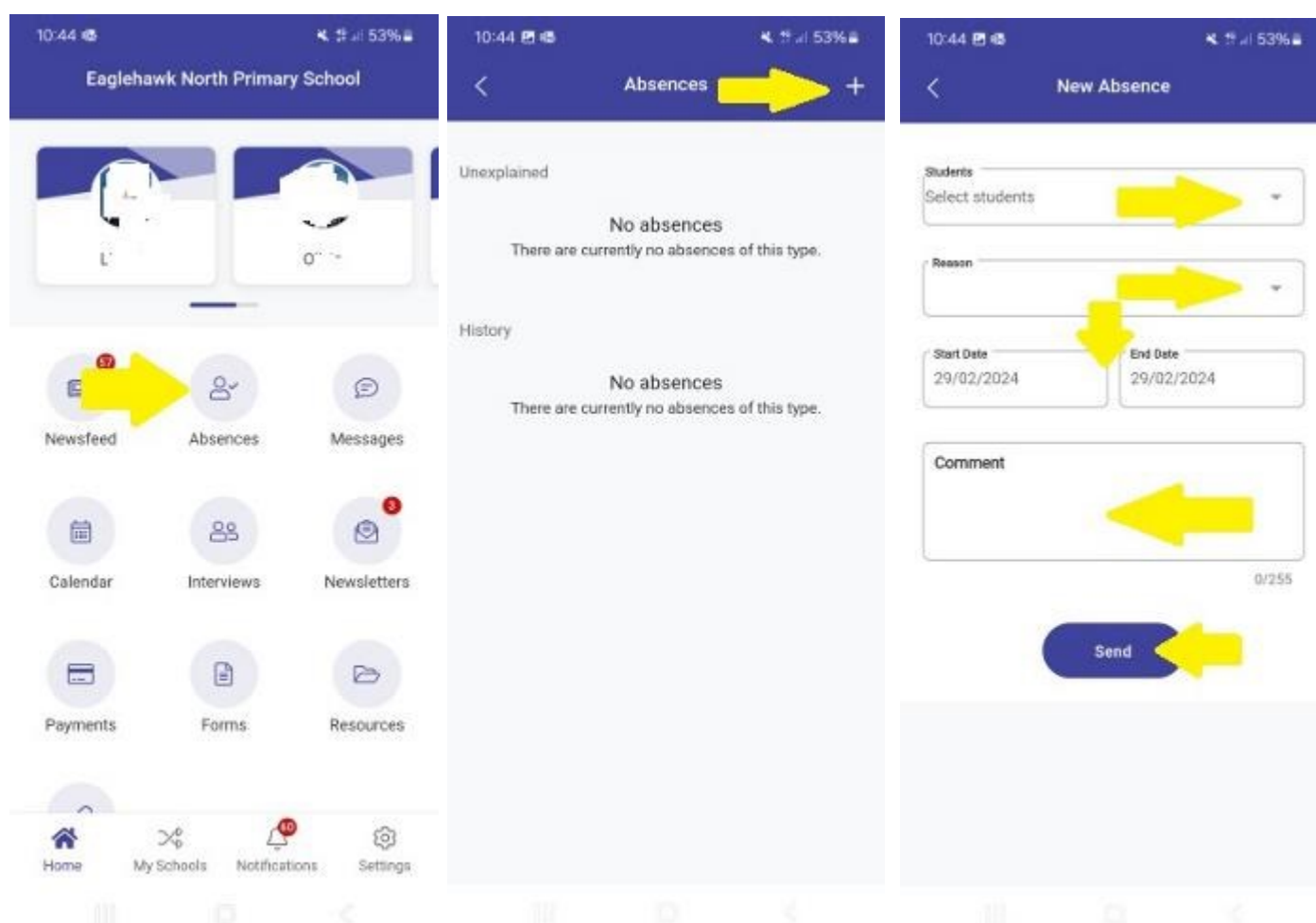
If your child/ren is going to be Absent for any reason you can submit the Absence on our SENTRAL Parent Portal by using the Absences tile.

Use the + symbol in the top right hand side of the screen.

It will then ask you to select the student, select a reason, put in the start and end dates and add a comment, if needed.

Once all the information is added, select Send.

The entered information will then be sent to us in the office, for us to approve.



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# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Thursday March 7th

Eaglehawk North Primary School Oval

From 5:30pm, Screening starts at 6pm

BYO Chairs, Picnic Blanket, Food for Tea

All Welcome – Free Entry

Cans of Drink and Popcorn Available for Purchase

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March 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>



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ALL AGES

# DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS



LET'S BE CREATIVE AND DRAW A PICTURE OF  
MULGA BILL AND HIS ADVENTURES

COMPETITION CLOSES 20TH MARCH

PRIZE FOR WINNERS!

**#1 WINNER**

\$75  
Toy World  
Voucher

**#2 WINNER**

2x Bendigo Cinema  
& snack  
Vouchers

**#3 WINNER**

EUFS Gift pack

**ITS FREE TO ENTER**  
DROP OFF YOUR PICTURE TO  
US, IN STORE

Name, Address , Phone Number  
on the back of the picture

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Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at Canterbury Oval between 9:00am – 10:00am and runs for 10 weeks, including 3 x Halftime games at Eaglehawk Football Club home games.

The NAB Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions children will learn the skills of the game in an exciting and social environment.

To register, go to [www.play.afl/auskick](http://www.play.afl/auskick) or for more information, go to our Facebook page “Eaglehawk Auskick”

The poster features a light orange background with several red and pink lanterns hanging from the top. In the center, there is a circular logo for the 'BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION' with the Chinese characters '大金山中华公会' below it. Below the logo, the text 'PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath that, in smaller black capital letters, is 'AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?'. A photograph shows a family of four (two adults and two children) standing in front of a traditional Chinese building with red pillars and a tiled roof. At the bottom, a red banner with white text reads: 'Pop in with your family and friends and see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 2pm - 5pm until Easter to register!'.

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