

# Whipstick Whispers

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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	Cohen K
Prep Symons	Logan Ke
Grade 1/2 Holding	Emmily C
Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton	Mahalia W-R
Grade 1/2 Purtill	Cooper L
Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett	Hayden A
Grade 3/4 Gilligan	Shiloh Y
Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls	River H
Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson	Mahli T
Grade 5/6 Bulluss	Kyra B
Grade 5/6 Watt	William P
Grade 5/6 Birch	Thatcher C-M
Grade 5/6 O’Callaghan	Laykn D

## Calendar

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

**April**

**Wednesday 24th** 150th Drone Footage

**Thursday 25th** ANZAC Day

**Tuesday 30th** STEM Excursion - Botanical Gardens

**Tuesday 30th - Book Fair**  
**Thursday 2nd May**

**May**

**Wednesday 1st** Divisional X-Country Parents & Friends Meeting—2.15pm

**Friday 3rd** Scholastic Book Orders to be Returned

**Monday 6th** School Photos

**Thursday 9th** Wild Action Incursion - Preps

## School Council Members

**President:**  
 Rebekah Perryman

**Vice President:**  
 Nicole Taylor

**Treasurer:** Claire Stewart

**Secretary:** Meg Bagnall

Jason O’Neill  
 Helen Forrest  
 Emma Choo  
 Erin Holding  
 Andrew Cameron  
 Christina Tibbett  
 Simone Martin

**Community Member**  
*Council members can be contacted via the office.*

## Principals Column

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had restful holiday break and were able to spend some time with family and friends doing what you enjoy.

Welcome also to a number of new families who have joined our school community recently. We hope you enjoy your time at Eaglehawk North PS.

*A couple of quick processes for new families and revision for those who may have been here for a while.*

When parents or adults come into the school during the school day, it is a requirement that they come via the office and sign in through the visitor system. This is in case of emergencies that we know who is at

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school and on-site, at all times. It is also important for Child Safe reasons. Students who arrive late or are picked up early should also be signing in and out through the office system. We ask that if parents are picking up students early, that they do come via the office and not straight to classrooms.

During the times of 8:45am-9:00am and 3:00pm-3:30pm we ask that adults are walking around the drive through area and not across the drive through. This is to ensure safety of everyone involved and to role model road safety to our students. From time to time we do see adults walking across this area and we do try and catch as many as we can during the week and through newsletters and signs when needed. Thanks for your support and patience with families learning these new processes.

### **New Staff Members - New Office Helper**

We also have a few new Education Support staff around the school at the moment. Miss Sophie Burgess, Miss Maddie Kleyn and Mr Jordy Leach are working across the school on various days. If you see them around please make them feel welcome.

In Term 2, Wendy K will be helping Liz in the office every Wednesday. Well done Wendy on your first day.



### **'Getting to Know You' Interviews - Catch Ups**

Thanks again to those families who were able to make time to catch up with staff before the end of term. If that day didn't suit, we encourage you to make an alternative time with staff to speak about your child's achievements for Term 1. Your classroom teacher is your first point of contact during the year so please continue to touch base as the year goes on. We are all on the same team and working for the same outcomes.

### **Pupil Free Day**

A reminder that Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> is a Pupil Free day in Term 2. Our school will be hosting a Math's Association Victoria (MAV) conference on this day. Well done to Erin Holding for being able to make this connection and bringing this event to our school.

### **School Canteen**

Some positive news on the canteen search. We can announce that the canteen service will begin again this term – most likely in a few weeks time on a date to be confirmed. We are just waiting upon final documents required to begin. The canteen will run from Wednesday to Friday to start, with more details, including menus and operating details to be confirmed through School Council. We thank everyone for their patience and hope that we are able to support the canteen service when it gets back up and running. We will let the community know more once it is confirmed.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are looking for some additional helpers for our Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings from about 8:30am-9:00am. If you are able to help out, please contact the office or drop in on a Wednesday morning next term.

### **Autism Acceptance Month**

April is Autism Acceptance Month (AAM) and a great opportunity to celebrate our autistic students, learn more about how we can support and include them, and help foster understanding and acceptance of autism

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among all students. AAM is an offshoot of the United Nations' sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday 2nd April 2024. The day will begin a month of global events to celebrate autistic people.

Our school is committed to understanding, including and celebrating our autistic students and values the contribution they and their families make to our school.

To celebrate AAM we would like to share some resources that support autistic students and their families. The Department of Education has worked with organisations for autistic people and lead researchers in autism to develop new resources for schools to help us better understand, support and celebrate the strengths of autistic students. I hope you find them useful and insightful. AllPlay Learn Inclusive School Communities: Monash University's AllPlay Learn team has developed evidence-based guidance and resources on how to create inclusive school communities where everyone feels welcome and supported. It includes videos on engaging with other parents, using inclusive language and student resources you can share with your child or children. · Amaze has produced videos and tip sheets for parents on how to include families of autistic children. · The Art of Learning video.



### Diverse Learners Hub



The department has established the Diverse Learners Hub to help meet the needs of diverse learners, including autistic students. It is key initiative of Disability Inclusion and flagship of the Autism Education Strategy.

The hub provides evidence-based advice, information and resources on best-practice inclusive teaching for autistic students.

### ANZAC Day



A reminder that next Thursday is ANZAC day and there will be no school on this day.

### Planned Burns

There are some planned burns scheduled for around our local area in the coming weeks. If you smell some smoke around it could be from these planned burns.

*Jason O'Neill*  
*Principal*

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# EAGLEHAWK NORTH PS



## 150th ANNIVERSARY

**Our beautiful school is 150 years old this year and we would love you to celebrate with us.**

**6.00pm - 8.00pm Friday 18th October**

**10.00am - 3.00pm Saturday 19th October**

\*Choir \* Welcome Speeches \* Student Lead Tours  
\*Memorabilia \* Student Art Gallery \* Cake \* BBQ  
\* Unveiling of Mural \* Roll Call

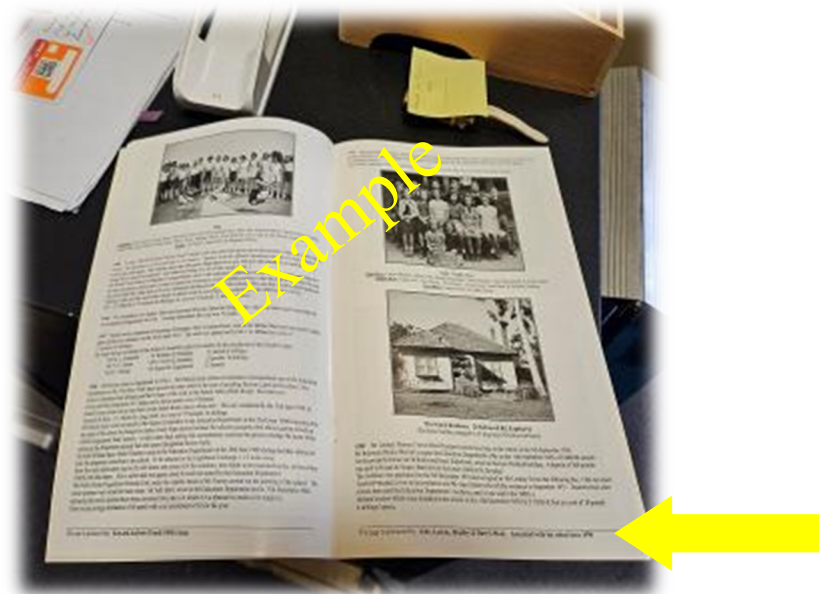
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## Eaglehawk North Primary School 150th Anniversary

### Sponsorship for ENPS 150th Anniversary Booklet

To celebrate our 150th Anniversary this year the 150th Anniversary Committee is putting together a 150th Anniversary Booklet that will be available for sale.

We are offering Sponsorship per page for families and businesses. Sponsorship will be \$20.00 per page, with this sponsorship you will have one line at the bottom of the page, where you can also display your logo. We will have approximately 40 pages, first in best dressed.



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## Grade 5/6 News

Welcome back for Term 2 everyone! We hope all of our families had a lovely Easter and a nice, relaxing break. It's great to see our students returning with a positive attitude and ready for another great term of learning. We have a very busy Term 2 ahead with many events to look forward to. Please keep an eye on announcements as they come through Sentral.

**Reading** – This week our focus is on 'Summarising' texts we read or view. This includes identifying the important information and stating this in our own words.

**Writing** – We are beginning to look at Exposition texts. At the start of the week, the students wrote a cold sample exploring the topic of what/who they thought was the BEST PET! The variation of their ideas was brilliant. Some very convincing texts indeed.

**Math's** – In Math's this week we focused on Addition Mental Strategies, increasing in speed and accuracy.

**Year 7 2025** - paperwork has gone home with all Grade 6 students that needs to be returned by ALL Grade 6s, in regards to high school for 2025. Please have this back to our school office by May 10th.

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

**5/6 Watt:** Riley R - For seeing where help is needed and offering it selflessly.

**5/6 O'Callaghan:** Lexi T- for consistently working quietly and cooperatively.

**5/6 Birch:** Tomas B - For helping others with Tech related issues.

**5/6 Bulluss:** Will E - For a smooth start to Term 2 and respecting his peers.

*Yours in learning,*

*The 5/6 Team*

*Enya, Megan, Rhys and Alex*

**BELOW:** Photos of some of our Grade 5/6s with their buddies having lunch...



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## Grade 3/4 News

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a wonderful break.

This term our **Integrated Studies** unit will focus on Rainforests around the world. We will investigate the different habitats rainforests create and why they are essential to our Earth's environment.

**Reading** this week is looking at the relationships between illustrations and text description and how the authors word choice assists the reader to create a visual image of the characters and setting within a story.

Our focus text has been Fox by Margaret Wild

Students were really engaged with the text and did a wonderful job discovering the different adjectives.

**Writing** is extending from our exploration of vocabulary investigations in reading, where students are attempting to build on their knowledge of vocabulary to create descriptive setting and character descriptions.

We have started our unit on **addition and subtraction** this week. Students are using their knowledge from the place value unit to explore the relationship between addition and subtraction.

**SWPBS** focus this term is on Respect for Others.

### Awards:

**3/4 McRob:** Maddison F – Respect for self – for having a wonderful first week at ENPS and settling in smoothly to 3/4 MR

**3/4 Craig:** Charlotte B - Respect for others- for always being kind and considerate to all of her peers.

**3/4 Gilligan:** Kade C - Respect for learning- for his efforts with his Numeracy Essential Assessment.

**3/4 Rayner:** Riley V-C - Respect for self- for making good choices in the playground.

### Grade 3/5 Team

*Kay, Anna, Kristy, Sam and Brett*

## Grade 1/2 News

Welcome to Term 2! It's great to be back at school and back into routine. Students have been settling back in quite well and it's been fantastic to see so many students complete a lot of reading over the holidays. A few reminders, students are no longer required to wear hats at school until the start of Term 4. The weather is getting cooler now so please make sure your child brings a jumper or jacket to school. We have noticed some colds going around already, if your child is unwell please keep them home to minimise the spread to others.

**Reading.** This week we have been reading books about our community and looking at the first, middle and end sounds to words when reading.

**Top home reading tip:** Practice makes perfect, books should be a bit challenging to start with but after reading them a few times we get better at reading them!

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**Writing.** This week we have been focusing on our school holidays by planning then writing a recount. Our spelling focus has been on the letter Gg.

**Numeracy.** This week, we been revisiting place value by playing a warm up game called ‘around the garden path’. We have also been learning about addition and using the commutative strategy (adding the smaller number onto the larger number).

**Inquiry.** This week we have started to look at our integrated topic on “My Community”

**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:** Jaxx S- N

**1/2 Epworth:** Eden B, Grace B.

**50 nights:**

**1/2 Purtil:** Ellie G-W, Fleur M, Kahlia T and Aiden L

**1/2 Epworth:** Malaki Y

**1/2 Holding:** Dakota N, Jaylee T, Charlie K, Alice G, Sebastian N-G

**75 nights:**

**1/2 Purtil:** Bailee S, Carolyn H, Mahalia W- R, Lenny A-C

**1/2 Holding:** Piper A

**SOLE Awards:** The focus for this term is respect for others.

**1/2 Purtil:** Aiden Lawry for using his manners when speaking to others

**1/2 Epworth:** Morgan Lock for being a caring classmate to others.

**1/2 Holding:** Charlie Kehoe: Keeping an eye out in the yard for his mates and making sure they are safe!

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.*

## Prep News

Welcome to Term 2. Students have returned to school refreshed after a two-week break and were excited to see their friends and return to learning and routines. They had a wonderful time on Tuesday practicing gross and fine motor skills within PMP.

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This term, for Integrated Studies, students will be learning about animals. This week they were exposed to books and videos about what makes something living and non-living.

### **This week in the Prep rooms:**

**Phonics** – students were revising the Stage 2 sounds Bb, Hh and Nn. They have continued focusing on their phonological skills and hearing the first sound in words.

**Reading** – students have started their journey reading decodable books. They have been practicing blending CVC words and sliding their finger along the word as they sound it out.

**Writing** – we have been practicing letter formation and writing short sentences using CVC words.

**Math's** – students have been learning how to show the same number in different ways, using drawings, objects and numerals. We used the balance scales and discussed the terms, mass and hefting.

### **Sole Awards**

**Prep Grant** – Mohamed O for showing respect for others and showing kindness when doing so.

**Prep Shirley** – Savannah S for consistently showing others what respect for self and respect for others is.

**25 reading nights** – William C, Cohen K

**50 reading nights** – Elijah McN, Ellsie Y-K, Lilly D, Willow Y, Sophia T, Lainey P, Xanthe M, Charlie B, Alex R

**75 reading nights** – Harper C, Ella H

### **Reminders**

We have a number of students receiving their 50 and 75 night reading awards so it would be great for those students still not at 25 nights to get their awards/ book by the end of this term.

*Prep Team*

*Shirley and Kellie*

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## Boys to the Bush Program

On Tuesday, nine of our students had the opportunity to take part in the 'Boys to the Bush' mentoring Program. They visited the Kamarooka community and supported them by working at a property that was unfortunately a bit overgrown. They helped by mowing, whipper snipping, chopping trees off fences, weeding and other jobs to help make the recreation reserve look much neater. A community member made the boys some rum balls and other treats. Another member came and spoke to them about the community and what the boys helping out meant to them. The boys then cooked a BBQ for lunch and spent some time in nature, visiting a dam and looking around the local area.

They returned to school in their 'Boys to the Bush' t-shirts and hats, with big smiles on their faces. The group will head out each Tuesday for five weeks and they are already looking forward to next week. Below is a photo of the boys after their day out, more photos to come.



*Bekki Probert*

*DIP Co-Ordinator*

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## The Waggle Dance for Rotary

On Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 11 of our students met outside the Ulumburra Theatre in readiness to perform “The Waggle Dance”, a dance about Bee preservation. The following girls – **Maddy B, Charlotte B, Amaya O’C, Lexi S, Kadi S, Matti S, Abby G, Alexis M, Kezia T, Jennifer T and Layla A** had been working hard to learn the dance during the last few weeks of Term 1. Our students were very excited to present this performance to the Rotarians after Costa Geordiadis - from Gardening Australia - had presented his talk about the importance of bees in our world.



I am super proud of these girls who were absolutely fantastic “BEE” ambassadors and exceptional examples of students from ENPS. Huge thanks for their efforts and to the wonderful parents and families who came along to support us on the day. To give up some of their holidays was truly amazing! Thank you, Well done and congratulations on a wonderful performance girls!!

PS. Thanks must also go to poor Lilly Jeffrey who trained hard but was devastated to unfortunately miss the performance due to car troubles in Melbourne. Better luck next time Lil!

*Narelle Croft*



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## SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS



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

**What does this mean?**

We treat other people well.

**Why is this important?**

We want to have a school where people work and play together happily.



**RESPECT FOR OTHERS**



Presented to:  
*Morgan L*



For being a caring classmate to others  
**Great work!**



## FUNDRAISING / PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

**BOOK CLUB** – Issue #3 of Book Club has been handed out this week. Orders are due Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Place an order for \$35 or more through the LOOP platform and receive a \$5 credit to spend on issue 4. (terms and conditions apply, see [bookclubs.scholastic.com.au](http://bookclubs.scholastic.com.au) for more information.)



**BOOK FAIR** – A Book Fair will be held in the library from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May between 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.15pm – 3.45pm. As per previous years, we have some gift vouchers to give away during this time, more details on how to enter this draw will follow soon.

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL** – The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If you have anything you would like to donate to our stall, please bring it up to the office. If you are available to help between 9.00am – 11ish please contact Katrina or Liz.

**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.

**150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS** – As part of the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations we are discussing several commemorative ideas including the design-a-bricks (similar to what has been done in the past and flank the path to the drive-through) and a lapel pin/keyring option. We will be opening pre-orders for these in a few weeks, so stay tuned for more information.

### *Upcoming events*

30th April – 2nd May	Book Fair (in library)
3rd May	Book Club orders due
9th May	Mother's Day Stall

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](mailto:ENPSfundraising@outlook.com)

*Nicole, Rebekah, and Emma*

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING DATES:	
<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>TERM 3</b>
<del>7 February</del>	7 August
<del>6 March</del>	4 September
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>TERM 4</b>
1 May	9 October
5 June	6 November

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# Bendigo Juiniior Fishing Club's



**MEMBER  
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NOW OPEN!  
NO FEES!**

## OPEN DAY

Join us for a fish and a chat, get to know the BJFC crew and other young Anglers in the Bendigo Region. Member and Volunteer registration forms will be available on the day.

 **SATURDAY**  
4TH MAY, 2024

 **STARTS AT**  
10:00AM

 **LAKE NEANGAR**  
SIMPSONS RD, EAGLEHAWK  
BEHIND THE AMPITHEATRE

**RAFFLE**

**PRIZES TO  
BE WON**



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## A Guide to Navigating Puberty: Parents & Caregivers

*Bendigo Community Health Services invites all parents and caregivers in the City of Greater Bendigo to our puberty education evening.*

**When: 6.30pm, Wednesday 8th May**  
*Light supper provided*



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# HOME GAME



VS



**BENDIGO STRIKERS**

**BOROONDARA EXPRESS**



Ruby Turner

Ruby Barkmeyer

**red**  
energy **arena**

**ROUND 8**

SUNDAY 28 APRIL  
23 & UNDER 2:00PM  
CHAMPIONSHIP 3:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT TICKETEK



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