

Whipstick Whispers

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Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428

Calendar

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

April

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 Mothers Day Stall
 Wild Action Incursion
 - Preps

Friday 10th Curriculum Day

Principal's Awards

No Awards

Prep Grant	
Prep Symons	
Grade 1/2 Holding	
Grade 1/2 Epworth/ Clayton	
Grade 1/2 Purtill	
Grade 3/4 Craig/ Tibbett	
Grade 3/4 Gilligan	
Grade 3/4 Rayner/ Nicholls	
Grade 3/4 McEwan/ Robinson	
Grade 5/6 Bulluss	
Grade 5/6 Watt	
Grade 5/6 Birch	
Grade 5/6 O'Callaghan	

No Awards

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

ANZAC Day Service

Our School Captains attended the Eaglehawk ANZAC Day service yesterday. They were able to lay a wreath on behalf of our school and represented the school respectfully. Chester and Matilda have been doing a great job at our weekly assemblies and have taken on the responsibility of delivering a 'School Captain Message' to each week. I always look forward to what they have to say each week as it comes from a student perspective. Well done Chester and Matilda for the way you represent our school and the way you role model positive behaviours for others.



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This week classes have been participating in some activities about ANZAC Day and learning about what the day is all about. I have included one of the art tasks which I saw during the week. Well done Claudia.

Classroom Parent Helpers

It is great to see so many families at assembly each Friday morning. A reminder that schools are open to parents and families again and we welcome any help and support in classrooms and across the school. It takes a community to educate and we are all working together for the same goals so please let us know if you would like to help out somewhere. Parents and Friends group is always looking for more helpers as well, if you are interested in helping but don't know how, please contact the office.



Bendigo Braves Visit

We had some of the Bendigo Braves players visit the school this week to help out with Literacy in the school. They sat down with some of our Senior students to listen to some reading and ask some questions about what our students like to read. Some of the players will be back again in the next few weeks to interact with other classes. See if you can spot the players in our 150th Anniversary drone shot when it comes out.



Curriculum Day—MAV Conference Day

A reminder that Friday May 10th is a Pupil Free day in Term 2. Our school will be hosting a Maths Association Victoria (MAV) conference on this day. At our next School Council meeting in early May we will hopefully be able to let families know about our Second Semester curriculum days to put in your calendars. These will be based on the Berry St training strategies.

Social Media

Social Media is everywhere and some of our students in the school have regular access to social media platforms. It is important that families are aware of the platforms students are using at home. Students will sometimes talk about issues they have had on social media with other students from school, and some from older age groups as well. Please take the time to monitor what your child/ren are using, who they are interacting with and ensure they are being respectful online with others. Thanks for your support with this. We have a few school events coming soon. Please check out the school calendar on Sentral and in this newsletter to know what is happening.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

Thanks for your patience with drop off and pick up times each day. This can be a tricky and sometimes frustrating time as parking can be limited. Please continue to be aware of parking signs around the school,

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Bendigo Council do monitor our parking at different times during the year to ensure everyone is being safe. Sometimes you can arrive at school for pick up at 3:20pm or 3:25pm and find that most cars have cleared by then.

AUSLAN

Miss Chelsea Nicholls has been replacing Yilin while she is away on maternity leave. Chelsea has been teaching Auslan to all grades and this has been received very positively by students. It is something new in the first two weeks of this term, but ask about it at home and see if your child can remember any of the finger spelling they have been doing.

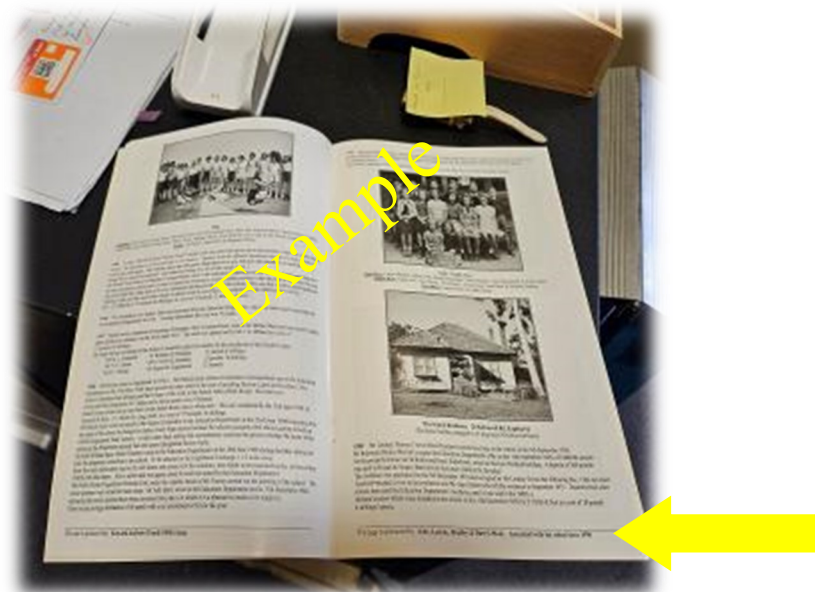
Jason O'Neill
Principal

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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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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Grade 5/6 News

Grade 5/6 : Week 2

Another great but busy week of learning in Grade 5/6. Last Friday afternoon we had our first Grade 5/6 assembly where we touched on some important reminders around mobile phones and devices at school, correct school uniforms and ensuring students are not wearing jewellery or make-up to school. It was terrific to see so many reading awards given out at the school assembly! Keep up the good work with reading at home everyone!

This week in learning we have been focusing on the following areas:

Reading - We have further explored 'Summarising'. The students are gaining in confidence and class discussions are flowing well in this area.

Writing - This week we have been learning about the Text Structure, Language features and Persuasive Devices used in Exposition texts. We look forward to using this learning in the Persuasive text we will write in the coming weeks.

Maths - Our unit on Addition continues; we are using algorithms and many mental strategies to work through worded problems and introduce decimals for Financial Maths. number line.

Reminders:

Dairies need to come to school each day.

Check Sentral for exciting things happening this term (EG. School photos, Mother's Day Stall, Earth Ed. Incursion...)

Names on jumpers and jackets are advised, check lost property for any missing items.

Yours in Learning,

Enya, Megan, Alex and Laura

Grade 3/4 News

ANZAC Day

With ANZAC day on Thursday, Week 2 has gone by very quickly. Mrs McEwan's class made ANZAC biscuits with her class on Monday, which left the office smelling delicious. Classes also read some different ANZAC picture stories books, read ANZAC day poetry and completed some ANZAC day craft as we remembered why the 25th of April is a day of importance.

Reading continued to explore the types of vocabulary used by an author when describing a setting. It has been fantastic to see students building on their vocabulary during reading and transferring their new knowledge into their writing.

Classes are using picture stimulus from the Amazon rainforest to plan and begin drafting a narrative story using the pictures provided. We can't wait for these stories to be completed so we can share them with families.

Math's continues with our unit on addition and subtraction. We are aiming for students to build on their knowledge of the relationship between these two operations to extend their abilities to complete these tasks with efficient mental strategies. Games with dice and playing cards where students are addition or

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subtracting different numbers is a great way that you at home can continue developing these strategies with your child. These games can be adapted to suit different skills as they can include multiplication, decimal numbers or larger place value numbers)

STEM- Mrs McEwan has organised a very exciting opportunity for 30 students across grades 3-6 to be included in upcoming excursion on Tuesday the 30th of April. The Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria (RBGV) have partnered with the Department of Education and Training and Bendigo Botanic Gardens to offer a Free STEM excursion program. Students will learn how nature can be used for design inspiration and problem-solving through STEM and biomimicry. Students will observe the tried and tested biological strategies and patterns of nature and design their own nature-inspired STEM ideas for a healthier planet. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and school to take part in this program.

Home Reading- Our 3/4 cohort is going to be having a huge home reading push! We would like to see every child reading at home everyday. The reading is required to be recorded in the school diary and SIGNED by a parent. As students progress through the classes home reading can tend to drop off, however it is critical that parents are involved and encouraging their children to be engaged in the skill of reading.

-Asking questions before, during and after are important comprehension questions.

-Summarising the texts.

-Reading aloud using expression.

- Reading fluently.

-Identifying genre

Are just some of the follow up questions families can ask their child about the text they are reading.

We know home life can be busy so we appreciate your support with this task as reading is a life skill.

Grade 3/4 Team

Sam, Brett, Kayleen, Chelsea, Anna and Kristy

Grade 1/2 News

A few reminders, the weather is getting cooler now so please make sure your child brings a named jumper or jacket to school. Some students are still not bringing water bottles to school, please ensure your child is bringing a filled water bottle (named) every day. 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 indigenous community and locating important information in the text by pointing to it, locating a picture and retelling when reading.

Top home reading tip: If reading every night is a challenge, aim for every second night! It is still better than nothing and will make a big difference!

Writing - This week we have been focusing on writing a weekend recount and starting to look at Narrative and describing a setting. Our spelling focus has been on the sound 'u a' as in umbrella.

Numeracy - This week, we been looking at doubles and near doubles as part of addition.

Inquiry - This week we have continued to look at our integrated topic on "My Community" and focusing on our own family.

No awards this week due to the public holiday for Anzac Day

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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

Even though it has been a short week we packed a lot of learning in anyway! Students have settled into Term Two incredibly well.



For math's last week we practiced hefting and using balance scales.

This week in the Prep rooms:

Phonics – students have learnt another two letter sounds this week. These include Oo and Dd. They have continued blending letter sounds and making CVC words.

Reading – students have been exposed to information texts about animals. They have been learning about the difference between vertebrae and in-vertebrae animals, as well as reading texts about ANZAC Day.

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

Math's – students have been learning how important it is to use their fingers in math's. They learnt about the number 7, including tally marks, numbers before and after and what it looks like on a tens frame. They used informal tools to measure different objects in the room.

No awards this week
Reminder

*Prep Team
Shirley and Kellie*



Boys to the Bush Program

On Tuesday, the boys went on their second day out with the 'Boys to the Bush' mentoring program. They visited different community service providers including Police, Fire and Paramedics. They were able to undertake tasks and learn about what these important people do in our community. Check out some of the photos below. Next week they are off to work with some animals at a local farm.



FUNDRAISING / PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

BOOK CLUB – Issue #3 of Book Club has been handed out this week. Orders are due Friday 3rd 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 for more information.)



BOOK FAIR – A Book Fair will be held in the library from Tuesday 30th April – Thursday 2nd 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 9th 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.

150TH CELEBRATIONS – As part of the school’s 150th 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

Nicole, Rebekah, and Emma

PARENTS AND FRIENDS 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

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Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Fresh Fruit Program in local schools

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Bendigo Juiniior Fishing Club's



**MEMBER
ENROLMENTS
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**



**FREE GIFT
FOR NEW
MEMEBRS**

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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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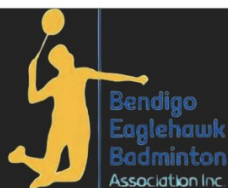
COME AND TRY

JUNIOR BADMINTON

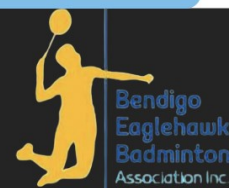
WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 5-18

FIRST NIGHT IS FREE



CALL 0499 731 811 TO
ENQUIRE TODAY



SESSION TIMES
WEDNESDAYS
UNDER 12 TRAINING
6:15-7:15PM
UNDER 18 TRAINING
7:30-8:30PM
SCHOOL TERMS ONLY
FRIDAYS
JUNIOR COMPETITION
6:45-8:30PM
SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

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Bendigo Mountain Bike Club
2024
3 Hour Women's & Girls MTB Challenge

Beginning in 2017, the women and girls 3HR mountain bike challenge was created to encourage more women and girls to try mountain biking, get out on their bikes, get out in nature and ride in a supportive and fun environment. While some mountain bike riders love to race, the vast majority of female riders are all about the social side of riding – and so this is what the event focuses on. From humble beginnings of 45 riders in 2017, the event has grown to about 100 riders across a range of categories, of all ages and abilities.



When: Sunday 5th May 2024 from 10am
Dirt Squirts
Solo (e-bike or pedal power categories)
Pairs (e-bike or pedal power categories)
Mother/Daughter team
Junior Solo

Where: The event village & start/finish will be at Spring Gully Trail Head, Muldoon Reserve, Wattle Drive, Spring Gully

Categories: You can ride solo or in a pair – on an e-bike or your own pedal power. If you have a mother or daughter who is keen to ride – we have the Mother/Daughter category to encourage everyone to give it a go.

Toilets: Women's Port-a-loo's stocked with toilet paper

Catering: On-Site Vendors: Brew to U selling Coffee and a food van

Kids: Kids Welcome!! Muldoon Reserve Pump Track and Skills loop is OPEN! Be aware the race track cuts through Muldoon reserve so please look out for racers.

Roving Fairies: There will be roving fairies for mechanical issues – so there is always someone to help with any issues while riding the loop.

Best dressed: A huge part of the event is about having fun, and there are lots of prizes for those who dress up connected to the theme "Count Her In"

The Course: Green Spring Gully Trail Network: approx 4.5km
The 3 HR challenge will be a staggered start so no one feels under too much pressure from riders behind them.



Accept the challenge – organize your team of riders and come and have some fun.

Register at <https://my.raceresult.com/284098/>





STEAM After School

Pop into the library and explore hands-on activities with fellow tinkerers. Ages 7+ years.

Eaglehawk Library

Tuesday 23, 30 April & 7, 14 May
3.45-4.45pm



Goldfields
Libraries

Libraries
Change Lives

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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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