Whipstick Whispers

Eaglehawk North Primary School 1428

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Assistant Principal’s Column

Principal’s Awards Congratulations to this week’s award winners. I look forward to our presentations on Monday at assembly. Please feel welcome in joining us. Ayshia S, Rain F, Kayla T, Tristan P, Hannah II, Caitlyn V, Amy R, Lain J, Emily G, Gypsy M, Jamie W, Sarah W, Ethan K and Tom N.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: A DAY REMEMBERED AT OUR SCHOOL.

Remembrance Day has been a focus for our school this week. Our Junior School Council members have been selling poppies and during Monday morning assembly Miss Coffey shared with us a PowerPoint presentation that had been produced by Harvey H, regarding the history and ‘what life at war’ was like for the soldiers serving for their country during the war. Other classes have used this PowerPoint and it has been displayed in the foyer. Mr Matthew led the school in a commemorative 1 minute silence at 11.00am and explained why we pause for this time. The Junior School Council students attended the Remembrance Day Service in Bendigo with Miss Slattery and took the opportunity to lay wreaths that the grade 5 and 6 students had made.

CLASSES FOR 2011

The process of forming classes for 2011 will begin soon. Teachers of course have very firm ideas on placement of children however we also invite input from parents. We do not seek requests for placement with particular teachers unless there are very special circumstances however you are more than welcome to give us your thoughts on friendship groupings etc. Simply write me a note with your thoughts. Address it to me. I will place these in a folder, collate them and they will be considered when the class formation process commences. No guarantees but we will do our best with requests.
**WINNING STUDENT: TWO WINS IN ONE WEEK!**

Sarah M is a grade three student at our school and is showing all the signs of becoming a budding artist. She has won two drawing competitions in one week! Several weeks ago in my column I mentioned that Sarah had been invited to attend an Access Ministries dinner as she had been shortlisted as a winner for their ‘Shaping the Future’ drawing competition. Well, much to our delight and excitement Sarah was announced the **WINNER**! The committee received 500 entries from 270 schools, so when she was presented with her certificate and $100.00 cheque prize Sarah was delighted.

Sarah also received an award at our school Monday morning assembly for a drawing she had entered in Aiden Sutcliffe’s competition. Sarah’s award was for the ‘most colourful’ drawing. A fine example of a student who is ‘Spreading Her Artistic Wings’.

**LIFT TO SCHOOL: PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!**

We have a family in need of transport for their students to and from school. If you are able to assist this family, please contact the school and we will pass on your information.

**IGA BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL: THIS WEEK’S WINNER IS…….**

Each student who attends the *Tuesday morning IGA* breakfast program receives a coupon from IGA. To be eligible for the monthly/weekly prize winning draw you need to complete the details on the back of the voucher and pass it in at the Eaglehawk IGA store. One particular lucky ‘healthy breakfast kid’ who completed the process and won the **weekly prize** is Nicholas C. Well done Nick!

**REMEMBER: ULTRANET INFORMATION SESSION**

*Keep this date free-December 2nd* Steve O’Connor our Ultranet coach will present an information session for parents at 6.00pm covering an introduction to the Ultranet. The session will include what the Ultranet will mean for staff, students and parents at our school. Next week I will be sending out a survey for families to complete which will assist us with our introductory planning.

Those lucky families who return their survey will go into a draw for a prize along with the families attending the information session. **Prizes** will be drawn on the night.

**LATENESS TO SCHOOL:** Just a reminder if your child is late to school for any reason they need to be signed in by a parent. Students then take a note to their classroom teacher letting them know that the office has been advised of their lateness and the reason for this.

**‘WE ARE INTO BOOKS’: IT’S ALL HAPPENING IN LITERACY!**

Next week we have a special focus ‘WE ARE INTO BOOKS’. From Monday to Wednesday we will hold a Book Fair in the library, and for the following two days we have two special visitors to our school. We have invited Adam Wallace, a well known author to us all, and…..he will **launch** his latest book ‘The Negatees’ from here. How exciting!!! Heath McKenzie who was the illustrator for Adam’s latest book will also be here for a two day visit and both will offer workshops for students at our school.
**SCHOOL FAIR: OH! WHAT A NIGHT!**

I think this is the best fair we have ever had! I know I say that every year, but the fair nights just seem to get better and better with that wonderful community feel and families wandering the stalls together. The highlight was a new attraction – the ‘Dunking Machine’. The cost was $2.00 for 3 balls and were those balls flying!! Especially, when Mr. Morton took his place upon the dunking seat! Side Show Alley was a hive of activity as usual, with many inventive stalls and wonderful prizes. The fair stalls certainly supported the commerce theme the students from grades 4-6 worked on during Term 4. It also allowed them to put into practice the skills of advertising, budgets, time scheduling and general business knowledge that they learned throughout the term.

The Zone was another new attraction and was very popular, with many families spending much of their time in the carpark, where this took place.

Our school fair couldn’t be the success it is without many helping hands. I would personally like to thank Mr. Tim Attwater and the Fair Committee for their timeless efforts and behind the scenes organisation. It is a huge commitment by these people and they do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. A huge thank you also to the families who supported the fair. Without your ongoing commitment the fair would not be the huge success that it is. There will also be a page of recognition to the many sponsors who supported the fair and it would be great if you could support their business as a thank you. Well done to all involved and yes……I think it was the best fair we’ve had!!

Until next week,

Helen Forrest

**Acting Assistant Principal**

**Grade 4 - 6 You Can Do It Awards** Lochie E, Zoe L, Alyssa G, Jade W, Jake Mc D and Shania P.

**Team 4/5/6/ News**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS** who ran their stalls at the fair on Friday night. There was a great range of activities and stalls on offer and a significant amount of money was raised for the school. Thank you to all students for their hard work, and to parents for their support and contributions to this projects.

**AS WE ARRIVE AT THE MIDDLE** of this final term students are reminded to continue to make good behaviour choices. We still have five weeks of important learning this term and students need to remain focused on their work. Our senior students are also reminded that they are the leaders of the school and need to continue to be role models to the younger students at our school.

**HOBBIES AND CLUBS WILL RESUME** on Monday in a modified format. Students have selected from a small range of activities, however unfortunately these have been limited due to a much smaller response from parents than in the past. This program relies on the assistance of parents and volunteers to be successful as smaller group sizes are needed for students to benefit from the variety of activities.

**THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY WEEK** for our sports teams, with our La Crosse teams competing on Monday, and our Jump Rope for Heart team competing in the state finals in Melbourne on
Wednesday. Tomorrow nearly 100 students will be competing at the orienteering. Well done to all students competing this week and good luck at the orienteering tomorrow!

(I’ll add to the sports stuff when we know more)

Anna, Jason, Amy, Jo, Bron and Rob

**Team 2/3 News**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who has donated boxes to our classroom. We now have enough to last till the end of the year and so will not need any more.

**STUDENTS COULD STILL** be researching their passion project at home but they will be expected to complete them at school.

**NEXT WEEK GRADE 2W AND 2S** will be having a bit of a fun week to celebrate how well everyone went during testing over the past few weeks. We will be conducting a science experiment daily. Ask your child about them!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Grade 2 stalls by donating goods or helping on the night. It was much appreciated.

**SCHOOL FAIR**

Thank you to all of the students and the parent helpers who made the Grade 3 ice-cream and drinks and the pick a stick stalls such a huge success.

**MATHEMATICS**

We have been focusing on uniform measurement systems with particular emphasis on estimating and measuring objects using millimetres, centimetres and metres.

**LITERACY**

We have been doing lots of testing recently where the students have been completing reading, writing and spelling activities. The students are continuing with their narrative writing tasks and are reading a variety of text types in reading groups.

**HOMEWORK**

Needs to be completed by Friday when there will be a spelling test. As well as allocated tasks all students are encouraged to read for 10-15 minutes per night, as well as revising spelling words and the multiplication tables to ten.

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**

To wear sunscreen as the weather continues to get hotter and not to forget to wear their hats at all break times.

**ORINTEERING**

Best wishes to all of the Grade 3 students that will be representing EHNPS at the orienteering event at Hanging Rock tomorrow !!!!!

Anthony, Carolyn, Cherie and Gre

**Team Prep/1 News**

**STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** alike have been busy completing assessment tasks in preparation for the end of year report writing process.

**GRADES ARE BEGINNING** to organise performance items for the intended prep, one, two end of year concert. Confirmation of date and more information will follow.

**LITERACY FOCUS** for prep next week is ‘ch’ endings and the focus word is ‘one’. We will continue to focus on correct punctuation in our writing and building and consolidating a bank of high frequency words to read and write.

**GRADE ONE** students will focus on double consonants in words ie. ‘ff’ or ‘ss’. They will explore the correct use of question marks and begin to develop interviewing skills by developing meaningful questions.
**IN MATHEMATICS** we will revise the use of money and its worth, continue practising skip counting and read and record data in graphs.

**SCHOOL FAIR**

A very big thank you to the parents and students who volunteered their time to help run our stalls at the fair. Thank you also to all those who came along and supported the school’s major fund raiser, it was a very successful evening.

**VOCABULARY – IT’S MORE THAN JUST WORDS!**

Some young children learn words quickly and effortlessly – soaking up words like a ‘sponge’. We might be forgiven for thinking that vocabulary learning is natural and easy. However vocabulary is an extremely complex ‘building block’ of language and children require support with word use and new word learning. Vocabulary is important in both spoken and written language. It is crucial to comprehension. It supports knowledge of maths and science and leads to an appreciation of language through the understanding of jokes, puns, idioms and poetry etc.

What can you do to help?

- be enthusiastic about words
- provide fun word game activities – focusing on word meanings, opposites, associated words, categorising.
- talk about words that have more than one meaning
- explain idioms
- discuss jokes and what makes them funny
- read stories with your child and talk about interesting words
- highlight new words, revisiting them many times
- encourage your child to say new words out loud and praise their efforts.


**Have fun with words!**

*Tina, Cheryl, Sophie and Taygen*

**Sports News**

**LACROSSE**

A good day at White Hills, with our boys teams finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th for the day. It was clear that our teams had a lot more skill with the stick, but were just a bit unlucky not to capitalise on their hard work with more goals. Our girls team was unfortunate to come up against some pretty good opposition but enjoyed the chance to show their skills. Despite not being able to make it back-to-back Bendigo titles, our boys will be heading off to Melbourne to compete in the State titles on Friday 26th November.

**JRFH REPORT**

What a great day we had in Melbourne yesterday. After some slight musical problems, the team finished 2nd in the group routine, which is a great reward for all their hard work. The real surprise came through in the hotly contested partner and singles routines. Courtney M and Rani M finishing 3rd overall, while Matt Balso grabbed 3rd in the individual section. With a noisy bus ride and a stop off at Calder Park to refuel (not the bus haha) it was certainly a trip to remember. A thank you to the parents who came and watched the team perform and a very big thank you to my team. I am very proud of what you have been able to achieve this year. Well Done!!
WESTERN ZONE ORIENTEERING

101 students are heading to Hanging Rock, Woodend tomorrow to run around the fabled hill. Our team has been training really well and have a heap of confidence going into the event. Let’s hope we can repeat our efforts of last year at Brimbank Park, where we finished 2nd. Perhaps we can go one better. Parents please keep an eye out for a note letting you know which bus your child will be on, as we have an early bus and a late bus.

FITNESS CIRCUIT AT THE FAIR

My arms and chest have finally recovered and for those who were there to witness, the pain scale was certainly off the charts. Thanks to all those people who donated. Next year I am definitely going back to waxing!

Brett Gilligan

GRADE 6 POLO SHIRTS - Could all forms be returned to the office for next year Grade 6 polo shirts by Friday November 12th. We cannot accept late orders.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER - We will be selling tickets for our Christmas Hamper very soon. It would be appreciated if any non-perishable donations could be sent to the office.

2011 BOOKLIST - Booklist’s for 2011 will go home today for all students attending our school next year. Could these forms please be returned by 3rd December to the office, payment not required until pick up in February. Prep’s for 2011 will get their booklist on Friday 26th November (first transition session)
Thank you, to the following businesses who so kindly made donations to our School Fair.

Please support these businesses where you can.

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“We are into books!”

To celebrate the launch of Adam Wallace’s new book.

Adam Wallace

and

Heath McKenzie

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th of November

Two Workshops will be held over the duration of the two days with all classes rotating –
  A Writing Workshop with Adam
  An Illustrations Workshop with Heath

Our whole school goal:
Grades P – 2 - To create a class picture story book
Grades 3 – 6 - To create individual picture story book