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Principal’s Column

2010 AWARDS

At our Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony yesterday morning the following awards were presented: Juliet Baker and Shanae James won Principal’s Encouragement Awards. Liam D and Rani M won Peter Krenz Memorial Awards. The A.D Ferguson Award winners this year were Aimee C and Elli W.

The Rotary Award was won by Madison A and the following students won our various Excellence Awards in various subject areas: Literacy- Ethan K, P.E- Ben T, Numeracy- Harvey H, Performing Arts-Janae S, Visual Arts-Elley L and Technology- Riley B. Bailey B was our Masonic Lodge Award recipient for 2010.

A.D.FERGUSON AWARD

It was nice to have former student Scott Ferguson at our graduation Assembly yesterday to present the annual A.D Ferguson Award to two of our students Elli W and Aimee C. The award is named in honour of Scott’s late father and is our premier award each year. An honour board in the foyer shows the names of all recipients.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Bad news I’m afraid. After School care will not be operating at our school when 2011 commences. ‘Stepping Stones’ have withdrawn from Eaglehawk North and our attempts to engage another provider have so far not met with success. Even if we manage to find someone to run our program the licensing requirements make it very difficult for a quick changeover. We have run the program for in excess of ten years and legislative requirements have changed the landscape of Out of School Hours Care significantly. The goal of School Council is to provide After School Care. The bottom line unfortunately is that our numbers using the service have not been large and it is simply not profitable given staffing requirements. I have been in conversation with Donna Bibby who tells me that her YMCA program is relocating to St Liborious Primary School next year. She believes that there may be some places there. Families may like to contact Donna on 5446 9222. Obviously children would need to be able to travel to St Liborious to access the service. We will continue to explore options in Term 1 however numbers will need to increase for someone to take the licence up.

AND THEN THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS ON A.S.C

Nicole, who has been our Carer for the last nine years is kindly offering to hold a 2.30-6.00pm party on Friday for children who have attended After School Care in recent times. It will be held in the A.S.C room and she would like children who are attending to bring along a plate to share. If they are not booked in for care she would like their parents to be there for as long as they stay as technically they will not be booked into A.S.C. A nice gesture by Nicole who has been a committed worker at our school and very popular with our families.

MORE STAFFING INFORMATION

We have recently appointed Mr Jake Delaney as our Grade 3/4 teacher for 2011. He will be occupying the Family Leave position created by Mrs Sophie Polglase’s departure. Jake is very excited about coming to our school and he will be part of the six class Senior School Team. At the other end of the school Miss Amelia Willis will be teaching the Grade 1 class alongside Mrs Tina Fitzpatrick. Amelia has been our I.T Teacher this year and is looking forward to working in the Junior Team.

STARTING NEXT YEAR

I am confident that most families have noted on their calendars or diaries that children commence school next year on Friday February 4th. Teachers will be returning on the Tuesday of that week and undertaking three days of professional development and preparation. Booklists will be available for collection on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February, 10.00am - 3.00pm.

PARENT AWARDS

At the end of each year we celebrate the work of exiting parents who have made significant contributions to our school during their time at ENPS. This year we gave certificates to Jenny H Roxanne M Judy S, Tina H, Liz N and Louise.

ENPS STARS AT SECONDARY COLLEGE AWARDS NIGHT

If you have connections with Eaglehawk Secondary College you will have been as proud as I was with the large number of awards won by former ENPS students on Tuesday evening. Every category seemed to be dominated by students who had their start at our school. The story seemed to be much the same at East Loddon P-12 where we also send a number of graduates each year. One of our most enthusiastic mothers Roxanne Ms managed to attend our Grade 6 Graduation and then drive to East Loddon to see her daughter collect an award, with minutes to spare. I have also heard that former students featured strongly at Catholic College and Girton Grammar Award nights.
FINALLY

It has been a big year at Eaglehawk North Primary School and I need to acknowledge the support I have received from a number of people. My Acting Assistant Principal Mrs Helen Forrest has been a very busy lady in the curriculum, assessment and reporting and student services and other miscellaneous and unexpected tasks or challenges that come along. My two office ladies Katrina and Liz have been models of hard work and calmness. They are rarely flustered in the pressure-cooker environment of the front office. We have the best group of teaching and non-teaching staff in the district. They are hard-working, fun to be around and always interesting. If you visit our school regularly you will know what I mean. I think we have a terrific school community. We are always encouraging parents to be involved in whatever way they can manage. Make contact with your child’s teacher early in 2011 and if you see me in the yard come over and say hello. Your School Council has represented you well in 2010. Robert Trew and his team are an enthusiastic group and I know they would like me to encourage you to consider nominating for any School Council vacancies that may come up early next year. Watch the newsletter for information. I am looking forward to continued progress with the construction of our new building. This building will change the face of our school. It promises to be a significant landmark in Sailors Gully. June or July looks like being the completion date. Finally, have a great Christmas, stay safe and come back to us in 2011.

SUE O’HARA IS LEAVING!

Generations of choir members and ENPS art lovers will be saddened to hear that our Mrs O’Hara has decided to hang up her palette and baton and will retire early next year. Obviously there will be send-offs organised early in 2011 but some of you may like to catch up with her prior to the end of 2010. Sue attended her final Carols at Canterbury Park the other evening and we made a small presentation there. Bekki Probert will take on Sue’s Art role and Mr Bortolot in his new Performing Arts role will keep music and theatre alive at ENPS. But no-one will ever really replace Sue O’Hara!

John Morton

Assistant Principal’s Column

ATTENDANCE

At Monday Assembly this week I had the pleasure of presenting certificates to many students who had joined the 100% Attendance club.

As well as these children there were many who were in the 95% club and strongly supported our commitment to ‘It’s Not Okay to be Away’. Mrs Cheryl Healey’s class were the overall winners of having the least amount of absences for the year and took out the annual ‘Attender Chicken’ award.

Many thanks to all parents who support us with our goal of maintaining good attendance.
IGA BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

Thank you to the many families who supported the *Tuesday morning IGA* breakfast program. I am sure many of you were happy to receive the weekly coupons from IGA. We had many ‘*healthy breakfast kid*’ winners for the monthly/weekly prizes which were provided by IGA. We would sincerely like to thank IGA for their wonderful support in running this splendid program for our school.

We all know that starting the day with a healthy breakfast provides a good basis for learning and this week’s breakfast was no exception. It was a beautiful morning for all who sat outside and enjoyed a barbecue and fruit treat!

*Thanks once again IGA!*

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**KIWANIS: ‘**TERRIFIC KIDS AWARD’.

Aimee C was the winner of this terms award from the Kiwanis club, and was presented with the award by John Reid. *Congratulations Aimee!*

**REPORTS**

Student reports will go home tonight to all families. Staff spend a considerable amount of time writing, recording results and considering their students growth throughout the year before making an informed decision on their progress.

**2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Well, what a wonderful year it has been at Eaglehawk North Primary School. The year has just flown by and I have thoroughly enjoyed my Acting Assistant Principal role.

This week has been a wonderful celebration for the years hard work with many wonderful activities and events taking place. We have had class parties, Presentation Assembly, Grade 6 Graduation, Christmas hampers, Christmas raffles, Prep Concert, Digital Portfolio presentations, Parent Helpers morning tea, BBQ breakfast, student reports going home ……

This being my last newsletter of the year I would like to acknowledge all the efforts of our students in their commitment to their learning, the staff for preparing our students well for their further education and parents for supporting the learning process both at home and school. What a wonderful partnership we have!

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing break for the holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again in February 2011.

*Until next year,*

*Helen Forrest*

*Acting Assistant Principal*
Team 4/5/6/ News

CONGRATULATIONS to all grade six students who took part in our graduation ceremony. This was an important day for these students who celebrated the completion of their primary school education. The students and teachers celebrated this achievement last night at the Graduation Dinner where students danced the night away! The night was a huge success and students are congratulated on their behaviour. We wish all our grade six students all the best for next year.

WE WOULD LIKE to say a big thank you and farewell to Jason O’Neill who will be leaving us for a year to teach in Queensland. All the best Mr O, we will miss you!

Finally we would like to congratulate all students on a fantastic years work. We wish you all the best in your new classes next year. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2011.

Anna, Jase, Amy, Jo, Bron and Rob

Team Prep/1 News

PREP – 2 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

It was truly amazing to see so many families attend this evening. We really hope you enjoyed the show and we apologise for the cramped conditions! Thank you to all, for coming along and supporting your children, supplying costumes and props and ensuring that your child arrived promptly. We are extremely proud of the students, as we are sure you are! They were terrific!

This Week

It’s been a very busy week with classroom parties, the performance and the grade 6 graduation assembly. I’m sure the children are now looking forward to Christmas and a well deserved rest.

It has been a very productive year and it’s wonderful to look back and reflect on the students’ achievements and to celebrate with them in this final week.

THANK YOU

We’d like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all those parents who have helped in so many different ways throughout the year. Also, a big thank you, to all parents for giving us the

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Thank you for the wonderful attendance at the concert. The students had been practising very hard and it made it all worthwhile. We were very proud of them too!

We are busy cleaning our rooms, ready for next year and everything will be sent home today.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas break.

Carolyn, Cherie, Greg and Anthony
opportunity to be part of your child’s life for the year. We feel very privileged to work with such terrific students. For those students and families that are leaving us this year we wish you all the very best for the future.

Thanks also for your wonderful contributions to our classroom parties.

Mrs Polglase

As you are aware Mrs Polglase will be starting family leave at the end of this week. It has been a pleasure working with Mrs Polglase and we’d like to thank her for her contributions to the Prep/One team over the past 18 months. We wish Sophie and Hayden all the very, very best and look forward to meeting Baby Polglase in the near future.

We wish all families a wonderful holiday and are very much looking forward to working with you again next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Tina, Cheryl, Taygen and Sophie

Sports News

Gala Day

Last Friday, all students across the school competed in a tabloid sports format to see who was the really the number one House team in the school. It started at 9am, with the Prep-1 students throwing, hurdling and bouncing their way to many points. The Grade 2/3 cohort performed equally as strong, while the 4/5/6’s racked up the points.

At the end of the day, the whole school were yelling and screaming through relays, tunnel ball and the “ladder” race. It was great to see so much passion and excitement about the sporting colours.

As it happened Truscott (288 points) just pipped Thorn (260), Miller (253) and Williams (238) to the title. Let’s hope that this level of enthusiasm can be maintained throughout next year as well.

House Captains 2011

It was my pleasure on Monday to announce the House Captains for 2011. I have it on very good authority that many students nominated for the roles, an indication of its importance within the school. Congratulations to the following people.

Thorn - Ashley M and Erica F
Miller – Kayden J and Lauren B
Truscott – Josh W and Rani M
Williams – Corey I and Haylee S

I look forward to working closely with these students next year.

What a Year!!

Just one last chance for me to say thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have made 2010 one to remember. I hope to continue to inspire the younger students of ENPS to wear the “Two Blues” with pride, as we head into 2011.

A big thank you to my House Captains who have done a great job throughout the year. A quick pat on the back to our Orienteering, State Lacrosse and JRFH teams, who had brilliant years in their chosen fields. It was very easy to take away such eager and highly skilled teams.

Keep on aiming high, stay healthy and be active.

Brett Gilligan

Art News

The Arts

The year is quickly drawing to a close and students and staff are busy organising final end of year arrangements. We have had a VERY busy ARTS filled year with Exhibitions, Productions, Concerts, Carols and Incursions. The students continue to excel in all things Arts related and ENPS has an excellent reputation for providing quality Visual Arts and Performing Arts programs across the wider community. Congratulations to the School Choir members for their uplifting performance last Sunday at Canterbury Carols. It is a wonderful event where families can enjoy music together and one which showcases our school and students admirably. I will be retiring at the end of the year after 11 years as an
Arts Specialist at ENPS. It has been an enjoyable and action packed creative time working with a great staff and enthusiastic, talented students. My capable and also talented colleague Bekki Probert will be taking over the Visual Arts reins and I wish her all the best in the Art/Craft room. Mr. Bortolot will be teaching Drama and the Performing Arts and students will benefit from his experience and theatrical expertise.

Have a wonderful Christmas celebration, a safe and relaxing holiday break and a great 2011........and

Keep Creating,

Sue O’Hara

Office News

CHRISTMAS HAMPER - Thank you to all the families who have donated goods for our Christmas Hamper. The winners of our raffle are Brenda F, Ash J, Helen F and our second prize winners were Joan D, Frank G and Dean W.

Community News

1. **Bendigo East Baseball Club** is currently looking for members/coaches for our 2011 season. Anyone age 6+ is welcome to come to our “Come and try night” to be held 25 Feb at the Ken Wust Oval (opposite the Flora Hill Golf Course). There will be sausages and drinks available and also many of our clubs members to help out by answering any questions you may have regarding baseball. Our club website is [http://www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au](http://www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au) where you can check upcoming events and contact numbers for inquiries about joining our club. Thank you, David Simpson (BEBC Secretary)

2. **Sebastian Progress Association** will produce a local Business Directory. If you have a business or offer a service to the public that you would like to appear in this Directory please contact one of us before the end of January 2011. There will also be a section for private listings for local residents. This is a free service. Feel free to pass this information on. Pat Horan 54 361 287 pat.horan@harboursat.com

Jan Pavich 54 361 221 janwater2@yahoo.com

**Community Christmas**

**Celebration**

**Free BBQ and Entertainment**

**ALL Day Long!**

24th December

10am – 2pm

Dr Catford Park, Cnr High St & Church St

Eaglehawk (opp Bendigo Bank)

Jumping Castle, Animal Farm, Jolly man in a Red Suit, Music, Face Painting, Games, Give Aways, Reptile Park & Lots, lots more.