Whipstick Whispers

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Principal’s Column


**EXCITING DISCOVERY!**

Former ENPS parent Terri Williams has discovered a ‘pterostylis maxima’ orchid in our school’s forest area. It’s common name is ‘Large Rusty Hood’. So rare is this plant that it has state listing under the Flora and Flora Guarantee Act. We will certainly do our best to ensure that this flower is preserved and enjoyed by future generations.
STRANGER DANGER

The last couple of weeks we have had reports from parents of vehicles following, or in other ways frightening children. A white Ford Territory was one vehicle mentioned in the Bright St area for example. No incidents have occurred. Please take the time to chat with your children occasionally about how to deal with situations with strangers. Also revise your expectations about routes to and from school and when you expect them to arrive home etc.

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.

John Morton
Principal

Prep - 3 You Can Do It Awards Charlotte M, Lavinya P, Caitlyn M, Shaleah G, Ben W, Reilly Hanson, Monique W and Adam E.

Assistant Principal’s Column

REMEMBER: ULTRANET INFORMATION SESSION

December 2nd - keep this date free: Steve O’Connor our Ultranet coach will offer an information session for parents at 6.00pm. It will be a great opportunity for us all to access Steve’s knowledge in regard to student and parent access to the Ultranet.

Along with the newsletter today, there will be two attachments sent home with specific reference to the Ultranet. DEECD has produced an information booklet in regard to the Ultranet particularly for parent reference, which is an interesting read. It will certainly prepare you for the forthcoming session run by Steve and may assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Also attached will be a questionnaire regarding computer equipment and internet access within the family home.

As mentioned in my column there will be prizes on offer for those returning their questionnaires and attending Steve’s information session.

Keep your eyes peeled on this column for more news of this next week!!

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 Krystal D. Well done Krystal!
1:1 TECHNOLOGY: ROLLOVER OF NETBOOKS

Currently Grades 4, 5 and 6 are involved in the 1:1 Netbook programs for 2010. In preparation for 2011 we will be asking all students to return their netbooks to school on or before Monday the 6th December. It would be wonderful if you could assist us with the process so we can secure and store the netbooks before the end of the year. The grade 6 netbooks will be reimaged so students will need to back up any files before returning their netbooks to school. The current grade four and five students will be reissued with their current netbooks when classes commence in 2011, when grade four students for 2011 will excitedly join the 1:1 program for the first time.

SPRING’S THE THING! OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

It is really lovely to wander our school grounds at the moment and see our gardens flourishing, in particular the new plants in the ‘Indigenous Garden’. Our students are very good at keeping outside of the garden areas which allows for continued growth. Each classroom has their own garden areas to maintain so if you are ever interested in becoming involved with planting, weeding and watering, just let us know.

BOOKS GALORE! AND CLIFFORD VISITS AGAIN………….

As part of our ‘We’re Into Books Week’ we held a Book Fair during the first three days of the week.

It was another great success with many students going away with bundles of treasures. We raised $500 worth of books which will go into our school library. Many thanks to those families who once again strongly supported our Book Fair.

Until next week,

Helen Forrest

Acting Assistant Principal
**Team 2/3 News**

**NEXT WEEK** we are going to start making Christmas activities. We have been very busy practising our songs that we are going to sing for the P-2 Christmas Concert. There will be more information to follow in following weeks about dates and times.

**OUR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS** this week were fantastic. The students really enjoyed making predictions and writing about what they made. We are been doing a lot of N A P L A N preparation during maths to try and prepare students for next year. Students have developed the skill of eliminating answers with multiple choice questions and finding the clues to help them.

**GRADE 3 INQUIRY TOPIC**

‘Passion Project’ This week the students in Grade 3 have worked hard on their passion projects. The students are using multi-media and

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

**GRADE SIX STUDENTS** have received notification about the graduation dinner, which will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November. Students should return the note along with their payment of $20 in a clearly marked envelope.

**STUDENTS RESUMED** a modified Hobbies and Clubs program on Monday. Activities for this term will include craft and cooking, bike track, art, sport, dance and ICT.

**TODAY AND TOMORROW** we will be visited by author Adam Wallace and illustrator Heath McKenzie, who will be running writing and illustrating workshops with the students. Adam Wallace is a regular visitor to our school and the students always have a great time in these workshops.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the students who participated in the Orienteering last week. We had a huge team compete at Hanging Rock, with some very impressive results and a great effort by all. Well done!

**WE HAVE ONLY** a few more weeks of homework left for the term. Please continue to encourage and support your child with this each week as it not only enables practising of the skills being taught at school, but also reinforces many of the ‘You Can Do It’ foundations such as organisation and persistence.

**ANOTHER REMINDER** about students being expected to wear appropriate navy blue and light blue school uniform items each day. Accessories like necklaces, dangling earrings and bracelets are also not suitable to be worn to school each day. We thank parents for their ongoing support with this.

*Anna, Jase, Amy, Jo, Bron and Rob*
Library references to research their projects. It has been great to see the students researching their passions and representing their findings in their own words as well as the colourful presentation of their findings. Don’t forget students are working finishing their digital portfolios.

**MATHEMATICS**

We have been focusing on uniform measurement systems with particular emphasis on estimating and measuring objects using millimetres, centimetres and metres. We have also been looking at the perimeter of objects and how it is calculated for both regular and irregular shaped objects.

**LITERACY**

This week the students have enjoyed attending the book fair and meeting ‘Clifford’ roaming around the school. We have been reading a variety of books including the favourite books of many teachers.

**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. Sorry about the delay with the previous week with homework and testing as we had orienteering! What a great team we have!

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**

To bring their favourite bats and balls to play with at lunch and recess times but be sure to have their names clearly marked on all items.

**ORINTEERING**

Well done to all of the students that represented EHNPS at the orienteering. You all did a great job!

**Anthony, Carolyn, Cherie and Greg**

**Team Prep/1 News**

**This week** we have been looking forward to the visit by Adam Wallace and Heath McKenzie. We have been getting ‘into books’ in a big way in the class and excited about the book fair. A focus has also been completing the student’s digital portfolios in class and in our computer lab session with Miss Willis.

**ALL GRADES** have started practising their end of year performance item and the date for this will be confirmed shortly.

**Next week** sees the beginning of the 2011 prep’s transition program. There will be some alterations to our regular classroom timetables. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like more information concerning this.

**OUR LITERACY FOCUS** for preps next week will be words ending in ‘th’ and our sign in word will be ‘all’. For grade ones we will be continuing...
to explore more complex punctuation in our writing and working on building fluency and expression when reading. Our focus will be on words that end with ‘ack’ or ‘eck’.

Have an enjoyable week.

Tina, Cheryl, Sophie and Taygen

Office News

**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. You will receive 10 raffle tickets, to be sold for 50c each. Each raffle book is worth $5.00.

**2011 BOOKLIST** - Thank you to all the families who have returned their booklist. Having all booklists completed and returned within the allocated timeframe enables us to place our order in preparation for 2011 school year.

**UNIFORMS** - In preparation for next year we would like to ensure that all parents are aware that our school uniform is available from Lowes at the Market Place. The school receives a percentage from purchases that parent make through out the year. A price list has been attached to our newsletter and also is available on our web page.

**LOST PROPERTY** - The lost property cupboard is looking very full with ‘un-named’ items. Could parents please come and check for any lost items of clothing they have for the past term.

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**Art News**

**VISUAL ARTS**

All grades are completing Drawing activities and experimenting with new techniques and materials, such as Scratch art and Dispersing paper. Senior students have extended their observation skills with Learning to Look exercises and Still Life studies. They have completed some excellent half face and ‘Peanuts’ characters drawings and Bottle/Insect studies. Students will focus on the Christmas theme for the last few weeks of the term. These activities will include construction, modelling, drawing, textiles, printing and painting.

**PERFORMING ARTS**

The Choir members are busily preparing their repertoire for Canterbury Carols on Sunday 12th December in Canterbury Park Eaglehawk. The evening begins at 7pm and as usual promises to be a wonderful night of community singing, with the Eaglehawk Brass band, guest artists, 5 primary schools and Santa! The Lions club will organise a free sausage sizzle at 6pm, so mark the calendar now before the Christmas rush begins, get into the spirit of the season and bring the family for a great night. Students will bring home a note with more details next Monday.

Keep creating,

**Sue and Bekki**

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**Community News**

1. Do you love Star Trek, Star Wars or Dr. Who? Join us and celebrate all things spacey Bendigo Library Friday November 26, 2010 5.00-6.30pm Come dressed as your favorite character from any of the Big 3 Sci fi series Be amazed by long-time Trekkie Lisa Poullier who will showcase her collection of Star Trek memorabilia Enjoy craft and games and some brilliant refreshments Prizes including 3 family passes to the Discovery Centre and lots of wibbly-wobbly timey-wimey fun to be had! For earthlings of all ages! No bookings necessary Visit www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au for more details

2. Runaway Mums - Bootcamp & personal training. 1 hr sessions, Maiden Gully/Marong area. Monday 6.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am and 6.30pm, Thursday 9.30am. Contact Nicole 0407575833 and Sharon 0488453274 and 54497446

3. Families are encouraged to bring their favourite pet along to Bush’s Produce store at 94 Williamson Street Bendigo between 1 and 4pm on Sunday 28th November and help raise much needed funds to get the Foundation started in Bendigo. $25 buys a photo of the family pet (or the entire family for that matter!) with the big guy in red, plus a doggie bag full of freebies and discount offers for your pet. All proceeds support the Foundation.
Thursday, 18 November 2010

Dear families,

As part of our preparations for introducing the Ultralnet to our school community we feel it was necessary to research family access to computers. If we find there are particular needs, we can then set up some supportive sessions/facilities to assist. Please help us by completing the following questions and returning the form to school.

1. Does your family have access to a computer at home?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Does this computer have access to the Internet?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

   If you answered yes to the above question: - is the connection dial-up or broadband?
   Dial-up [ ] Broadband [ ]

3. Does your computer Internet connection have ‘Internet wireless’ capabilities?
   (communicating via the internet without being connected via a cable to your computer)
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

4. Do you have an email account?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

5. Do you need assistance in setting up an email account?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

6. Would you use the computer facilities at school if necessary?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

On December the 2nd Steve O’Connor our Ultralnet Coach will be running an information session for parents. Steve will offer information on how you will be able to access information regarding your child’s learning via the Internet at anytime, anywhere. This tool will allow families to have access to records such as attendance, reports, student’s goals and portfolios.

**Prizes to be won!!**

We would encourage you to return this form by Monday 29th as it will entitle you to go into a draw for an exciting prize. This prize will be drawn at the Information session along with another prize for a family in attendance.

Many thanks,

*Helen Forrest and the ICT team.*

Family Name: __________________________
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