Whipstick Whispers

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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. Corie G-D, Mason B, Brayden R, Fiona, Konnor H, Nikita H, Allira W, Jack D, Chelsea K, Kayden C, Emily S, Tymika P, Nick G and Elley L.

**NEW BUILDING PROGRESS**

Progress is slow but some significant brickwork has been completed in recent days and there is always activity on site. Mid 2011 seems to be a realistic completion date. At this stage it is most likely that our senior classes will inhabit this building when it is completed.
**LAST CHANCE FOR INPUT INTO CLASSES**

This is the fourth and final notice about class preferences. If you wish to have input into friendship groupings for 2011 classes please put it in writing and get it to me by the end of this week. The business of creating class structures is a complex process and people suddenly wanting input after they have been finalised complicates the process enormously. Please do not assume that friendship groups or pairings are automatically continued from year to year. No guarantees but we do our best. The construction of good classes with a good blend of needs, abilities and personalities is our goal.

**A GLIMPSE OF NEXT YEAR**

We look like having 13 classes next year. Enrolment total will be in the vicinity of 310. Obviously this could change between now and the start of the new year. We are losing 64 Grade 6's at the end of this year. They were an exceptionally large Prep group in 2004. Prep intake for 2011 is sitting around 40. There will inevitably be a mixture of composite and straight classes. We are hoping to run three specialist areas; Visual Arts, Performing Arts/Music and Physical Education. One major initiative that will dominate our work and thinking is the Ultranet. Teachers and students will have an involvement and so will parents. It will be a real gateway into the classrooms of Eaglehawk North Primary School. The booklet you received recently does a pretty fair job of describing what the Ultranet will offer.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Last night School Council endorsed our recently completed Strategic Plan. This document sets out our goals and targets for the next four years in the areas of Student Learning, Pathways and Transitions and Student Engagement and Wellbeing. The next step is submission to our Regional Network Leader Ms Sue Cook. An Annual Implementation Plan detailing the things we will get done in 2011 is the next task.

**OUR KOORIE GARDEN ON WIN TVNEWS LAST NIGHT**

Did you see the report on our new garden area on the WIN local TV news? A good number of our children featured in the item. Ben Winspear returned for the event and commented how beautiful it all looked. He left the school prior to the planting. Big thanks to Mrs Healey who organised the visit.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Some events in the last week are worth noting. Our Graduation Ceremony and evening dinner will occur on Wednesday December 15th. Class parties will be held on Tuesday December 14th. Your children's teachers will give details of party needs etc prior to then.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Our After School Care operators 'Stepping Stones' have pulled out of Eaglehawk North Primary School. This is very disappointing. Regular users will know of this already. We are seeking another group to continue it in 2011. I am still awaiting their decision.
**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

We desperately need more volunteers to keep this great community project alive. Tim Attwater has been soldiering on for most of the year, supported by our very active Prep teacher Miss Francis. Contact me if you are interested in participating. WSB is a great mobile advertisement for our school as they weave their way through Eaglehawk.

*John Morton*

*Principal*

**Grade 4 - 6 You Can Do It Awards** Chelsea S, Haylee S, Julia W, Jara Di Heather K, Skye R and Jorja E.

**Assistant Principal’s Column**

**ATTENDANCE: KEEP UP THE GREAT**

**UPDATE OF SCHOOL POLICIES: POLICIES GALORE!**

Attached to this week’s newsletter are policies recently reviewed by School Council. Included is the ‘Induction Policy’ which has the purpose of providing support, advice and assistance for new and returning staff members. The Victorian Institute of Teaching provides us with guidelines and instructions from graduate teachers to experienced staff returning to service. Our policy outlines how we put the supportive practices into place.

**ULTRANET PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**December 2**<sup>nd</sup> - an information session regarding the introduction of the Ultranet for parents will be held in the MPR at 6.00pm. We will be tapping into the knowledge of our Ultranet Coach in regard to student and parent access to the Ultranet. This is an important session as it will be our guide to using the Ultranet in line with teaching and learning practices at our school. Steve O’Connor will be available to answer any questions that you may have. Last week we distributed a parent information booklet and you might like to refer to this in preparation for the session. *Hope to see you all there!*

Please return:

Last week we attached a questionnaire regarding computer equipment and internet access within the family home. We have had some very attentive families return their completed forms already, but we need many more to be able to ascertain our school community’s needs.

So……….*keep them rolling in* and remember those who have returned their forms will automatically be entered to win a prize which will be drawn at the Information Night. We also have some prizes for families attending on the night, so if you complete your entry and attend the information session, you have a chance in both draws.
**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 Megan B. Well done Megan!

**PORTABLE DEVICES:**

Recently we have had some students bring along personal portable devices for a variety of reasons. Whilst we don’t encourage students bringing these to school, we know that at times parents may need to contact their children out of school hours by mobile phone etc. For safety reasons, we ask students to leave them at the office at 9.00am and collect again at 3.30pm. It would be wonderful if you could support our school’s practices and remind your children of this protocol so we have some consistency across the school.

**LUNCHES AND LITTER:**

*Wrapper Free Wednesday is it working!* Teachers suggest that it is!!

Our gardens and play areas are looking beautiful at the moment and it would be a shame to spoil them with a lot of rubbish getting out into the yard. Staff are awarding points for students having ‘wrapper free lunches’ and it would be great if parents could support us with supplying lunches and snacks which are ‘wrapper free’. I also have had some comments made about children not eating their lunches and often discarding food they haven’t eaten. I often find it useful to discuss lunches and food amounts with children as often their tastes change and their usual favourite foods alter. You might even like to suggest to students that they bring home any food they haven’t eaten throughout the day so you can gauge what food they are actually eating. Just a thought!

**Until next week,**

**Helen Forrest**

**Acting Assistant Principal**

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

**THIS IS OUR FINAL WEEK** of homework for the year. Well done to those students who have completed their homework all year! As well as practising important mathematics and reading skills, homework assists students to become organised with their work, which will be of benefit to those student preparing for high school.

**AS THE WEATHER HEATS UP** we remind students to be sun smart. The school does not supply sunscreen so we recommend students apply sunscreen before they arrive at school and bring a small container in their bags for reapplication if needed. We also recommend students wear their hats when leaving school as this is the hottest time of the day for students walking home.

**GRADE SIX STUDENTS** are reminded to return their graduation dinner permission slips and $20 to the office as soon as possible. This will take place on Wednesday 15th December (Last week of school). There will also be a special graduation assembly and morning tea that morning.

**TOMORROW WEEK** we have a small number of students competing in the Lacrosse finals in Melbourne. This will conclude what has been a fantastic year of sporting competitions for students at Eaglehawk North. Well done to all those students who have competed throughout the year, and good luck to our Lacrosse team tomorrow!

**Anna, Jason, Amy Bron, Jo and Rob**
**Team 2/3 News**

**WE HAVE BEEN BUSILY REHEARSING** our items for the Christmas concert to be held soon. There will not be any special costumes required.

**JUST A FEW REMINDERS** - Water bottles should be brought along each day. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen to your child in the mornings. If your child is bringing sunscreen to school, encourage them to use it for their own personnel use as some children have been sharing.

**GRADE 3 INQUIRY TOPIC**

Next week will be the last week that we will be working on our ‘Passion Projects’. All students will be presenting these to their peers in the classroom upon completion in the next two weeks.

**MATHEMATICS**

We have been focusing on uniform measurement systems with particular emphasis on estimating and measuring objects using grams, kilograms and tonnes. We have also been looking at the amount of space objects occupy in our classroom and school yard environment.

**LITERACY**

This week the students have been participating in ‘literature circles’ and the many roles involved in this. Children have been reading in small groups and giving oral presentations to the whole class about what they have read.

**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 complete all investigations into their ‘Passions projects’ so they are prepared to present these in the next two weeks.

*Anthony, Carolyn, Cherie and Greg*

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**Team Prep/1 News**

**WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY LEARNING** our songs for the prep-two end of year performance. This will be held on the last Monday evening of term, 13th December. Please keep this date free on your calendar as we loved to see every student and every family participate.

**DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS**

The students have been completing these in computer lab time and in their classrooms. The digital portfolios showcases the skills the students have been learning in ICT. They are using a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate the skills in, cut and pasting, inserting a text box, formatting writing, inserting photos and clip arts along with building their keyboarding skills. You will be given the opportunity to share these digital portfolios with your student after the performance on Monday 13th December. The computer Lab will be open during this time.

**PREP 2011 TRANSITION**

This begins this Friday. There will be an alteration to the timetable’s of Prep Fitz and Francis from 9.00 – 11.00 on these days. Please speak with the classroom teacher if you have any questions concerning this.

Our literacy focus for next week for preps is to study simple plurals and our sign in word will be ‘because’.

Grade ones will be exploring the use of adjectives to extend sentences and will be writing narratives focusing on constructing a story with a problem, beginning, middle and end.

In Mathematics we will be learning about ‘doubles’ and revising 2D shapes and their attributes. We will be exploring patterns using flip, slide and turn.

*Have a fantastic week.*

*Tina, Cheryl, Sophie and Taygen*
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Art News

Canterbury Carols
Date: Sunday December 12, 2010
Time: 6pm Free Sausage sizzle. 7pm Carols.
Location: Sound Shell area, Canterbury Park Gardens, Eaglehawk
What: “Canterbury Carols” is organised by Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival and is a FREE community event. Local school choirs, Guest artists, Sing Australia Choir and Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band combine to present a wonderful night for the community to celebrate Christmas. The Eaglehawk Lions Club conducts a sausage sizzle from 6pm. The sausage sizzle, coloured program and candles are FREE thanks to our sponsors; Eaglehawk SUPA IGA, City of Greater Bendigo, Unity Mining, Eaglehawk Y Service Club and Eaglehawk Lions Club. Drinks are sold by Eaglehawk Scouts as a fundraiser.

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Website: www.dahlia.bendigo.net.au

Sport News

Western Zone Orienteering
A very triumphant team returned from Hanging Rock with some outstanding results. The team finished 2nd overall, repeating its success from 2009, and are closing in on 1st place (maybe next year). The two big winners on the day were Sophie D-M (Grade 3 girls B course) and Daniel B / Sean P (Grade 6 boy pairs), claiming first place in their particular categories. There were multiple placings as well, with Macklin W, Kayden J, Josh B, Ethan K, Kayla C, Emily G / Skye R all finishing 2nd, while Rohan L-H, Erin V, Jenna W and Chelsea K / Rylee E claimed 3rd placings.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who attended. It was a massive effort and a great achievement to all those who participated. We look forward to 2011, still aiming for the top spot!!

Office News

Christmas Hamper - We will be selling spare tickets for our Christmas Hamper very soon. It would be appreciated if any non-perishable donations could be sent to the office. Today families will receive 10 raffle tickets, to be sold for 50c each. Each raffle book is worth $5.00. They are to be returned to the office on Tuesday 14th December.

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.

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.
STATE LACROSSE

Friday 26th November will see a group of boys head to Melbourne to compete in the State Lacrosse Championships. The boys have been training extensively so we hope to once again represent the school well. Report back next week.

JRFH

Some students have taken the opportunity to train once a week beside our award winning JRFH team in the hope of being in the team next year. Some very excited boys and girls have been working hard on their timing and rhythm, as well as a few tricks. It is great to see the next group of skippers coming through to replace our fantastic 2010 team. Good luck and keep skipping.

Brett Gilligan

Canteen News

NEW LINES AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEE

Amuse Flavoured Water, 3 flavours—Raspberry, Fruit Delight, Blueberry, 380ml $2.00.

Sour Zing Zong for $1.00.

Community News

1. 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.

2. Child Behaviour and Parenting Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about today with regards to their children are to be adequately addressed. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland has developed a new questionnaire to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of 2 to 12-year-old children to share their thoughts in an online survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please visit the website at http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingsurvey to find out more and take part in the survey.

3. Football Players Wanted Calivil United Junior Football Club (affiliated with the Bendigo Junior Football League) is seeking players for the under 13 1/2s side for the 2011 Season. Training is held at Raywood and car pooling to training is available, interested players/parents please phone Tim Hawken 0400576806

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Peel St. Centenary March / April 2011

In late Term 1 Quarry Hill Primary School will celebrate 100 years on the Peel St site. From 1853 until 1873 the school was at Charcoal Gully in Adams Rd and then at the Olinda St school until April 1911 when the staff and students marched en masse to occupy the new building in Peel St.

The Centenary Committee is currently collecting, stories, photos and memorabilia to record for the Centenary year.

Ex-staff and ex-students are invited to contribute.

Please leave items at the office in Peel St.

Or send them to
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