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Principal’s Column


ENPS SHINES AT AWARDS

Last night I attended the Loddon Mallee Schools Sports Awards at the All Seasons complex. It was very exciting to see Mr Gilligan receive an ‘Excellence’ award for his work at our school this year. Parents were also in attendance to see representatives of the Orienteering Team acknowledged as the best Mixed Team. Perhaps the most satisfying award from a whole-school perspective was our award for ‘Best School with Enrolments over 150’. The certificates will be on display in the foyer. The photo’s in the newsletter today were taken by one of our proud mums, Rebecca D-M.
STAFFING FOR 2011

On Tuesday all students had the opportunity to meet with their new classes and, in most cases, their teachers for 2011. Staff have put a lot of time and thought into the construction of classes that will operate effectively. First priority is to construct good working groups. Friendship groups are a consideration of course and numerous parents took the opportunity to have input. As I said in my column last week, unravelling and tinkering with classes has a chain reaction effect that can disadvantage other children and families. I am confident we have good combinations. A big learning children have from their seven years at school is the ability to adapt to change and build new friendships as well as to co-exist with children they may not necessarily choose to be with or see as like-minded. The following table shows the structures that we will have in place for next year:

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You will notice that two names are missing from the lists. Jason O’Neill is taking leave from our school for one year and Sophie Polglase is departing on Maternity Leave at the end of this year. A selection process is underway to appoint two new staff to fill these positions.

In the second half of the year the six classes at the top end of the school will be heading into the new building. This will be quite an adventure for those classes and their teachers and we are all looking forward to getting into this great facility.
ACTING PRINCIPAL

As Helen Forrest explained in our newsletter last week the position of Principal was not filled during the last process. The selection process will re-occur in February. Ron Lake has offered me the opportunity to act in the position until that time and I have agreed to continue.

John Morton
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Column

Grade 4 - 6 You Can Do It Awards Cooper G, Connor S, Shelby H, James C-O, Zoe R and Dylan F.

ULTRANET NEWS!

Many thanks to the parents who braved the weather to attend the Parent Information Ultranet briefing session last week. Steve O’Connor’s presentation was most informative and gave parents an insight into viewing their child’s learning via the Ultranet, allowing parents to keep abreast of their children’s goals, achievements and learning outcomes. Steve also outlined the process for parents to be able to make comments on their child’s learning and following their progression throughout the year. This has the advantage over mid and end of year reports. Steve also used the phrase ‘We will be running a marathon, not a sprint’ in the rolling out of this process. As a school we have committed to staff uploading at least one learning task per term over the year. We will look forward to seeing all families in early 2011 where we will have a ‘logging on’ evening with staff, students and parents in attendance where the Ultranet will be ‘unveiled’ to all.

We have had an overwhelming response to families with our questionnaire and I would like to thank all those who responded. We did offer prizes for families attending the briefing and those responding to the questionnaire and the following families were successful prize winners.

TRANSITION/ORIENTATION:

How lovely it was to see the future ENPS 2011 preps attending school over their three transition sessions. Tina and her team are to be congratulated on the wonderful program offered to our new students and parents. On Friday the new preps wandered past my office on their tour of the school and had beautiful smiling faces and big waves for me as they glanced into my office. Hopefully, there will be many more occasions when they bring their drawings and writing up to share with me so I can share in their learning milestones.

Orientation Day ran smoothly this year and was more accommodating towards our students needs as they assembled in their current home groups before being directed to their 2011 grades. This process was very popular with both students and staff and allowed students to move off with some current members and friends of their classes.
NETBOOK PROGRAM:

Many of the netbooks have been returned to school in preparation for 2011. Students are still able to use them within their grades, but will not be taking them home. This allows us to take stock of netbooks needing repair, batteries needing to be replaced and power leads etc which need replacement. Please feel assured that the netbooks will be stored appropriately over the holiday break and will be up and running for distribution early in 2011.

PREPARATIONS:

As the end of the school year ends school days are becoming increasingly hectic! Staff are finalising the report writing process in readiness for reports to be sent home on Thursday 16th December.

This week has been a planning week for all staff preparing Integrated Units, Literacy and Numeracy planners. Whilst this may seem early, it lends itself for an easy transition into the new school year. At the commencement of the year staff will fine tune plans developed this week to cater for personalised learning as they get to know their new students.

IGA BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL:

This week’s winner is…….Nicholas P

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 P. Well done!

We would like to have a family brekkie on the 14/12/10 teachers also invited, for our last breakfast for this year.

I am told you have access to a BBQ if not we should be able to track one down for the morning.

If possible we would like to get an idea of numbers for the catering side of things. (I know this is always a big ask) You can leave your numbers with Anita at your canteen. By Friday 10/12/10

The menu will consist of cereal, milk, fruit, juice, sausages and eggs. Coffee and tea will also be available.

A visit from IGGAR is also predicted.

Hoping you all can join us.

Lorraine

Thank you to the families that have returned the below slip, if families who are interested in attending could they please return the following slip by Monday 6th December.

I will be attending. The number of people attending is ……………….
**ATTENDANCE:**

We have quite a few students who will receive awards at next Mondays assembly for 100% attendance and 95% attendance.

*Helen Forrest*
**Assistant Principal**

Team 4/5/6 News

We had a busy day Tuesday with grade six students participating in various transition programs at local high schools. The reports back from students suggest that this was an enjoyable day, and students are looking forward to the new experiences high school will bring. At school, grade 4 & 5 students met their new teachers and classes, and participated in a range of activities to introduce them to the expectations of their new year level.

**Today the 4/5/6 teachers** were busy planning for next year, developing programs and activities to engage students and assist them in learning to their full capacity.

**Students who wish to participate** in the pizza deal offered for class parties are reminded to return their notes tomorrow so that teachers can place orders for the class parties which will take place on Tuesday.

**Tomorrow students** will be participating in a Sports Gala fun day, run by Mr Gilligan and this year’s sports captains. Students will participate in a range of games and activities to celebrate a fantastic year of sport participation and achievement.

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**We wish everyone a safe** and happy holiday and look forward to next year.

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Children are constructing Math games that reflect their learning of concepts throughout the term.

**Literacy**

All students need to return their library books so the library can have an accurate stock-take.

Anna, Jason, Amy, Jo, Bron and Rob

Team 2/3 News

We have been busy practising our Christmas Concert item ready for Monday night. There are no set costumes but it would be good if students could wear Christmas clothes or colours (red, green etc) if they have them.

A note will be sent home Friday about class parties and what your child will need to bring for next Tuesday.

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**HOMEWORK**
There will be no homework in the final week of school.

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**
To bring food / drinks for our class party on Tuesday the 14th of December.

**Anthony, Carolyn, Cherie and Greg**

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**Team Prep/1 News**

**End of Year Performance.**

Monday 13th December 6.30pm – 8.00 pm approx

Practising for the Prep to 2 end of year performance has begun in earnest across all grades. We have been making props in KOOL Time and the children are extremely excited about being given the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. The performance will start at 6.30pm in the multi-purpose room. Each grade will perform two items. After the performance the Multi-Media Centre will be open for 30 mins, for the students to share their digital portfolios with their families. They have been working very hard to complete these and a big thank you to Miss Willis for her assistance.

**End of Year Classroom Party.**

Tuesday 14th December – Lunchtime

This is an opportunity to celebrate as a grade the achievements of the students over the year. Each student will be asked to bring along an item of food or drink to share. A letter will be sent home from your classroom teacher advising you of details.

**Parent Helpers**

This time of year is always extremely busy. There are many ways you can volunteer your help if you are available next week. Here are some of the ways you can help, collating and stocktaking home readers, moving classrooms, taking down displays, assisting students to clean their tubs and helping to organise storerooms. If you can help please speak with your classroom teacher, it’ll be greatly appreciated.

**Home Reading Books**

Every year we purchase a considerable amount of new home reader books, to replace those lost or damaged. To minimise this cost please have a thorough check at home and return any home reader books as soon as possible. Home readers will not be sent home next week due to stocktake.

**Next Week**

Its handy to put a green bag in your student’s school bag next week as an extra as they tend to have lots of work and books to take home during the last week!

Have a wonderful last week of term.

**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. **Contact name:** David Richards

**Phone:** (03) 5446 9098

**Email:** Canterbury Carols drichards@iinet.net.au

**Website:** www.dahlia.bendigo.net.au
Office News

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER** - Thank you to all the families who have donated goods for our Christmas Hamper. Could all tickets be returned to the office on Tuesday 14th December.

**LUCKY NO - SCHOOL FAIR** - First prize is $100, 2nd Prize $75.00. The winner is Jeremy Warde and the 2nd prize winner is Bev Frank.

**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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Charity Dance Class

This dance class will be run for any primary school students from Prep to Grade Six, both girls and boys. Parents are welcome to sit in and watch.

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Date: 16/12/10
Admission cost: $5.00 per person

Please wear comfortable clothing (Eg: no jeans) and bring your own drink bottles (water please).

All proceeds will go to The Cancer Council Victoria.

At The Black Box Theatre, Eaglehawk Secondary College, Reserve Street.

For any inquiries call: Sarah: 5825 8991

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Kiwanis Award

**KIWANIS CLUB OF BENDIGO “TERRIFIC KIDS” AWARD.** Who will be the lucky winner for Term 4. A Grade 6 student who has demonstrated a positive attitude to learning and has been a responsible school citizen will be awarded a certificate and $25.00 book voucher.

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Community News

1. **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 0400 576 806.

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. Please Pat Horan Ph: 54 361 287  Jan Pavich 54 361 221

3. **Our Place** A place of hope Ph: 5446 2527 Director Rev’d Tracey Wolsley 0439 462 860 Manager Mark Polsen 0401 514 070 High St Eaglehawk

4. **“SCARE UP A GOOD READ!”** Visit your local Goldfields Library branch and discover other worlds this summer. Join the Summer Reading Club (it’s free), read ten books (your own choice!), collect rewards and go into the draw to win fabulous prizes, including the major region-wide prize of a Nintendo Wii package. The club will run from Friday 17th December 2010 to Friday January 28th 2011. Visit our website at www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au after Friday 17th December and discover the details of all the frighteningly fun activities and competitions running all summer long.

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Kiwanis Award

**TAKING A TRAM FOR FREE ON SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY SHOWCASE**

Have you got friends and relatives visiting during the Summer holidays? They hop aboard a bendigo tram on Sunday, 12 December to find out about all the events and activities happening in Bendigo over Summer.

On the day you can:
- Travel on a variety of vintage trams for free
- Hear about all the Bendigo events and activities during the Summer holidays
- Sign up for an Ambulance Paws
- Be in the running to win spot prizes
- Have a great day out with the family

For more info visit: www.bendigotramways.com or call 5443 8322
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.