There are some interesting pamphlets at school about a program where children who need glasses can get these for free. There are some conditions around EMA and health care cards etc. Come along and get a pamphlet if you are interested.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

There is currently no short term solution to our loss of After School Care at Eaglehawk North Primary School however the move of Eaglehawk YMCA to the St laborious Primary School site may potentially create positions there for students from other schools we are told. This won’t be happening for some time however.

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

This program will re-commence soon once our organisers Tim Attwater and Taygen Francis get a roster together.

**DRIVeway DANGER**

Please remember our rules about the drive-through student collection area. Remain in your car at all times. Overtaking can only occur when children have been collected and the car ahead is still stationary and waiting to collect children. Pedestrians are not permitted to walk across the drive-through lane. If you are walking to or from the car park please use the car park entrance. These rules have been in place for a number of years now and are for the safety of our children. I know that you will wish to support us.

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with them. Also in our newsletter today you will find a letter from John Hasty of The City of Greater Bendigo about parking and driver behaviour around schools.

**ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT**

Seven players came to our school on Tuesday morning. You will have seen the Bendigo Advertiser report. It was a great atmosphere on the oval with the clinic in full swing and children getting autographs and photos taken. Whether they barrack for the Bombers or not children are usually impressed when they meet real live AFL players. The fact that I barrack for Essendon had nothing to do with us getting this visit. It was courtesy of the Eaglehawk Football Club and the Victorian Country Football group. You can see from the photos that some of our parents and staff even got in on the act.

**HEADLICE**

Our two School Council approved parents Narelle Arbuthnot and Sharon Trew are already on the job with headlice management. They are checking their class lists and preparing for their initial visit. We still need the permission box ticked by a handful of families. We will attend to this shortly. Sharon can be seen in one of the Essendon photos checking Essendon player Karl Reimer’s hair. From a distance. (In another photo you can see parents Jo Pitt and Carly Torr checking out David Myers “guns”.)

**TOWN BUS FOR EAGLEHAWK NORTH**

Do you think we should have a bus route linking our part of town with the rest of Bendigo. It would be useful to have some community input on this topic. Contact us at school if you feel strongly about it. We are having conversations with the City of Greater Bendigo on this topic.

*John Morton*

*Principal*

Good afternoon, with the start of the new school year it is timely to ask all schools if they would be able to put a notice in their newsletters regarding parking around schools. Each year the City of Greater Bendigo receives complaints regarding motorist activities, generally around drop off and pick up times. Parking Officers then follow up these issues. Bendigo Highway Patrol also inspect traffic around schools. Please find below a draft notice for your newsletter. Could I also ask you to send me back a copy of your newsletter that the safety notice appears in please. regards John Hasty

WELCOME TO OUR 2011 SCHOOL YEAR. I will again be working in the position as Acting Assistant Principal for this term and looking forward to the many duties my role involves. It has been a very warming return to school as I have had many people pop in to say ‘Welcome back’. It was extremely exciting to see our new group of Prep students arrive at school ready for their first steps in learning at Eaglehawk North Primary School.

ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER you will find a copy of our school rules. It is pleasing to note that all staff and classrooms have copies of these displayed. As we work towards establishing a whole school approach it would be wonderful if you could support us at home by re-reading these with your children and perhaps asking them how the rules have been established in their room.

ONCE AGAIN THE GRADe 4/5/6 STUDENTS will have their own personal netbook. Many, many thanks to both Tony McGillivray and Liz Davis for the hours they have spent getting the netbooks up and running ready for use during the holiday break. Teachers will be working through netbook use protocols within classrooms to clarify the correct use and care of netbooks as a school learning tool.

RECENTLY FAMILIES would have received our school Computer User Agreement and Photo permission forms. It would be wonderful if these could be completed by parents and students, then returned to school as soon as possible to keep our home/school communication process consistent.

Looking forward to the year ahead,

Helen Forrest
Acting Assistant Principal

Senior News

WELCOME BACK all students, parents and friends of the Senior PLT. We are all looking forward to a terrific year at ENPS. We would also like to welcome Mr Delaney who will be teaching Grade3/4 within our PLT.

OUR INTEGRATED THEME for this term is Values. This will involve discussions with students on the values important to them at home, school and in the wider community. Students will be given class time in which to complete set project tasks.

HOMEWORK: All students should have been handed their maths homework book and reading log for this term. We would appreciate your support in your child’s endeavours in getting the homework completed and handed in on time. This is due back on Friday of each week. Failure to complete ‘homework tasks will result in your child attending Homework Club’ during Monday lunchtime.

The Parent Information Session will occur during Week 4 of this term. Information regarding this will be sent home at a later date.

It is a requirement that every child wears a wide brimmed hat or bucket hat when outside playing or participating in sport at ENPS. We would hope that all students now have their hats at school.

REMINDERS: Art Smock, Computer Notice, Performing Arts Notice, Sports Notice, Box of tissues, Homework

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

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SETTLING IN- it’s been a positive start to 2011 with almost all children settling in very well, learning new class routines and making some new friends. The Prep Buddies have been wonderful and have greatly assisted the transition of our new students. It has been wonderful to have your support in preparing and organising your children for their first week of school.

PREP TESTING ON WEDNESDAY- please check the scheduled date and time for your child’s interview. Remember you and your child attend together. If you are unable to attend for any reason please ring and re-schedule another appointment.

INDEPENDENCE - Please continue to verbally encourage your children to unpack their own belongings each day. Expect your child to be independent and praise them when they are responsible with their belongings. Teachers refer to independence and being able to do things as being powerful or having power. Grade 1 children should certainly be able to independently unpack and pack their lunch, drink bottles, reader etc. each day. Morning and afternoon routines should be well established and little prompting by parents and teachers should be needed.

Literacy Focus- The Prep letter focus for this week and next is ‘Ss’ and the word is ‘I.’ Grade 1’s consonant blend for this week is “sl” with word endings ‘at’ and ‘ap”. Next week’s blend is ‘fl’ and word endings are “am” and “ad.”

Reading with your child- The yellow reading diary is a wonderful resource for assisting parents with their child’s reading. Please read to your child and hear them read daily or as often as possible. Ensure readers are kept in the blue reader bags to prevent them being misplaced or damaged.

Grade One Weekly Spelling Program -will commence next week. Children will learn a list of spelling words each week with spelling tests each Friday. Spelling Practice books need to be kept in the Blue Reading Diary as children will be using these books daily in class to practise their words. Weekly home spelling practice is also recommended.

FRUIT/ BRAIN FOOD, DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS- children need fruit/ healthy natural food, as well as water, to help them sustain the energy to get through the long school day. Please make sure your child has these essential ingredients for learning! Remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure he/she has their school hat to be SUNSMART!

SPELLING HOMEWORK will begin this week for most students and we will be testing the children on their words each Friday. It would be great to see all children confident of getting them all correct, having practised them at home. We expect the children to keep their homework books in their reading bags.

We would love to have some parents volunteer to help out in each of our classrooms. Please think about devoting as little as half an hour a week. – children love it, and so do we!

Looking forward to a great year together!

Power to the Prep/Ones/Two

Tina, Taygen, Amelia, Cheryl, Carolyn, Cherie and Greg

Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS commenced this week with a fantastic start for the year. There was great enthusiasm from all children. The area of focus this term is building trust and team work with our You Can Do It key – Getting Along.

A PERMISSION FORM will go home with the newsletter this week for parents to sign, giving children permission to go on any excursion I organise for Performing Arts during the course of the year. This permission form will cover all excursions including those for choir and dance.

I AM CURRENTLY SEEKING anyone who has empty tins or empty ice-cream containers and beer bottle tops to come to the performing arts room so students can make musical instruments.

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**Whipstick Whispers**

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**There will be a performing arts award** each week but the name for this award hasn’t been decided yet. Some ideas so far are – The Oscars, The Academy, The Glee Award – this award will be given to the grade who works best in class with Mr. Bortolot and they will get to hold onto the Eaglehawk North Performing Arts statue for the week to display in their classroom. On top of this there will also be an individual student award – Star of the Week that will be drawn at each Monday morning assembly.

**As the year progresses** I will be seeking parental support to help with costumes, building sets, and other theatre stuff. In regards to the choir and dance group, I will also seek parents who can give children car lifts to venues to perform when the need arises.

**Dress up’s** - If anyone has unwanted dress up’s could they please be donated to Performing Arts, eg. Hats, costume’s etc. These items will be used by students so if they can be sent to school clean ready to be used would be much appreciated.

*Anthony Bortolot*

**Visual Arts News**

**Welcome back to the art room** for 2011. We have had a very busy start to the year with all grades already busily painting. The junior grades are focussing on Primary and Secondary Colour painting while the senior grades have been creating Impasto/ Emotion Paintings. They have all made a great start and we’re all looking forward to seeing the finishing products.

Can we **Please** make sure that **all students have an artsmock next week**. I have noticed that many children still don’t have one. An old large t-shirt or shirt is perfect to keep our school uniforms looking clean!!! Thank-you to all those who have already bought them to school!

*Great Start to 2011!*  
*Bekki Probert*

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**Office News**

**Second hand uniform** - We have a parent with some uniform for sale. We have bucket and brim hat, polar fleece jumper, navy t-shirt all with logo. Also 6 light blue tops. Please call Rebecca Darcy on 5443 5310

**Before and After School Care Required** - We have a child requiring care before and after school on Monday- Thursday, 7.50am to school drop and school pick-up to 4.30pm. Payment provided. If you are able to assist please contact Loren on 0421 543 043.

**Guitar lessons** - Will be beginning again on Monday 14th February. Thank you to those students who have already indicated they will participate. If students are interested please contact the office. The fee is $20.00 per 1/2 hr individual lesson, payment is required on the day or no lesson.

**Student information** - If families have a change of contact details over the holidays could they please contact the office so we can update our

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**Canteen Specials**

**14th - 18th February**

- Ham/Salad Wrap or Sandwich
- Yoghurt
- 1 Drink
- Zooper Dooper
- Apple Slinky

Pay only $8.50

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**Walking School Bus**

Hello and welcome to a new year! The Walking to School Bus will be beginning soon, however we are on the lookout for parent helpers to assist and our program to run. Our walk to school is a very safe, scenic route and provides a happy and fun start to the day for all students from Prep to Grade Six. Milo and other drinks are provided when the Bus arrives at school. Please contact Bus Drivers Tim Attwater or Taygen Francis if you are able to assist.
1. White Hills Junior Football Club will be holding a registration day for under 10, under 12, under 13 ½ and under 15 age groups, on **Sunday 13th February 2011** at the clubrooms in Scott Street White Hills, from 10am till 12pm.

2. The Registration Day for the Eaglehawk Junior Football Club will be held at the football club on Sunday February 20 from 11am until 1 pm. All current and new players are invited to come along to sign up for your age group team, including Youth Girls players. There will be a BBQ lunch available and players who register and pay their fees on the day will receive a free membership to the Eaglehawk Football Club which will give free entry to all home games for one adult. There will also be a boot swap so bring along your old boots that don’t fit and swap them for a pair that you can use for the season. For further information, contact Brad on 0448 558 085.

3. Women’s Golf Bendigo District Inc. - Girls Golf Clinics, Ages 6-18 at Neanger Park Golf Club, Thursday 4.00– 5.00pm, cost–nil Contact Jan Conder Ph: 5446 8643

**Come and play badminton!**

*Where: Neil Pollock Stadium – 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk.*

*When: Friday 11th February from 6:30 – 8:30pm*

*Who: Students from 9 – 18 years beginner and experienced players*

*Cost: $ 5.00 per player*

*Enquiries: Rose 5446 3739 AH*

*Racquets available and shuttles supplied.*

*Wear non marking shoes and bring water*

**OUR PLACE PLAYGROUP**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**10:30AM**

For more information about Playgroup please phone Our Place on 5446 2527 or email ourplace@impulse.net.au

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RULES

At Eaglehawk North Primary School EVERYBODY has:

To help protect our rights and to encourage responsibility we have basic rules for our classrooms and for times when we are out of class.

Talking or Communications Rule
This rule covers:
- hands up
- working noise
- hurtful language
- assemblies
- lining up
- moving between rooms

In class example: We speak kindly and respectfully to each other.
Out of class example: We speak kindly and respectfully to each other.

Learning Rule
This rule covers:
- the way we learn and play in our room and out of class
- co-operation
- how to get attention or help
- behaviour on camps and excursions

In class example: We work quietly and helpfully together. We take turns.
Out of class example: We co-operate with others. We share the playground.

Movement Rule
This rule covers:
- the way we move about
- using equipment
- being on time

In class example: We walk quietly in our room and put things away carefully.
Out of class example: We take care when we are moving about or playing outside. We look after equipment.

Treatment Rule
This rule covers:
- the way we treat each other - no sexism, no put downs, no racism
- manners

In class example: We are kind to each other and use good manners.
Out of class example: We are kind to each other. We play in a friendly manner.

Problem Rule
This rule covers:
- the way we fix up problems between each other

In class example: We try to solve problems in a fair manner. If that is hard we ask a teacher for help.
Out of class example: We talk to each other and try to work problems out. If we need help we ask a peer mediator or teacher.

Safety Rule
This rule covers:
- safe behaviour
- use of equipment
- camps and excursions

In class example: We try not to hurt people. We use equipment safely.
Out of class example: We play safe games. We play in safe areas of the school grounds.

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Dear Parents,

This year, Eaglehawk North students from Prep-6 will be moving outside of the school to participate in Performing Arts activities. All students will only fill out one permission slip.

The below permission slip will cover your child for all Performing Arts events and activities throughout the year. All parents will still be notified of activities their child/ren have made and the relevant information needed to ensure proper participation in the event. However, no permission slip will be required to be returned to school except in the event where a private vehicle is used to transport children to and from the event.

If the below permission slip is not signed, your child will not partake in any external Performing Arts activity, as individual permission slips will not be sent home.

If there are any queries about this process, or any Performing Arts event throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at the school at anytime.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Bortolot

I allow my child / children, _____________________________________________________________

to represent Eaglehawk North PS in all Performing Arts events and activities throughout 2011. I understand that all information relevant to the particular event will be sent home prior to it occurring.

I also authorise the teacher in charge, where impracticable to communicate with me, to consent to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Signed: __________________________________ Contact: ________________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Grade:_______________________________

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Dear Parents,

The Seasons for Growth Program will begin again at Eaglehawk Nth Primary School this term. This is a grief and loss program for children, aimed at helping them come to terms with major changes that have occurred in their lives. Some of these changes may include the death of a family member, separation/divorce of parents, or other significant life changing events such as a move to a new school or town.

If you think your child would benefit from being involved in the program, please contact me through the front office. Expressions of interest need to be received at the front office no later than Friday 18th of February. Please complete the form below and return it in an envelope marked “Seasons for Growth” Attention Wendy Kofoed at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards

Wendy Kofoed
Chaplain
EHNPS
Mon or Tues

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