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 Makayla G, Charli H, Macaulay S, Hollie P, Ebony P, Jemma F, Cody Y-G, Toya G, Sharni B, Nathan D, Jackson H, Cooper B and Emily S.

INSURANCE

A reminder from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: personal property is occasionally brought to school by students, staff and visitors. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Likewise there is no automatic insurance for accidents that occur at school.

LIFT NEEDED

We have a family of three girls who desperately need a lift to school on a daily basis. They live in Harris St California Gully. If you live in Westwood Drive, Julian Way, Bright St, Truscott Avenue or anywhere close by and are able to help please contact me at school. One very generous parent is already driving them home each night after school. The family loves our school and are very keen to keep coming here.

$300 GRANT

On Monday morning we had a visit from the local Commonwealth Bank branch manager. She presented us with a cheque for $300 in relation to their school banking ‘Kickstart’ program. We also received a cheque for $100 from the Commonwealth Bank for our school banking record. Our very own office lady Liz Davis wrote a wonderful letter saying why school banking is important for our students. Well done Mrs Davis and thanks must also go to our local bank.

Information Sessions Thursday 24th February Starting at 5.00pm, for the whole school.
**FLOOD APPEAL**

We will place a collection tin on our office counter this week. Any families who would like to make a donation to the Flood Appeal are welcome to send money along.

**DRIVEWAY**

Can I please remind all families that the drive-through facility for child collection and drop-off is a pedestrian-free area. We have a rule in place that people do not take short-cuts across this driveway. Please help us with this safety rule.

**SCHOOL LEADERS**

I thought you might be interested to know who some of our school leaders are this year. Robert Anderson and Bronwyn Coffey are our Senior School (4-6) leaders. Tina Fitzpatrick and Greg Matthew are leaders of the Junior (P-3) half of the school. Helen Forrest is my Acting Assistant Principal. Carolyn Wright is our School numeracy Leader and Cheryl Healey is our School Literacy Leader.

Helen Forrest

**INTERESTED IN JOINING SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

Some of our School Councilors' are up for re-election this year. There may be some vacancies. If you are at all interested in joining the governing body of our school please visit us and collect a nomination form. I know that some of our members whose terms are concluding are re-nominating and there is at least one vacancy created by the parent of a student who has gone off to secondary College. We hold an election if we receive more nominations than we have vacancies so consider throwing your hat in the ring if you are keen to join School Council. Membership involves attending a monthly night meeting as well as another committee meeting which may be prior to the main meeting or on another evening. Nothing too stressful. Chat to me at school if you would like more information.

**JOIN US IN THE PARADE**

One of the highlights of our school year is marching in the Dahlia and Arts Parade. This year the theme is Celebrating 40 Years. Would you like to help Bekki Probert and her team in organizing our entry? Let us know if you would like to get involved. It’s great fun. It’s a very exciting experience for all concerned when we walk down the main street of Eaglehawk on the big day.

John Morton

Principal
Assistant Principal’s Column

**ALREADY THINGS** are beginning to settle as teachers and students ‘get to know’ each other and establish their classroom protocols. Last week I enclosed a copy of our School Rules for you to discuss with your children or hang on your fridge at home to reinforce our school practices. Unfortunately, backing on to this sheet was a tear off return form. If you would like another copy of the School Rules please collect one from the office.

**KEEPING FAMILIES** informed of processes is a very important part of our ‘Home-School Partnership’ here at Eaglehawk North Primary School. Communicating and sharing information between parents, pupils and staff are vital for effective learning to take place.

To support this partnership we will be holding a whole school ‘Parent Information Evening’ at our school next **Thursday 24th February**. We have combined the sessions with a family BBQ time where families are free to mix with staff and other families.

We have a flyer attached to the newsletter with further information regarding times of sessions etc. and a tear off strip for family sausage orders.

**WHETHER YOU ARE A PARENT** of a Prep student or ongoing family we are fortunate enough to have this wonderful school newsletter ‘Whipstick Whispers’ which Mrs. Liz Davis produces on a weekly basis. We hope it keeps you updated weekly on current and new events. Our wonderful webpage: www.ehnps.vic.edu.au is another way we try to provide access to information about our school. Many forms of documentation can be found here regarding our school including copies of current and past newsletters.

Currently we are reviewing our Computer Acceptable User Agreement to cater for the introduction of Ultranet use for families. This will be forwarded out to families shortly, so keep your eye out for this one!

Until next week,
Helen Forrest

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Senior News

**WHAT A WONDERFUL** start to the year for our PLT. The children have been displaying all the Y.C.D.I. skills and are enjoying being in their new grades. All students have been working hard during the testing process. We appreciate having students organised for their daily learning within the classroom. Congratulations to all the new students in the 3/4/5/6 area who have made an excellent transition to ENPS.

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Information Sessions Thursday 24th February Starting at 5.00pm, for the whole school.
**Students have** started their integrated theme project on Values this week. They will be working on the first two tasks over the next fortnight. **The two tasks are due on February the 25th.**

**Hobbies and Clubs will begin on March 9th.** This will run for the last 5 weeks of term, every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm - 3.30pm. We would greatly appreciate any parent helpers who would like to take a small group of children for an activity of interest. This may involve art/craft, sport, cooking etc. Please see your classroom teacher if interested.

**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 on Thursday 24th February, Week 4 of this term.

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. **Jewellery is not permitted** to be worn by students whilst at school.

**Reminders:** Art Smock, Performing Arts Notice, Sports Notice, Box of tissues, Homework

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

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**Junior News**

**Meeting Place** - children need to know exactly where their meeting place is eg. near the sandpit. Prep parents may now find that their child is ready to meet them at a designated place away from the classroom.

**Literacy Focus** - Next week’s Prep letter will be ‘a’ and the word will also be ‘a.’ Grade 1H and 1W’s spelling focus will be the ‘fr’ blend and ‘an’ ending.

**Home Spelling Books** - Weekly Testing begins tomorrow for Grade 1-3 so don’t forget to practise individual spelling lists tonight! Grade 1Healey and Grade 1Willis require spelling books to be kept in the blue reading bag and brought to school each day for daily spelling practice.

**Readers** - please ensure that readers are kept away from toddlers, pets, food or drink. After reading, place them in the blue reading bag so they don’t get damaged. Also If you have noticed school readers amongst your home reading material, please return them promptly. Readers are expensive to purchase and we don’t want to use our Literacy budget to replace damaged or misplaced readers.

**Early Numeracy Testing** will begin next week. Grades P-2 will be involved. Class teachers will be released for one day to administer these individual tests. A casual relief teacher will teach in classes on this day. GRADE 3 LITERACY and NUMERACY TESTING is almost complete.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT** - We hope that parents/carers will take this opportunity to come along to find out specific information about their child/children’s class programs. Prep teachers will share from 5-5.30 and teachers from Grade 1-3 will share from 5.30-6.00. After the presentation teachers will be free to answer individual questions and families can also enjoy a delicious barbecue tea.

The Junior Team,
Tina, Taygen, Amelia, Cheryl, Carolyn, Cherie and Greg
Performing Arts News

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.

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

Art News

WE HAVE BEEN HAVING a lot of fun and making a lot of mess this week in the Art room. Students have been finishing off their designs from last week and I’m very impressed with the results they’ve had. Thank you to all those who have bought along an art smock this week but unfortunately there are still a lot of children without one. For those who still don’t have one can you PLEASE bring one along this week.

DHALIA AND ARTS FESTIVAL

We are starting to get organised for our Annual ‘Dahlia and Arts Festival’ for 2011. The theme this year is ‘Celebrating 40 Fabulous Years’ and we will again be part of the street procession. In order to get things rolling we are looking for a donation of some large thick cardboard boxes, the type used to store Televisions, fridges furniture etc .. If you have any of these at home that aren’t being used we would really appreciate them in the Art Room.

REFRIGERATOR REMBRANDTS

Mums, Dads, nanas, aunts and uncles have all had a piece of artwork lovingly presented to them by the youngster in their lives and placed it on the fridge. Encourage that special artist in your life to get out of the kitchen and share their special piece of artwork in the inaugural ‘Refrigerator Rembrandts’ – young peoples art show. Entry is only $2 and there are plenty of prizes to win.

I have attached an entry form to this weeks newsletter or if you require more entry forms they are available at www.dahlia.bendigo.net.au or phone 0400 981 640.

Bekki Probert
**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 D on 5443 5310

**GUITAR LESSONS** - Will be beginning again on Monday 21st 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 records.

**RIDE TO SCHOOL** - required for student in Smalley Street, to school until April. Please phone Teresa on 0434 361 834.

**HATS** - Could students and parents please check hats to ensure that they have there own. Some students may have accidentally taken another student hat home.

**Sports News**

**Golden City Netball Teams** - It’s that time of the year, we are looking for students for netball teams. If you are interested in joining a Grade 3, Under 11’s or Under 13’s team please fill in the slip below and return it to the office by Wednesday 23rd February.

I would like to participate in a netball team for 2011 season

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Year: __________ Age: ______________

Phone: _________________________________________________________

**Community News**

1. **The Registration Day for the Eaglehawk Junior Football Club** will be held at the football club on Sunday February 20 from 11am until 1pm. 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.

2. **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

3. **Eaglehawk Soccer Club** is holding registration night for junior players (Under 6 to Under 16) on Wednesday February 23rd, 2011 from 6pm to 7.30pm. Eaglehawk club rooms, Murdoch St California Gully. Further details www.eaglehawksoccerclub.com.au or call Tim 0418 590 928 after 4pm.

4. **The Kangaroo Flat Community Centre** provide tuition for Prep to Year 10 students who need assistance with reading, spelling, English and maths. Financial help may be available to students who qualify. For information call the office on 5447 9687. During business hours to leave a message off phone Michael directly on 0413 116 096.

**FREE Parenting Telesummit to Help Children With Dyslexia, ADD and ADHD.**

A Panel of 8 Experts from Australia and Overseas have been generous enough to give their time to conduct 8 amazing separate interviews that you can be a part of, from your own home – March 7 to 11, 2011.

Have you always wanted to know how to:

- Help your child with fewer drugs?
- Find out how foods can affect your child?
- The importance of emotional intelligence in your child’s development?
- Teach them, so that they learn and remember?
- Get them to sleep quickly and effectively?
- To become an effective parent?
- Use natural therapies to improve your child’s mood and behaviour?
- Use Social Media as a way of joining with other parents and sharing ideas?

Then please visit [http://www.KinaLearn.com.au](http://www.KinaLearn.com.au) and sign in on the right hand side, to register your interest in this one of a kind FREE event, OR email diana@kinalearn.com for more details.

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Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival

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OF EAGLEHAWK

GALA FAIR

Canterbury Park

Saturday 19\textsuperscript{th} March 2011

Free Admission

10:30am until 4:30pm

COME AND ENJOY......-
Afternoon teas, hot food, snow cones, fairy floss & cold drinks.
Lucky envelopes, spinning wheel, book stall, plant stall, clowns & face painting.
Fantastic entertainment and rides for the children.

Musical entertainment in the Sound Shell

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Rembrandts

2011 Refrigerator Rembrandts Entry Form

Artists Name:_________________________________________________________

Address:_________________________________________ postcode:______________

Phone Number:____________________ mobile number:_____________________

Date of Birth:_________________________ Age:______________

2 Dimensional [ ] 3 Dimensional [ ]

Size of entry:_____________________________________

Short description of entry:

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Entries will be judged by a panel of judges in each category on Friday 18 March 2011 and winning entries will have certificates displayed next to the artwork at the beginning of the art show on Saturday 19 March 2011.

Cheques will be sent to the winners at the conclusion of the festival to the address shown on the entry form.

Awards for each category are as follows:

Winning Entry $50
Runner up $25
Encouragement Award $15

Entry fees to be paid when artwork dropped off.
No late entries will be accepted
Judges decision is final

Theme of the 2011 inaugural Refrigerator Rembrandts is:
- Celebration

Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival is celebrating 40 years.

Participating artists are encouraged to use their creativity to interpret the theme as they choose.

All artwork will be judged on originality and creativity.

Eligibility

Refrigerator Rembrandts is open to young people from the age of 4 years to 18 years.

* All entries must be the original work of the artists submitting the work
* No name must be visible on front of the exhibit, but may be shown on the back
* Age of exhibitors must be shown on Entry Form. Age is at date of Show.
* All entry forms must be returned by 25 February 2011
* All 2 dimensional work must be presented ready to hang
* Entries are to be dropped off at MUCOF Hall, Eaglehawk Road, Eaglehawkl Thursday 10 March 2011 between 10.00am and 12 noon
* All artwork to be picked up Sunday 20 March between 6pm and 8pm
Experience another culture
BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family….and your relatives and friends….will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. [http://studentexchange.org.au/](http://studentexchange.org.au/)
Eaglehawk North Primary School Parent Information Session

As part of our important ‘Home-School Partnership’ we are holding a Parent Information Session at our school on Thursday the 24th of February. These gatherings are an important part of our school communication process and a time where families can gain an overview of the year ahead. Staff will be in attendance and are available to explain and answer any questions you may have. Whether you are the parent of a prep student or grade 6 student, we hope you will find these sessions informative and interesting.

We will be holding our Junior and Senior Professional learning team sessions on the one evening combined with a family barbeque. During these sessions our staff/students will present an overview of the teaching and learning occurring within classrooms, special events occurring throughout the year (e.g. camps and sleepovers) along with teacher/PLT expectations.

The program schedule is as follows and families are invited to enjoy a barbeque as they finish a session or WHILE they are waiting for another to commence.

Session 1  5.00-6.00  Prep Francis, Prep Fitzpatrick, Grade 1 Willis, Grade 1 Healey, Grade 1/2 Wright, Grade 2/3 Slattery.

Session 2  6.15-7.15  Grade 3 Matthew, Grade 3/4 Delaney, Grade 4/5 Rookes, Grade 4/5 Coffey, Grade 4/5 Hurford, Grade 6 Anderson, Grade 6 Madden.

To assist us with catering requirements, it would be great if you could return the tear off strip below by Monday the 21st of February indicating how many sausages your family will require. (Allowing for 2 sausages per adult and one per child)

We look forward to seeing you there,

The Specialist Team.

EAGLEHAWK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION BBQ ORDER.

My family requires □ sausages.

Family Name: ________________________________

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