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**Principal’s Column**


**BIG SATURDAY COMING UP**

We are looking forward to marching down the main street of Eaglehawk this Saturday. Please come along and join us. The Dahlia and Arts Parade is a great opportunity for children to participate in a big community event and have a lot of fun. They can walk with family and school friends. Bekki Probert has put many hours into ensuring that our school has a great entry. The eagle will travel with us as usual and the Abel family have donated the use of their truck once again. Check the information distributed by Bekki (page 2) and come and join us. We will be assembling in Bright St just off Eaglehawk Rd.

**PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH READING**

We value reading at Eaglehawk North Primary School. That is why we participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge each year. All children have received information on this. Please take an interest and help us in making this a successful event.

*Students to meet for the Dahlia and Arts parade at Bright Street and Willan Street between 11.30 and 12 o’clock*
WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Every Wednesday morning at 8:10am our Walking School Bus leaves the bottom end of Burnside St, near the lake and heads toward our school. Parents and occasionally staff members accompany the children on this walk, arriving at school at approximately 8:40am. Please come and join us or register your children as WSB members. Forms are available at the office. See Taygen Francis, Tim Attwater or myself if you have any queries regarding the program.

OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

I love visiting our vegetable garden. I am constantly surprised by the things that grow there. The garden is down behind the Grade 4/5/6 classrooms. It was originally started by teacher Jason O'Neill and one of his student teachers and has been taken to another level by our Chaplain Wendy Kofoed and occasionally community member Bill Niemann. The silver beet, tomatoes and peppers that come from this garden are beautiful. Our school water tanks provide water.

OUR SKIPPING TEAM

They are one of the best ambassadors a school could ask for. Our 2011 Jump Rope Team is underway and have already been to Melbourne for their introductory day. They came back with a few new tricks and they are fired up for a great year ahead. Brett Gilligan does a fabulous job with these students. I enjoy watching them and I love watching the younger children who watch them train and who are already showing signs of being the future skippers of our school. I watched a Grade 1 boy this week who is showing outstanding potential.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2011

Our new school council will have their first meeting next Tuesday evening. I need to thank one of our mums Lee Bramley who has joined the team as well as staff members Taygen Francis and Katrina McNaughton. One of my goals this year is to ensure that School Council have a greater presence in our newsletter with reports on their meetings and activities.

John Morton
Principal

DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL 2011

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY...

On Saturday the 19th March, ALL STUDENTS are invited to be a part of our annual Dahlia and Arts Street Procession entry. As we’ve already explained the theme for this years entry is ‘Celebrating 40 Fabulous Years’ and our entry will comprise of a large float decorated as a big birthday cake.

We would like all students to dress up in very bright colourful clothes. The first 40 students will be given a candle costume to wear and will have their face painted yellow. Other students will be provided with an array of different party pieces...such as hats and party blowers. We also have some students wearing clown costumes. Our entry number this year is 45 and this number will be displayed at our meeting area which is on the corner of Bright Street and Willan Street, please see map for directions. We ask that all students meet us there between 11.30 and 12 O’clock.

We need to be completely organised and ready by 12.15, as the parade begins at 12.30.

On Friday the 18th March Ms. Probert will be putting our procession float together. If there are any parents out there that could spare some time to come and help it would be much appreciated as it is a very BIG JOB!!!

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Prep - 3 You Can Do It Awards. Liam A, Sophie D-M, Jake McD, Andrew M, Koby and BJ M

Assistant Principal’s Column

**ULTRANET TRAINING:** Marc Blanks our Ultranet coach visited our school this week and worked with the Senior team to continue Ultranet training with them. We hope to have Marc frequently in our school to work with both staff and students. Our staff is currently developing Learning tasks and student

**CONNECT:** Log on and have a look! https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/primary

**CONNECT** is the **DEECD** default search site for our school and has a link on our school web page. It is a great site for you to use at home. This week I have illustrated the ‘Things to do’ link where is a variety of activities for your children to use or sharing as a family.

The stories online is a great place to go and can be accessed by clicking on the ‘read’ link.

This tip is just another way of encouraging your children to read and complete related activities in another interesting way.

**SCHOOL NURSE:** Spotted in the Prep classrooms this week was Denise Watson. The Primary School Nursing service provides confidential health services to children and families via Denise who is a specialist trained nurse. Denise will be following up parental requests and following her visit will provide reports to these families. Denise is able to provide advice on issues relating to the health and development of children and refer families to local services for specialist support.

Until next week,

Helen Forrest

Assistant Principal

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Students have now completed four of their project tasks on Values. They will continue working on this project throughout the term. The next two tasks are due Friday April 1st.

Hobbies and Clubs continues, whereby the students participate in a variety of activities. Thank you to Mrs Gilbee who has offered her help in Paper Quilling.

Homework: There are still a number of students attending homework club. This is extremely disappointing as we are nearly at the end of Term 1 and expect the students to be organised so that they can complete the required tasks. 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.

Students are not permitted to wear jewellery to school. Small studs and sleepers only, are acceptable for pierced ears.

Wrapper Free Wednesday started this week. It was pleasing to see that a number of students supported this and kept their rubbish to a minimum. Students are allocated points for their house team if they can bring their lunch along using no wrappers.

‘Earth Hour 2011; By the People, For the Planet’- ENPS Style!

The concept of Earth Hour began in Sydney in 2007 when more than two million individuals and two thousand businesses turned off their lights for an hour on March 31st to take a stand on climate change. In three short years, Earth Hour’s following has grown with over 128 countries getting involved in 2010. With the 4/5/6 department’s current Term 1 focus of ‘Values’, we felt it would be a good idea to have our own version of Earth Hour on Wednesday, March 23rd. Students and teachers in 3/4D, 4/5 H, 4/5 R, 4/5 C, 6 A and 6 M will avoid using classroom lights and other electrical appliances such as computers, fans, air-conditioners etc. from 12-1pm in support of this initiative.

If you or your family would like to know more about this year’s Earth Hour, which takes place on March 26th from 8.30-9.30pm, check out the following website: www.earthhour.org/ for more details.

Reminders: Premier’s Reading Challenge notice, Box of tissues, Homework, Choir notice

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

GRADE ONE PIZZA and DISCO/GRADE TWO SLEEPOVER – These exciting events are on tomorrow night. Grade Ones are to be back at school at 4pm and need to picked up at 6pm sharp. Grade Two children are to arrive at 6.30pm and their pick up time is 8am Saturday morning. Thankyou to the many parents of Grade One children who have offered to assist with food preparation. Parent Helper notes have been sent out today with allocation of duties.

Funky Hair Day- This is a fundraiser for the World’s Greatest Shave. A gold coin donation is required. Grade One and Two children will already have cool hair for their respective discos on Friday night.

Dahlia and Arts Festival- Many children are very excited about representing Eaglehawk North in the parade this Saturday. This festival offers many wonderful activities for families, so get along and support our Community this weekend.

Premiers Reading Challenge- Please return these permission notes to ensure your child is eligible to receive the very special Premiers Reading Challenge certificate.

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BOOK FAIR- Watch out for our furry friend CLIFFORD who will be out and about at our Book Fair. Please show your support and purchase some bargain books and/or stationary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- R.E. has commenced in Grades 1 and 2 with Mrs. Rae Turner. Rae is a retired teacher who does relief grade and Reading Recovery teaching as well as her R.E. teaching. The R.E. program is strongly based on Values with a Christian focus.

JUMPERS- With the cooler weather in these Autumn mornings children need a jumper. Please ensure these are labelled.

BEN HOLLIS IS AN ENTHUSIASTIC R.E. TEACHER who is very active in the community and he is taking Grades 2/3 and Grade 3.

The Early Years Team

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

Performing Arts News

WELL DONE TO ALL THE STUDENTS IN PERFORMING ARTS thus far. We have been exploring and working with our GETTING ALONG skills and building up trust with each other. Students have been challenged in the areas of ‘Random Statues’ and ‘Shared Story’. It has been quite funny watching children let go and have fun. We are still waiting on a number of permission forms, in particular those students in the choir or dance troupe.

I AM STILL 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.

Thank you to so many who have donated them but please remember to wash them out thoroughly!

Congratulations to the stars of the week last month. Classes have been thrilled by the performing arts class award which students earn by the reward thermometers for each grade. This week saw Mr Andersons grade getting a full thermometer and they were awarded with a golden star. This ‘Golden Star’ is used by the whole class to decide what and how they can use a performing arts session anyway they want – but the catch is all students have to agree with it.

Below are some pictures: A fist full of courage! Choir. Keisha doing an interpretive dance. Making a set of human drums!

Wrapper Free Wednesday

‘Wrapper Free’ Wednesdays-

Yes, it’s back! The aim of this initiative is to try to reduce the overall amount of rubbish we as a school produce each Wednesday. Students are encouraged to bring food items in re-useable containers and to try to avoid placing rubbish from their lunch-boxes in the bins at school.

Students who successfully avoid bringing rubbish to school on a Wednesday will be rewarded with 5 points for their House (Miller, Thorn, Truscott or Williams). The points will go towards the monthly totals Mr Gilligan keeps track of through his PE program.

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**Office News**

**FOR SALE GRAD 6 POLO SHIRT** - We have available at the office a previously owned 2011 Grade 6 Polo shirt, size 14 in Navy, available at the price of $15.00. If you wish to purchase this shirt please contact the office.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTORY** - The Sebastian Association Inc have available a Community Directory for Neilborough, Raywood, Sebastian and Woodvale. If you would like a copy they are available at the office.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** - We are expecting the delivery of our school photo packs on 28th March. The packs will go home within that week to be returned by Friday 8th April Photo’s will be taken on Tuesday 3rd May.

Learn to Sail Holiday Program
Monday 11 to Thursday 14 April
9:00am-3:00pm each day

Yachting Victoria’s Mobile Boatshed and Bendigo Yacht Club will be conducting a Tackers ‘Learn to sail’ program at the Club during the first week of the April School Holidays. The Tackers 1 and 2 programs are the main accredited introductory kids sailing course recognised by Yachting Australia. Recommended for ages 7 - 12 years (a bit older is ok).

For more information and registration, please see [http://home.vicnet.net.au/~beyc/events.htm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~beyc/events.htm), or contact:

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**Community News**

1. **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

2. **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 on phone Michael directly on 0413 116 096.

3. **SabelleCaliDance** - Dancing *Singing *Acting *Ballet *Teamwork FUN,FITNESS,&FRIENDSHIP 0438 879 361 or [sablelocaliathetics@gmail.com](mailto:sablelocaliathetics@gmail.com)

4. **Jets Gymnastics Bendigo** will be running a holiday program please call Bree Bentley | Centre Manager Bendigo | Jets Gymnastics | Learn to Fly Hattam St Golden Square 3555 Victoria Australia | Phone: +61 35444 1119

5. **TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER** Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
What a fantastic opportunity to show off our WONDERFUL CHOIR!!!

Our School Choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Opening Game of The Bendigo Symes Braves 2011 Basketball Season. The first game is expected to have a very large crowd as the stadium can hold anywhere up to 2000 spectators, this will definitely make it an unforgettable experience for our choir students.

Date: 8th April, 2011
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: The Bendigo Stadium - Marong Rd.

Students will need to meet in The Bendigo Stadium Concourse (Inside the Entry) and will be escorted through to the main court close to 7.20pm. Ready to sing at 7.25pm. Five minutes prior to the beginning of the game. Students will be supervised by School Staff only until the students have finished singing and they will then be bought out to the concourse for parents to collect them.

All students that are part of our school choir will receive free tickets to watch the first game. So please feel free to purchase some tickets and come along to watch!!!

We will also be competing against other schools to sing during the Finals Season. Other schools will be invited to sing at different times throughout the Braves season, wouldn’t it be great to be the school selected to sing at a Grand Final!!!

Please fill out the section below and return to school by NO LATER THAN Friday 18th MARCH

as we need to confirm our numbers with the Bendigo Stadium Organisers.

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BENDIGO SYMES BRAVES – NATIONAL ANTHEM OPPORTUNITY

I .............................................................................................................GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD/CHILDREN TO PERFORM AT THE BENDIGO STADIUM ON THE 8TH OF APRIL 2011.

CHILDRENS NAME.................................................................Grade.................................

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Casserole Register

Dear Parents/Carers of Eaglehawk North,

Sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances families are faced with challenging situations in their lives. Often because of illness or bereavement families can be left struggling and we all know that during difficult times, a meal is very welcome. If you would like to be involved in helping support other families in our school community in this way please complete the form below and return it A.S.A.P in an envelope marked “Casserole Register”.

Once I have collated the names of families who are willing to offer support in this way, I will contact those involved and they will have a three week period in which to make a casserole. We will have a term roster beginning in Term Two. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, would welcome a meal. I can be contacted on 0407 349 841.

Containers should be clearly labelled on the lid with the following:

The date the casserole was made
The ingredients used in the casserole
The name of the person who made the casserole
(Preferably disposable ice-cream containers should be used)
If the casserole is gluten free this should also be noted on the label.

With grateful thanks for your generosity and community spirit

Kind Regards Wendy Kofoed School Chaplain

CASSEROLE REGISTER RETURN SLIP.

Yes, I would like to be on the register to make a casserole;

Name__________________________________________

Eldest child’s name and grade___________________________

Phone contact__________Mobile____________________

Signed____________________Date________________

Return to Wendy Kofoed at the school office in an envelope marked “Casserole Register”

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