
**Dear Parents,**

The arrival of daylight savings and the warmer weather are sure signs that we are truly on the countdown to Christmas. After almost two weeks of this term, it is apparent that there is a lot to fit into a rapidly diminishing period of time.

On Tuesday, Miss Probert coordinated a display of our students’ work for the Bendigo Show. The display consists of handwriting samples and a collection of art work from students in Years Prep to six. The work is located in the photography shed and will provide an additional attraction for those families who are planning to visit the show this weekend. The display of children’s work also serves to promote a positive school image and we are grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to Miss Probert, Mrs Davis and Mr Attwater for displaying this work and to Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Nowell for assisting with the preparation of our display work.
This week 15 students competed in the Zone Athletics Championship. The students proved to be great ambassadors for our school and competed to the best of their ability. Mr Gilligan is commended for his work in enabling our students to have this opportunity. Well done!

The opportunity to promote Eaglehawk North as a great place of learning is something that given the slightest of opportunity, I will embrace. The promotion of a positive school image is something we all take responsibility for. It can be enhanced with continuous growth in student achievement and by how we behave at school and in the broader community. Students are encouraged to continuously make good decisions about their choice of behaviour within our school and the community as this has the potential to influence our reputation in the local area.

Craig Arrowsmith
Principal

Prep - 3 You Can Do It Awards Josh Sea, Lucy Else-Middleton, Kimberley Godfrey, Chloe Pilling, Brayden Roughley, Emalee Anderton-Wilcock and Evan Sutcliffe.

Assistant Principal’s Column

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Do you think 90% school attendance is an impressive figure? It actually equates to 20 days off school in a school year. That is four weeks of teaching and learning. Our 3 year Strategic Plan for Eaglehawk North Primary School says that we will keep absences to 11 days or less. Obviously our real goal is to have children miss a lot less days than that. Our current average attendance across the school is 93.1%. we will need to get this up to 94.5 by the end of our three year period. Incidentally, Mrs Fitzpatrick’s class won the Attender Chicken Award for September. Well done. We actually still have thirteen students who have not missed a single day of school in 2011. These very lucky children are Tyson P, Kimberley G, Maggie T, Zac G, Jack B, Riley D, Connor A, Mercedes M, Andrew M, Stephanie T, Jack T, Erin V and Koby H. I wonder how many will still be on 100% at the end of this school year. Interestingly a few of the children on this list did not miss a day of school last year as well!
**SOLAR ENERGY GRANT**

An application has been submitted for $50,000 solar panels, a 7kw system with the potential to save us 10% on our power bills. An energy audit preceded the submission. Hopefully we will be successful with our submission and the panels will become part of the landscape at Eaglehawk North.

**VEGETABLE GARDEN**

Wendy Kofoed, our school chaplain, and Bill Neimann, one of our neighbours have worked in partnership to create an amazing vegetable garden. It has been a feature of our school for nearly two years now and gets bigger by the day. Tim Attwater has been an enthusiastic labourer and supporter of this project along with a number of our students who love getting down there weeding, planting and picking. We hope to expand this facility as time goes on.

**CLIMBING EQUIPMENT**

The fibreglass climbing structure is apparently near completion and the timber climbing equipment is still under construction. Environment & Resources Committee member Laurie Hill reported that he is optimistic of having the equipment installed for the commencement of 2012.

*John Morton*

 Assistant Principal

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**Senior News**

**This Week We Had A Number** of students participating in the regional schools athletics competition. The students performed extremely well against some tough competition and displayed wonderful enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Will N who received a bronze medal in the 1500m and James T-W who received a 2nd in the shot put. James will be competing in Melbourne later this term. Congratulations to all students who participated in this event.

**On Thursday November 17th** we will be having our ‘Night on the Green.’ Senior students are involved in a variety of activities and performances throughout the night, and have begun preparations for the night. We are looking for a number of parent helpers to assist us on the night with a range of food stalls. If you are able to assist with this please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**A Reminder As The Weather** heats up that students MUST wear hats for all outdoor activities. It is also recommended that students use sunscreen during these warmer months, and students are reminded to bring a drink bottle of water to school.

**Students Should Continue** to ensure they are wearing correct school uniform. The school uniform policy includes that the only jewellery permitted at school is plain stud and sleeper earrings and watches. Headbands and accessories should also be in school colours. It is also important that students wear appropriate footwear to school at all times.

**Our Hobbies and Clubs** program will resume after the Night on the Green. We will again be asking for parent helpers to assist with or run their own groups. The more parent helpers we have the more successful the program, as the students thoroughly enjoy the range of activities that are on offer. Please talk to your classroom teacher if you are interested in helping out.

*Rik, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo*
HOME READING

It is vitally important that students continue to read at home every evening. Parents and students are also reminded that it is also important for them to bring their reader bags to school every day. This allows for the teacher’s to monitor student’s progress and to comment and give advice to parents in the reading diaries. Reader bags are also essential to protect books from loss and damage. Please return any home reader books that may have accumulated at home.

GRADE 1/2 GYM PROGRAM

The student’s continue to be challenged to use equipment that may be outside their usual comfort zone. All are encouraged to us their YCDI skills and have a go. We have now completed 2 sessions with 2 more sessions to go.

PREP/I SHOW EXCURSION –

All permission slips should have been returned by now. If you have lost yours please see your classroom teachers as any student who as not returned their permission notes will not be able to attend this excursion.

LITERACY FESTIVAL – PREP STUDENTS - 27th October

We are in the process of organising for all prep students to attend this festival held in Eaglehawk by the ‘Schools as Hubs’ community group. There will be no charge for the students to attend this festival as it is fully sponsored. A permission note will be sent home as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

Prep Water Familiarisation Program. Commences 7th November.

Please arrange to return information notes and seek assistance from the office to arrange a payment plan if required.

NIGHT ON THE GREEN

Please keep in touch with your classroom teacher if your child requires costumes etc, for this event and speak with your teacher if you require help.

Hope you all have a good week.

THIS TERM THE GRADE 1 AND 2 STUDENTS have been involved in the Jets Gymnastics Program. Students have been learning the gymnastics fundamental basic skills and how to perform safe landings using climbing frames, trampolines, balancing beams etc. Students have shown more and more confidence each time they attend the program. Gym will continue for the next 2 weeks. There are still a number of students who have not paid for the Gym Program, please pay $30 to the office ASAP for your child to attend next week.

Tina, Carolyn, Amelia, Cheryl, Glenn, Taygen and Cheryl
Visual Arts

WOW!! Our Bendigo Show display is up and looking terrific. If attending the show this year please take the time to go and have a look! The building is on the opposite side of the arena/oval and has the heading ‘photography’ on the outside. The students who have their work on display should be very proud of their achievements. Well Done!!!

The following is a list of students who have their work entered and shows the category they are entered in:

**Individual Junior Art Entry**
- Isabel.K
- Amber.C
- Mikki.P
- Sophie.A
- Tahlia.W-B
- Daragh.E
- Josh.S
- Maggie.T
- Jeremy.A
- Sarah.M
- Grace.D
- Cody.E
- Ebony.L
- Rani.M
- Harmonie.S
- Megan.B

**Individual Handwriting Entry**
- Aidan.F
- Maddison.G-S
- Alex.G
- Kelsey.B
- Josh.S
- Rain..M
- Milly.W
- Connor.A
- Lachlan.W 3/4D
- Olivia.C
- Brodie.J
- Jessica.P
- Stephanie.T
- Allira.W
- Amy.R

**School Display**

Please note if a students name is written more than once, they will have entered more than one piece of artwork.

A BIG congratulations to all of these students.

_Bekki Probert_
Sports News

**TWILIGHT NETBALL DRAW WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER**

No games due to Bendigo Cup Day.

[http://www.sportingpulse.com](http://www.sportingpulse.com)

Canteen News

**Tuesday Meal Deal**

Ham and Salad Sandwich or Wrap

Zooper Dooper

Milo or Banana Quick

$5.00

Please write which drink you would like.
PERFORMING ARTS – With Mr Bortolot.  
*October*

Who got into shorts this week? Yes finally the sun is shining and we can all get our clothes dry on the washing line! Speaking of clothes:

We need WHITE for our choir performance for the NOTG (Night on the Green) – this means either white t-shirts, white shirts, white, white, white – no not decorated pink frills with blue strips – just white, yes it can have white patterns on it, ok if it has a black or grey or multi-coloured line that is not the main feature then yes we can wear that for our choir top! BUT MAKE SURE the main colour is WHITE – have I made this point clear enough? Oh yeah, and before you ask - blue pants or jeans or shorts and any coloured shoes or runners! BUT WHITE TOPS!

Please go see your teacher this week if they need any support with NOTG activities. I know Grade 3 - 6’s will need help with some sets and organising costumes. And we are looking for someone who has a surf board that we can borrow for a prop? I know it’s a bit much to ask for us people who live 200kms from the sea! But you never know! I love the beach do you?

The Performing Arts room will become a movie house that evening with movies that students are currently making about themselves and music clips. Please help your child at home to create this clip by using MOVIE MAKER on their netbook if you have one. We will need a couple of parents to monitor this room during the evening (Movie house will only be open during the Stall times and not when the performances are on.)

Who will get next week's **STAR CLASS PERFORMING ARTS TROPHY for the week** – that shows, teamwork, collaboration and a joy to participating in all activities – so far Miss Rookes, Mr Lahtz and Miss Hurford’s grades are in the running but the Preps are doing a pretty good job working as a team also!

Choir remember WHITE TOPS! And practise the dance moves! There is no fear in facing your fear! BE BRAVE and GO FOR IT!

*Mr Bortolot*

**Canteen News**

This year JSC students have decided to support cancer research by selling bandanas for Canteen. The students will be selling bandanas for the next couple of weeks for $4 each.

Students will also be selling poppies for remembrance day to raise money for the ANZAC Appeal. Prices range from 50c to $5.

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Raffle Books To Be Returned By Monday 14th November
Beat the Back To School rush in January and take advantage of Lowes Early Bird Sale on selected Eaglehawk North Primary School Uniform items.

**UNIFORM SALE ITEMS**

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**OFFER ENDS – 6th November 2011**

Layby & Eftpos available

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EAGLEHAWK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL’S

‘A NIGHT ON THE GREEN’

Thursday 17th November 2011
Starting at 5.00pm - 8.00pm on the Green

Come and be entertained by our students.

Entertainment starts at 6.00pm.

Chicken wraps, sausages, popcorn, fairy floss, snow cones, milkshakes, ice creams available from 5.00pm.

You also have a chance to win a LG 50” HD Plasma TV and many other prizes if you enter our raffle. The raffle will be drawn at ‘A Night On The Green’.

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Whipstick Whispers

We Are a "YOU CAN DO IT" SCHOOL

Powered Vehicles by Grade 3 Lahtz

Congratulations Brodie J for his efforts at the 2011 Honda Australian Junior Motocross Championship in Murray Bridge.