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. Chloe P, Blake D, Jack G, Saiyan M-S, Josh S, Isabel K, Elliot W, Maisy McP, Rylee E, Annabel B, Lain J, Mikki P and Julia W.

THE BIG PARADE

We had smiles a mile wide as we walked in the Dahlia and Arts parade last Saturday. Our school entry just looked so colourful and happy that anyone who saw it could not help but think Eaglehawk North Primary School must be the best school in Victoria. Bekki Probert and her team of helpers did a fabulous job in the weeks leading up to the parade. Our children looked beautiful and the truck loaned by the Abel family was magnificently decorated by a team of parents and staff. As usual the eagle was up at the front. This year he was dressed in the 40th Birthday theme. A sunny day and lots of excited, happy faces. That’s how I will remember our dahlia and Arts experience this year. To make it even better we found out today that our school entry won the prize for ‘Best Themed Entry.’
**WELL DONE GEORGIA!**

One of our hardest working Grade 6 students Georgia A has recently been awarded a ‘Grey Wolf Award’. She qualified for this award after completing a number of other badges. It is the highest award you can receive in cubs. Georgia is a member of the 1st Eaglehawk group and one of her tasks that led to her qualifying was to organise and run a two hour bush walk. We are very proud of Georgia at Eaglehawk North Primary School. She is a great, hard working student and this award shows another dimension to her. Well done.

**TOM CARTER: FLAG RAISER!**

Have you noticed the new location of the flagpole? It is adjacent to the indigenous garden. One thing we are trying to do is have the flag on display more regularly. We have a flag monitor and his name is Tom C. Tom is one of our Grade 6 students and he is doing a great job each day in remembering to raise the flag. At 3.30pm each day you will see Tom carefully taking it down, folding it and returning it to the office.

**SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Our 4/5/6 Team has a Clubs and Hobbies Program each week. Our children love the variety of activities offered. They are very engaging topics. There is good parent participation and the children look forward to it each Wednesday afternoon. Amy Hurford, assisted by parent Cassie O’T, conducts a session called School Engagement and their current project is beautifying the fence around the fernery and also establishing a senior eating area. See any of the senior school team if you like to offer an activity in future rounds of the program. You may have expertise in something children would like to engage in. It could be anything from cooking to crocheting.

**SNAKE**

We had a snake experience last Friday. A very small snake was seen on the footpath at the front of the school. Mr Surplice and I relocated the little copperhead to an area deep in the bush.

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NEW CLIMBING EQUIPMENT

Our senior grades climbing equipment was dismantled during the process of clearing a site for the new building. The photo shows it piled up in the cricket nets. I recently applied for some money to reinstate play equipment for our children. The government has made $5 million available and I found out today that we will receive $20,000. Great news!

John Morton
Principal


SPEECH THERAPIST

This year our school was not allocated a speech therapist due to a shortage of staff in the region. We hope this problem is overcome very soon. Instead of staffing we were issued with some funds to support our own school program. We have been lucky enough to gain the services of Marg Condon, who has had previous experience with DEECD Student Support Services as a Speech Therapist.

Marg will commence work at our school on Monday.

PREPARATION FOR TERM 2

Yes, we only have several weeks of Term 1 left!!!

Planning week for Term 2 will take place during the last week of Term 1, when Professional Learning Teams will focus on developing term planners for Integrated Units of work, Literacy and Numeracy.

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HELPING CHILDREN AT HOME


Often parents ask for advice and assistance on what they can do at home to help their children. The above DEECD website is able to offer parents assistance via a ‘Parent Update’ link. I thought that this site may be of interest as it offers parents a series of literacy and maths tips directed at primary-aged children.

Below are some tips from the site:

- Share rhymes and songs and encourage your child to join in
- Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building
- Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play
- Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information
- Write down your child’s stories as they tell you and encourage him or her to read it back to you
- Point out and talk about letters and words all around you. For example on cereal boxes, car number plates or signs
- Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing
- Join a toy library and choose toys together
- Look at junk mail and talk about the cost of items
- Provide materials and create a writing/drawing table or area

Until next week,
Helen Forrest

School Council President Report

The School Council held its AGM for 2011 on Tuesday night. On the night we welcomed a new parent representative, in Lee Bramley and two staff representatives in Taygen Francis and Katrina McNaughton. These representatives took the place of outgoing councilors Liz Norrie, Sophie Polglaise and Anthony Bortolot. The council wishes to thank the outgoing members for their contribution to the school through their work on council. The AGM is also the time when office bearers are elected. The office bearers for 2011 are: President – Robert Filcock; Treasurer – Sharon Grundy; and Secretary – Jody Abel. The remaining parent representative members of School Council are Robert Trew, Laurie Hill, Liz Davis and Rebecca Downing; while the staff representatives are John Morton, Helen Forrest, and Anna Rookes. Personally I would like to commend outgoing president, Robert Trew, for the manner in which he presided over the School Council during his term.

The School Council represents the school community and is there to provide discussion and debate of governance issues at the school. Please feel free to contact any one of the members if you have any questions or suggestions you would like to raise. We are your representatives and it is refreshing for us to have conversation and input from parents to help us make the decisions for the greater benefit of the school and our children’s education. I and all of the councilors can be contacted directly or through the school office where a message will be passed on.

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Some of the topics that were discussed at the most recent council meeting include:

- The ongoing investigation into After School Care options
- Raising the profile of council to encourage greater communications with the school community
- Leasing Agreements for school facilities
- School Fair/Night on the Green
- Re-establishment of a Parents and Friends group

Robert Filcock
EHNPS Council President

Senior News

SOME STUDENTS will have received the notice for the ‘The University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’. Could these please be filled in and returned to your classroom teacher with payment. Thank you.

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 this Friday, April 1st.

WE CONGRATULATE those children participating in Hobbies and Clubs for their enthusiasm and participation over the last two weeks. Unfortunately we have some students not participating in the Hobbies and Clubs program this week due to their behaviour or work ethic at school. This is disappointing not only for the students involved but also for their teachers and parents.

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.

ENPS EARTH HOUR: Miss C & 4/5C would like to say a huge thank-you to all of the classes in the 4/5/6 PLT for their efforts yesterday with the first ever ENPS Earth Hour. I hope that the students were able to discuss the benefits of being involved in their classes, and share some of that insight with family members at home. It would be great to think there might be a few houses in the Eaglehawk area "light free" on Saturday night when the real Earth Hour takes place!!!

Don’t forget ‘Wrapper Free Wednesday’.

REMINDERS: Premier’s Reading Challenge notice, University of NSW competition notice,

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

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**Junior News**

**LAST WEEK THE GRADE 2 SLEEP OVER** was cancelled due to health and sickness with staff. The children were very disappointed along with staff members. We will be now having the sleep over on **Friday 1st April**. A new note will be given to students to confirm the date, time and if your child will be attending. We will not require another medical update unless children’s medication has changed. We are really looking forward to seeing all the students there.

**GRADE ONE PIZZA & DISCO** - The Grade Ones were certainly in a party mood after their Funky Hair day last Friday. Dressed in their ‘dancing’ clothes there were cool moves all over the MPR dance floor. The pizza and fruit platters were a hit also! Many thanks to all the parents and Mrs Heath who gave up their time to assist with food preparation and supervision. Well done to all the Grade Ones who made the most of their after school ‘Camps’ experience demonstrating a wonderful spirit and co-operation with adults and peers.

*The Early Years Team*

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

**JSC News**

Last Friday the Junior School Council ran their first event for the year – Funky Hair Day. The day was a huge success with lots of colourful and creative hair designs. We raised over $280 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Jamie W also took the plunge and shaved his hair for ‘Shave For A Cure’ to raise money for the cause, raising over $380 – what a fantastic effort.

Winners of our crazy hair competition were Amber H and Blake P.

We would like to give a big thank you to our hair dresser **Amelia’ Hair & Beauty** who volunteered her time to come out and shave Jamie’s hair.

Well done to the JSC for a great day!

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Sports News

**DAHLIA AND ARTS** - Last weekend, almost 40 students represented ENPS in the Dahlia and Arts relays.

In the Grade 3/4 relay, our teams finished 1st and 4th. In our Grade 5/6 teams, we were lucky enough to finish 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 8th.

Thank you to all the parents who allowed their kids to run. A big thank you to those students who changed teams on the day.

We look forward to next years relays with great anticipation.

**NETBALL** - Golden City netball will be starting on April 2nd, the draw will be in the newsletter next week.

**ATHLETICS SPORTS**

The House Athletics Sports will be conducted next Friday 1st April at the Flora Hill track. All parents who can assist on the day are encouraged to come along. The carnival will run all day, with the first events to start at 10.00am. All students will be back at school for normal pick up.

*Brett Gilligan*

Art News

**WOW!** What a fantastic day we had on Saturday at the Dahlia and Arts Festival Street Procession. Our float looked amazing with all the children dressed up as candles. The students who dressed up as clowns also looked fabulous. We’ve had many positive comments in regards to our entry not only from parents and staff but also from many people in the Eaglehawk community. Thank you very much to all the parents, friends and staff who joined us on the day, your help was much appreciated. I’d like to say an extra special thanks to the Abel family for allowing us to use their truck and to Mark Abel who was kind enough to drive on the day.

As you would all know it takes a lot of organising and preparation to enter this event and I had many people assisting me throughout the weeks prior. I would like to thank Tim A and Mick S for all their help. Sally P and Jo P for helping set up the truck. Our lovely sewing mums, Jody A, Narelle C and Shelley R for sewing our candles and Cherie for designing our eagle costume. Elva and Karen who spent many hours painting and decorating and Liz D for her wonderful efforts behind the scene and for the music on the day.

*Thanks All!!!!*

*Bekki Probert*
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**Performing Arts News**

**SCHOOL 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. Don’t forget to bring back your permission form.

**Office News**

**FOR SALE GRADE 6 POLO SHORT** - 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.

**COLOURING COMPETITION** - The Eaglehawk Newspower Newsagents are running a colouring competition for Easter, the competition is available from the foyer.

**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.

**Literacy News**

**LEAP INTO LITERACY**

Congratulations to Julia and Koby, two of our Grade 6 leaders, who did a wonderful job in firstly writing and then reading their persuasive texts on *Why Reading is important* at Monday’s Whole School Assembly. They demonstrated confidence and courage to do their literacy presentation in front of such a large audience. Julia and Koby are very active individuals and they embrace the concept of having a Healthy Body and a Healthy Mind.

Persuasive Text is one of the types or genre of writing that children need to use in Grades 3-6. It is also the focus for this year’s writing section of the NAPLAN assessment for children in Grades 3 and 5.

Julia has also written on a topic of her own choice - *Why Trees are Important*. Trees are an integral part of our school’s natural bush setting and Julia’s family have had significant involvement in conserving and beautifying this area. Julia has written this text in letter form and noted the recipient. We hope Julia gets a response.

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Dear Ms Gillard

My name is Julia W and I am 11 years old. I go to Eaglehawk North Primary School in Bendigo. I am writing this letter to you about the tree’s getting cut down. Why are they getting cut down? Here are my reasons for not cutting down trees.

Firstly, we need our trees to drop their seeds so we have more native trees around us all the time. These will help the environment and bring lots of native birds to our area.

Secondly, our trees give us oxygen to breathe. If we don’t have any trees we would have no nature and we would all die because there would be no trees to give us oxygen.

Thirdly, we need our trees for the animals to rest at night and at day. If we had no trees birds can’t make nests, koalas can’t rest at night and the tree kangaroo would have to change its name.

Lastly, children love climbing trees and making tree houses. Even, I think its fun because you can read in a tree and play games in a tree. You can do all kinds of things. This helps children become active, stay outside and keep healthy.

Please don’t ruin our beautiful country. Everyone thinks it’s beautiful, so stop people from cutting our trees down. We would like to have the trees for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Julia W
Community News

1. **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 scceaust@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!

2. **Tuning in to Kids™ WHEN**: Thursday 26th May 2011, Thursday 2nd June 2011, Thursday 9th June 2011, Thursday 16th June 2011, Thursday 23rd June 2011, Thursday 30th June 2011 **TIME**: 6.00pm – 8.00pm **WHERE**: Bendigo Community Health Kangaroo Flat 13 Helm Street Kangaroo Flat **TO REGISTER**: Phone: Tracee or Paula at Bendigo Community Health Family Services Telephone: 54 300 500

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Could you please keep the above dates in mind for the coming year.

Mothers Day stall will be on the 6th May. Any donations can be brought to the office and if you could help on the day please let the office staff know. We are also seeking donations for our Easter raffle which will be drawn on Monday 4th April. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

Canteen News

If you purchase a *Moosies* from the canteen for $1.50 you can go into a draw to win a iPod Nano. See Anita at the canteen about this competition entries.

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**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN**

The speed at all times is walking pace.

Drivers and pedestrians must observe all signs within the car park and the neighbouring environment.

Children who are being collected in the drive-through lane will remain in the schoolyard until the car collecting them comes to a halt in the collection zone. **Children will only be sent by the duty teacher to the first three cars in the queue.**

**Parents in the drive-through lane will remain in their cars at all times.**

Cars leaving the collection/drop-off zone may pull out of the queue and overtake only when it is safe to do so.

Cars in the queue may move forward to fill gaps directly in front of them but may not overtake other cars to move into vacant spaces ahead in the queue.

7. **Users of the long term car park are expected to enter /exit on foot via the main entrance rather than across the drive-through lane when leaving or returning to their cars.**

**Parents and children are asked not to walk across the drive-through lane.**

Bike riders and pedestrians will use pathways provided. The driveway is not for use by pedestrians.

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**THE SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFE BEHAVIOURS.**

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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

CASEROLE 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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