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Principal’s Column


NETBALL

Mr Gilligan has been very busy organising the registration of our netball teams in the Golden City Netball Competition. I wandered down to training earlier this week. The great thing about our teams is that they are coached and managed by some of our parents. The photo shows a couple of our Under 11 teams.

Eaglehawk North House Athletic Sports on Friday 1st April at Flora Hill Track.
**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Literacy leader Cheryl Healey and her team are busily promoting the Premier’s Reading Challenge with staff and students. Please encourage your children to participate and praise their efforts with this program. The teaching of reading is probably top of the list of things schools love to do well. To promote a love of reading is a goal of all schools. Many of you I am sure are recreational readers and know the pleasure it can bring. One thing we endeavour to do each week is to set aside times when the whole school, including staff, stops and reads quietly. Stay tuned for more information and updates on the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

**SCHOOL SORES**

A parent very kindly advised us that she had had to treat her children for school sores. Be on the alert for anything that may resembles these.

**THE FRAME IS UP!**

There was great excitement this week with the erection of the framework for our new building. We finally have something that resembles a building and the size and scale of the structure is now very evident. If you get the chance, have a wander down to the site and check it out. It will certainly be a massive change to the Eaglehawk North Primary School landscape. Staff are looking forward to working in this new facility.

John Morton

*Acting Principal*

**Grade 4 - 6 You Can Do It Awards.** Monica H, Corey R, Tia M, Sophie D-M, Bailey, Cody D W H, Jayden H, Haylee S, Nick G.

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Assistant Principal’s Column

‘TUNING IN TO KIDS’

Attached to this week’s newsletter is some important information outlining an interesting 6 week program for any parent raising children.

Information regarding where the sessions will be held, times and dates are included in the flyer, but feel free to contact the school for any further information you may require.

MISS WILLIS will soon be MRS DALY!

It has become quite a tradition at our school for any new bride to have a rehearsal in the staff room prior to the Big Day. This week Amelia Willis was escorted into the staffroom by ‘pretend father of the bride’, Mr. Morton to the sounds of the wedding march and a beautiful ‘pretend wedding breakfast’ catered for by her junior team members. Bekki Probert provided a gorgeous ‘pretend wedding cake’ and we had a traditional ‘pretend throwing of the bouquet’ which was made by Mrs Elva Greenwood.

I am sure you join with us in wishing her the best of luck for her forthcoming wedding.

Don’t forget
‘Wrapper Free Wednesday’

Until next week,
Helen Forrest.

Eaglehawk North House Athletic Sports on Friday 1st April at Flora Hill Track.
**Presidents Report**

**THE ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL**

To the casual observer, the school council can seem like a “secretive black op” which meets and is only mentioned in passing when weight needs to be thrown behind a decision. This is a stereotype that we would like to break down through better communication with the school community.

So what do we actually do? Three of the critical roles of school councils are; participating in the development of the strategic plan, approving the annual budget, and developing, reviewing and updating policies. Along with these we provide guidance and decisions on school maintenance; sub-contracting; fundraising; developing, reviewing and monitoring the Student Code of Conduct and the School Dress Code; and school community engagement. Essentially we provide oversight for the school. What we don’t do is manage the day to day running of the school - that is the job of the Principal and the leadership team.

Making up the council are parents and teachers of the school and we are there to represent the whole school community (students, parents, teachers) on issues of governance and school improvement. There are many times that we think (or guess) we know what the broader community want but as we are such a small section, it is unlikely that we in fact know what you want from your school. I would like your feedback and input so together we can make Eaglehawk North greater.

Councillor names are listed on the front page of the newsletter and can be contacted via the office. If you like email, you can drop me a message to filcock.robert.r@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will get back in touch with you.

*Robert Filcock Council President*

**Senior News**

**ONLY ONE WEEK** and one day to go until the holidays. My, how time flies!

**TOMORROW IS OUR ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY AT THE FLORA HILL TRACK.** Students can wear **team colours** (no denim shorts) and should have appropriate clothing for weather changes during the day. Please ensure they have a packed lunch, snacks and enough water to last. We would love to see parents and friends come out and enjoy our company and see the fun we will be having.

**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.**

**DON’T FORGET ‘WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY’**.

Don’t forget ‘Premier’s Reading Challenge” Keep reading!!!

**REMINDERS:** University of NSW competition notice, Homework due tomorrow

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

Eaglehawk North House Athletic Sports on Friday 1st April at Flora Hill Track.
Whipstick Whispers

Junior News

In literacy this week the Grade 1 focus has been learning words and spelling patterns that have the ‘tr’ blend and learning words that have the ending ‘ot’.

Grade 2 Sleep over

A reminder that the grade 2 sleep over is on this Friday (1st April). There are still a few people who have not returned their permission note to attend, these need to be returned ASAP. The grade two students will be busy cooking lots of yummy food this week for our sleepover.

Our upcoming Athletics sports day for 3-6 students is on this Friday. Students have already received a note explaining how the day will run etc. Please ensure your child brings their lunch, snack and plenty of water as they will be competing in many events. Your child must have a hat and is encouraged to bring sunscreen.

The Early Years Team

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

JSC News

Next Friday, 8th April, the Junior School Council is running an out of uniform day to raise money for flood relief. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to aid this cause. Whilst students are allowed to wear casual clothes they are reminded to be sun smart.

During the first week of Term 2, several JSC students will be taking part in a Remembrance Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to represent our school in the wider community. Information will be sent to the relevant students shortly.

ANZAC BADGES - Students can purchase ANZAC day badges from JSC. They will visit classrooms each day around 9.30 each morning. The prices vary from .50c - $2.00.

Literacy News

LEAP INTO LITERACY

Included below are the two persuasive texts on Why Reading is Important that Julia and Kobi presented at Assembly. They include a number of valid arguments. Another benefit of reading is that it can enhance children’s social skills. Reading is a very pleasurable and relaxed activity that can be shared between parents and children. The Big Read Buddy program which operates in our school also enhances social connections between older and younger children. You can see that the children from Miss Coffey and Mrs. Healey’s class are very involved and focussed on their reading during this special reading time.

Eaglehawk North House Athletic Sports on Friday 1st April at Flora Hill Track.
why reading is important

Hi my name is Koby. I don’t like reading that much but I strongly believe it is important to read because it can help you with your life.

If you read every day you will get very good literacy skills. It will help you to spell and speak and better vocabulary.

I think reading is important because you have to read in your everyday life.

If you don’t then when you go to a place you have never gone to before you won’t know how to read a map and you would get lost.

This is why reading is so important in your everyday life.

Readers will become leaders

Hi I’m Julia and I want to tell you about why we should do the premiers reading challenge

My first reason is whenever you read you’re literacy skills get stronger. So you will get better at Public speaking, spelling and vocabulary

Secondly reading is a great skill to have because you can relax and enjoy a great book. You can learn lots of new information about the topics you are interested in

I believe when you’re older you will need a car and a house but to get a car and a house you need to sign lots of papers and you need to be able to read to sign them

Lastly, when you are doing a course at university you will have to read to get past the course

If you don’t read you won’t pass the test. It will help you get a better job later on

Those four reasons are four good reasons to do the premiers reading challenge. And remember readers become leaders

BY JULIA W

Eaglehawk North House Athletic Sports on Friday 1st April at Flora Hill Track.
Sports News

Netball Draw

13/Under teams playing competition and 11/Under teams play no final matches.

13/Under and 11/Under teams will umpire their own games at the same time as they play.

The draw is also available on the website

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi

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Any queries please see your team coach.

Athletics Sports

The House Athletics Sports will be conducted tomorrow 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.

Office News

School Photos - Individual school photo packs will be going home today with every student. We would appreciate having orders and payments returned to the office by Friday 8th April. Photo’s will be taken on Tuesday 3rd May Term 2. If you require a family photo pack they are available from the office.

EMA - EMA cheques have arrived, please come to the office to sign and collect your cheque. If you chosen the option to have a direct credit to your bank account this money will now be in your account.

Lost - Bucket hat named with Maddi K. Please return to Prep Francis.

Ride Required - Student requires lift to and from school. From Capital court Eaglehawk, willing to pay $20 a week for fuel. Please phone Cathy on 0439 034900.
**Fundraising**

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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.

**MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT**

We are looking for someone to volunteer to run our Music trivia Night. If you could help us please contact the office.

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**Canteen News**

Available to all Prep, Grade One and Two classes on Friday 1st April is the following _Meal Deal_.

Hot Dog, choose of drink and a zing zong. $5.00

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**Community News**

1. _Jets Gymnastics Bendigo_ will be running a holiday program _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

3. _Family Fun Day at Imagine... Fun & Games, 47A Eaglehawk Road, Bendigo 9.00am - 2.00 pm Saturday 2nd April_