Principal’s Column


Dear Parents,

It looks as if the weather has ‘rounded the final straight’ toward summer with the sun out in force as I write this instalment. It has prompted me to provide a reminder regarding the importance of taking precautions against UV radiation. At this time of the year it is important for children to remember their sun protection routines as the level of UV radiation is higher. Sunsmart Australia recommends that sun protection is worn from September to April which is when the UV index is usually at its highest. For us, Terms One and Four are ‘compulsory hat’ terms when outside. We encourage students to apply sunscreen before they come to school and also bring their own sunscreen to school if needed. Students are also permitted to wear sunglasses if they wish. It is recommended that parents check to see that any sunglasses worn meet or exceed Australian Standards. Sunglasses with the rating of EPF 10 (Eye Protection Factor) are also suitable. Those students who do not have hats are redirected to shady play areas.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care provides care for primary school aged children of parents who work or study outside of the regular school times. Currently our After School Care program is coordinated through California Gully Primary School. Based on the indication that very few families required ASC for this year, it was decided to offer ASC through partnering with another school. Students requiring ASC are bussed to Californian Gully Primary School on Monday to Thursday at no cost to the families. The actual cost of the care is borne by the parents and is paid directly to California Gully Primary School.

To assist with planning of After School Care program we are keen to hear of any families who may be interested in accessing After School Care in 2012. The results of this information will determine the arrangements for the beginning of term1.

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2012 – Please return to office prior to Friday 11th November 2011

Family Name______________________
Number of Children______
I would be interested in ASC on:

☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday

I may only need occasional ASC ☐ Once or twice a month
☐ Once or twice a term
☐ Once or Twice a year

NIGHT ON THE GREEN

Preparations for this year’s Night on the Green are progressing well. The students and teachers are keen to showcase some of their special abilities and talents to the community. The evening is scheduled for Thursday 17th November commencing at 5.00pm when all food stalls will be open and entertainment will start at 6.00pm. The major raffle consisting of a 50 inch Television, 6mx6mt Shade Sail, Total Heath and Wellness Package, Wheelbarrow Hamper, Waterproof Watch, Photo Centre Voucher, $230 Hamper of Books, Mundial Knife Block Set, Lowes Gift Voucher and 2GB iPod Shuffle will also be drawn on this evening. Families will be also able to purchase food and enjoy the entertainment on this occasion. I look forward to sharing this experience with you all.

JRFH AND WESTERN ZONE ORIENTEERING

Our JRFH team went to Melbourne today to represent our school at the State JRFH titles. Good luck to the team. On Friday we will be sending 130 students to the Western Zones Orienteering at Brimbank. We wish the orienteering team all the best for the day.
VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT ARRIVES

This week we saw the installation of two video conferencing suites. Eaglehawk North Primary was one of eighteen schools from across the region to receive this equipment. Video conferencing is a communications technology that integrates video and voice to connect remote users with each other as if they were in the same room. Each user needs a computer, webcam, microphone, and broadband internet connection for participation in video conferencing. Users see and hear each other in real time, allowing natural conversations not possible with voice-only communications technology. It is expected that both teachers and students will utilize this technology to assist with the delivery of effective teaching and learning.

COMMENCING SCHOOL is an exciting time for both children and parents. To assist with this process two parent information sessions have been scheduled. This will occur on Friday 18th November and Friday November. Both programs will commence at 9.30am in the multipurpose room. During this time our 2012 Prep students will participate in the transition activities that conclude at 11.00am.

Our 2012 Prep students will also have an opportunity to visit our school on the 2nd and 6th December. Further details will be provided at our information session. I hope to see you there!

Craig Arrowsmith
Principal

Prep - 3 You Can Do It Awards Cameren Downing-Mooney, Kiara Perry, Tyson Parkes, Evan Sutcliffe, Connor Charlton, Noah Begg, Ebby Ledwidge, and Caitlyn Mitchell.

Assistant Principal’s Column

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

I spoke to the children at our Monday Assembly about the importance of wearing correct school uniform and, in particular, accessories. We are seeing a small number of children arriving at school with coloured items of clothing not in our school colours. We are noticing hair accessories in a wide variety of colours. We see the occasional baseball cap and clothing with logos other than our school logo. None of these are acceptable within our school policy as endorsed by School Council. I know that parents appreciate us enforcing the Dress Code. It gives fairness to all and avoids comparison or competition. There is nothing worse than arguments before school over whether a particular item can be worn and your child says “but my friend wears that to school all the time”. Teachers do their best to chase up breaches of the uniform rules. If you have been to a Monday Assembly recently you will agree with me that our families do a great job of getting our children to school in the two blues.

NEW FURNITURE

We are currently placing orders for new furniture to go into the new building. Our Senior School will inhabit the building next year. When fully furnished this will be a real showpiece and a terrific place for staff and students to work. A $50,000 grant will ensure that we can provide a very stimulating and comfortable learning environment.


**CHAPLAIN FEEDBACK**

We are currently in the process of applying for funding to renew the services of our Chaplain Wendy Kofoed. All schools are in the process of doing this. Can you help us by completing the short question/answer section below and returning it to me at school as soon as possible. I have kept it very simple and not too time-consuming. We have to show evidence of community support for the program.

I support the continuation of Chaplaincy at Eaglehawk North Primary School  YES/NO

The Chaplain has assisted or advised me with school or family matters  YES/NO

I believe that the Chaplaincy position is a positive feature of ENPS. YES/NO

I have seen these examples of the program in action

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Other Comments

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**THE KOORIE GARDEN**

Later this term we will have an official opening of our Koorie Garden. We have spoken to Mr Matt Holmes, our Koorie Education Officer, and he will arrange for a dance group from Eaglehawk Secondary College to perform and elders from the Koorie community will also contribute to this event. The dance group looks like appearing at our upcoming Night On the Green as well.

**ANOTHER NEW ENPS BABY**

You know I love baby photo’s in the Whipstick Whispers. Well here’s another one. This time it is Liam and Tahlia A’s new little baby sister Paige. They look very pleased with her.

**NIGHT ON THE GREEN**

Can you help us by returning raffle books asap? We also need parent helpers from each classroom. See you child’s teacher or Liz Davis at the office if you can be a helper on the night. It will be an exciting event. We are all looking forward to our Night on the Green!

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Raffle Books To Be Returned By Monday 14th November
YMCA Breakfast Program

Congratulations to Ella T for winning the basketball signed by Kristy Harrower at the YMCA Breakfast Program on Wednesday.

John Morton
Assistant Principal

Senior News

Students are continuing to work hard to prepare for our ‘Night on the Green’ which will take place on Thursday 17th November. Some students are busy making signs and advertisements for their stalls while others are training hard for their Gym, Choir, Jump Rope and dance performances, which are all looking fantastic. We are still 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.

Another reminder that students must wear hats for all outdoor activities during term 4. Students are also reminded that they must wear them at all times, including during participation in games and sporting activities (they are not to be taken off and carried).

Students are also reminded to wear school uniform at all times. This includes accessories such as jewellery and headbands. Sleepers, stud earrings and watches are the only jewellery permitted at school, and all hair accessories should be in school colours. Students will be sent to the office to change into a school uniform if they do not comply.

Today our jump rope for heart team competed in the state championships in Melbourne. The students have been training hard during their lunch times and their routines looked amazing. Well done to all students who competed today - results will be in next week’s newsletter article.

Tomorrow a large group of students will be travelling to the Regional Orienteering competition. The students have been looking forward to this event. It’s a great day out and we wish students all the best in their events.

We would also like to say good luck to James T-W who will be travelling to Melbourne to compete in the shot put in the State Championships on Monday.

Rik, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

Junior News

Grade 1 and 2 Gym Program and Bendigo Excursion

The students really enjoyed our four week gym program and the growth in both confidence and skills was very obvious. Thank you to any helpers who came with us and to Mr Gilligan for his organisation of it.

Going to Rosalind Park after our final session on Tuesday was a great way to finish of the program. The day was perfect and the children very well behaved. After eating their lunch, the children really enjoyed having a look around the park and some of the other features of our wonderful city. Thank you also to any helpers on this excursion.

Raffle Books To Be Returned By Monday 14th November
**Prep Water Familiarisation Program - Commences Monday 7th November**

A letter confirming arrangements were sent home to each family yesterday. We would greatly appreciate any parent helpers to assist the students to change at school and at the pool. Please see your classroom teacher if you can help.

**Prep Literacy Festival**

Last week all prep students attended the Eaglehawk Literacy Festival. It was a fun way to continue to develop a love of literacy and to share some much loved stories with each other. The student’s enjoyed walking through Eaglehawk to each reading station, followed by a performance by a professional story teller. After the reading sessions students were invited to attend a sausage sizzle and a live performance by Hi Di Ho. The students were each given a show bag containing a book and of cause a balloon each.

Prep - Short Circus Incursion. – Friday 18th November.

Camp Hill Primary school have been invited to share their wonderful circus skills with our prep students. They will also run a short workshop where the students will be able to practise a basic circus skill. There is no charge to families for this incursion. If you require more details please speak with your classroom teacher.

*Tina, Carolyn, Amelia, Cheryl, Glenn, Taygen and Cheryl*

**Sports News**

**Twilight Netball Draw Wesleyday 9th November**

**Teams**

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Canteen News

Tuesday Meal Deal

Any lunch order over $5.00, will then receive a free Zooper-Dooper.

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Could you please keep the above dates in mind for the coming year. Our next fundraising event will be our ‘A Night On The Green’ we need some parent helpers to help out with our food stalls.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to those families who have already sold and returned their raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our ‘A Night On The Green’ event on Thursday 17th November. If you can sell more than one book please see Liz or Katrina at the office. If you do not wish to sell raffle tickets please return the book to the office as soon as possible.

COLES AND WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS

Thanks to all the families that supported our school with the collection of the vouchers for Woolworths and Coles. We collected 17428 Coles Vouchers and 2372 Woolworths vouchers.
JSC News

Tomorrow will be the final day for buying Bandanas. Bandanas are $4 each and money raised goes to Canteen to support young people living with Cancer.

Hi I'm Mikki Pilling and I'm a grade 6 student at Eaglehawk North Primary School, and I'll be wearing a moustache to raise money for Prostate Cancer. Please donate at the office.
EAGLEHAWK NORTH P.S
MASSIVE SCHOOL
UNIFORM SALE
SPECIAL "EARLY BIRD" PRICES

Beat the Back To School rush in January and take advantage of Lowes Early Bird Sale on selected Eaglehawk North Primary School Uniform 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’.

Raffle Books To Be Returned By Monday 14th November