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Principal’s Column

**Principal’s Awards** Congratulations to this week’s award winners. I look forward to our presentations on the Monday. Please feel welcome in joining us. *Rhys H, Aidan F, Kimberley G, Dylan C, Josie C-G, Fiona M, Josh H, Caine S, Corey R, 4/5 Coffey, Bridgitt B, Georgia A and Chloe H.*

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Canterbury Carols. Having heard how successful the evening had been previously, I was amazed by the quality and the size of the event. Our choir performed two songs, and were most impressive. I enjoyed the student led introductions to each song and their singing was first class. I was most proud of their achievements. Well done to all students involved. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Sue O’Hara who worked hard to bring the songs together at relatively short notice due to Mr Bortolot’s absence. Thanks to Mrs. O’Hara and to Mr. Bortolot for their assistance in preparing our students for this experience.
NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Yesterday the project managers presented the Certificate of Occupancy for our new building. This documentation officially provides us with the right to occupy our new rooms and is somewhat of a relief knowing that other schools in our region have experienced some difficulty in obtaining this. With most of the new furniture now in place, the work of moving teacher resources is beginning. In the coming days, clarification will be sought from the Education Department as to the expected timeline for the removal of our excess portable classrooms.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Wednesday morning we will take time to acknowledge the contribution that our Year 6 students have made to our school. This will occur from 9.00am in our multipurpose room and will take the form of a special whole school assembly. At the assembly a number of awards will be presented to our students. On Wednesday evening our Year 6 students will attend a special evening for dinner and entertainment. Thanks to staff for their assistance in coordinating this special activity.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our Wednesday morning Community Breakfast Program has now concluded for this year. The program was enormously successful with between 60 and 80 students attending most weeks. The program was offered at no cost to our school. Thanks to Michael McKern, Paul Johns (Youth Development Officer YMCA) and our regular helpers for their coordination of this program. Your work and efforts were truly outstanding. The program was also supported and would not have been possible if it was not for Bendigo Regional YMCA, IGA Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk Bakery and Our Place Community Assistance Centre, Thank you!

Craig Arrowsmith

Principal


Carpark Safety

I know that many of our families choose to use the carpark and/or the drive through facility. We ask that rules be followed for the safety of our children. One rule that may need a reminder is the one about where to park. One thing we ask people not to do is park in the drive through lane and leave their cars unattended. If you are one of those people who arrive very early keep well to the edge of the drive through so that school traffic that needs to access the school can still pass by you.

KOORIE GARDEN OPENING TOMORROW

If you are at school at 9.00am tomorrow and would like to stay and watch the opening of our Koorie Garden please feel free to do so. See the flyer accompanying our newsletter today for details.

John Morton

Assistant Principal
Senior News

**COMPUTER RETURN**

Last Friday December 9\(^{th}\) students were required to return their Netbooks to school. Netbooks need to be collected so the new lease can be initiated. Students must have their Netbook, case and charger. Loss of any equipment will incur a charge.

Last Thursday our senior team travelled to Werribee Open Range Zoo. Students were extremely well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day, which included some close encounters with some rhinoceroses! Students enjoyed the classroom experience where they took on different roles to discuss the decline of the rare Grevys zebra. Thanks again to all those parents who assisted on the excursion.

Notes have been sent out regarding grade six graduation. Note that there is a $20.00 payment for the meal. Payment would be appreciated this week. If you have any further questions regarding this please contact Rik or Jo.

On Monday December 19\(^{th}\) grade six students will be walking to Canterbury Park for a games session. It will be low key and students can just relax in the park or join in the games on offer.

**CLASS PARTIES AND PIZZA LUNCH**

Notes were sent home regarding class parties and a pizza lunch deal earlier this week. Parties are scheduled for next Tuesday 20\(^{th}\) December. Students are welcome to bring other food to share if they would like to.

**HOBBIES AND CLUBS**

The senior team would like to give a big thank you to all the wonderful parent, grandparent, aides and teachers that helped out with our Hobbies and Clubs program throughout the year. Your assistance made the program highly successful and the students thoroughly enjoyed the programs that were provided. Hobbies and Clubs will continue to be a part of our program so if you are ever interested in helping out let your child’s teacher know.

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

Junior News

**GRADE 1 /2W** were very busy cutting up fruit on Tuesday, to make a little Christmas cake. They looked great and were also yummy to eat! A big thank you goes to Maria (Rain’s mum) for helping out.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

If your child/children have borrowed books from the library and are yet to return their books please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**HOME READERS**

Next week there will be no home reading so if possible can all home readers be returned to school by Friday. Please ask your child/children to look at home for any home readers which may have been misplaced throughout the year.

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Last Day of School for 2011 Thursday 22nd December, 2.30pm Finish
CLASS PARTIES

Next Tuesday the 20th of December, all classes will be having their class parties to celebrate the end of year. Class teachers will have sent home a note in regards to what each child is required to bring on the day. Thank you for your participation.

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

LEAP INTO LITERACY

READING IS REGARDED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL!!

At least an hour per day is dedicated to the teaching of reading and reading practice at our school. However children spend a large proportion of the school day reading a range of information. This term we have introduced some reading awards to recognise children in each class who are committed to improving their reading and who value reading as an important academic skill. Congratulations to the following children who received the 2011 Super Reader awards at Monday’s Assembly.

Grade 6 McCaig – Georgia A
Grade 6 Madden- Chloe H
Grade 4/5 Coffey- Annabel B
Grade 4/5 Hurford-Erin V
Grade 4/5 Rookes- Amy R
Grade 3/4 Delaney-Connor A
Grade 3 Latz- Connor F

Grade 2/3 Slattery-Zak McD
Grade 1/2 Wright-Rain F
Grade 1 Healey-Macaulay S
Grade 1 Daley-Emmalee A-W
Prep Fitzpatrick-Grace D
Prep Francis-Aidan F

The criteria for selection was based on reading competence, initiative in reading practice and literature discussions, Library use and interest in reading as a leisure activity. Each child received a $10 book voucher from Dirt cheap books.

Happy Reading Super readers !!

Amy Horkings and Jenna Whitehead 4/5 Rookes designed the vouchers. We acknowledge and thank them for their creative technology designs.

ANOTHER INCENTIVE to practise reading in the Junior classes has been the introduction of ENPS Home Reading certificates for 75, 100, 150 and 200 nights of reading. Thank you to Miss Coffey for designing these special reading certificates.

We would like to recognise the following children for 200 nights of home reading practice in 2011. They have shown an excellent commitment to reading almost every night of the school year. This consistent practice has had a positive impact on the children’s reading confidence and ability. Thank you also to the children’s parents for their wonderful support with the home reading routines.

Prep Fitz-Maddison G, Jasmine D, Grace D and Alysa D
Prep Francis– Paige D, Amelia B and Blake P
Grade 1 Daly– Emalee A-W
Grade 1 Healey- Camren D- M and Milly W
Grade 1/2 Wright– Grace P, Rain F, Connor D and Tyler H
Grade 2/3 Slattery – Jemma F and Fiona M

Cheryl Healey Literacy Coordinator
Canteen News

Monday Meal Deal (Due to class parties on Tuesday)

Hot Dog
Milk, Juice or Amuze Water $5.00
Popcorn
Zooper Dooper

Please write which drink you would like.

Office News

PACKING BOXES

We are looking for any packing boxes that can be used for relocation of the 4/5/6 classrooms. If they could be brought to the school by Tuesday that would be great.

Outfit for Sale for Graduation

Available for sale Size 12, Black suit consisting of jacket, pants, white shirt size 14, black shoes size 40 (boys 8), waist coat and belt. Would be perfect for Grade 6 graduation or wedding for $180.00. Please phone Donna 0438 122 757.

Roger King’s Eaglehawk Supa IGA and the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival Canterbury Carols committee thank you and Eaglehawk North Primary School Choir for participating in our Carols evening. Everyone enjoyed your choir item and its talents. A special thanks for giving of your own personal time to our event. All your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Lost Property Cupboard

- Could all students and parents please check the lost property cupboard for any items of clothing that may belong to them. Any unnamed items left at the end of term will be disposed of.

Terrific Kids Award

The Kiwanis Club of Bendigo Terrific Kids award for Term 4 has been won by Georgia A. Congratulations to Georgia and the other winners for 2011.

John Reid

Fundraising

Calendar

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the families who have donated items for our Christmas raffle. If you wish to make a donation could they please be bought to the office tomorrow morning. They need to be non perishable and all items need to be in date. This raffle will be drawn at Monday’s assembly. Please return tickets and payment to the office by tomorrow morning to be included in the draw.

The fundraising committee would like to thank everyone for their support this year in all our fundraising activities and we look forward to many more in the future.

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Sporting News

TWILIGHT NETBALL

Well done to all the teams that competed in the Twilight Netball Competition at Golden City. Congratulations to Eaglehawk North Under 13’s team. Eaglehawk North defeated St Joseph’s Emeralds 12 to 9 on Wednesday night. Thank you to Sean L for coaching our girls in the Twilight competition, they have had a great season. Also a big thank you to Brooke E and Narelle A for coaching our under 11’s and thank you to the umpies. See you all next season.

WANTED! MISSING TAKE-HOME AND LIBRARY BOOKS

A BIG THANKYOU to all parents for your support in listening to and encouraging your child/children with their reading and other homework tasks this year. This is the last week that Take-home readers will be sent home in the Junior Department. Next week Karen Nowell and I will need to do a stock-take of all library and take-home books.

We would like all library and take-home books to be returned early next week.

We would appreciate it if families could have a good hunt at home for them and return them to school.

A trolley for these books has been placed in the foyer of the school (in the waiting area).

Thank you to the Junior School parents who have volunteered to help me with sorting the take-home readers. If you could spare some time and haven’t sent the form back, please do so - as many hands make light work!

Judy Heath

Reading Recovery Teacher

Community News

1. Fears and Anxiety about Bushfire Workshops - When: Monday 12th December 2011 Time: 10am-12noon (morning tea provided) Where: Bendigo Community Health Service 3 Seymour Street, Eaglehawk Cost: free Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided Facilitators: Philippa Calwell & Catherine Poussard (Centacare)

2. Boomerangs Netball Club Accepting new players for season 2012 Contact Kerrie 5443 3441 or 0416 966 951 Email boomerangsnc@yahoo.com.au

3. Come & Try Aquatics Night – Bendigo Aquatic Centre Have you ever thought about or wanted to try an Aquatic Sport? The Bendigo Regional YMCA together with the Bendigo YMCA Divers, The Bendigo Hawks Swim Club and the Bendigo Water Polo Club are hosting a Come and Try Night this Friday Night the 9th December at 4:00pm till 7:00pm. Why not grab the whole family and make a night of it, there will be live music, BBQ facilities and your chance to try out one of these awesome sports. Why not try all 3! Come on down to the Bendigo Aquatic Centre and give it go. We look forward to seeing you on the night. All enquiries can be made directly to the Bendigo Aquatic Centre on 03 5443 6151
Eaglehawk North Primary School

Opening
of the
Koorie Garden

The garden is well established and tomorrow, Friday December 15th we are having the official opening. It will be attended by local elders and the Manager of the Koorie Workforce at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Mr Rick Simms. We are hopeful that artist Ben Winspear will attend and we are expecting an appearance by the Wannick Dance Group from Eaglehawk Secondary College.

The opening will take place at the garden at 9.15am.

Please come along and help us to mark this special occasion.

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