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Principal’s Column


Dear Parents,

On Tuesday morning our students assembled in their new class groupings in readiness for our whole school transition experience. The morning was mostly successful with our students having had the opportunity to spend time in their new rooms and in most cases, with their teachers for next year.

The information forwarded to families on Monday hopefully assisted with preparing students for the transition into their new grades.

‘A Night On The Green’ DVD’s available for sale from the office for $15.00.
2011 REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

Last night I attended the Regional Sports Awards held in Bendigo. The evening was organised to acknowledge the contribution and achievement of teams and individuals. Congratulations to Mikki P for achieving an award for her efforts in orienteering at the State level and to Mr Gilligan who won an award for the most outstanding contribution made by a primary teacher in our region. Brett’s enthusiasm and passion for physical education has again been recognized and demonstrated in the numerous opportunities that our students have had to represent our school at the district and regional level. Well done!

CANTERBURY CAROLS

Preparations for Sunday evening’s Canterbury Carols are nearing completion and from all reports the students are making pleasing progress. I wish acknowledge the work of both Mrs. O’Hara and Mr. Bortolot for their efforts in assisting our students to be prepared for the evening. Thanks to our choir group for your persistence and commitment to the program. Well done!

The evening will commence at 6.00pm with a free BBQ and Carols start at 7.00pm, I hope to see you there!

HOBBIES AND CLUBS EXTENSION

The Hobbies and Clubs program for students in Years 4 to 6 has been extended to include an additional session on Monday afternoon. This will be followed up by our regular session of Hobbies and Clubs on Wednesday. This will provide students involved with our choir to share in the experience following their selections last week. Special thanks to our parent helpers for making yourselves available for the extra session.

NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLED

The first component of our playground has finally been installed. The ‘Climbing Boulder’ is built locally and is believed to be one of a kind and unlike most equipment found in parks and schools. The other playground elements of the playground are due in early 2012. Thanks to Laurie of School Council for his continuous contact with the supplier to ensure this component of the playground was installed this year. Thanks Laurie!

Craig Arrowsmith
Principal
Grade 4 - 6 You Can Do It Awards Josh M, Shanae J, Cody D, Rylee E and Toya G.

Assistant Principal’s Column

KOORIE SYMBOLS

If you regularly pass our Koorie garden you may have noticed these symbols on one of the panels. They represent male and female figures at a meeting place. Joined to this meeting place by a long twisting line, the pathway, is another meeting place. Don’t forget that our Koorie Garden Opening will be occurring on Monday, December 19th attached to our School Assembly. Come along if you are interested. The Wannik Dance Group from Eaglehawk Secondary College will be coming along to perform and Matt Holmes will play his didgeridoo. Local elders will also be present. It should be very interesting.

SUNSCREEN

Please consider sending along sunscreen with your children at this time of year especially. Teachers are quite happy to provide time for children to apply this. Some home instruction on applying it would be advisable however, particularly with younger children.

THE NEW BUILDING

On our Tuesday Transition Day all children had the chance to spend two hours with their new teacher in their 2012 classroom. I made sure that I took photo’s of the hordes of excited faces entering the new building. Definitely photo’s for the archives.

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Senior News

On Tuesday morning students were introduced to their new teachers during our whole school transition day. The students were extremely excited to meet their new classes and spent the morning in the new building where they will be working next year.

Students were involved in the Werribee Zoo excursion today. Thank you to all those parents who offered their time for this excursion. Unfortunately we were only able to take a small amount of parents with us, however, we are extremely appreciative of all those who expressed an interest in attending.

Students had their second week of Hobbies and Clubs on Wednesday. A reminder to students that the Hobbies and Clubs program is a privilege and they must continue to ensure they complete their homework. If students do not bring their homework three times this term they will be unable to participate.

Students are reminded to return their booklists by tomorrow so that orders can be placed for next year.

Another reminder for students to wear their hats at school. Students continue to need reminding at lunchtime and recess to keep their hats on their heads, particularly when playing games. Hats should be clearly named so that they can be easily returned to students.

As the weather continues to heat up students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle of water to school so that they can drink these during class.

Rik, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

Junior News

Transition Day

On Tuesday the students had the chance to spend time with their new teacher and class friends during our 2hr transition morning. The students really enjoyed spending time with their new grade and it was lovely to see all the happy faces and good comments when returning back to their current rooms.

Miss Slattery’s grade made exploding volcanoes on Wednesday using bicarb soda and vinegar. It was so much fun. Miss Slattery was very impressed with the co-operation the groups showed.

Fiona Murphy’s conclusion to the experiment – because of the force, the bicarb soda and the vinegar reacted with each other.

Projects

Miss Slattery’s grade have been very busy working on their Australian Landmark project brochure. This week students will be bringing their project home to finish them. Projects are due this Monday!!!

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**GRADE 1 DALY**

Yesterday afternoon Grade One Daly took part in a Christmas Cooking session where they made Chocolate Royal Puddings and Choc, Cherry and Peppermint balls. The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. These were very easy to make so hopefully they can teach their families these recipes to add to the table on Christmas day.

**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 by this Friday. Karen will begin preparing our library for 2012 throughout the last two weeks of school and would appreciate your assistance in returning library books ASAP. Thank you.

**HOME READERS**

Please ask your child/children to look at home for any home readers which may have been misplaced throughout the year.

**BOOK LISTS**

Book lists are due this **tomorrow**. Please ensure your child/children’s booklist are handed in the office. Remember they do not need to be paid for until you pick them up in the new year.

**CLASS PARTIES**

On the last Tuesday of term classes will be having their class parties. Next week class teachers will send home organisational details regarding food for their own class parties.

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

**Sporting News**

**TWILIGHT NETBALL DRAW WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

**Teams**

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**13/Under Section 3 Grand Final**

| E/Hawk North v St Joseph’s Emeralds | 7   | 5.00pm       |

*Presentations will be made after the matches.*

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Whipstick Whispers

**Canteen News**

**Tuesday Meal Deal**

Hot Dog  
Milk, Juice or Amuze Water  
Popcorn  
Zooper Dooper

*Please write which drink you would like.*

**Office News**

**2012 Booklist**

Can these please be completed and returned to the office by Friday December 9th.

Payment is **NOT** required until booklist pick up on either Monday January 30th or Tuesday January 31st.

If you have a current Health Care Card as of 02/02/2012. Please deduct $117.50 from your booklist total as you will be eligible to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance when booklists are to be collected. If a booklist is **NOT** required for 2012 (transfer etc.) please let us know at the office as soon as possible. Please contact the office if there are any questions.

**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

**Fundraising**

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**Christmas Raffle**

We are now taking donations for our Christmas hamper which is our last fundraising activity for the year. Could all donations please be brought to the office. They need to be non perishable and all items need to be in date. **Could they please be given to the office by Friday 16th December.**

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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1. **Fears and Anxiety about Bushfire Workshops** - When: Monday 12\(^{th}\) 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 9\(^{th}\) 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 a 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

**School Holidays are almost here!**

YMCA is now taking bookings for Holiday Program get in quick so you don’t miss out

Our program is available the following ways, on our website [www.bendigo.ymca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.ymca.org.au), call into one of our venues to pick up a copy or simply phone our friendly staff on 54458300 at YMCA House for a copy to be emailed or sent out to you.

**Call us now on 54458300 to make a booking**

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