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 Marcus W, Zavier H, Charlotte M, Kody C-O, Ayshia S, Mason B, Makayla L, Connor F, Harmomie S, Amy H, Alia M-H, Madison H, Joshua B and James T-W.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

I have had a couple of families enquire as to whether After School care can be revived at our school. The bottom line was that enrolment numbers were not making it viable. Other groups approached about running it stated that our average attendances were simply not sufficient to financially keep it afloat, especially given the new staffing and facilities requirements under new regulations. I have a handful of families who are interested in finding childcare on certain days of the week. I am happy to put people in touch with other people however as a school we cannot operate informal childcare or babysitting. In case you were not aware, the YMCA service is re-locating to St Liborius Primary School and I am told there will be no spaces available to outside students. Family Day Care is another option that may suit some families. Children can often be collected by these Carers at the end of the school day.

INFORMATION EVENING THANKS

Last Thursday evening we had our Parent Information sessions. Combined with a sausage sizzle it was a nice event. My thanks go to Helen Forrest who led the organisation of this evening and to our specialist.

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**PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL HOURS**

We have a rule in place at our school that children do not play on climbing equipment at home time. At 3:45pm parents who wish to supervise their own children on the equipment are more than welcome to however we ask all families to stay off the equipment prior to 3:45pm. Supervision by teachers after 3:30pm is confined to our key duty areas of the drive-through, the Franklin St exit and our bus travellers.

**THE NEW BUILDING**

You can see from the photo that the new building is a huge construction. The second half of the slab will be laid tomorrow and the steel for the framing will arrive within a week and take less that a fortnight to erect.

**NEW E.N.P.S SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

I am pleased to announce that one of our parents Mrs Lee Bramley will be joining our new School Council this year as a new member. We are very appreciative of Lee’s desire to be part of the governing body of the school. Similarly I need to thank and congratulate Robert Trew, Laurie Hill and Liz Davis for re-nominating. The departure of former councillor Liz Norie created a vacancy that Lee was able to fill. Taygen Francis and Katrina McNaughton will be joining School Council as staff representatives filling vacancies created by the depatures of Anthony Bortolot and Sophie Polglase. I thank them most sincerely for putting their hands up for this role. We have a great bunch of people on School Council; very motivated people who have the interests of our school at heart.

**HATS HATS HATS**

We are a Sunsmart school and in Terms 1 and 4 we expect all students to wear broad-brimmed hats when they are outdoors. Staff model this behaviour. Children without hats are expected to remain in the no-hat area near the admin building. If your child does not have a hat please assist them to obtain one. I actually have a box of pre-owned school hats in my office if any parents would like one for their child.

*John Morton*

*Principal*

**Prep - 3 You Can Do It Awards. Liam P, Brody T, Zach G, Ben M, Zak Mc D, Riley S and James D.**
Assistant Principal’s Column

THANK YOU

This time last week our staff were preparing for the school ‘Parent Information Evening’. I would personally like to thank those families who attended the sessions and were able to share the BBQ with staff and other families. Staff and students spend some time in preparing for the evening and it certainly showed through the high quality presentations. This night is one of many we will hold in a variety of ways throughout the year, whether it is during Education Week, Literacy/Numeracy Week or Back to School Day, we hope you are able to attend some of these sessions and join us in sharing what is happening within and around our school.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge has been running for six years and this year former Victorian Premiers have been invited to come on board and further support the program. The program is run to encourage and inspire children to read more and has full support at Eaglehawk North Primary School. If you are interested in keeping up with the latest news log on to the site at:


READING TIME

We are excited about a new initiative being introduced at our school this year. A whole school reading time! All members of the school will read at the same time on a Monday between 9.40-10.00am. So if you have been to our Monday Morning Assembly, you might like to pop into a classroom and read along as well. Mr. Morton and I are really looking forward to the opportunity to sit in a classroom with students and teachers and catch up with some of our own reading.

UNIFORM

Today I have attached the School Dress Code Policy. We are very proud of our school uniform and the grade 6 shirts this year are a great enhancement. Having a school uniform assists students in developing connectedness to the school and wear it with pride. We encourage families to support us with this and understand that if there is a valid reason for not wearing uniform with our school logo that just plain navy or light blue clothing is to be worn. Wearing of clothing with other logo’s/colours is not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school. Please remember to label all uniform items clearly as this assists with the returning of lost property.

ATTENDANCE

‘Attender Chicken’ is back. As we have commenced the month of March, I will be announcing the February winner of the ‘Attender Chicken’ award at Monday morning assembly. Congratulations to all families for your support in keeping absences low and supporting our ‘It’s not OK to be away’ policy.

Until next week,

Helen Forrest

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Senior News

**THE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**: Thank you to all parents who attended the information session last Thursday. A big thank you to Mr A, Zoe, Ash, Cleo, Georgia and Rani for presenting on the night. The teachers agreed that the children who spoke did a marvellous job of informing parents of the happenings in our department.

**STUDENTS HAVE NOW COMPLETED** two of their project tasks on Values. They will continue working on this project throughout the term. The next two tasks are due on Friday March 11th.

**A NUMBER OF OUR GRADE 4** students competed at a soccer carnival yesterday. They represented the school well and managed many successes throughout the day.

**PARENTS AND HELPERS**: Hobbies and Clubs will begin on March 9th. This will run every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 - 3.30pm. Thank you to the parents/friends who have offered assistance in taking a small group of children for an activity of interest.

**HOMEWORK**: 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. Failure to complete homework tasks will result in your child attending ‘Homework Club’ during Monday lunchtime.

This homework, especially the Maths, is aimed at reinforcing skills being practised at school. In particular Times Tables and Basic Number Facts (e.g. 8+7) which are a huge component of the

Four Processes (Addition, Subtraction, Division and Multiplication). It is vital that your child has a good grasp of these in the Senior Department.

**REMINDERS**: Box of tissues, Homework, Art Smock, Computer Notices

Rob, Bron, Amy, Jake, Anna and Jo

Junior News

**INFORMATION NIGHT**: Thank you to the parents who attended the evening last Thursday. We hope you found the night informative and enjoyed your BBQ tea. Thank you also to the staff who donned aprons and demonstrated their fine cooking skills.

**PREP BUDDIES**: The Grade Six Buddies have been assisting their Prep peers with reading and lunch eating routines this term. This program has certainly resulted in positive connections between our older and younger students.

**SENIOR HOBBIES AND CLUBS** – A number of Grade 3 and 4 children have chosen peer mentoring as their interest and are helping their younger peers for the next month on Wednesday afternoons. Another example of connectedness within our school.

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE FIRST FULL WEEK FOR PREPS.** Please ensure all young children have bedtime routines that allow them to have 10-12 hours sleep so that they are able to cope with five full days of learning. Restrict social/leisure activities to a minimum if children are becoming too tired.

**GRADE ONE PIZZA / DISCO NIGHT AND GRADE TWO SLEEP OVER** are on Friday 19th March. These activities are part of the Camps Program. Please sign permission forms sent home today and return as soon as possible so food quantities can be organised.

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**PARENT HELPERS** - Some new home readers have been purchased and we are looking for some parent volunteers to cover these books with contact. Please see your child’s class teacher if you are able to help.

**CLEAN UP DAY** - On Friday P-3 children will be cleaning up rubbish in the front play area of the school. Some tidying will also be done in respective class gardens. Children need to bring a pair of disposable gloves and a plastic bag on Friday for hygiene purposes.

*The Early Years Team,*

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

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**Sports News**

**JRFH**

The team will be heading to Melbourne Thursday 10th, March for a demo workshop, where they will learn new tricks and meet some of the other teams from around the State. A note with all the details will be going home shortly.

**DAHLIA AND ART RELAYS: SATURDAY 19TH MARCH** - This year we will again be putting in relay teams for the Dahlia and Arts Festival. Team lists have been put on the sports board. There are some great prizes to be won for the school. All runners in the Dahlia and Arts Relay teams must be at the town hall no later than 11:30am for marshalling. Check the noticeboard for your involvement.

**ATHLETICS SPORTS**

The House Athletics Sports will be conducted on Friday 1st April. 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 9:15am. All students will be back at school for normal pick up.

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**5-A-SIDE SOCCER**

The students that represented our school in our 5-a-side soccer team yesterday had a very successful day. Well done to the Grade 3 and Grade 4 students that participated in this soccer tournament at Epsom Huntly Reserve.

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**Walking School Bus**

Hello and welcome to a new year! The Walking to School Bus will begin on Wednesday 9th March, at 8.00am, however we are on the lookout for parent helpers to assist and our program to run. Our walk to school is a very safe, scenic route starting from Simpson’s Rd and Burnside St. and provides a happy and fun start to the day for all students.
**Art News**

**THIS WEEK HAS SEEN ALL STUDENTS** very busily preparing items for the Dahlia and Art Festival. They have been painting candles, decorating the cake and having fun!!! The Dahlia and Arts festival is getting very close and all children very excited to be a part of such a great day. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible on the day. I will be sending home a note in regards to times and meeting places as soon as the information becomes available. I can't wait to see all the children dressed up as clowns and candles on the day, they are going to look fantastic.

If you wish to enter into the Dahlia and Arts art competition please contact the office for entry details.

Fantastic Effort this week from All Students!!!

*Bekki Probert*

**Maths News**

**MOST CHILDREN** in the school have been given a password for the Mathletics site, as we have purchased a licence for it this year. We have heard some good reports from those who have tried it! Remember though, that lots of Maths practice can be done incidentally, for example when working with money, measuring, telling the time and performing calculations.

*Carolyn Wright*

**Numeracy co-ordinator**

**Community News**

1. **Women’s Golf Bendigo District Inc.** - Girls Golf Clinics, Ages 6-18 at Neanger Park Golf Club, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm, cost- nil Contact Jan Conder Ph: 5446 8643

2. **The Kangaroo Flat Community Centre** provide tuition for Prep to Year 10 students who need assistance with reading, spelling, English and maths. Financial help may be available to students who qualify. For information call the office on 5447 9687. During business hours to leave a message on phone Michael directly on 0413 116 096.

3. **SabelleCalidance** Dancing *Singing* Acting *Ballet* Teamwork FUN, FITNESS, & FRIENDSHIP 0438 879 361 or sabellecalidances@gmail.com

**Office News**

**STUDENT INFORMATION** - If families have a change of contact details over the holidays could they please contact the office so we can update our records.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER** - Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Eaglehawk North Primary School.

**One Stop Shop To Support Schools’** - A motivational session relevant to parents, school councillors & school mgt/staff- ‘To sustain and engage school communities’. Date: Wednesday, March 16th, 2011. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Place: Big Hill Primary School. Location: 5644 Calder Highway, Big Hill 3555.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

**THE ANNUAL CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY** is taking place on March 6th. To support this important initiative at ENPS we will be **having a whole school clean** on Friday March 4th. Each class will head out at 12 midday for about 20 minutes. We encourage students to come along prepared with a plastic bag and possibly a disposable gloves (or tongs). These can be brought to school on the morning of Friday March 4th ready for the clean-up.

Thanks for your support with this - ENPS staff and students.
**Fundraising**

**CALENDAR**

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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.

The Fundraising Committee are looking into changing the setup for our major fundraising event this year.

We are proposing that instead of having two major events for the year we will be holding ‘*A Night On The Green*’.

This event will only include stalls selling food, drinks, show bags, etc.

This means that we will not have our ‘School Fair’ this year. Under the new plan the Fair will take place every second year with the Night On The Green in the alternate year.

If you have any feedback in regards to this proposed change of events please contact the office.

**JSC News**

In Junior School Council we have been discussing fundraisers and when to do them. We have elected people to do certain things:

President: Jenna W
Vice-President: Julia W

Treasurers: Liam D and Harry F
Golden bin: Jack B and Jackson W

Some of the fund raisers we have discussed are Pancake Day, and the World’s Greatest Shave. We will tell you more about these at assembly and in next week’s newsletter item.

**Funky Hair Day** to help raise money for Shave For A Cure. Jamie W will be having his head shaved.

By Lachie Hall.

**Community News**

**EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Training for the 2011 season starts next week. Please note the location, coaches and times below.

The coaches for all teams and training days will be as follows:

U/10 - Steve Dilks, another to be announced (Monday March 7 - Cal Gully 4:15pm)
U/12 - Darren Thompson, Matt Hall (Tuesday March 8 - Cal Gully 4:15pm)
U/13.5 - James Hanley, Graeme Heinrich (Thursday March 10 - Cal Gully 4:15pm)
U/15 - Bruce McCrae (Wednesday March 9 - Cal Gully 4:15pm)
U/16.5 - Paul Smart (Monday March 7 and Wednesday March 9 - Cal Gully 4:15pm)
Youth Girls - Traicee Weisinger (Sunday March 13 - Cal Gully 10:30 am)

If you have not yet registered for your team, please go along to training and collect the necessary forms. New players are also encouraged to attend training.

Brad Madden President
Eaglehawk Junior Football Club 5446 1795
0448 558 085

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Bendigo Chinese Association Relay for life team

Movie Fundraiser

**RIO**

RIO is a animation feature from the makers of the 'Ice Age' films. Set in the magnificent city of Rio de Janeiro and the lush rainforest of Brazil, the comedy-adventure centres on Blu, a rare macaw who thinks he is the last of his kind. When Blu discovers there's another - and that she's a she - he leaves the comforts of his cage in small town Minnesota and heads to Rio. But it's far from love at first sight between the domesticated and flight-challenged Blu and the fiercely independent, high-flying female, Jewel. Unexpectedly thrown together, they embark on an adventure of a lifetime, where they learn about friendship, love, courage, and being open to life's many wonders. RIO brings together a menagerie of vivid characters, a heart-warming story, colourful backdrops, energizing Latin and contemporary music, and family-friendly song and dance.

Where: **BENDIGO CINEMAS, Queen Street Bendigo**

**DATE:** 8th of April 2011

**TIME:** 4:30 pm

**COST:** $14 per adult

$ 11 per child

(3years old and over)

**For tickets call:**

Amanda Downing on 0418351505
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

CASSEROLE 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”