SCHOOL VALUES

- Care and Compassion – Care for self and others
- Honesty and Trustworthiness – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth
- Respect – Treat others with consideration and regard: respect another person’s point of view
- Responsibility—Be accountable for one’s own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non violent and peaceful ways; contribute to society and civic life; take care of the environment

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back to all our families. I trust everyone had a lovely holiday break and are now ready for an exciting, jam packed term 2. We have a few things coming up in the next couple of weeks so please keep a close eye on the school calendar. Also a reminder that there will be no school this Friday, 25th April due to ANZAC Day.

Some important dates to take note of include:
- Grade 3-6 Camp tomorrow and Thursday, 23rd – 24th April
- Good Start Kinder Visit – next Tuesday 29th April
- Cybersmart Outreach Presentation – Students/Staff/Parents – next Tuesday 29th April
- Grade 6 students GRIPP Leadership Development Conference – Wednesday 30th April
- Grade 5/6 Inter-School Sports start – Friday 9th May
- Prep Information Night – 19th May
- Education Week Open Day and activities – 21st May
- Michael Ymer Staff PD – 2nd June (No school for students)
- Curriculum/PUPIL Free Days: Monday June 2nd; Wednesday September 17th; Friday November 7th

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup continues again this term in the old school building on Mondays 9.30am-11am and Fridays 9am – 10.30am starting next week. All parents and 0-5 children are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. Morning tea is provided and the cost is a gold coin donation to cover supplies etc. Please pass this information on to anyone outside the Eppalock PS community who might be interested – the more the merrier.

THE CYBERSMART OUTREACH—INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION – NEXT TUESDAY 29TH APRIL.

Just a reminder that Eppalock Primary School is hosting a range of Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations next Tuesday 29th April. Designed for parents, teachers and students, these presentations are provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

Presentations will be held at Eppalock PS on Tuesday 29th April 2014;
2.15 – 3.15 pm = Student Presentation & Workshop
3.45pm – 5.00pm = Staff Presentation
6.00pm – 7.30pm = Parent Presentation

If you are interested in coming to the parent presentation and/or know of other parents in the local community who would like to attend please return the RSVP slip attached to today’s newsletter to school as soon as possible and mark the date in your diary. It should be a very informative session.
TERM 2 VALUES
We will be focusing on the values of HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS during term 2 and will be giving students who display these values, awards at assembly on Monday mornings.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS INFORMATION
Education Week Activities & Dates
The prospective Prep Parent Information Evening at Eppalock Primary School is on Monday May 19th between 6.00pm-7:00pm. For an individual tour of the school & appointment, please contact the school at any time.
Whole School Open Morning
Wednesday May 21st. Guided Tours from 10am–11am followed by a Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Tea in the Project Space at 11am.

Have a wonderful, honest week. Mrs Ryan

WANTED – Natural Play Space Items
We are looking to develop the play space at the bottom of the oval on the corner of Axe Creek & Patons Road. At this stage we have some large rocks in this area but need some other natural products to develop the children’s imagination as they learn and explore through nature. If you are cleaning up over the holidays and have the following items we would love you to drop them at school for us to use to work on this area.
Items required include;

• 1 metre (approximately) long sticks with a circumference of around 10 – 15 cm to use as edge borders to form paths and define spaces.
• Large tree branch – up to 5 metres long (can have other thick branches coming off) – for the children to climb and explore on.
• Large and small rocks.
• Mulch
• Natural Cubby building items
• Cut off timber stumps to use as seats and stepping planks – can be varying heights.
• Pavers or large flat rocks for stepping stones.

LIBRARY NOTICE—MISSING BOOKS
All books in the Harry Potter Series are missing from our library. Please check for any library books your child/ren may have borrowed.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

• NEXT MEETING— MONDAY 5TH MAY COMMENCING AT 9.15 AM IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING— ALL WELCOME.

• PARENT CLUB IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF HERB PLANTS / CUTTINGS IN SMALL POTS. IF YOU CAN ASSIST, PLEASE LEAVE THEM HERE AT SCHOOL ANYTIME. The plan is that students will decorate a plant pot and re-pot the herbs during CLUBS and LIVING GREEN program this term.
IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th   Grade 3/4/5/6 CAMP—’Sunnystones’

Friday 25th   ANZAC Day—public holiday
Monday 28th   1st Year Student Teachers from Latrobe University
              Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 29th  Good Start Kinder visiting
              Cybersmart Presentation
Wednesday 30th   Gripp Leadership Conference for Grade 6 students
              Prime Program

MAY

Thursday 1st   MARC Library
Friday 2nd    Living Green
              Clubs
Monday 5th    Parent Club Meeting—9.15 am
              Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 6th   Drama / Music
Wednesday 7th School Cross Country at Elmore (whole school)
Friday 9th    Living Green
              Clubs
              Inter-school Sport (Grade 5 & 6)
Monday 12th   Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 13th  Drama / Music
Wednesday 14th  Prime Program
Thursday 15th  MARC LIBRARY
              School Council Meeting—6.00 pm
Friday 16th   Living Green
              Clubs
              Inter-school Sport (Grade 5 & 6)
Monday 19th   Confucius Classroom
              Prep Information Evening (2015) 6.00 pm—7.00 pm
Tuesday 20th  Drama / Music
Wednesday 21st  Whole School Open Morning followed by Grandparents and Special Friends
               morning tea at 11.00 am
Friday 23rd   Living Green
              Clubs

•  PUPIL FREE DAYS—MONDAY June 2nd; WEDNESDAY September 17th; FRIDAY November 7th
NUDE FOOD LUNCH BOX IDEAS

To help each other in our efforts to be wrapper free at school, the parent club has decided to include a regular weekly ‘Nude Food Lunch Box Ideas’ section in the newsletter.

This will be an opportunity for us to share lunch box ideas that are quick, easy, cost effective, kid friendly, and most importantly, wrapper free.

Please email any recipes you come across throughout the year to mark_bee@iinet.net.au so we can be sure to have it included.

ONE CUP FRUIT SLICE

Ingredients:
- 230 g wholemeal SR flour
- 200g desiccated coconut
- 100 g brown sugar
- 100 g chopped dried fruit
- 250 ml milk (can use reduced fat)

Method:
1. Pre heat oven to 180 degrees
2. Grease and line a slice tray
3. Mix all ingredients together
4. Press into tin
5. Bake for 25-30 minutes until brown
6. Allow to cool
7. Cut into 20 pieces

2015 Prep Dates

The 2015 Prep Enrolment Information Booklet will be available in kindergartens soon and outlines key dates for 2015 Preps in all Bendigo schools including information sessions for prospective Prep parents and transition days for students.

EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL;
Orientation Program Dates for 2014 Preps
Visit 1; Thursday 13th November - 11.30am-1.00pm
Visit 2; Wednesday 19th November - 9.30am-11.00am
Visit 3; Monday 24th November - 10.00am-11.30am
Whole school/State Wide Orientation Day/Classroom visit 4 Tuesday December 9th - 9.00am-11.30am

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WRIGGLING WORMS

Have you got an amazing worm farm that made it through the summer? Do you have a spare handful of worm farm worms? Our school worms have an abundance of fruit that they are struggling to eat and we need to boost their numbers to get our worm farm really working. If you can spare some worms we would really appreciate it. We currently have red wrigglers (the ones you buy from the hardware shop in the yellow box).
COMMUNITY NEWS

**AXE CREEK COMMUNITY FRESH PRODUCE SWAP**

*Do you have excess vegetables, fruit, eggs or herbs from your garden?*  
*Not sure what to do with them?*

Bring them to the **Axe Creek Community Fresh Produce Swap** at Eppalock Primary School.

If you have excess vegetables, fresh fruit, eggs, herbs or any other items, please bring them along and be part of our **Fresh Produce Swap** program. There are baskets on the bench in the school foyer and the process is that you can swap your produce for other produce.

If you do not have produce to swap that’s OK, just help yourself to the fresh produce displayed. You do not need to pay for any of the produce, however if you wish to make a monetary donation for anything it will be put towards our Living Green Program.

**Fun with OzSquash!**

Short Description: The OzSquash program is a nationally recognised, modified version of squash aimed at primary school aged children, from 5-12 years old. Squash Vic has developed an 8 week in centre squash or racquetball version for primary school students to participate at their local clubs.

**Location:** Bendigo Squash Centre, 242 Barnard Street, BENDIGO VIC 3550  
**Program Start Date:** Monday 5 May: 4pm – 5pm (8 weeks)  
**Program Cost:** $95 per child

Cost includes: An OzSquash back-pack, a racquet, ball, t-shirt, drink bottle, wristband and 8 coaching sessions

For more information or to register please contact Squash Vic at (W) www.squashvic.com.au (E) dev.coord@squashvic.com.au or on (P) 03 9682 2199.

**Been watching the Baseball? Wanna play? Start today!**

The **Bendigo East Baseball Club** has vacancies for boys or girls from 6 years and up to play T Ball and junior Baseball in the 2014 competition commencing on 27th of April.

Club Fees are only $65 to $85 per player.

Baseball training is held at the Ken Wust Oval, Quarry Hill.

For more details go to www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au or Contact Club Coach Nigel Close on 0408 679 402

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

If you or a friend would enjoy being a volunteer in an aged care facility, we would love to have you on our team. Please call Cheryl or Andrew at Victoria Heights Residential Care on 5443 2731.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER?**

Ashleigh is 13 ¼ years old and is well liked by younger children. She would be looking to charge about $10 an hour but is negotiable according to how many kids and how, when & where. Anyone interested can contact Donna on 0408 509 061.
BENDIGO BANK SCHOOL BANKING

The staff from Bendigo Bank’s Strath Hill branch visit Eppalock Primary School each TUESDAY MORNING providing a school banking service for students.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account and moneybox to learn about the process and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions—plus a lot of fun games and rewards—a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving fun.

Please note—the school banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at the Strath Hill branch.

Further information is available from the school office or by calling into the Bendigo Bank Strath Hill branch.

How to Help Your Kids Worry Less

During this two hour workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

2014
When: Wednesday 30th April
Time: Arrival and registration 12.45pm
Session 1.00pm-3.00pm
Where: CentaCare Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: Free
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Barb Webb and Janine Stewart
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

Toddlers

This two hour workshop will give parents and carers of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others.
We will discuss toddler development and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family.
Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

Term 2 2014
When: Monday 12th May 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 6.15pm
Session 6.30pm-8.30pm
Where: CentaCare Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: Free
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Pru Robertson and Barb Webb
Parking: On site parking available in staff car park, entrance via Negretti St

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.
Dear Parent,

**Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online**

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Eppalock Primary School is hosting a **Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation**. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

Eppalock Primary School is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Parent presentation will be held on:

**Tuesday 29th April 2014, 6pm – 7.30pm in the New School Building.**

To register your attendance, please return the RSVP slip below as soon as possible.

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I wish to attend the Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Parent presentation on Tuesday 29th April 2014, 6pm – 7.30pm at Eppalock PS.

Name/Names: __________________________________________________________________________
A reminder to Grade 3/4/5/6 students and families that our 2014 Camp is tomorrow and Thursday.

The bus will leave school at 9.00 am tomorrow (Wednesday 23rd April) and return at 3.15 pm on Thursday 24th April.

We are looking forward to a great time at Camp Sunnystones, Bacchus Marsh.

In case you have misplaced your copy, here is the ‘What to Bring List’ again

The following is a list of requirements. All items should be identified with a name.

- Fitted Sheet, Pillowcase & Doona/Sleeping Bag - (a fitted sheet is compulsory even if using a sleeping bag)
- Water Bottle (it is essential that students have a water bottle for all outside activities)
- Towel
- Underwear (1 pair for each day plus one spare)
- Long Socks (anklet socks NOT recommended)
- Pyjamas & Slippers
- Jumpers/windcheaters (wool or fleece keeps warm when wet)
- Jeans / shorts/ track suit
- Outdoor sneakers / walking shoes / boots
- Toiletries, including insect repellent, sun screen
- Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothes
- Hat for warmth and sun protection (wide-brimmed hat and beanie)
- Torch (a small torch is sufficient)
- Waterproof jacket or coat
- Book

**At least one complete change of clothes is needed.

NO MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, ELECTRONIC GAMES, RADIOS, TAPE PLAYERS, WALKMANS etc

Cameras are permitted but are the responsibility of the individual student