Some of our Grade 6 students, who will be attending BSE College for their Secondary education, will be taking part in a Scavenger Hunt and meet with Student Ambassadors to address their questions about secondary school, tomorrow morning between 9.30am and 10.30am. There is no cost involved for this excursion and parent permission is covered by the local excursions permission form. Students and families are also invited to a Musical Showcase by the Bendigo South East College Music Department this Thursday evening, 29th August at 7.30 pm.

Somers Camp

Four of our grade 5/6 students – Chloe, Nicole, Jesse and Jordan headed off to Somers Camp this morning. They are very lucky to be part of this great experience and will have the time of their lives taking part in a range of fun activities including Boating, Archery, Drama, Art, Environmental Studies, Bushcraft, Orienteering, Rope Courses, Swimming, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Flying Fox and Challenge Swing. While evening activities include Night Hike, Bushdance, Concert Nights, Disco, Games Nights, and Campfire. Somers Camp is situated on Western Port Bay, 80Kms from Melbourne and provides a 9 day program based on the social interaction of 160 children (80 boys) and (80 girls) from a large number of schools in our area. We wish them all the best and can’t wait to hear all about it when they get back.

MARC Van

Due to the special Book Week activities last week and an alternative timetable for schools we have the MARC Van coming to school this Thursday. Just a reminder to students that they need to bring their MARC Van books back to school by Thursday so they are able to borrow.
Education Support (ES) Staff Month

August is the time that we acknowledge and celebrate the huge contribution that ES staff make to the school team. Education Support Staff work in a multitude of occupations in primary, secondary and special development schools, and are a crucial part of our education system. Education Support Staff perform a range of duties in educational setting such as manage school libraries, laboratories and kitchens, assist students with special needs, both inside and outside the classroom, are accredited First Aid Officers, run out of school care programs, work in school offices as business managers and assistants to name a few. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge the hard working ES team at Eppalock Primary School: Marie Mannes, Ronda Rodwell and Ash Harvey.

Have a wonderful week …… Mrs Ryan

URGENT REQUEST FROM THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CLUB

There are 9 kids doing Operation Christmas Child in Clubs on a Friday afternoon. We are sorting out items to put into shoeboxes. To make this possible we need these items:

- Some more shoeboxes
- More item donations
- Money donations for $9 for shipping.

We desperately need items in the following groups:

- **Personal Hygiene** (e.g. soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hairclips, etc.)
- **Something to play with** (e.g. tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind-up torch, etc.)
- **Something special** (e.g. carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.)
- **Something to love** (teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.)
- **Something to wear** (e.g. t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.)

Thank you from the Operation Christmas Child Club

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Next Meeting
Friday 13th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch

Available—Gold Coast Resort Vouchers
$20.00 EACH
Various Resorts & Deals - eg. $169 to pay for 2 Adults, 4 nights (children $15 extra, per night)
Fully Transferable and would make a great gift for family and friends!
For further details please see Marie in the office.
THEO & THE LION EXCURSION

Next Tuesday, 3rd September, the school will be traveling by bus to the Arts Centre in Melbourne to see the Patch Theatre Company’s performance of “Theo & The Lion” - a whimsical, dream-world adventure inspired by Pamela Allen’s picture book, “A Lion in the Night”.

The cost of this excursion has been greatly reduced due to a grant Mrs Tonzing was lucky enough to secure for the school.

We will travel by bus leaving school at 9.00 am SHARP and returning approximately 4.30 pm. Students will need to be collected from School at 4.30 pm as there will be NO After School Care available on this day. Students are asked to wear full school uniform, bring a cut lunch, snack and water bottle. Ipod / hand-held games may be taken to use on the bus, however NO PHONES or MONEY please (students need to be totally responsible for any equipment they take).

The cost of the excursion is $34.00 per student. Permission forms are attached to today’s newsletter, please fill in and return to school with money by Friday of this week (30th August).

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE THIS THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

Please note that After School Care will NOT be available this Thursday following the active program.

Students will need to be collected from school at 4.30 pm.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 2013

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is renowned as being one of Australia’s most popular fundraising event programs in schools. Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is all about learning how to keep fit and healthy. It improves the kids’ strength and confidence in physical activities and builds healthy bones and muscles. Students can have lots of fun with their class mates and play lots of skipping games too. At the same time they will be helping save Australian lives by asking their family and friends to sponsor them for being a part of this fun program. Funds raised go towards research to help the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Each year over 400,000 students get involved and over 700,000 families and friends sponsor participating students in support of the Heart Foundations lifesaving work.

This year Eppalock Primary School are getting involved with Jump Rope for Heart and holding a ‘Jump Off Day’ on Monday 16th September 2013. As part of ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ a Sponsorship form is attached to this weeks newsletter in which students can collect donations which will help the Heart Foundation continue their important work, fund lifesaving research and educational program. There are also some great thank you prizes available and these and more details are listed within you ‘sponsorship form’.

We hope that everyone can be involved and support this great cause as the students have really embraced the skipping at school!

ADVANCE NOTICE - CFA S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness Field Education) DAY

Bendigo Showgrounds on Wednesday 11th September 2013.

The whole school will be attending this event. The program will be interactive, allowing students to learn a wide range of safety messages. Students will rotate through 5 structured lessons throughout the day in order to gain maximum impact and benefit from the educational sessions.

The cost is $5.00 per student and the attached CFA ‘Talent Release Forms’ must be completed and returned to school prior to the day.
IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

27th August—September 4th—SOMERS CAMP (four of our students attending)

Tuesday 27th DRAMA / MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Thursday 29th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Please note that After School Care will NOT be available this Thursday following the active program.
Students will need to be collected from school at 4.30 pm.

Friday 30th LOTE
CLUBS

BSE Music Evening - 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 3rd MELBOURNE EXCURSION (whole school)

Thursday 5th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday 6th LOTE
CLUBS

Tuesday 10th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Wednesday 11th CFA SAFE DAY

Thursday 12th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-Skills

Friday 13th LOTE
CLUBS

Monday 16th Jump Rope for Heart - Jump off Day
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Tuesday 17th DRAMA / MUSIC

Thursday 19th MARC LIBRARY

Friday 20th END OF TERM (1.30 pm Dismissal)
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

- **Kaden Unthank** for excellent progress in Maths
- **Joe Wild** for working hard in maths
- **Nikiah Ratcliffe** for working hard at her problem solving maths task

**Responsibility Award** was awarded to the **Grade 6 students**.

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Big thank you to Ellie for helping Jessica on Friday when her lunch box fell and needed packing up again (from Jessica)

Mrs Lawson for letting Abby and I use her camera (Chloe & Abby)

Abby and Jazz for being there every day to listen to what each of us have to say (from Chloe)

The Challenge finishes in early September and I need all books to be recorded by **Wednesday 4th September** to ensure I have enough time to verify them on the system. Unfortunately I will be unable to access the system from September 12th. Congratulations to those that have completed and for those who are still reading.

Keep up the great work,

Mrs Lindhe
Our school will be used as a **POLLING VENUE** on this day and we plan to take the opportu-
tunity to hold some fundraising events ....

- Sausage Sizzle
- Tea & Coffee Stall
- Plant Stall (calling all gardeners to pot cuttings and plants for this stall)
- Cake Stall (disposal plates & bags have been sent home—all ingredient must be listed and **NO Cream**)
- Memorabilia Stall

We will be asking for families to volunteer an hour or two to man/woman the stalls

We are also considering hiring out tables for a market stall to outside vendors. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school.

The plates for cake/slice donations for the cake stall were sent home with last weeks news-
letter. If families require a new plate, there are some extra available at the office.

Hopefully this will bring some extra funds for the kids as well as show the people in the community what a welcoming school we are!
PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Private lessons are held every Tuesday at Eppalock Primary School.

Guitar lessons  Vocal lessons
Bass lessons

For more information, please contact
Mel on 0430 042 405
Email: sina_rox@hotmail.com

AXE CREEK PLAYGROUP

Wednesday morning 9.00 am—11.00 am
Eppalock Primary School (old school building),
149 Patons Road, Axe Creek.

All welcome - morning tea and activities provided

Bendigo Gem Club

2013 Annual Exhibition

Gemarama

YMCA Leisure Centre
Browning st
Kangaroo Flat
BENDIGO
Just off High street

Sat 7th Sept
10am-5pm
Sun 8th Sept
10am-4pm

Gem Cutting and Silver Smithing
Demonstrations

Gem  Minerals
Fossils  Opals
Pearls  Jewellery
Lapidary Equipment & Tools

GOLD Nugget Sold at TENDER

ENTRY
Adults $5
Children under 16 FREE if accompanied by an Adult

Refreshments available

Contact ph. 63 5412 3691
STRATHFIELDSAYE TENNIS CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

When—Sunday 8th September 2013, 10am-12pm
Where—Inside Strathfieldsaye IGA Complex.

Registration forms will be available on the day. For all enquires, contact Joanne Rowlatt 5439 4757 or joanne.rowlatt@bigpond.com.au

BENDIGO GEM CLUB - KIDS NIGHT

Tuesday nights from 5.00 pm—7.30 pm the Bendigo Gem Club (10 Galvin Street, Bendigo) is running kids night to learn about rocks, minerals, gems and lapidary in general. Experienced instructors on hand to assist and parents are also asked to attend so the whole family will learn together.

Applications for membership can be sourced by ringing 5442 3691 or writing to Bendigo Gem Club Inc, 10 Galvin street, Bendigo (PO Box 1059 Bendigo Vic 3552).