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

SUN SMART – HATS
Eppalock Primary School has a policy that a sun protective hat (broad brimmed) is worn by all students when outside during Term 1 and Term 4. Baseball caps are not acceptable.
From the start of Term 4 children who do not have a hat will have to remain in the outdoor learning area and will be provided with board games, cards etc or will be able to read during recess and lunch.
Given the weather conditions of the past couple of days we highly recommend that students start wearing sun protective hats now.
From September, 5 things to remember
1. Slip on covering clothing. If you can see skin, UV can reach it.
2. Slop on SPF 30+ or higher broad spectrum sunscreen. One application isn’t enough so set up strategies for reapplication during the day.
3. Slap on a hat that shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses if practical. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067.
There are hats for sale at the office for $10:00 if you need to purchase a new one. Please ensure that your child’s hat is clearly named.

CFA S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness Field Education) DAY
The whole school will be attending the CFA S.A.F.E. day tomorrow, 11th September. 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. If you have not filled in the CFA permission forms, please do so and return to school tomorrow. Student will need to take a packed lunch, morning tea and drink bottle (water) with them. NO HOT FOOD TOMORROW. REMINDER the cost is $5.00 per student.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES FOR 2014 PREPS
Below is listed the dates and times for this year’s transition and orientation program for our 2014 prep students. We will also be holding a Prep Parent/Staff/Student Picnic on Thursday 7th November from 5.30pm – 7pm. This will be a great chance for our 2014 prep families to get to know each other and the staff in a friendly, relaxed setting.
Visit 1: Thursday 14th November - 11.30am-1.00pm
Visit 2: Wednesday 20th November - 9.30am-11.00am
Visit 3: Monday 25th November - 10.00am-11.30am
Whole school Orientation Day/Classroom visit 4 Tuesday December 3rd - 9.00am-11.30am
PARENTS & PRINCIPAL CHAT
I wish to invite parents to join me for a cuppa and a chat in the staffroom on Wednesday 18th September at 2.30 pm. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can better Eppalock PS please bring them along to discuss or you might just like to have a social catch up. Either way I look forward to seeing those available parents next Wednesday, 18th September at 2.30 pm.

STILL WANTED – OUTDOOR CUSHIONS FOR THE SENSORY GARDEN
Are you able to help? We are after some large, colourful, outdoor cushions for the Sensory Garden. If you (or a family member or grandparent) have some cushions you don’t want or are able to sew and have some colourful canvas etc. to make into cushions the school would greatly appreciate them. Please let me know if you are able to help out.

IDEAS/FEEDBACK BOX
Don’t forget the Ideas/Feedback box on the table in the foyer next to the Random Acts of Kindness box. If you have an ideas to improve the school, feedback on what we are doing well or thoughts you would like to share, please feel free to jot them down and pop them in the box. I am really interested to hear the thoughts/opinions/ideas of all parents and community members on ways to continue to improve Eppalock PS.

Have a wonderful week ……. Mrs Ryan

6 IMPORTANT READING TIPS
1. Make reading part of the daily routine. Make a bedtime story something to look forward to.
2. Read regularly yourself.
3. Join a local library.
4. Read books on different topics and find themes that interest your kids.
5. Play word and word association games.
6. Talk with your child: it builds communication skills, vocabulary and increases confidence.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ‘JUMP OFF DAY’ 2013 - 16th SEPTEMBER 2013
This year Eppalock Primary School are getting involved with Jump Rope for Heart and holding a ‘Jump Off Day’ next Monday, 16th September 2013. As part of ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ Sponsorship forms have been sent home so 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 on the ‘sponsorship form’.

Please remember to be collecting your sponsorship for the ‘Jump Off Day’ on Monday 16th September. These sponsorship for are due back at school before the end of Term 3.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Next Meeting—This Friday, 13th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch—all welcome—come along and enjoy a meal together. This is also a great way to show appreciation to the Axedale Tavern for their support of our school.

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.

THANK YOU—We would like to thank the Strathfieldsaye Bakery for donating bread for our BBQ last weekend. We really appreciate your support.

WOODEN FRUIT CRATES (1.2 metres x 1.2 metres x 75 cm) are available from Taradale at $30.00 each (contact Vanessa Wild 0429 806 058 for further information). Vanessa and Brendan have purchased one for use here at the school—they make great planter boxes, veggie boxes etc.
### IMPORTANT DATES

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### A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of the school community we would like to give a **big thank you** to all parents who helped out over the weekend at the ‘Polling Day’ Stalls. We had lots of parents bake cakes for the cake stall as well as man the BBQ and sell drinks. It was a great opportunity for the local community to see our wonderful school!

The Parent Club raised over **$500** from the stalls on the day, which is a fantastic effort!

A special thanks to Vanessa, Donna and parents for setting up and organising the day, it would not have been possible with you!
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

Brionee—working well during our writing sessions
Abby—for being a responsible learner
Chloe—for working hard on IXL Maths

Responsibility Award was awarded to Mac for his responsible behaviour on the Melbourne excursion.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Harmony for being a really good friend
Nikiah and I have been getting along really well (from Harmony)
Mrs Lawson for making politics fun

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO …

Lee for this Friday, 13th September
We hope you have a fun day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RILEY—he and his soccer team won the League Knock-Out Cup on the weekend. Riley plays for Strathdale United in the Under12A team. Well done Riley—we are all very proud of your sporting endeavours.
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 TENNIS ASSOCIATION MLC TENNIS HOT SHOTS PROGRAM

The Bendigo Tennis Association are proud to continue their delivery of MLC Tennis Hot Shots, the only modified tennis program endorsed by Tennis Australia. MLC Tennis Hot Shots targets players from 4 to 10 years of age, who are looking to develop their tennis skills.

The BTA will hold a FREE a come and try day of Hot Shots on Saturday 12th October, 2013. Three sessions will run from 9.00am and 9.40am and 10.20am with each session running from 40 minutes. Any students who are interested in coming to the FREE come and try are requested to book their space by contact the Complex on 5442 5744 or emailing info@bendigotennis.com.au

For more information on the 8-week Term 4 BTA MLC Hot Shots Program, please contact the Complex.

KELLY SPORTS KIDS CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Join in the fun at our sports orientated holiday programs! For girls and boys aged 4 - 13 years old. Meet new friends, participate in cool activities and enjoy an active day out. School Holiday Program is located at The Zone Entertainment Complex, Bendigo on Mon 23rd, Tues 24th, Wed 25th Sept and Thur 3rd and Fri 4th Oct. The Zone activities include Laser tag, skating, mini golf, maze, indoor soccer, indoor hockey, circus skills as well as Amazing Races (more activities offered, all activities are subject to change). The cost for the program is $49 per day.

To book in for Term 4 Programs or for more details contact Kristi from Kelly Sports on 0417 308 139, kristi@kellysports.com.au or visit www.kellysports.com.au/zone/bendigo

KELLY SPORTS PLAYGROUP PARTIES

What happens at a playgroup party with Kelly Sports?

Lots of fun active fun happens! A one hour program for children ages 1-5 years, usually consists of group warm up games, a skills session (a sport of your choice), parachute games, dancing and movement to music and if time persists, free time with the equipment.

Cost - $60 per hour ( $70 if booked after 27th Sept 2013)

Other inclusions—a certificate to display at your playgroup, a sticker for all children, as well as face painting ($4 extra per child)

For information contact Kristi from Kelly Sports on 0417 308 139, kristi@kellysports.com.au