Term 4
October 7 – December 20

Thursday 17th October
School Council—6.00 pm

Friday 18th October
School Sports

October 21st—25th
Water Watch Week

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN 2013
The school received our NAPLAN results for 2013 late last week. Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 can collect their child’s individual report from the office. Please don’t hesitate to see your child’s teacher if you have any questions about these reports.

RIVER DETECTIVES & NATIONAL WATER WEEK—Once again we have Cass Davis, the Regional Waterwatch Co-ordinator visiting our school on Wednesday from 11.30am-12.30pm to work with the grade 3-6 students. She will be looking at the small invertebrates that live in our local waterways and talking to students about the important role these creatures play in the environment. The following Tuesday, 22nd of October 2013 the whole school will be travelling by bus to the Bendigo Botanic Gardens in White Hills to take part in National Water Week Activities.

What is National Water Week?
National Water Week is an annual awareness week that aims to improve community understanding of water issues in Australia.

Activities the students will take part in include:
- Macroinvertebrates (Water Bugs)
- Catchment in the Sandpit (Interactive story of a creek)
- Water wise Gardens (what plants are water wise)
- Storm water (what we can do to keep our waterways clean)

The theme for this year’s National Water Week is ‘Livable Communities’
A partnership with North Central Catchment Management Authority (Waterwatch), Friends of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, Coliban Water and the City of Greater Bendigo has been formed to deliver the annual National Water Week activities to schools throughout the region during National Water Week, 22 – 27 October 2013.

SCHOOL SPORTS —Just a reminder that the Annual Athletics Carnival with Axedale Primary School is on again this Friday the Bendigo Athletics Centre, Retreat Road, Spring Gully. Students need to be at the venue by 9.15am and we should be finished by 1.45pm. STUDENTS NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY PARENTS FROM THE ATHLETIC CENTRE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPORTS AS THE BUS WILL NOT BE RUNNING IN THE AFTERNOON.
Anyone who does not normally travel on the school bus but requires transport to the sports may meet the bus at school and take it to the Athletic Centre (bus will leave school at 8.55 am sharp). I will be on duty at school in the morning to meet any students who arrive. Don’t forget to wear suitable clothing – runners or sneakers, sports skirts with shorts underneath (the skirt must be removed for the high jump), shorts, t-shirt (no dresses, no singlet tops, no bare feet), a jumper and long pants, sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat. Students need to bring their own water and packed lunch although the Kiosk will be operating on the day for snacks if needed. It should be a great day and lots of fun.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the sports (a roster has been sent home today) - if you are attending the sports and would like to help, please see Anne Hartney on the day.

Angus
Wednesday 16th
We hope you have a great day.

SC H O O L  V A L U E S

- **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
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

I hope everyone has a great week . . . Mrs. Ryan

WELCOME TO LATROBE PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Welcome to our Pre-Service Teachers Emilie Jones & Holly Westaway from La Trobe University Bendigo, who will be with us for the next 3 weeks. Miss Jones will be working in the 5/6 and 3-6 rooms and Miss Westaway will be working in the Prep, 1/2 room. We hope they enjoy their time at Eppalock PS.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August. The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.

You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians need to obtain an application form from the school office and return the form to the school by 28 February 2014.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2013

The swimming program for Term 4 will be held at the YMCA complex, Eaglehawk on the following dates / times …

Monday 28th October  lesson commencing at 1.00 pm
Monday 4th November  lesson commencing at 10.50 am
Tuesday 12th November  lesson commencing at 12 noon
Tuesday 19th November  lesson commencing at 12 noon

This is part of our school curriculum and the expectation is that all students will participate. It is recommended that students bring a little extra lunch/playlunch on swimming days.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE - TERM 4

The Active After Schools Community program will commence next Tuesday, October 22nd and will run on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm for 7 weeks. Tuesday nights will be TENNIS each week (22/10/2013 – 3/12/2013) and the Thursday program will be DANCE which will commence on Thursday 24th October and run through till Thursday 12/12/2013. NOTE—NO SESSION THURSDAY 31/10 due to Pupil Free Day. Participation forms are attached and need to be returned before Tuesday 22nd October if students would like to be part of the program.
KIDS MATTER - BELONGING IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND LEARNING

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing. Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning. Making friends and having positive relationships with teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older ‘buddies’ to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it. Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying. These are some of the ways that children’s sense of belonging at school can be supported.

SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

Eppalock Primary School receives fantastic support from a range of local businesses in the Strathfieldsaye area. We have received generous support from the following businesses –

- Supa IGA Strathfieldsaye
- Strathfieldsaye Bakery
- Edwards Greengrocer
- Hume & Iser Home Hardware
- Bendigrow Garden & Living Centre
- McDonalds Plant Plus Nursery
- Strathfieldsaye Hardware
- BUFS Pharmacy Strathfieldsaye,

Each week we will provide some information on each of these businesses that has supported the school. Please support these local businesses who support us!

STRATHFIELDSAYE BAKERY

The Strathfieldsaye Bakery is located in shop 4, 25-33 Blutcher St, Strathfieldsaye and is open from 7am, Monday—Saturday. The bakery produces a range of breads, sweet goods, pastries as well as other bakery items. They also sell a range of cold drink and coffees and have plenty of room to sit down and enjoy your lunch. The Strathfieldsaye Bakery have supported the school through donations to our special lunches!

PARENT CLUB NEWS

PARENT CLUB MEETING

NEXT MONDAY, 21ST OCTOBER AT 9.15 am in the Old School Building. Bring your little ones as there is lots of toys and activities to entertain them whilst we are meeting. Come along and help plan our End of Year Community Night. We are looking at the Calendar fundraiser for this term as well as our Christmas Hamper raffle. All welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS—attached is an order form—could all orders please be in by Monday of next week (21st October). Do not send money, we will invoice your when the order is filled. There will be another order placed at the end of November / early December to ensure all items are available for the start of the 2014 school year.

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.
# IMPORTANT DATES

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Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week;

- **Reuben** - For being a caring friend.
- **Silver** - For being a fantastic member of our class
- **Jordan** - For working hard in class

Our Value for Term 4 is Respect - treat others with consideration and regard; respect another person's point of view.

The **Respect Award** for this week is awarded to **Riley**.

### Air Pollution and Asthma

School-age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

**Indoors** – formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child's asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child's asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

### Talking About Childhood Asthma

**Live From The Airways**

Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013—4pm - 6pm

FREE at the Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:

- A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
- Prof Colin Robertson
- Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.

Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online

Register at [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au) or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
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
MEET THE LOCALS WITH BENDIGO FAMILY NATURE CLUB
Sunday 20 October 11am - 1pm  FREE EVENT

- Hosted by the Wildlife Rescue Information Network this month the Bendigo Family Nature Club will be making friends with the wildlife at Kennington Reservoir, and asking how are they going living in the bush right in the middle of an urban environment?
- The WRIN is an organization dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of native fauna found injured, sick or orphaned. All of its members are all volunteers.
- This event is made possible through the volunteer support of the Bendigo Sustainability Group, Bendigo Field Naturalists and WRIN.
- Registration : meetthelocals.eventbrite.com.au

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Are you eligible to claim a CHILDS TAX OFFSET of $1,020 per child (if you are a sole parent) or $510 per child (if you are a two-parent family)?

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please act now!

Check your eligibility online at www.humanservices.gov.au/chidtax.

Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise October Grants Program

The Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise (SDCE) October Community Grants Program is closing this Friday 18th October.

The grants program provides funding for local not for profit community groups in and around Strathfieldsaye & Districts of up to $5,000.

For further information or to download an application form, head to the SDCE website:

Bendigo Wine Estate

Picnic Day 2013
Sunday November 10th, 12.30pm

ENTRY $10 PER PERSON, CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE

FREE WINE TASTING
Come and join us in the relaxing picnic atmosphere,
featuring the music of
THE UGLY UNCLE.
Tantalise your taste buds with our
2010 Award Winning Wine.
Stock up your cellars with our wine specials.

JOIN IN AND DANCE WITH THE BENDIGO JAILHOUSE ROCKERS

Axedale Olives & Olive Oil.
Jamies Fine Dressing & Jule’s Olive Oil Soaps
Green Tomato Jam & Cheese Platters & Preserves.

BBQ provided by the Axedale CFA.

Bendigo Wine Estate
682 Axedale-Goornong Road
6kms North of Axedale

For more information:
(03) 5439 7444 / 0407 508 343
sales@bendigowineestate.com.au
www.bendigowineestate.com.au
EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

(If your child is participating in this program, please write their name in the appropriate date box and return this form to school by Monday 21st October)

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All Active After School Care Programs are Free of Charge.

Children who are not picked up at the end of the session will be placed in After School Care and parents will need to pay for the service.