**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**

**SCHOOL SPORTS**—A big congratulation’s to all the students who took part in the Athletics Carnival last Friday against Axedale Primary Schools. Not only was Eppalock Primary School the overall winner on the day but more importantly all students showed great respect, sportsmanship and care and compassion for their fellow competitors and were great ambassadors for the school. Well done to everyone. A big thank you to Ms Hartney for all her hard work leading up to the day, to all the staff for their commitment to ensuring the day ran smoothly and to all the parent helpers for providing valuable help and support.

**CRICKET CLINIC**—Cricket Victoria will conducting two school clinics tomorrow at our school. The clinics will provide our students with access to an engaging coaching session which is delivered by qualified cricket coaches. The school clinic is FREE for all students.

**NAPLAN RESULTS**—Don’t forget parents of students in Grades 3 and 5 can collect their child’s individual NAPLAN Report from the school office. The Parent Report provides results for your child’s performance in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. When reading your child’s NAPLAN report you need to be mindful that it is only one component of the school’s assessment process. It presents information on your child’s achievement as assessed through testing on that particular day. In addition to NAPLAN testing, the school uses a range of assessment processes ranging from formal testing to teacher observation – the benefits of this range of assessment is that it is both cumulative and ongoing. In addition, the NAPLAN testing does not show the progress that your child has made since the time of testing. Your child’s teacher will be willing to assist if you have queries about the NAPLAN result of your child.

**KIDS MATTER**—Tomorrow Diane, Ash and myself along with some of our Parent Action Team members will be attending Component 2 training – Developing Children’s Social and Emotional Skills.

Social and emotional development refers to a child’s increasing capacity to:
- recognize and regulate emotions
- show care and concern for others
- make responsible decisions
- establish positive, effective relationships
- negotiate challenging situations effectively.

Component 2 focuses on important factors that are known to contribute to developing children’s social and emotional capacity. These include:
- positive, responsive and predictable relationships between staff and children
- many opportunities for children to develop socially and emotionally
- systems that enhance staff development and support

This training will give us the vital information and skills to take forward into our curriculum planning day on the 31st October.

*Have a great week. Mrs Ryan*
SWIMMING PROGRAM for Term 4 will be held at the YMCA complex, Eaglehawk as below -
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 program commenced today 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.

THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF READING
The below article was in the AGE Newspaper recently. It is a very interesting read and highlights the importance of children continuing to read for pleasure well beyond the junior grades.

Children who read for pleasure are likely to perform significantly better in the classroom than their peers who rarely read, according to a recent report published by the University of London's Institute of Education. According to a story published by the institute, its research examined the childhood reading practices of 6000 teenagers from similar social backgrounds, comparing their test results at ages five, 10 and 16 in the areas of vocabulary, spelling and maths.
The researchers concluded that children whose parents regularly read to them performed better in all three tests at age 16.
It was also determined that children who read often at 10, and more than once a week at 16, also scored higher in the same tests than those who read less often.
Lead researcher Dr Alice Sullivan reported that although vocabulary development was found to be the most affected area, the impact on spelling and maths was still significant.
"It may seem surprising that reading for pleasure would help to improve children's maths scores, but it is likely that strong reading ability will enable children to absorb and understand new information and affect their attainment in all subjects," Dr Sullivan said in the institute's report.
Jo Padgham, a school principal in the ACT and national vice-president of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association, says students who read a lot become learners who are risk-takers – who will have a go at learning. "Those who find reading easier at whatever age will read more and thus increase their vocabulary," she says.
"Increased vocabulary is closely related to comprehension as children move through school."
The study also concluded that reading for pleasure was a more important factor in children's cognitive development between the ages of 10 and 16 than their parents' level of education.
"The combined effect on children's progress of reading books often, going to the library regularly and reading newspapers at 16, was four times greater than the advantage children gained from having a parent with a degree," Ms Padgham says."
Children who read often for pleasure are exposed to more complex language structures and vocabulary than they are exposed to in oral situations alone, she says. "This building of a rich language and vocabulary from books from an early age is crucial to reading development," she says.
Teacher librarian Olivia Neilson has noted that young children appear to have a natural enthusiasm for reading and borrowing books. "As students move up the grades and become more independent readers, they usually voraciously devour whatever they can get their hands on, as they enjoy the feeling of reading to themselves."
Encouragement is crucial, however, particularly for reluctant readers. Ms Neilson says reading aloud from a variety of authors and genres, and offering children a range of reading materials including magazines and graphic novels, is critical in helping to meet their reading interests.
She explains that to support children in finding the success and positive self-esteem that reading can set them up for, we need to live what we teach.
"As parents, teachers and the whole community, we have a job to demonstrate to young people that reading has value for them personally. Lectures and speeches about that won't do it for them, but modelling slow reading of great books and articles will."

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

- Ari - being very clever in maths.
- Angus - for trying hard in our school sports.
- Kobi - for his great Passion Project

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 Logan, for always being a respectful member of our school.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Today, Henry helped Jesse with his spelling tasks.

Thank you to Riley for his great speech at the sports (from a parent)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

SPECIAL LUNCH—THIS FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
BAKED POTATO with choice of toppings—$3.00 each
Orders and money must be returned to school by Thursday 24th
Order forms attached

- Next Parent Club next meeting – Tuesday 11th November 9.15 am

- END OF YEAR COMMUNITY NIGHT – THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2013 commencing at 6.00 pm in the school grounds.
The night will comprise of a shared picnic tea (details below), followed by a drama performance by our students, presentation to graduating students, disco and a visit by a special person.
We ask that all families bring a ‘meat’ dish to share (enough for your own family) eg casserole, cold meat platter, quiche, sausage rolls etc
As well as a Salad (families with surname A-M)
Slice/Cake (families with surname N-Z)
BYO plates, cutlery, drinks and chair

- CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
We ask families to donate an item or two for our hamper raffle. There will be a box in the office area to place donations in. Please check ‘use-by’ dates on items and ensure there is no perishable food items.
Raffle tickets ($1.00 each) will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

- 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**

**OCTOBER**

21st - 25th - **Water Watch Week**

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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

2013 BENDIGO GRAND PRIX / VICTORIAN OPEN ROAD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2013 Bendigo Grand Prix/Victorian Open Road Cycling Championships is coming to your town and we would like to invite you to take part in the celebrations! The championships, to be held from Friday, November 8 to Sunday, November 10, are the most prestigious event on the Victorian road cycling calendar and cater for both male and female riders, who can contest three events across the three days - a time trial, road race and criterium. This event creates a fantastic opportunity for you to witness some of the world’s top flight cyclists in action!

The final event day, Sunday, November 10, is shaping up to be the most exciting of them all: In addition to the Men’s and Women’s criterium races (closed street race circuit in the CBD) there will be a Human Powered Vehicle Demonstration, a junior criterium race hosted by the Bendigo Cycling Club, and the Bendigo Highland Pipe Band will join us for a repertoire of traditional Scottish music.

WHO MAKES YOU PROUD? - Who Makes you Proud? - 2014 City of Greater Bendigo Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominations are being sought for the 2014 City of Greater Bendigo Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominees for Young Citizen of the Year must be under 25 years of age on 26 January 2014. Nominations must be received by 5pm Friday 29 November 2013.
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS | STRATHFIELDSAYE

Keeping your child healthy is a big job; and as a parent there are plenty of questions. Strathfieldsaye Primary Health will provide expert advice to parents at its health information night on Wednesday 23 October at St Francis of the Fields Community Centre from 7.00pm-9.30pm. The clinic’s doctors and nurses will be on hand to discuss topics including anxiety in children, bedwetting, common illnesses and rashes plus more. Strathfieldsaye Primary Health practice nurse Fiona Mercer said the education session is suitable for parents with children aged two to 12 years old.

Children’s health information night for parents is $5 with a light supper provided. All proceeds will be donated to Righteous Pups. For more information, or to book, phone 03 5439 4442.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER—Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaudst@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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!

Edwards Greengrocer and Deli

Quality fruit, vegetables and fresh produce are the spice of life.
They nourish family and friends. They’re the mouthfuls with which we build memories. They tell stories and help us express ourselves.

For Mandy and Greg, the creators of Edwards Greengrocer and Deli, great tasting fruit, vegetables and fresh produce are the very spice of life.

Together with their three children, they like to share great tasting food with friends and family – building memories, telling stories and expressing themselves at the same time.

It’s this enjoyment of life and commitment to good, fresh, local food that led them to create their family business. Edwards Greengrocer and Deli is what food shopping should be. The very best produce lovingly selected by a local family and presented directly to you.

You’ll find fresh fruit and vegetables, smallgoods, deli items, good coffee and speciality grocery goods combined with great service, attention to detail and easy parking.

Whether you’re around the corner or across town, head to Edwards Greengrocer and Deli for food that tastes great.

Visit Mandy and Greg
Shop 6, 25 -33 Blucher Street, Strathfieldsaye (next to the Post Office)
CLUSTER SCHOOL SPORTS PHOTOS

Friday 18th October 2013