PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP
This Thursday 7th November, at 7pm, Victory Christian College will be presenting a parent workshop covering all aspects of Online safety, including social networking, cyber bullying and identity theft. This is a not-to-be-missed session for families who have children engaged in online activities, and all families with children from Grade Four up are encouraged to attend this workshop. The workshop presenter is Mr Rodney Mills who has had 25 years experience with the Victoria Police Force, twelve years investigating fraud and four years investigating child exploitation. He has also been the keynote speaker at conferences in Australia and internationally, including 2011 National Strategy Conference on Combating Child Exploitation (San Jose, USA) and 2012 Crimes Against Children conference (Dallas, USA). The workshop is being held in the Victory Christian College Auditorium. If you would like to attend please let us know ASAP so we can provide final numbers to Victory Christian College.

BSE INDUCTION EVENING
For those students and parents who are enrolled at Bendigo South East College in 2014 there will be an Induction Evening on Tuesday 12th November at Bendigo South East College, Ellis Street, Flora Hill from 7pm to 8 pm to support transition from Primary School Surnames A - L in the Hall. Surnames M-Z in the Performing Arts. A special meeting for those enrolled in the Music Program at 8 pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

KIDSMART – OFFICIAL BLUE LIGHT HANDBOOK
Blue Light is a Police and Community initiative aiming to educate our children on the perils of drugs, alcohol and objectionable behaviour. Kidsmart Handbooks, which give advice and safety information on issues our children are subjected to from day to day have been handed out to all our grade six students. Topics covered include drugs, alcohol, suicide prevention and family issues just to name a few. We have a few left over copies of these handbooks if you would like one for your child (who is not in grade 6) or to share as a family. Handbooks can be collected from the office.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Just a reminder that all 2013 school accounts need to be finalised by the end of November to ensure all accounting is completed for the end of year roll over. Thank you to families who have already finalised their account - if you have not, it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss your account or organise a payment plan, please see myself or Marie. Banking Details below (please add your name)
Commonwealth Bank—Eppalock Primary School Council Official Account
BSB 063-506 Account Number 10152204

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
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 this 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 - Tuesday December 3rd - 9.00am-11.30am

Have a great week, Mrs Ryan 😊

SWIMMING PROGRAM for Term 4 will be held at the YMCA complex, Eaglehawk and the following sessions remain for this term -
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.

BOOK CLUB SENT HOME TODAY
Book Club order forms have been sent home today. If you would like to place an order, the complete order with payment will need to be returned to school by Tuesday 12th November.

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!

BENDIGROW GARDEN CENTRE
Bendigrow Garden Centre is located on Tannery Lane, Strathfieldsaye and they offer the complete garden and outdoor living experience. In their well stocked garden centre, they carry a wide range of trees, shrubs and seedlings and a great array of ornamental pots and planters. You will also find a unique range of hand made garden decor items including water features and metal garden sculpture, ideal for the homeowner searching for that “different” piece for their garden.

Bendigrow has a professional design and consultation service. This service advises on garden design and suitable trees and plants for your site. We can also carry out the actual construction work on the garden if required. A home delivery service is available within the Bendigo city area.

Bendigrow Garden Centre have supported us through donations for our sensory garden and we can not thank them enough.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week;

Mackenzie C—for working very well in reading

Abby—for her great reading

Jesse—for his great effort in P.E.

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

The Respect Award for this week is awarded to Nicole

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Ari, Reuben and Brionee played with me (from Jessica)

PARENT CLUB NEWS

- **Next Parent Club meeting** – next Monday, 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

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 5th Melbourne Cup - Cup Cake Day
Interschool Sports (Grade 5/6)
Active After School Program—Tennis

Thursday 7th MARC LIBRARY
Active After School Program—Dance
2014 Prep Parent Picnic - 5:30pm–7pm

Friday 8th LOTE / LIVING GREEN / CLUBS

Monday 11th Parent Club Meeting—9.15 am

Tuesday 12th Swimming Program
Active After School Program—Tennis

Wednesday 13th DRAMA / MUSIC
Prep Transition - 11:30am - 1pm

Thursday 14th Active After School Program—Dance

Friday 15th LOTE / LIVING GREEN / CLUBS

Tuesday 19th Active After School Program—Tennis

Thursday 21st Active After School Program—Dance

Tuesday 26th Active After School Program—Tennis

Thursday 28th Active After School Program—Dance

Friday 29th LOTE / LIVING GREEN / CLUBS

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd Pupil Free Day - Report Writing Day

Tuesday 3rd Orientation Day
Active After School Program—Tennis

Thursday 5th Active After School Program—Dance

Friday 6th LOTE / LIVING GREEN / CLUBS

Tuesday 10th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Thursday 12th Active After School Program—Dance

Thursday 19th End of Year COMMUNITY NIGHT

Friday 20th Last Day Term 4—1.30 pm dismissal
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 program for the weekend is as follows;

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (Emu Creek)

10.00a.m - City of Greater Bendigo Women’s Time Trial (24.6kms)
12noon - City of Greater Bendigo Men’s Time Trial (30kms)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (Spring Gully)

8.30a.m - Rising Sun Hotel Women’s Road Race (79kms)
12.30p.m. - Bendigo Advertiser Men’s Road Race (142.2kms)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER10 (Bendigo CBD)

12.45p.m - Coates Hire Women’s Criterium (25.5kms, 30laps)
2.30p.m - Symes Motors Nissan Men’s Criterium (34kms, 40laps)
IMPORTANT

Please note road closures on 8th Nov 2013 as this may affect school drop offs & pick ups.

2013 Bendigo Grand Prix/
Victorian Open Road Cycling Championships
November 8 - 10

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

BENDIGO’s status as one of Australia’s premier regional cycling destinations has been cemented, with the city to host the Victorian Open Road Cycling Championships for the second consecutive year.

The three-day titles will again double as the Bendigo Grand Prix in a bid to determine the best-performed male and female riders across the three events – a time trial, road race and criterium.

On Friday, November 8, 2013 the Bendigo Grand Prix/Victorian Open Road Cycling Championships will conduct its opening event – a time trial in Emu Creek.

The start/finish line will be located at Emu Creek Recreation Reserve on Emu Creek Road.

The following restrictions will apply during the event:

- Emu Creek Road will be closed between Hargreaves Road and Storys Road from 8.30am to 3pm on Friday, November 8, 2013 to allow event construction crew to set-up the start/finish area and for post-race presentations to be conducted.

- During 8.30am and 3pm the following roads will be closed to traffic:

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- NO PARKING on these roads during 8.30am and 3pm on Friday, November 8.
- This event will be under the control of the Victoria Police.

The course also features:

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Motorists using these roads between 10am and 11.30am and 12pm and 2.30pm may be required to stop briefly to ensure the safety of the race. The City of Greater Bendigo has organised a detour route (see map on back of page).

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that these restrictions may cause, however, this event provides you with an opportunity to watch some of the country’s best cyclists in action, so we encourage you to come along.

If you have any questions regarding the above outlined plan please call event co-ordinator Diana Nardi (03) 5224 2466.
The map below outlines the road closures and detours in place on this day.