Term 4
October 7 – December 20

COMMUNITY NIGHT
Thursday 19th December

No Birthdays this week!

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

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS**
We will be playing our final Round Robin session this Friday November 29th at Bendigo South East Secondary College. All teams will be mixed with students from Spring Gully PS, Kennington PS, Quarry Hill PS and Eppalock PS making up each team. The games will begin at approximately 11:30am and as always parents are most welcome to come and watch. We also need a parent who is able to transport students to and from the location on Friday – please let me know if you are able to help.

**GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER**
This year’s Grade 6 Graduation Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 10th December at the National Hotel, High Street, Bendigo. The evening will commence at 6pm and will include dinner, awards and powerpoint presentations prepared by the students. Invitations have been sent to all parents, staff and school council members.

**FACEBOOK**
Eppalock PS now has Facebook. A note was sent home late last week advising parents of our Facebook page and highlighting the Code of Conduct for use – this is also attached to today’s newsletter. We already have over 50 likes and nearly 500 people have viewed our page! If you would like to ‘like’ the Eppalock PS Facebook page, please ensure you click the ‘like’ button and read through the Code of Conduct. We will be posting information and reminders for parents on our page so please follow us so you will be up to date with what is happening at school.

**STRATHFIELDSAYE COMMUNITY CAROLS**
We have been invited to sing at the Strathfieldsaye Christmas Community Carols evening on Wednesday 11th December at JG Edwards Oval, Uxbridge St, Strathfieldsaye, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will be joining with Strathfieldsaye PS and also performing on our own. We realise this is a busy time of year and not all children will be available on this night so we ask that if your child is able to join in and represent the school could you please return the attached expression of interest form. This will be a fantastic way to showcase our wonderful school to the broader community.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**
Just a reminder that next Monday, 2nd of December is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be spending the day working on student end of year reports and planning for 2014. NO students are required at school next Monday.

**ORIENTATION DAY TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD**
On this day Grade 6 children will visit their respective secondary schools and all other children will move up and spend the morning with their classroom teacher for 2014. Our 2014 Preps will also spend the morning session at school for the final time before the beginning of the 2014 school year.
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 appreciate 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

Have a great week ……………Mrs Ryan

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 –

BUFS PHARMACY STRATHFIELDSAYE
UFS Pharmacies is a community enterprise established in 1872. This means we exist to provide benefits to our members and the community through the provision of health products and services in the Greater Bendigo Region. Any surplus’s generated are reinvested in our business to create more services for our customers.

BUFS Pharmacy, Strathfieldsaye is located in Blutcher St, Strathfieldsaye and is open for business 6 days a week.
BUFS Pharmacies provide a range of products and services such as Professional Services (blood pressure checks, medication reviews, etc.), Cosmetics & Skincare supplies, Nutritional Medicines and Vitamins as well as General Products & Services.
BUFS Pharmacies also offer fantastic membership benefits and discounts when you sign up as member.

THANK YOU
On behalf of Eppalock Primary School, we would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the school;
♦ Russell Mannes - For all the work he did around the school on Friday afternoon. Russell was able to move the large rocks down to the front of the school (which looks fantastic), relocated and spread out the remaining mulch, moved the veggie boxes to their new location next to the tank as well as tidying up the area below the oval, making it much safer coming into the warmer months!
♦ Parent Club– For their support and organisation of the morning tea for new parents on Monday morning.
♦ A special thank you to Nikki Mannes, Vanessa Wild, Jackie Hebble, Donna Bowe and Meredith Gallagher for attending the morning tea, bringing some food to share and representing our current school community.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

- **Jaiden**—for being very helpful
- **Nicole**—for working hard on her writing

**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 **JAZZ**

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

- Thanks to Henry’s mum, Bec, for bringing special coffee to playgroup (Danielle—Mackenzie’s mum)
- To Mac L—Mac played with me when I had no one else to play with (Ellie L)
- To Jaiden, Henry, Logan and Reuben—thank you for letting me play ball ‘tiggy’ with you when I was on my own (from Mac L)
- To Riley and Harmony for braving the ‘bindis’ and herding the sheep in for shearing before school (from...)

**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

- **Next meeting** - Monday 9th December—9.15 am in old school building.

- **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 are no perishable food items. Raffle tickets ($1.00 each) will be sent home soon.

- **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.

  Stuck On You provides parents with the option to purchase custom labels which can be used on book, clothing, lunch containers as well as anything that needs labelling, Eppalock PS have created a fundraising account with Stuck On You. If you purchase some labels from Stuck On You, please ensure that you tag Eppalock PS.

- **CRAZY CAMEL CHRISTMAS CARDS and CALENDAR** orders and money **MUST** be returned to school tomorrow.
## IMPORTANT DATES

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Sharon, Gary and the Unthank Family on the safe arrival of Jonte.
COMMUNITY NEWS

STARLIGHT DRIVE – IN BENEATH THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre in conjunction with a variety of local sponsors is proud to announce that we are bringing the drive in back to Bendigo - for one night only! The night will include 60’s, 70’s and 80’s live music, jumping castles, children’s rides, laser tag, Bendigo’s Thunder footballers, face painting, displays, a food court and roaming entertainment.

The two screenings will be of a ‘Blast from the Past’ and the main feature will be the newly released ‘Top Cat the Movie’.

This family fun night will be held at the Bendigo Showgrounds on Saturday the 25th of January 2014 and tickets will are now on sale through the website www.starlightdrivein.com.au

These would make a fantastic Christmas present or raffle prize! All proceeds from the night will be donated to the Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre.
You’re invited

Bernie Geary has worked with vulnerable young people and their families for over 40 years, in 2005 becoming Victoria’s inaugural Child Safety Commissioner to enhance the safety and wellbeing of Victoria’s children. This year Bernie commenced as the Principal Commissioner, Commission for Children and Young People.

You are invited to hear Bernie speak at the Bendigo Community Health Service’s AGM.

Date: Wednesday 27 November 2013
Time: 5.15pm
Location: JB Osborne Theatre — Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat
Guest speaker: Bernie Geary - Principal Commissioner, Commission for Children & Young People
RSVP: Friday November 22 to Clare Wood 5448 1600 or clarewood@bchs.com.au

We hope you can join us for this public community event with Bernie Geary, ‘one of the State’s most powerful and passionate advocates for disadvantaged young people’
Junior learn to sail Holiday program

www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers

Kids + Boats = FUN

The Yachting Australia program is aimed at getting kids into sailing.

The program includes:
- 20 hours tuition from a qualified YA Instructors & Assistant Instructors
- Fun on-water & off-water games
- Certificate

Where
Bendigo Yacht Club, Lake Eppalock

When
Session times
9am to 1pm for ‘TACKERS’ (Ages 7-12)
12pm to 4pm for ‘GYBERS’ (Ages 13-18)

5 day course dates
✓ Mon 9 Dec to Fri 13 Dec 2013
✓ Mon 13 Jan to Fri 17 Jan 2014
✓ Mon 20 Jan to Fri 24 Jan 2014

Contact us now!
$250 per participant
Bookings available – register early for a holiday program

You don’t need your own boat and you don’t need to be a member of a yacht club to take part.

Sailing school coordinator, Helen
Phone: 0419 534 261 Email: bendigoyc.training@gmail.com
I am a registered generalist psychologist with a Masters in Educational and Developmental Psychology. I work with individuals and families and have experience working with children as young as 3 yrs old and adults to 55 yrs of age. Best practice strategies in supporting children to fulfill their full potential means that I work closely with parents, family members and significant others in the child’s life. I use a strengths based approach and engage with social support networks because they are crucial for long term positive changes to people’s lives.

If you have a Mental Health plan from your doctor, I am able to bulk bill my services through Medicare and you can receive up to 10 free one hour counselling sessions in a calendar year.

My specific areas of expertise include:

- Support & Guidance for Parents
- Children’s behavioral issues including Autism & ADHD
- Social skills training
- Anger Management
- Depression or Anxiety (including fears or phobias)
- Grief or Trauma
- Cognitive & Diagnostic Assessments

To make an appointment, call Alice on 0413477020.
Eppalock Primary School Facebook Code of Conduct

Our intent is to grow our school and communities understanding of social media and to make connecting with our school more convenient. We wish our content to be more accessible and to also tap into the knowledge and support base of our parent community. Our school’s Facebook page allows our community to keep up to date with activities through a medium preferred by many. The page will allow us to seek your input on issues and to also make us aware of areas where we can improve. But overwhelmingly, our Facebook page is a place where we build our community by building school spirit. We ask that our community accentuate the positives and bring to everyone’s attention the little things that make our school community great.

**Our Code of Conduct**

**Using Real Names**
All users interacting with the Eppalock PS Facebook page, by either liking or commenting on posts must do so using a Facebook account that clearly identifies them by their real name.

**Interaction with Eppalock PS through Facebook.**
The school will not respond directly to requests or messages on Facebook. If you need to contact the school or speak to your child’s teacher, call us directly on (03)5439 6366 or email eppalock.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Raising Issues and not Including Names**
Eppalock Primary School is happy to be alerted to issues via its Facebook page but does wish to remind the community that some things are best dealt with privately. The kind of issues that can be raised should be centred around school improvements, generally on infrastructure or processes. Issues involving any of the students or staff must not be raised in the Facebook page. When issues are raised we are happy to see people support the issue via a Facebook comment or a ‘like’. We will however not support interactions that incite or fuel overly negative sentiments. We also ask that you do not use the names of our teaching and administration staff, students or any other member of the community in any issues based postings.

**When can I use Names in Posts**
You can use names in posts when you wish to acknowledge someone’s great work or community contribution. We wish our Facebook page to be used to build spirit; patting someone on the back publicly goes a long way to building the school we all want.

**How to Interact with the Facebook Page**
Initially, users will be able to comment on the school's postings and on comments by other users. Users will also be able to ‘like’ a post or comment by clicking on the like button. Users will not be able to author a posting of their own or load media such as video or photos. If users have content that they would like to load on the Facebook page, please email the content to the school and it will be loaded at the discretion of the Facebook administrators. User rights will be reviewed over time and assessments made on liberalising access.

**Underage Facebook Users**
Eppalock Primary School does not endorse children under the 13 year old threshold imposed by Facebook create their own Facebook account. We encourage children under parental supervision to view our school’s Facebook page and contribute to content. We believe our communities conduct on our Facebook page will serve as role modelling for our students as to how to behave in social media spaces.

**Friending Teachers on Facebook**
Our teachers operate under a code of conduct that states that they are to maintain a professional relationship with students and parents and refrain from social interaction. Please do not seek to Facebook friend our teachers.

**Moderation and Blocklisting**
Eppalock Primary School reserves the right to set the strength level of the Facebook profanity filter and to add additional words and names to the page’s blocklist.

**Actions Resulting from any Breaches of the Code of Conduct**
Eppalock Primary School reserves the right to ban any user from interacting with its Facebook page for breaches of the Code of Conduct. Any individuals found to be breaching the schools Code of Conduct will be removed from the Eppalock PS Facebook Page.

**The Law and Facebook’s Terms**
Eppalock Primary School Facebook page operates under the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Facebook’s Terms.