Term 4
October 7 – December 20

COMMUNITY NIGHT
Thursday 19th December

We hope you had a great day!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER
The Grade 6 Graduation Dinner is on next Tuesday, 10th December at the National Hotel, High Street, Bendigo. Invitations have been sent home to all those involved, if you haven’t returned your RSVP could you please do so by tomorrow as we need to confirm numbers. Thanks so much.

MOTHER/PARENT/CARER AND DAUGHTER EVENING
We are very lucky to have the school nurse coming on Monday 9th December to provide an information session for the grade 4-6 girls at our school and their mothers. The session is designed to introduce girls to the physical and emotional changes they will undergo during their development into adulthood. This session will run from 2.15 - 3.15pm and individual notices have been sent home. If you are able to attend please return the RSVP section of the note to the school office as soon as possible.

WORKING BEE
We will be having a School Working Bee this Friday, 6th December. The working bee will begin after school at approx. 3:30pm. Please see a list of jobs attached to today’s newsletter. If you could spare an hour or two to help with jobs around the yard, it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

ORIENTATION DAY
Today saw our grade 6 students go off to their chosen Secondary Colleges for the state-wide transition day. I hope they all had a wonderful day and enjoyed their first taste of Secondary College. The rest of our students spent the morning with their proposed classes for next year and we also had our 2014 prep children attend their final transition session for the year. What a gorgeous group of children. They have settled so well into the school routines and are all ready to go for 2014. We look forward to having them and their families as part of our wonderful school community.

MARC VAN
Marc Van is at school for the last time this year on Thursday. It would be wonderful if all our books were returned before Thursday. Please check at home and return them to school tomorrow or Thursday morning. Books that are not returned will need to be paid for and MARC will send you an invoice for their replacement value.

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
ENVIROMENTAL PROGRAM
We are very excited to announce that Lydia Fehring has been appointed as our Environmental teacher for 2014 and will work here at Eppalock, one day per week next year. Lydia comes with a wealth of experience and expertise in this area and we look forward to an exciting year with our Environmental Program.

GRADE PREP-2 STAY BACK
This year students will be heading to the White Hills Gardens for a picnic tea and some fun activities. The Stay Back is on Thursday night, 12th December, please see specific note for details.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Just a reminder that all 2013 school accounts should have been finalised 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

UNIFORM ORDER—ATTACHED
Please find attached the uniform order form. If you require any new uniforms for next year, please fill this form in and return it by TOMORROW (Wednesday 4th December), to ensure that this order can be sent prior to the end of the year.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO EPPALOCK WARD MEETING
City of Greater Bendigo Eppalock Ward Councillors, Rod Campbell, Helen Leach and Mark Weragoda invite all interested members of the community to attend an Eppalock Ward meeting in Strathfieldsaye on Monday December 16.

The meeting will commence at 7.00 pm at the Strathfieldsaye Sports Club, 41 Club Court, Strathfieldsaye and will be an opportunity for residents to discuss a range of issues.

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 KIDS LABELS AND GIFTS— www.stuckonyou.com.au
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.
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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.

BENDIGO BANK SCHOOL BANKING

Every Tuesday at Eppalock Primary School.

Applications available from the School Office.

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

Poyser Motors

Proudly presents:

Starlight Drive – In
Beneath the Southern Cross

Bendigo Showgrounds

6 pm Sat 25th of Jan 2014

Family ticket $ 40 kids under 5’s free
Pre – sale tickets are now available:

www.starlightdrivein.com.au

Or call Noel on 0429 160 087
COMMUNITY NIGHT
EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER – 6.00 PM

Picnic Tea (shared)

Drama Performance by students

Presentation to Graduating Students

Visit by a very special person

Disco for all ‘young-at-heart’

All families are asked to bring a ‘meat’ dish to share (enough for your own family) eg casserole, cold meat platter, quiche, sausage rolls etc as well as:

• Salad (families with surname A-M)
• Slice/Cake families with surname N-Z)
• BYO plates, cutlery, drinks and chair
NEW Fun Language Clubs for Kids

HELD HERE AT EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

MANDARIN CLUB FOR KIDS

FUN, PLAY BASED PROGRAMS
BEFORE SCHOOL, LUNCHTIMES, AFTER SCHOOL

Expression of Interest

Tell us your day/time preference/s for 2014.
Mon-Thur
Cost $165 per term

Play-based programs: Games, craft, songs, puppets, plays and fun activities to get your child using the language naturally and quickly. Imagine the kids in a play of ‘The 3 Little Pigs’ in Chinese.

We can help your child become bilingual....

Semi-immersion & passionate linguists as teachers
Perfect complement to cultural school programs

The FUN way to learn another language

Enquiries to Sally-Anne mob: 0418 390 824
email: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au
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.
Help us celebrate the 100th birthdays of two trams in Bendigo’s iconic fleet!
Sunday 8 December 2013

All funds raised on the day will go towards the Heritage Tram Restoration Fund!

Date: Sunday 8 December 2013
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Cutting of Birthday Cake: 2:00pm
Place: 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo VIC
Phone: (03) 5442 2821

Facebook: /bendigotramways
Website: www.bendigotramways.com

To say THANKS to the Bendigo community for all of your support, we are offering a host of family fun activities!

- 70% off Vintage ‘Talking’ Tram Tours. Adults: $5.00, Children $2.50 (Children under five: free).
- Gold coin Depot and Workshop Tours.
- Gold coin Bendigo Joss House Temple Tours.
- Gold coin self-guided Surface Tours at Central Deborah Gold Mine.
- Other activities include: The presentation of Tram No. 5 and 17, as well as the launch of a new DVD about the Bendigo Tramways produced by Roger Greenwood.

If you’ve been meaning to ride a Vintage ‘Talking’ Tram for years, now is your chance!
Strathdale Maristians Cricket Club

Inviting people with a disability to participate in Modified Cricket

Strathdale Maristians Cricket Club invites you to come along and learn the basic skills of cricket. Get active, meet new people and have fun.

Our cricket sessions will be open to all ages and levels of abilities. Participants will be provided with a fun introduction to the skills and game of cricket.

WHEN: Tuesday nights for four weeks  
(From 4th February to 25th February 2014)

TIME: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

WHERE: Bell Oval, Reservoir Road Bendigo  
(Strathdale Park Precinct)

COST: $3.00 per week

Don’t forget to wear your sneakers, a hat & bring a bottle of water

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

CONTACT: Sean McCann  
Ph: 0438 235 934

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:

Contact Sean for a registration form or come along and get one on your first night. Please bring payments each week or make alternate arrangements with Sean.

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