We have a very busy last couple of weeks of the school year coming up. This week is jam-packed full of activities, both at school and outside of school hours. Please keep a close eye on the school calendar to ensure you are up to date with everything that is going on.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER
The Grade 6 Graduation Dinner is on tonight at the National Hotel. We wish all our graduating grade 6 students all the best and we know they will have a fantastic evening.

WORKING BEE
Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our working bee, either on the night or at another time, to help clean up the yard and to make our school grounds look fantastic for the upcoming community night. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

STRATHFIELDSAYE COMMUNITY CAROLS
Don’t forget the Strathfieldsaye Christmas Community Carols are on tomorrow evening at JG Edwards Oval, Uxbridge St, Strathfieldsaye. We will be meeting at 6.45pm sharp at the cricket nets near Strathfieldsaye PS. We should be finished by around 7:30pm. All students will need to be in full school uniform. It would be great if as many students as possible were able to be part of the carols. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our wonderful school to the broader community. Thank you for your support.

MARC VAN
We still have a number of Marc Van books that haven’t been returned. Please check at home for any outstanding books and return them to school ASAP. Books that are not returned will need to be paid for and Marc will send you an invoice for their replacement value.

GRADE PREP-2 STAY BACK
This year students will be heading to the White Hills Gardens this Thursday night for a picnic tea and some fun activities. The stay back will begin after school and will conclude at 6:30pm. This is the final activity in our camps program for the year and we are looking forward to spending some one on one time with our junior students.
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding attendance record for the 2013 school year.

- Chloe Ciccone – 100% (Term 2/3/4).
- Harmong Green – 99%
- Nikiah Ratcliffe – 98.9%
- Joe Wild – 98.9%
- Jaiden Ciccone – 98.9%
- Levi Bowe – 98.9%
- Ellie/Mac/Logan Lovell – 98.8% (Term 3/4)

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 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

Have a great week ……………Mrs Ryan

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PARENT CLUB NEWS

- MEETING—next Monday, 16th December—9.15 am in staff room.

- CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
  We are finalising our Christmas Hamper and would like to remind families if you have not already made a donation, could you please do so by the end of this week. The hamper is looking good, but could still do with some extras. Please check ‘use-by’ dates on items and ensure there are no perishable food items.
  Raffle tickets ($1.00 each) are being sent home today. Please ensure all sold tickets and money is returned to school by Wednesday of next week (18th).

- HELP NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY NIGHT— Our Community night is next Thursday, 19th December starting at 6.00 pm. We need assistance on Thursday afternoon to help set up for the night. If you can help, please just come along.

- SPECIAL MORNING TEA / LUNCH—FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER—we are organising special morning tea / lunch treats for sale this Friday. We suggest students bring up to $2.50 in coins to purchase a treat at morning recess and / or at lunchtime. There will be a variety of homemade treats available (no need to pre-order). Please see attached flyer.

- 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

Wednesday 11th  SCIENCE MORNING
               Strathfieldsaye Community Carols
Thursday 12th  Active After School Program—Dance
               Prep/Grade1/Grade2 Stay-back activity evening
Tuesday 17th  Visit to VICTORIA HEIGHTS
Wednesday 18th Axe Creek Playgroup Christmas Party
Thursday 19th  End of Year COMMUNITY NIGHT
Friday 20th  Last Day Term 4—1.30 pm dismissal

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

- River—for making better choices at school
- Henry—for fantastic story 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 ABBY

Premiers’ Reading Challenge Certificates were presented to the following students ...
Harmony, Jack, Nicole, Abby, Jazz, Reuben, Levi, Mackenzie C, Joe, Jessica
Congratulations to you all—a great effort—keep up your reading!
COMMUNITY NEWS

IGA COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Eppalock Primary School currently participate in the IGA Community Rewards Program and as a result we receive kind donations from them each year which are used for various projects around the school. Currently, when you shop at IGA Strathfieldsaye you are able to donated 1% of your purchases to a local organisation. To do this, you need to have an IGA Community Rewards Key Tag. All you need to do is swipe this key tag at the register when completing your shopping and the 1% will be donated to the school.

There are some changes being made to this program in the future. For the month of December, when you spend over $50 at IGA Strathfieldsaye and swipe your key tag, you will receive a free green bag. More of these incentives will be implemented throughout the year.

If you do not have a key tag and would like one, please contact the office and we will supply you with one. We have plenty available, so if you have any family members who would like one you may get one for them too.

Thank you again to IGA Strathfieldsaye for their ongoing support!
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

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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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.