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

It was great to see so many parents attending interviews yesterday. We see your child's education as a partnership between parents, teachers and your child and the stronger that partnership is the better outcome for each of our children.

HARMONY DAY –CULTURAL EXCURSION

We are celebrating Harmony Day next week with an excursion to Axedale PS to see a performance by Sean Dewar who comes from the Yindinji Kimoy clan of Northern Queensland and his totem is Gindaja meaning cassowary. Sean has been studying the culture from his elders since he was sixteen years old. He has performed all over Australia, and has toured extensively internationally throughout Europe, Japan, Taiwan and the Pacific (including performing for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip). This will be a great cultural experience for our children and a wonderful opportunity to form some friendships with the children from Axedale PS. Sean shares many different aspects of his culture through demonstration, explanation and participation, combining traditional and contemporary aspects.

Areas covered in his performance include:
- Traditional cultural dance
- Rap dancing and beatbox
- Didjeridoo
- Boomerang, spear throwing and spear launching demos
- Bush foods and their medicinal properties
- Costumes, body painting and artwork

Sean captivates students with his thoughtful and well-informed delivery. His performance strikes a special balance between entertainment, humour and information, ultimately bringing a deeper understanding of his culture in a contemporary and traditional context.

The cost of this excursion is $7.50 per students. If sending cash to school, please ensure it is in an envelope with your family name on the outside.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, the students at Eppalock PS can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. **All children are allowed to wear orange on Wednesday, 19th March and are asked to bring a plate of food from another country to share for lunch (1 plate per family).** The children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the remainder of the day, back at school, in multi- age groups. Should be lots of fun!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is next Friday 21st March and students at Eppalock PS are showing their support by making a stand against bullying. All children and teachers will be signing a pledge to stand up against Bullying and will be taking part in a range of activities. For further details go to the website www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
A reminder to all parents regarding After School Care arrangements. All children who are in After School Care need to be placed in the After School Care Book and/or the school notified by 2pm of that day. Also just a reminder that Active After School Sport finishes at 4.30pm, those children not picked up at that time will be placed in After School Care and charges accordingly.

Child Care Benefit Rebate
We have just received notification that our After School Hours Care program has been approved for Child Care Benefit Rebate.
We are currently working through the implications of this for families and the process that needs to be gone through to claim this rebate.
We will keep you notified of any changes to the After School Hours Care payment system etc. as they arise.
Invoices will be sent out as soon as we finalise this process.

Have a wonderful, short week …. Mrs Ryan

CAN YOU HELP? Help wanted to assist with an art-based CLUB activity on a Friday afternoon. Please let us know if you are available.

LIBRARY NOTICE—MISSING BOOKS
All books in the Harry Potter Series are missing from our library. Please check for any library books your child/ren may have borrowed

Bendigo/Marong MARC Library Van
Welcome to the MARC service for 2014. I would like to thank each school; its staff, students and parents for welcoming me into their communities and for their patience as I get to know my role. I look forward to the work that we will do during 2014 and watching your students grow and develop while continuing to build strong links with you all.

The MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Van is a library or information resource centre that provides services to nine small schools on the outskirts of Bendigo on a fortnightly rotation – Marong, Inglewood, Bridgewater, Lockwood Sth, Eppalock, Axedale, Goornong, Drummartin and Raywood. All students are entitled to a one hour library session as well as half an hour of borrowing. The program aims to:

- Provide students with lessons featuring literature, visual arts, library and research skills
- Provide time to browse and borrow each visit
- Build and maintain a book stock that is relevant and appropriate for children’s enjoyment, interests and for study and research
- Encourage students to return books fortnightly
- Encourage children to read regularly and widely

Borrowing will commence Rotation 2 (Fortnight commencing 10th March, 2014). Just a reminder that students will need to bring a book bag/reader bag in order to borrow books. NO BAG = NO BORROWING.

TERM 1 Borrowing DATES (28th Jan-4th April)

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Miss Keira Haddow, MARC Librarian
IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Friday 14th  Living Green

Monday 17th  Confucius Classroom

Wednesday 19th  HARMONY DAY Activities
- Cultural Performance ‘Gindaja’ at Axedale
- Shared lunch—1 plate per family
- Students can wear orange

Drama / Music

Fundraiser—Tupperware Party 7.30 pm

Thursday 20th  MARC Library

School Council—AGM—6.00 pm

Friday 21st  Living Green

Monday 24th  Confucius Classroom

Tuesday 25th  Drama / Music

Friday 28th  Living Green

Monday 31st  Parent Club meeting—9.15 am

APRIL

Tuesday 1st  Drama / Music

Thursday 3rd  MARC Library

Friday 4th  Fun Run & Sausage Sizzle

Last day Term 1 (1.30 pm finish)

Tuesday 22nd  FIRST DAY TERM 2

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th  Camp—Grade 3/4/5/6 students

Friday 25th  ANZAC Day—public holiday
PARENT CLUB NEWS

NEXT MEETING - Monday 31st March, 9:15am (after assembly)

FUN RUN & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
On the last day of Term 1 (4th April), the parent club will be running a Fun Run and Sausage Sizzle. The Fun Run will begin at 11am with the Sausage sizzle following at 12:15pm. Further details and sponsorship forms will be sent home shortly.

FAMILY CONTACT LIST— final call for Family Contact List—if you wish your details circulated to school families, please advise us tomorrow.

NUDE FOOD
Well done to everyone on their commitment to Nude Food in our school. We have handed out so many golden lunch box awards this term! Here are a couple of ideas from the parents and children on how to be more nude.

- buy in bulk and put food into reusable containers - its cheaper and better for our earth!
- instead of poppers or primas, send your child with a reusable water bottle - water is the best drink for children and it is cheap too

If you would like some ideas of different food containers speak with some of the other parents or come and see Lydia on Fridays.

NUDE FOOD LUNCH BOX IDEAS
To help each other in our efforts to be wrapper free at school, the parent club has decided to include a regular weekly ‘Nude Food Lunch Box Ideas’ section in the newsletter.

This will be an opportunity for us to share lunch box ideas that are quick, easy, cost effective, kid friendly, and most importantly, wrapper free.

Please email any recipes you come across throughout the year to mark_bee@iinet.net.au so we can be sure to have it included.

In Term 2, look out for a recipe book the parent club will be organising.

FUNDRAISER PARTY
Wednesday, 19th March – 7.30 pm

Tupperware catalogues were distributed last week (if you missed out, there are a few available in the office). Please have a look at them as Tupperware has a lifetime guarantee and some very useful products to keep our school wrapper free. 10% of sales will go towards our school and extra for every party held, if you are interested in a party please contact Kim and mention you are with the Eppalock Primary School. Remember to show the catalogue to grandparents, aunties and uncles, friends and neighbors, their sales and any parties will benefit us too.

Not only will this help raise money for the parent club, but it will also give you opportunity to purchase lunch box items to support our new “Nude Food” policy.

In the lead up to this night, you will notice a collection of Tupperware on display in the foyer. We will be hosting a Tupperware party on Wednesday 19th March 7.30pm at school in the old school room. Supper will be provided and a lucky door prize will be drawn (a small plate for supper would be appreciated).

If you are unable to attend, but you or a friend wish to place an order, please complete an order form (in the catalogue), place in an envelope and place in the Tupperware container at the office by Wednesday 19th March. If you would like to help out in preparation for this event, or have any questions, please contact Belinda Lovell on 0431599692 or mark_bee@iinet.net.au

Come along on the 19th - we would love to see you.
**Pizza Scrolls**

**Time to prep** - 20min  
**Time to cook** - 25min  
**Serving** - 12

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups self-raising flour  
- 30g butter, chopped  
- 3/4 cup milk  
- 1/2 cup tomato pasta sauce  
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese  
- 100g shaved Virginia ham, chopped  
- 225g can pineapple pieces, drained

**STEP 1** - PREHEAT OVEN TO 200C OR 180C FAN-FORCED. LINE A LARGE TRAY WITH NON-STICK BAKING PAPER.

**STEP 2** - SIFT FLOUR INTO A LARGE BOWL. ADD BUTTER AND RUB IN WITH YOUR FINGERTIPS UNTIL EVENLY COMBINED. MAKE A WELL IN THE CENTRE OF FLOUR MIXTURE AND POUR IN THE MILK. MIX IN WITH A FLAT-BLADED KNIFE UNTIL MIXTURE IS MOIST AND STARTS TO CLUMP TOGETHER. GATHER THE DOUGH INTO A BALL AND TURN OUT ONTO A LIGHTLY FLOURED SURFACE. PRESS DOUGH INTO A ROUGHLY RECTANGULAR SHAPE. USING A ROLLING PIN, ROLL DOUGH OUT TO A 35CM X 25CM RECTANGLE. SPREAD PASTA SAUCE OVER THE DOUGH LEAVING A 3CM SPACE ALONG THE TWO LONG EDGES. SPRINKLE CHEESE, HAM AND PINEAPPLE OVER SAUCE.

**STEP 3** - STARTING FROM A LONG SIDE, ROLL INTO A LOG. CUT INTO 12 SLICES. PLACE ONTO TRAY, CUT SIDE UP AND WITH ENDS TURNED INWARDS SO THEY DON’T UNROLL WHILE COOKING. BAKE FOR 25 MINUTES UNTIL RISEN AND GOLDEN BROWN.

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**FREE MUSIC LESSONS**

Bendigo Youth Brass along with City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band (CoGBBB) would like to offer Grade 4-6 students free group music lessons. The L Platers group formed at the beginning of 2012 has been a huge success. The group will be conducted by Mr Trevor Trewartha who is an experienced Conductor and Music Teacher.

The ensemble will be starting on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm – 6.15pm at the CoGBBB Band Room – Tom Flood Sports Centre, Water St.  

There will be a tryout and information evening held Wednesday 12th March 5.00pm at the above venue.  

Instruments available: Cornet, (Trumpet), Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Trombone & Tuba

*There will be limited places and conditions will apply.

For more information please contact
Trevor Trewartha – 0432 140 633 OR treford1@optusnet.com.au
AXE CREEK COMMUNITY FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

Do you have excess vegetables, fruit, eggs or herbs from your garden?
Not sure what to do with them?
Bring them to the Axe Creek Community Fresh Produce Swap at Eppalock Primary School.

If you have excess vegetables, fresh fruit, eggs, herbs or any other items, please bring them along and be part of our Fresh Produce Swap program. There are baskets on the bench in the school foyer and the process is that you can swap your produce for other produce.

If you do not have produce to swap that’s OK, just help yourself to the fresh produce displayed. You do not need to pay for any of the produce, however if you wish to make a monetary donation for anything it will be put towards our Living Green Program.
The staff from Bendigo Bank’s Strath Hill branch visit Eppalock Primary School each **TUESDAY MORNING** providing a school banking service for students.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account and moneybox to learn about the process and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions—plus a lot of fun games and rewards—a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving fun.

Please note—the school banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at the Strath Hill branch.

**Are you looking for a babysitter?**

Ashleigh is 13 ½ years old and is well liked by younger children. She would be looking to charge about $10 an hour but is negotiable according to how many kids and how, when & where.

Anyone interested can contact Donna on 0408 509 061.
The following provides key dates for parents on enrolment processes for Year 6 students in Bendigo 7-10 Gov't Secondary Colleges.

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<td>Primary schools share year 6 information with Bendigo 7-10 Secondary Colleges.</td>
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<td>Year 6 students zoned for secondary placement.</td>
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<td>APRIL 22nd Tuesday</td>
<td>Letter, application form, map showing neighbourhood zones, appropriate school pack and return envelope posted to year 6 families. Same information on zones, letter, application form and brochure on 4 x 7-10 schools placed on each of the secondary schools websites.</td>
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<td>MAY 7th Wednesday (7.00pm)</td>
<td>7-10 schools year 6 Information evenings.</td>
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<td>Primary Parents return Application for Year 7 Enrolment 2014 in the self-addressed envelope provided to the DEECD Bendigo Regional Office.</td>
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<td>Contact is made by the zoned secondary college with families and/or primary schools of students who have not submitted an application for enrolment.</td>
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<td>Applications are collated against family address and discrepancies checked with relevant primary school. If address details are different, contact will made with family to ascertain proof of new address.</td>
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<td>MAY 30th Friday</td>
<td>Letters sent to families that have their first choice approved. Families that have selected a school that is not their Neighbourhood school are sent a redirection letter and told they will be advised of outcome.</td>
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<td>JUNE 10th Tuesday</td>
<td>Letters of appeal from year 6 parents due by this date.</td>
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<td>JUNE 13th Friday</td>
<td>Placement panel convened.</td>
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<td>Appeals decision letters posted to families and information given to primary and secondary schools.</td>
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<td>Primary schools notified which secondary school their students have been accepted for enrolment.</td>
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<td>Secondary Schools given final lists and prepare individual, school information packs for their students and families.</td>
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<td>JULY 28th Monday</td>
<td>Primary schools distribute all school packs to year 6 students on this date to neighbourhood stud and approved appeals only.</td>
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<td>AUGUST 8th Friday</td>
<td>Parents return enrolment form to designated secondary school.</td>
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<td>DEC 9th Tuesday</td>
<td>Orientation day for year 6 students. (NOTE-Change of date from 2013. Now aligns with State/Regional Orientation Day.)</td>
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