

**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**

2013 Parent Opinion Survey

All families would have received a Parent Opinion Survey last Monday, July 29th. We have received a number of these back, thank you so much to the parents who have completed these, but still have a few outstanding. Could parents please complete their survey and return it to school tomorrow so that these can be forwarded to the Department of Education for collation and analysis. Thank you.

Celebrations

We had a lot to celebrate last week with National Literacy/Numeracy Week and 100 Days of Schooling for our preps. The grade 5/6 students did a wonderful job organising and teaching literary and numeracy lessons to all the students in the school on Wednesday. On Thursday morning students took part in a range of maths activities around the number ‘100’ in multi-age groups and did a fantastic job - well done to everyone. Our four prep students were kings and queen for the day and we had a 100 cake, made by some of our grade six students, to celebrate and mark the occasion.
Writer’s Festival / Victoria Heights Visit

This Friday we are going to the BENDIGO WRITERS FESTIVAL. We will be leaving school at 9.00am sharp and returning by 2.30 pm. This is an event which celebrates all kinds of writing for all kinds of readers.

Workshops we will be involved in include;

**Animal Tales:** Award-winning Bendigo writer Lorraine Marwood talks with Lauren Mitchell about the animals that inspired her new picture book.

**Outback Tales:** Workshop with Christine Harris, creator of Audrey of the Outback talks about how to create characters, hosted by Pam Harvey.

Students will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drink (water). We will be having a picnic lunch in Rosalind Park before travelling by bus to Victoria Heights Residential Care to share some songs they have been learning in Music/Drama and brighten the resident’s day.

The **cost is $6.50 per student** and the **local excursion permission form will cover** this excursion. Payment prior to the excursion would be appreciated—please place the money in an envelope with your family name on the outside and hand it into the school office by Friday.

Earn & Learn

Thank you to all those parents who collected Earn & Learn stickers while shopping at Woolworths. As a school we accumulated 840 Earn & Learn points which we have used to purchase a Vegetable Garden Big Book to use in our Living Green Program and colourful plant labels that will be used to label vegetables that will be planted in our vegie patch which is under development. Thank you once again for your support of the school.

Cybersafety

As a school we are very aware of the need to educate ourselves, our students and parents of the constant changes to technology and the cyber world we live in. Please find below some information regarding changes to Instagram that may be of interest to you. I know some of our students use Instagram at home and think it is important that parents are aware of all the features that this app provides (please see article below). Also attached to today’s newsletter are the Terms of Use for Instagram that have been sent to the school by the Madeline & Alannah Foundation eSmart Program. These terms were updated in January 2013. Of specific interest to all teachers and parents of primary school aged children is the first term which states you ‘must be at least 13 years of age to use the service’. We certainly weren’t aware of this requirement at school and thought that parents should be informed of all the legalities around the use of this app.

**New technology: Instagram now using video**

Most parents would be aware of Instagram, the incredibly popular online photo-sharing application that enables its users to take pictures, apply digital effect filters to them and to share and store online via a suite of social networking services.

In a world where online photo documentation, self-promotion and the indexing of content via hashtags are now cultural norms, the appeal of Instagram is obvious for its users (which now tally more than 100 million worldwide).

Parents and educators not only have a responsibility to be aware of the potential pitfalls that this application can present to young users, namely privacy and geo-tagging (enabling other users to see where you are located), but should also be aware of the very recent announcement that Instagram has now enabled video-sharing (3-15 seconds, looped) as a paired functionality.


Parents and educators need to recognise that the same pitfalls that its photo-sharing functionality presents will now extend to video.

Attached is a document ‘Terms of Use’ for your information.
IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Wednesday  7th DRAMA / MUSIC
Thursday  8th MARC LIBRARY

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday  9th EXCURSION—BENDIGO WRITERS' FESTIVAL and visit to VICTORIA HEIGHTS RESIDENTIAL CARE (Prep—Grade 6—cost $6.50 per student)

Tuesday  13th DRAMA / MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Wednesday  14th PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY

Thursday  15th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills
SCHOOL COUNCIL

Friday  16th LOTE
CLUBS

MONDAY  19th SPECIAL LUNCH DAY (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)
Build-your-own TACOS

Tuesday  20th DRAMA / MUSIC
BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Thursday  22nd ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills
BSE MUSIC INFORMATION (Grade 6 students)

Friday  23rd LOTE
CLUBS

27th August—September 4th—SOMERS CAMP (four of our students attending)

Tuesday  27th DRAMA / MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Thursday  29th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday  30th LOTE
CLUBS

SEPTEMBER

Monday  2nd ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Tuesday  3rd MELBOURNE EXCURSION (whole school)

Thursday  5th ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday  6th LOTE
CLUBS
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week ...  
◊ Mac L for settling in well at his new school  
◊ Silver for working hard in school  
◊ Kobi for working hard in class and doing his best  
◊ Values Award—Responsibility—Nicole

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS  
• Ronda for being here everyday (Chloe)  
• Nikiah for helping Lee when he fell over  
• Letter from Miss West (student teacher) thanking all of Eppalock Primary School for the lovely experience she had whilst on teaching rounds here.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS  
We will be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews and Student Led Conferences for the grade 5/6 students on Wednesday 14th August 2013 from 12 noon till 5.30pm. Grade 5/6 students will be required at school during their allocated time only and Prep – 3 students are not required at all on the day but care will be provided for these children while their parents meet with teachers. An interview time sheet is attached.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING by Harmony, Jazz and Abby  
We learnt that we throw away too much rubbish. When we sorted the rubbish into groups there was a lots more plastic and paper than anything else. Some people were throwing away lots of sandwiches and uneaten apples. We can help by reducing the size of the bin. We can also not buy food that has lots of packaging. We can also put our food into reusable containers.

THANK YOU

to the Kennington Sandhurst Football Club for the donation of Football Jumpers.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES – Tuesday 20th August  
Book Week is held nationally across Australia every year and is a time to celebrate books and authors. The theme this year is ‘Read Across the Universe”. To celebrate Book Week we will be holding a 'bring your favourite book from home to share’ session on Tuesday morning followed by an afternoon of activities centred around the Children’s Book Council of Australia nominated books for 2013. Students will then be placed into cross age groups where they will rotate around three different activities centred around these books.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE—The Challenge finishes in early September and I need all books to be recorded by Wednesday 4th September to ensure I have enough time to verify them on the system. Unfortunately I will be unable to access the system from September 12th. Congratulations to those that have completed and for those that are still reading keep up the great work. … Mrs Lindhe

HEAD LICE— a reminder to all families to regularly check your child’s hair for lice. Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours). People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. The following website has further information http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/
TRIVIA NIGHT

A great time was had last Saturday at our Trivia Night with lots of fun and laughter as well as some serious question answering!

Special thanks must go to the Parent Club, in particular, Donna Bridgeman, for all her organising and work. A fantastic job! Also thanks to Ash and Michelle for organising all the activities with the younger members of our community.

Congratulations to the winning Team, the highest bidders of the silent auction items and all who supported the night.

After expenses $1470.00 was raised – a wonderful result.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support …

◊ AXEDALE QUARRY
◊ GOLD COAST RESORT VOUCHERS
◊ AXEDALE TAVERN
◊ MICHELE McLAUGHLIN
◊ EDWARDS GREENGROCER, STRATHFIELDSAYE
◊ BENDIGO CURTAIN SERVICE

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following families who were very generous in supporting our night …

Mackenzie C’s family
Henry’s family

PARENT CLUB MEETING

♦ 19th August—9.15 am in the old school building  (note change of date)

♦ 13th September—12.30 pm  at Axedale Tavern for lunch

AVAILABLE— GOLD COAST RESORT VOUCHERS   $20.00 EACH

VARIOUS RESORTS & DEALS: EXAMPLE - $169 TO PAY FOR 2 ADULTS, 4 NIGHTS (CHILDREN $15 EXTRA PER NIGHT)

FULLY TRANSFERABLE – MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

For further details please see Marie in the office.
Our school will be used as a **POLLING VENUE** on this day and we plan to take the opportunity to hold some fundraising events ....

- Sausage Sizzle
- Tea & Coffee Stall
- Plant Stall (calling all gardeners to pot cuttings and plants for this stall)
- Cake Stall (disposal plates & bags will be sent home—all ingredient must be listed and **NO Cream**)
- Memorabilia Stall

We will be asking for families to volunteer an hour or two to man/woman the stalls.

We are also considering hiring out tables for a market stall to outside vendors. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school.
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY
MONDAY 19TH AUGUST

Build-your-own TACOS

Fillings include ...

meat sauce, taco sauce, tomato, lettuce, cheese

$3.00 for 2 Tacos

Orders and money must be returned to school by Friday 16th August

Order Form

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Number of Tacos ............................................

Money enclosed ............................................

FAMILY NAME ........................................................................................................

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Axe Creek Community Playgroup
At Eppalock Primary School

Wednesday Mornings 9am - 11am - Eppalock PS - Old School Building
149 Patons Road Axe Creek—(just a few minutes from Strathfieldsaye)

All Welcome

Morning Tea & activities provided
Newsletter for schools and preschools

Blue Dress Day for National Asthma Week 2013!
We encourage all Victorian schools and preschools to participate in this year’s National Asthma Week campaign. Contact us for a resource pack to kick off your own Blue Dress Day between the 2nd and 6th of September!
Call (03) 9326 7088

Online Asthma Community Forum Launched!

Do you have students who would benefit from sharing their asthma story with their peers? Do you have questions about asthma or allergy? Do you need parents and carers worried about their child’s asthma?
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria invites you to spread the word to your community about our online peer support forum:
www.forum.asthma.org.au

Winter School Asthma Checkup
Winter is the time of year where your staff and students with asthma may experience extra difficulties.

Two key asthma triggers more prevalent during winter are:
- Cold weather and weather changes
- Coughs/colds/flu

Help your staff and students stay healthy this winter, and avoid asthma attacks, by making sure:
- Your school’s asthma policy is up to date
- All students with asthma have supplied an Asthma Care Plan
- The school has a suitable number of Asthma Emergency Kits
- Students and staff who are unwell are encouraged to rest and stay home to avoid passing on infections
- Students and staff with asthma are encouraged to make use of the free flu vaccination

To find out more contact your local Asthma Foundation:
1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
www.asthma.org.au

Asthma Australia funding for education staff training extended
Asthma Australia is pleased to inform you that funding by the Australian Government has been extended for a further 3 years for the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program (ACAP). Under this funding, one-hour Asthma First Aid training for staff in schools and other educational and learning settings will continue to be provided for free throughout Australia.

Program reach
Under the previous funding from November 2009 through to June 2013 the statistics for training provided to staff in schools and preschools/prep by Asthma Australia are:
- 180 000 staff in schools and preschools have received asthma training
- 155 000 staff in schools and preschools have current asthma training
- 10 000 one-hour face-to-face training sessions delivered across Australia
- 7 000 schools have asthma trained staff

Current resources
Resources available to assist staff in schools and other education settings with asthma management are available by contacting your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

These include:
- Asthma First Aid poster: for display in key areas around the school / care setting
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