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

THANK YOU
Last Wednesday students enjoyed a delicious pasta lunch organised by our hard working Parent Club. Special thanks to Nikki, Erin and Hilary

PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS
Parents are reminded that enrolments for our 2016 Prep intake are required as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone who is intending to enrol but hasn’t yet please ask them to contact the school at their earliest convenience.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the students who have met the challenge. Mrs Lindhe would appreciate all completed forms be handed in by Friday of next week (29th August).

A reminder that a huge number of books are out from our Library—
The Library resources are depleting!! We need to go on a ‘book hunt’ and see what we can find!
Please keep checking your book shelves at home and encourage your child / children to return all books they have finished reading.
A book hunt is a fun way to spend a couple of hours over the weekend!

STAFFING
I am taking a week’s leave commencing next Monday, 24th August with the arrival of a new grandchild and consequent grand paternal duties. A CRT will be employed for support for teachers in my absence.
Also one of our After School Care staff and one of our classroom support staff will be absent from next Monday until the end of term due to placements for their education studies. We have made the necessary arrangements to ensure these positions are covered.
… John Jones

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Last Tuesday we had a very good response for our parent teacher interviews and this allowed a very productive exchange of information. Thank you to all families.

Junior School Council is organizing a special lunch (hot dogs / sausage rolls) on Friday 4th September as part of the Footy Colours Day.
All you need to do is wear your favorite footy team or club colours on the day.

The cost is $4.00 per person and all money raised will be forwarded to The Fight Cancer Foundation which is a registered charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support to people with leukemia and other blood cancers.
IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST
Wednesday 19th Drama / Music
Thursday 20th MARC Library
Friday 21st Living Green
Monday 24th Chinese
Wednesday 26th Drama / Music
Friday 28th Living Green
Monday 31st Chinese

SEPTEMBER
Wednesday 2nd Drama / Music
Thursday 3rd BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY with MARC Library
Friday 4th Living Green
Footy Colour Day organised by Junior School Council
Monday 7th Chinese
Wednesday 9th Drama / Music
Thursday 10th School Council 6.00 pm
Friday 11th Living Green
Monday 14th Chinese
Wednesday 16th Drama / Music
Thursday 17th MARC Library
Friday 18th Last Day Term 3—1.30 pm dismissal—NO After School Care

OCTOBER
Monday 5th First Day—Term 4

Important—Future Dates
• Monday 30th November—Report Writing Day (Pupil Free) - (School Council approved)
• Friday 11th December—End of Year Community Night and Concert—(School Council approved)
• Tuesday 15th December—Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (School Council approved)
• Thursday 17th December—2016 Planning Day (Pupil Free)
AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly ...

River—trying hard with his home reading
Lee—working hard in maths
Oliver—for his hard work on his bird project

This term our School Value focus is RESPECT—treating others with consideration and regard and respecting another person’s point of view

VALUES AWARD was presented to JAIDEN

BOOK WEEK

The 2015 Book Week theme is “Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time” (EP Whipple)

For as long as they’ve existed, books have acted as beacons of knowledge. Their contents have often illuminated the world in which we live, revealing places previously unknown to us; and not just physical places but also places of the mind—worlds of ideas. To explore this theme we need to consider what a “Book” is and what constitutes “Our World” before considering just how the former might “Light up” the latter.

Here at Eppalock we will celebrate with a BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY on Thursday 3rd September. Everyone is invited to dress up using the theme or as their favourite book character.

Sue will be here with the MARC Library on this day and we will start with a parade at 9.00 am followed by a day of fun activities centred around this year’s theme. Students will be in multi-aged groups and rotate through the activities celebrating the Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlisted Books for 2015.

Get your thinking caps on and start planning for our BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY. We are looking forward to seeing some familiar book characters at day!
TRIVIA NIGHT 2015 - an update

The date is set: SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2015

Please pop this date into your diaries and start telling friends & family.
Tables of 6-8 people. We need as many tables as possible for the night - we're hoping for more than 20 tables this year.

It’s our biggest fundraiser for the year so we asking for everyone’s help.

The evening will start at 6.30pm with table registration and ‘answer trading’.
The Trivia Extravaganza will kick off at 7pm.

***Get your tables together now and lock the date in your friends and family diaries....

Early bird tickets - $16 per person (available until 5pm Wednesday 7th October)
Tickets purchased after 7th October and on the night - $20 per person
Tickets to be purchased from Marie at the school office - put yourself down for a single or a table of 6

We will be happy to join smaller groups and add singles/couples onto tables that only have 4 people.

PRIZES & SPONSORS
We need EVERYONE’s help! If possible we need to sort out the prizes & donations this term.
Thanks to those that have already contacted me with ideas and contributions.
We are starting to collect some really lovely prizes to give away on the night.
We have one parent that is going around to all the plant nurseries for donations - a massive thank you for doing this!
Can someone do all the hardware stores?? Can someone approach some bakeries in town?
Can someone check out the coffee drive-thru places for vouchers?

We need lots of prizes and donations for our silent auction and for prizes to give away on the night.
We can accept goods and services for this fundraiser. We’re hoping to raise more than $3,000 with your help.

CHILD MINDING
We are seeking expressions of interest for child-minding on the night - would you like to take advantage of the babysitting at the school that night?
Tell us how many kids you’d like to register. Likely cost is $5 per child (dependent on numbers)

Any questions / ideas / volunteers - please contact Sal Symes on 0418 390 824 or by email: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au
Got a table together already? Fantastic - let Marie know so she can put your name down for a table.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

When you shop at Woolworths don’t forget to collect your stickers. We have been given a limited number of sticker sheets so grab a few from the supermarket to keep you going. All completed sticker sheets can go in the collection box at Woolworths or at the school office.

The school is most grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program this year.
Chinese Student Host Family

Parent Information Session

Are you hosting a Chinese student for the first time????

Then this is a session not to miss!

The session will provide you with information to ensure the stay is a very positive experience for everyone involved!
It is also a terrific opportunity to hear from families who have previously hosted students.
You will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the homestay.....

Date: Thursday 3rd September
Venue: James King Hall, Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Time: 7:00pm to 7.40pm

Families who have previously hosted are of course also most welcome to attend!
Please mark this date in your diaries.

The Bendigo Team China Principals and our school communities would like to thank you for your generosity and good will in volunteering to host a Chinese student.

AXE CREEK PLAY GROUP

If anyone has any games or puzzles (complete) that would be suitable for pre-school aged children, Play Group would appreciate the donation of them.
Play Group operates each Friday morning here at Eppalock Primary School in the old School building. All welcome—come along and join in the fun and activities.
LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property in the box located near the office. Most of these are unnamed. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, especially jackets as students tend to take them off whilst playing outside. If unnamed items are left in the lost property box for more than 4 weeks, they are passed on to a charity.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that that all medication, except Ventolin, must be handed in at the school office so that staff can administer it. It will need to be in its original container and a medication request form filled out - these are available from the school office.

CHILDREN MUST NOT HAVE MEDICATION IN THEIR BAGS
Information Session for Overseas Learning Experience (OSLE)
Shanghai & Suzhou China, May/June 2016

We anticipate the OSLE to be 9 days in duration in late May-June, 2016. Tour participants will come from many primary schools in Bendigo. Each school with students attending will provide a staff member. Feedback from the 2014 and 15 OSLE indicated the programs are hugely successful.

Why include an Overseas Learning Experience to China for our students:
To strengthen the students’ Chinese language learning by providing opportunities for purposeful, genuine and authentic communication.
To increase global awareness and intercultural understanding of our students.
To broaden the knowledge and understanding of students by enabling them to gain an understanding, appreciation and respect for the Chinese culture.

An INFORMATION SESSION WILL BE HELD at Bendigo Senior Secondary College, James King Hall on Thursday September 3rd from 7:45pm-8:30pm

Expression of Interest information fliers will be given out at the information session. It contains specific information about the application process for the 2016 program.
Glen Allan Memorial
11km
Saturday, 22nd August, 2015
EMU CREEK

SPONSORED BY;

START TIMES, DISTANCES & COSTS:
2.00PM 11KM $2.00
2.15PM 11KM $10.00
2.20PM 3KM $5.00
3.20PM PRESENTATIONS

Venue: Emu Creek Road Tennis Club (via Strathfieldsaye)
Near corner of Emu Creek Rd & Hargreaves Rd, approx. 2.0km off the Strathfieldsaye-Eppalock Rd

ENTRIES ON THE DAY ONLY! AGE ON DAY APPLIES!

AWARDS;
OPEN 11km; Prizes & Ribbons: 1st AV Male and Female Sash & Prize
Male Open, under 20, 40+, 50+ & 60+
Female Open, under 20 & 40+

OPEN 3km; Prizes & Ribbons: Male under 18 & under 15
Female under 18 & under 15
Ribbons only; Male & Female invitation

OPEN 1km; Prizes & Ribbons: Male under 12 & 10
Female under 12 & 10
Invitation over age: No awards

NB; 1st AV runners must have correct Winter Club uniform & AV numbers attached F&B

This year's event is being co-ordinated by the South Bendigo Athletic Club
A canteen will operate, inc. Hot food, a Raffle will also be conducted on the day!

Enquiries to: AB Secretary Terry Hicks 0417881442
AB Winter Committee Chairperson; Paul Bennett 54396551