Next Monday, 25th April is ANZAC DAY, a public holiday.

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

This Friday, 22nd April we will hold an ANZAC ceremony at 10:50 am. This will provide a wonderful way of showcasing our school values with RESPECT for those who have gone before us and our appreciation for our community and all that we now have. Parents, family and community members are most welcome to attend.

ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for students—Will and Kaden will represent Eppalock Primary School at Legacy’s 85th ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students this Friday. Melbourne Legacy, in cooperation with all Victorian Legacy Clubs, holds a Commemoration Ceremony for school students each year at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. Will and Kaden will lay a wreath at the Ceremony.

HEADLICE—We have had a few cases of HEAD LICE reported. Parents are reminded to be vigilant regarding checking their child’s hair regularly for head lice. If head lice are found please treat hair before your child returns to school.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR THE CANCER COUNCIL is an event that happens every year in May/June to raise much needed funds for the Cancer Council. This year the Parents Club has decided to do its bit and host a morning tea. The date will be Friday 6th of May at 11am in the Old School building. We encourage as many parents and grandparents to attend. A gold coin donation and a yummy plate of goodies to share is all we ask. More information to come.....

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB catalogue and order forms attached.

MUSIC PROGRAM—Students in Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3—if you have your own Ukulele please bring it to school next Wednesday for MUSIC. Parents, please do not go out and buy one for your child, the school has a set which students can use.
PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS —
Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

At Eppalock Primary School it is important that the bus parking area outside the gate is left free for the bus to enter and leave and parents DO NOT double park when dropping off or collecting students. We also ask that parents collect students from the school gate—students should not cross Patons Road unaccompanied.

PARENT HELP AND SUPPORT REQUESTED—END OF SCHOOL DAY
Parents are reminded that the end of our school day is 3.15 pm and if students are not collected by 3.30 pm they will be placed in After School Care and families charged. We understand that sometimes parents are held up and therefore running a little late for pickup. For everyone’s safety, students whose parents are not here at school at 3.15 pm are required to wait inside the building.

SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE

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LIBRARY BOOKS - MISSING / STILL ON HOLIDAYS!

We ask that you please check your book shelves at home and see if there are any school library books there as we are missing many books. If you have finished reading them, please return to school as soon as possible.

EDUCATION WEEK – MAY 16th – 20th CELEBRATIONS

- **Monday 16th**– PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING – 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
  This information session is especially designed for Year 2017 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or who have already chosen Eppalock Primary. The session will include a school tour as well as valuable information on the curriculum and programs offered here at Eppalock Primary. All preschoolers and parents are welcome. Information Packs will be available on the night or can be posted or emailed. This is a great opportunity to hear about the benefits of sending your child to Eppalock Primary School.

- **Wednesday 18th** - OPEN DAY & SPECIAL PERSON MORNING TEA
  This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to staff about the terrific programs available at our school. School tours will be conducted by students and everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea. Come and see our wonderful programs in action.
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Eppalock Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to school.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Definitions:** Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

**Privacy Protection**

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

**Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information**

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

**Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent**

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at:


Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

**Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll**

Name of child........................................................................................................................................................................

Parent Signature......................................................................................................................................................................
EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN RUN – Friday 6TH MAY 2016

Eppalock Primary School will be holding a Fun Run on Friday 6th May commencing at 10.00 am (weather permitting).

Students, family and friends are invited to take part in the Fun Run which will consist of as many laps of the school perimeter that you can do in half an hour.

As this is a Fundraiser for our school, participants are asked to obtain Sponsorship. Please return the Sponsorship form and money to school by Thursday 5th May.

Prizes awarded to the Person/s that complete the most laps and the person/s that raise the most in sponsorship.

Name of Fun Run Participant: ________________________________________

Number of Laps completed: _________________________________________
(to be filled out on completion of event by teacher / official)

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LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY for our Grade 3 to 6 students will be held on FRIDAY 13th May. This event is organised to allow all children to participate and complete the course. It is emphasised that not all children are expected to ‘run’ all the way. Children in the 8, 9 and 10 year old groups will complete 2000m and the 11, 12, 13 age group boys and girls will complete 3000m. Transport to and from the venue, Bendigo Racecourse, will be bus. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the event. The cost will be $9.50 per student. Families who are eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursion Funding) can use it to cover this cost. (If you are unsure, please see Marie in the office).

If you wish your Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 child to participate, please complete the attached form and return it to school along with the $9.50 by Monday 9th May 2016.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN—Friday 13th May, 2016
(Grade 3 – 6 students)
PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT/S NAME ............................................................................................................................

YEAR LEVEL/S ....................................................................................................................................

My child/ren above mentioned, has permission to attend the above excursion and travel by bus.

In the event of accident to or illness of my child/ren, and if the teacher/staff member in charge is unable to contact me or my other emergency contact person/s, I hereby authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to seek medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Please be aware that there may be people photographing their children during the event or representatives of the media covering the day.

Signed Parent/Guardian ..................................................................................................................

Date ..............................................................................................................................................

Daytime Contact:
Home ..............................................................................................................................................

Mobile ............................................................................................................................................

Work ..............................................................................................................................................

Ambulance cover YES/NO Medicare Number .................................................

COST $9.50 per student
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**APRIL**
- **FRIDAY** 22nd PE ANZAC Day Ceremony
- **Monday** 25th ANZAC DAY—public holiday
- **Thursday** 28th MARC LIBRARY Scholastic Book Club order and money DUE

**MAY**
- **Wednesday** 4th PUPIL FREE DAY—students not required at school
- **Friday** 6th EPPALOCK SCHOOL FUN RUN BIGGEST MORNING TEA to support CANCER COUNCIL (in old school building—11.00am)
- **Friday** 13th REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY 16th—20th EDUCATION WEEK
- **Monday** 16th 2017 PREP Information Evening
- **Wednesday** 18th School Open Day / Special Person morning tea

**JUNE**
- **Monday** 13th Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday
- **Friday** 24th Last Day—Term 2—1.30 pm dismissal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to …**
- Emma—17th April
- Chloe—20th April
- Evah—26th April

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**AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly this week …

- Patrick—working very hard at school
- Hannah—always trying very hard at school
- Scarlett—a great first week at Eppalock

**SCHOOL VALUE AWARD—RESPECT** was presented to MILLER
SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS—Ronda has sorted a lot of second-hand uniforms into boxes in the school entry. These uniforms are free to anyone who would like them. Please help yourself.

CSEF (Camps, Sporting Education Fund)
Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
The annual CSEF amount per student is:
☐ $125 for primary school students
☐ $225 for secondary school students
How to Apply—Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

JETS STRATHFIELDAYE CRICKET CLUB is looking for anyone, in particular students in Grade 5 and 6, wishing to have a game of Indoor Cricket on a Monday night at 4.00 pm. Played at Bendigo Indoor Sports, it’s an hour of fun and you don’t have to be a registered players of the Club to participate.
Anyone interested please email brent.yates@bendigoadelaide.com.au
Thank you & GO JETS!!! Brent Yates
www.strathfieldsayejets.com.au

Catch the savings bug
Bendigo Student Banking
At Bendigo Bank we’ve introduced our Student Banking Program and Bendigo PiggySaver Account – perfect for primary school aged savers to catch the saving bug.
Drop into your nearest branch at Cnr Condon Street & Edwards Road, Strathdale or phone 5443 7123.

KANGAROO FLAT MARKET
"5th Saturday"
Saturday 30th April
Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church (opposite ALDI)
(phone Max on 54431809 for Site bookings)
**Chinese Immersion Program or 2016**

We are seeking families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student in October this year. The Chinese students usually arrive in week 2 of Term 4 and leave in the first week of December. Bendigo Team China schools are endeavouring to collect information now to determine the number of Chinese students we are able to host.

We are seeking expressions of interest from families of children in Grades 3-6 to host a Chinese student for four or eight weeks during their visit. The Chinese students who visit are usually 10-11 years old and have just entered Grade 5 (Chinese school year begins in September).

If you are interested please email me: harvey.ashlie.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me.

Mr Harvey

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**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 donation that is fine.