SC H O O L  V A L U E S

- 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

REMINDER—NEXT WEDNESDAY, 4TH MAY IS A CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

ANZAC DAY—Last Friday Kaden and Will represented Eppalock Primary School at the Legacy Anzac Commemoration Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. This was a wonderful opportunity as they joined thousands of students from schools across the State in remembering the men and women whose sacrifice in wartime has enabled Australians to live in peace and freedom. The boys laid a wreath in front of the eternal flame. We would like to acknowledge and thank Legacy Bendigo Club for arranging our participation in this day. Also special thanks to Sharon (Kaden’s mum) and Russell (Will’s dad) for accompanying the boys.

On Friday morning we held our own Commemoration Ceremony here at school which was very moving. The students showed great respect during the ceremony and thank you to the parents who joined us.
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.

  Thank you to Chris Martin. Chris spent time over the long weekend using his bobcat to move the soft-fall into the playground area.

  Thank you also to the willing band of helpers who spread the soft-fall.

  We hope to get another load in the next week or two to finish the job.

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

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 parents and grandparents to join us—a gold coin donation and a yummy plate of goodies to share is all we ask.

REMINDER—WEDNESDAY WARMER—all food MUST be named, wrapped in foil or in a container that can be placed in the pie-warmer—microwave containers are not suitable or acceptable.
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)

SPONSORSHIP FORM – EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN RUN

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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

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

LIVING GREEN – as part of our Living Green program we have started a unit on Indigenous connections. We have looked at the significance of plants in traditional Aboriginal customs and ceremonies, aboriginal art and making things from nature, and started investigating the use of fire in their culture.
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

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.
Every year the school is invited to the cheque presentation ceremony for fundraising for schools over the past twelve months. The fundraising amount relates directly to the number of UFS Pharmacies members that have nominated Eppalock Primary School when joining or renewing annual memberships and the amount they spend. This year there were 82 members who nominated our school and we were presented with a cheque for $710.50. This money has been set aside to cover the replacement of ‘soft-fall’ in our playground area.

Thank you to the UFS Pharmacies and everyone who supports our school through this program.