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

AFTER SCHOOL CARE—please note that AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW, THURSDAY 12TH MAY. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY—this Friday at the Bendigo Racecourse. Grade 3 to 6 students will be participating. There appears to be a little confusion regarding this event— this is the Regional Cross Country event and is only open to Grade 3 to 6 students. Parents are welcome and encouraged to go along and support their child. The timetable for the event and a map outlining our seating area has been reprinted in this newsletter. If parents wish to collect their children from the event, please ensure you let one of our staff know. Mr Harvey, Ms Hartney, Ella and Kingsley will be accompanying our students to the event. We wish everyone a great day.

PARENT CLUB—BIGGEST MORNING TEA— thank you to everyone who supported the Biggest Morning Tea last Friday. We raised $220.00—a fantastic effort—the morning will be forwarded to the Cancer Council to support their work. Thanks also to Sandra for her organisation.
**SPORTING SCHOOLS—NRL—STARTS NEXT THURSDAY FOR FIVE WEEK FROM 3.30—4.30 PM**

Sporting Schools is Australia’s largest school-based sports participation program to help children foster a lifelong interest in sport.

Commencing next Thursday we will offer a five week NRL program after school from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm.

The **National Rugby League (NRL)** is thrilled to offer its Sporting Schools program to children across Australia’s school yards. The Sporting Schools initiative is extremely exciting for all involved and we are keen to further our commitment to encourage children to be healthy and active and to be part of a stronger sporting community.

PlayNRL program equips students with tools to play a non-contact version of NRL while delivering important education, health and welfare messages.

If your child wishes to be part of this program, please mark ASC in the bus book for Thursday.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**—A reminder to all families that After School Care bookings must be made by 2.00 pm on the day.

Once again the generosity and support of our families came shining through when our dedicated Parent Club members provided a SOUP lunch day for our students. The soups were delicious and the variety amazing—some many different one to taste.

Thank you so much to all the parents who provided the soup and then came along and helped serve the students. We are indeed a very fortunate school to have such a supportive community. **As one mum said—it was awesome!!!!**

Charlie enjoyed a cup of soup while his mum and lots of other mums served our students.
HEAD LICE
We cannot stress enough the importance of parents systematically checking their child’s hair on a daily basis checking for head-lice. It is an ongoing process but to eradicate eggs and lice from your child’s hair this process has to be carried out and maintained. Expensive treatments do not have to be purchased if you use hair conditioner and comb through wiping the comb afterwards each evening. If some children come to school with lice it makes it difficult for others to contain a head lice outbreak.

LIBRARY BOOKS - MISSING
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.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is on 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 choose to 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
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly on Monday—

- **Prep/Grade 1**—Chloe —for working well in school
- **Grade 2/3**—Hamish – working well in school
- **Grade 4/5/6**—Bailey C—being respectful in class

◊ **VALUE AWARDS FOR RESPECT** presented to Hannah Ari—who turned 9 last Saturday, 7th May
Bridie who turned 10 yesterday, 10th May
We hope you both had a fabulous day.

SCHOOL FUN RUN—THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US LAST FRIDAY. It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends here encouraging all students.
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2016—FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2016

Grade 3—6 students

The Cross Country Championships will be held next Friday, 13th May at the Bendigo Racecourse. Students from Eppalock Primary will travel by bus to and from the venue and will be accompanied by staff. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along and cheer on the participants.

- In the event of wet weather a final decision will be made on the morning. An announcement to postpone the event will be made over the radio on 93.5fm (3BO) between 8.00-8.30 am.

- All children should wear suitable running attire and should bring adequate warm clothing for when they have finished – shorts, polo and runners for the run and a tracksuit to put on before and afterwards. A shower-proof jacket is also recommended.

- Please ensure the children bring plenty of water to drink and enough food for the day so they are not hungry.

- As the ground will be damp, regardless of the weather, we would appreciate any tarps or rubber backed rugs for the children to sit on (please ensure your name is on them).

- Our seating area is up the top of the big grandstand (see attached map)

Children are not allowed onto the main oval until they are marshalled which will be approximately 15 minutes prior to the event starting.

- Order of events —
  AM—10.30 am—12 noon—these events will be run over 2000m
  (age group based on age child is turning in 2016)
  10 year old boys, 10 year old girls, 9 year old boys, 9 year old girls, 8 year old boys, 8 year old girls

  PM—12.45 pm—2.30 pm—these events will be run over 3000m
  (age group based on age child is turning in 2016)
  11 year old boys, 11 year old girls, 12/13 year old boys, 12/13 year old girls

- Every child who completes the course will receive a certificate recording the achievement.
- Please note that Asthmatic children should pre-medicate, warm up and carry inhalers etc with them on their run.
- Finishing – children must cross the finishing line where they will then be channelled into the finishing chutes. The school names will be recorded until Team Events are finalised. Children remain in the finishing chutes until the recording has taken place and then they leave by the exit gate, collecting their certificates on the way. Children must then return to the allocated area. The first 6 place getters in blue and the first three places getters in other colours must have their names recorded.

THE COST PER STUDENT IS $9.50

Payment to be made prior to the event. Money can be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and marked CROSS COUNTRY and handed into the office before Thursday 12th May.
MAP OF SETTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Eppalock Primary

Mounting Yard
IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Thursday 12th MARC Library
      May School Council Meeting
Friday 13th Regional Cross Country Grade 3 to 6 students
      16th—20th EDUCATION WEEK
Monday 16th 2017 PREP Information Evening
Wednesday 18th School Open Day / Special Person morning tea
Thursday 19th Sporting Schools Program—NRL

JUNE

Monday 13th Public Holiday—Queen's Birthday
Friday 24th Last Day—Term 2—1.30 pm dismissal

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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.

PARENT CLUB - FUN WINERY TOUR

Saturday 21st May 2016
Cost - $12.00 per person
(this is a social day—not a fundraiser)

Tickets booked with payment. Get in quick to reserve your seats.
Names to Sal – email - sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au

Meet at school at 9.15am. Bus departs 9.30am. Return late afternoon - 5pm ish

Adults only (18yrs+). Limited seats (30 seats on the bus)

Ask your friends and family—there are still some places available on the bus

What's included:

- Winery bus trip
- 6—7 wineries in the Heathcote and Sutton Grange area
- Tasting notes and a name lanyard
- Snacks and Platters provided
- Great Music, company and general frivolity

We'll lunch at one of the wineries along the way. Purchase your own lunch. We'll chip in for the driver's lunch 😊