PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

EDUCATION WEEK
We had a very successful Education Week last week. Thank you to all the families that came along to our Open Day last Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and special people sharing morning tea with the children and viewing our wonderful facilities. On Thursday we had a group of kinder children visit our school from Jenny’s Early Learning Centre in Strathfieldsaye. They had a wonderful time in Mrs Lindhe’s room listening to stories, doing a craft activity and playing outside on the basketball court and in the sandpit. Thank you so much to all the staff for the hard work and support last week, well done to all.

MARC Van
Just a reminder that this Thursday the MARC Van will be at school. As I stated in last week’s newsletter a number of children have overdue books and are unable to borrow until these books are returned. Please remind your child/children to bring their MARC Van books back to school on Thursday, thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE UPDATE
As you are aware the school is now registered so that all families are able to claim the Child Care Rebate on their After School Care costs. Marie is diligently working through this process and After School Care accounts will be sent home very soon. At last Thursday night’s school council meeting it was decided that a new flat fee of $12 per child per night would apply for After School Care from the beginning of Term Two. Families will be able to claim the Child Care Benefit on all fees from the beginning of the school year but the new fee structure will be put in place from the beginning of this term. Information around claiming the Child Care Benefit Rebate can be found at [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/centrelink/child-care-benefit/claiming](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/centrelink/child-care-benefit/claiming) or at the Bendigo Centrelink Office 231 Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo VIC 3550. As far as we are aware families may also claim the Child Care Rebate. This covers 50% of out of pocket child care expenses, up to a maximum amount per child per year, in addition to any amount you may receive from Child Care Benefit. Information about this can be found at [http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-rebate](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-rebate). To receive Child Care Rebate you need to claim Child Care Benefit for approved child care. You don’t need to lodge a separate claim for Child Care Rebate. You will automatically be assessed when you claim Child Care Benefit for approved care. In some cases you may be assessed as being eligible for Child Care Benefit, but not actually be entitled to any payment because your income is too high. This is called the ‘zero rate’ of Child Care Benefit. If you are assessed at the zero rate, you may still get Child Care Rebate. If you have any questions Marie or myself will do our best to answer them. Child Care Benefit claim forms are available on the Human Services website or can be collected from the office.

CURRICULUM DAYS
Don’t forget the first of our three Curriculum Days for the year is coming up next Monday, 2nd June. The school will be closed on this day and there is NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS on this day.
LEAVE
I will be taking leave for the last two weeks of this term from the 16th June to the 27th June 2014. Mrs Lindhe will be Acting Principal while I am away.

2015 ENROLMENTS
We are now taking enrolments for 2015. If you know of any families who are thinking of enrolling their child at our school could you please let them know enrolment forms would be appreciated as soon as possible to help us with future planning.
Don’t forget the Ideas/Feedback box on the table in the foyer. I am really interested to hear the thoughts/opinions/ideas of all parents and community members on ways to continue to improve Eppalock PS.

Have a great week everyone...........Mrs Ryan

GRANDPARENT / SPECIAL PERSON DAY
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### JULY

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**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2014**

Congratulations to the many students who have already registered to complete the Reading Challenge. If you have not registered for the Challenge it is not too late – please see Mrs Lindhe for details and remember to Keep Reading!
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- **HENRY**—for working hard and always doing his best
- **HANNAH**—for always having a happy smile
- **JESSICA**—for trying her best

VALUES AWARD FOR BEING HONEST & TRUSTWORTHY was presented to **TILLY**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

- **JAIDEN** - Monday 26th May
- **HANNAH**—Monday 1st June

We hope you enjoy your day and celebrate with family and friends.

**MR MCGEE AND THE BITING FLEA**

by Patch Theatre Company, Written by Pamela Allen,
Directed by Dave Brown

Emerging from dozens of suitcases and crates three curious warehouse workers transform a storeroom into enchanting little miracles of music and play. **Mr McGee and the Biting Flea** presents six of Pamela Allen’s best-loved stories in a theatre adaptation that is inspired by children’s play and found objects.

There’s ladders, measuring cylinders, apple peelers, balloons, buckets, mops, pumps, rubber duckies, play dough, suitcases, trunks, boxes and a myriad of other found objects as the ‘play elements’ for the telling of Pamela Allen’s wondrous tales. Patch, provokes, tickles, prods and beguiles children with a performances that celebrates the experience of childhood, the joy of play and the whims of the imagination.

“Using an assortment of props - mops, ladders, an air pump, steamer trunks, balloons - the three performers bring Pamela Allen’s stories to sweet, music-infused life. In the process, they make Mr. McGee and the Biting Flea a simple, elegant valentine to theatrical imagination.”

- **Prep-Grade 6 will all be attending this performance at the Capital Theatre, Bendigo on Tuesday 3rd June as part of our Drama/Music program. The cost is $16.00 per student and payment would be appreciated prior to the day.**

Please place money in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and the amount enclosed. If you wish to transfer the money directly to the school account the details are below—please remember to include your name in the transaction.

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On Tuesday 20th May, Eppalock students were privileged to have a visit from talented local musician Ben Wilby. Ben plays a variety of instruments and introduced the children to the double bass, acoustic guitar, ukulele, bugle, trumpet and a century old harmonium. The children even got to experience a 90 year old gramophone at work. Ben demonstrated how enjoyable and enriching music can be. The children were given the opportunity to ask Ben questions and learnt the history and background of the instruments, as well as gaining valuable tips when playing the ukulele. A big thank you to Ben for offering his time to our students. It was a very valuable experience for the children (and Mrs Tonzing too!).

In addition to this, all children of Eppalock P.S. are learning the ukulele in music lessons. The school have purchased 20 ukuleles and the children are enjoying learning this instrument. We are currently learning the chords C, F, G7, and AM.

If your child is interested in purchasing their own ukulele, Muso’s Stuff in Mitchell Street are offering them for $20 each for Eppalock students only. Please speak to Austin at Muso’s Stuff to receive your discounted ukulele and cut out the voucher below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in regards to Drama and Music. I am available on Tuesdays.

Roxanne Tonzing

EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
MUSO’S STUFF $20 UKULELE VOUCHER

Present this voucher at Muso’s Stuff Mitchell Street Bendigo and speak to Austin to purchase a ukulele for $20.

This voucher is valid only for students at Eppalock Primary School.
LAST CHANCE

Thank you to all who have supported the Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The response to the fundraiser has been fantastic!

WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF ORDER FORMS TO BE RETURNED.

THE FINAL DATE TO RETURN ORDER FORMS AND MONIES IS TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 28th MAY

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE BY RETURNING ORDER FORMS AND MONIES TO Marie in the office

We want everyone to have the chance to submit their order and enjoy the delicious cookie dough.

Once we place our order with Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough, we are unable to place a second order.

Please take the brochure to your family, friends and work colleagues and even take the order forms to your child’s sporting activities. The more tubs we sell the more we make as a fundraiser.

We have included an individual prize program for every child that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize!

In addition to the fantastic prize program on offer, don’t forget to register online for the opportunity to win a 7 night family holiday! Available to all students and families who support their School/group fundraiser.

Go onto the website www.billygcookiedough.com.au and correctly answer the puzzle to automatically go into the draw to win!

Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough is not sold in supermarkets. If you want to purchase the cookie dough, it is important that you put your order in by the final return date as you can only purchase Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough through fundraisers such as ours.

DON’T MISS OUT!

Thanking you in advance for your support.
ALLSTAR ATHLETES
FITNESS PROGRAMS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
ONE ON ONE AND GROUP CLASSES AVAILABLE

LEIGH
leigh@forgedathletes.com.au
0468 812 557

MELANIE
mel@forgedathletes.com.au
0427 184 537

Get connected
Find the right fit for your healthy lifestyle. Get connected with the people, services, programs and support in your area.

Check out this snapshot of programs available across the City of Greater Bendigo and Loddon Shire Council. Do some research, ask questions, make a decision and get busy connecting your healthy lifestyle.

Strength and balance training
Improves your overall health and wellbeing with strength and balance classes. Benefits include increased muscle mass, improved joint function, increased metabolism and reduced potential for injury.
Healthcare Healthline: 1800 022 222
Ingrid and Districts Health Service Phone: 03 5418 2222
Bendigo Community Health Services Phone: 03 5418 2222
Bendigo Community Health Services Phone: 03 5440 4000
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Cycling
There is a strong cycling culture in the region. Whether you are an expert, beginner or somewhere in between, find a track that suits your abilities.

Walking
Explore our region on foot, enjoying bush, waterways and caves.
In Bendigo:
The Charge Trail, 27 Minute walking track connecting Bendigo with Avalon.
Visit www.walking.org.au

Cruise Reservoir Kangaroo Flat Park No 7, Round Park and Lake Wrenna in Bendigo.
Visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

In Loddon:
A historic town walk, explore Mountville Caves, a trail at Little Lila Scoot or many more.
Visit www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Find a park in your local area via the Parks Victoria website www.parks.vic.gov.au/australia-parks
If you need some extra motivation and company join a walking group.
Visit www.healthfoundation.org.au

Water activities
Water sports are a huge drawcard within the region. These include fishing, sailing, boating and swimming.
City of Greater Bendigo Website: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

Loddon Shire Council Website: www.loddon.vic.gov.au
Bendigo East Swimming Pool - open all year Phone: 03 5440 7078

Peter Kranz Leisure Centre YMCA Englishlakes Website: bendigo.ymca.org.au

Healthy food
Discover local solutions to getting two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables into your day. Get inspired by the region’s fresh, full of flavour and in season.
A mix of healthy and nutritious will give you the results you have been looking for.

Bendigo Community Food Network Phone: 0459 280 420
Community gardens: Orb Hill, Epsom, Sale Park, Kyneton, Kangaroo Inn Phone: 03 5440 4700
Kangaroo Inn Phone: 03 5440 4667

Loddon Shire Council Phone: 03 5440 4667
Quarry Hill Phone: 0459 280 420

Loddon Farmers’ Market Phone: 03 5440 4667
Find your local farmers’ market via farmersmarket.org.au

Active Living Census
Take a few minutes to help the City of Greater Bendigo understand how healthy and active residents are. This will help the city better plan for, develop and enhance public open spaces and recreation facilities across the region.

See your doctor for advice, support and a medical check-up before you start any new physical activity program.

Find out more:
www.getconnectedlocally.com
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au
www.loddon.vic.gov.au
www.bendigohighhealth.org.au
www.nchra.org.au
www.bdes.org.au
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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BENDIGO BANK SCHOOL BANKING**

The staff from Bendigo Bank’s Strath Hill branch visit Eppalock Primary School each **TUESDAY MORNING** providing a school banking service for students.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account and moneybox to learn about the process and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions—plus a lot of fun games and rewards—a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving fun.

**Please note**—the **school banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at the Strath Hill branch.**

Further information is available from the school office or by calling into the Bendigo Bank Strath Hill branch.

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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 monetary donation for anything it will be put towards our Living Green Program.

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**Are you eligible for public dental care?**

All children aged 0-12 years and all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to access public dental services and are offered the next available appointment.

Treatment is free for people who hold a health care card; a minimal co-payment may be required for people who do not have a health care card.

Call Bendigo Health public dental service - 5454 7994 or Amy Clark, Loddon Mallee Oral Health Network on 0418 983 190.