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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Old Portables
We have had notification that the three old portables will be removed over the July school holidays. Staff have been working hard to clean up the art room to turn it into an ‘ART/ENVIRONMENTAL Centre’ to house our Living Green program. There is a lot of ‘cleaning up’ that needs to be done prior to the portables being removed. School council is meeting this Thursday night to plan the removal of items from the portables and clean-up of the area. Please stay tuned for an upcoming date and time for a whole school working bee to get this job done. There is also a large amount of items that the school no-longer has any use for. We have placed these in the very first portable, near the outdoor eating area, and if anyone wants any of these items you are more than welcome to come and collect them, a gold coin donation to go towards the future development of the Living Green area would be greatly appreciated. Things include tables, chairs, TV’s & TV brackets, old photocopier – just to name a few. These items need to be gone ASAP or they will be thrown away in the clean-up. If you would like anything at all from the old school portables please help yourself or come and have a chat with me. There is also old carpet in the first two portables that people can have, blinds and verticals in a couple of the portables and an old sink. If you think any of these things may interest you please come and have a look, although they must be taken away in the next week or so.

Safe Student Internet Usage
The Australian Government website [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) is dedicated to educating and informing teachers and parents on the dangers and the correct procedures of children dealing with the internet. The first step in reducing risks online is talking. Talking to your children about what they should and should not do when they are online. Find out the activities they are currently doing online and talk about them. Children love to show off their talents and when you are interested in what they are doing online, nine times out of ten they will be more than happy to show you what they know. Let them teach you some of the different chat programs they use, what sites they visit and music download software they use. The next step is to let them know the rules in the house to online use. An Internet use contract can be downloaded and printed; you and your children can read it and sign it so there are no misunderstandings of appropriate use in your home. A list of rules can be found under the documents section of the above website to post by your home computer. Cyber-Safety.com [www.cybersafety.com/parents.html](http://www.cybersafety.com/parents.html) is also a website dedicated to keeping kids safe in a wired world. In this day and age of computers, ipods, ipads and mobile phones there is a great need for resources for parents, educators and children for staying safe online. Knowing the dangers helps prevent children from being harmed and knowing what to do online to keep safe is a must.

Inter School Sports Carnival
Our grade 5/6 students will once again be playing netball and football this Friday 13th June with students from Quarry Hill PS against students from Strathfieldsaye Primary School at Strathfieldsaye. The final Transition Cluster Round Robin day with be help on the 20th June at BSE Secondary College. This day is ONLY for grade 6 students and a bus, shared with Strathfieldsaye PS will be supplied to transport students to and from the event.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place towards the end of Term 2 and early Term 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing an opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/hccd.aspx or please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any further questions.

Construction of an Outdoor Stage
We have a collection of left over decking from when the new school building was completed. I have a vision of an outdoor stage being built with the cut offs that can go down in the Natural Play Space we are developing at the bottom of the oval. If you are able to help out and turn my vision into reality by constructing the stage using the left over decking please let me know.

Prep 2015 - Enrolment
All parents who are intending to enrol their child in Prep at Eppalock PS for next year, 2015, should collect an Information Pack from the school office. The pack includes information pertinent to Eppalock PS and includes the official school enrolment form. The enrolment form and a copy of the child’s birth certificate and immunisation record must be returned to school by Friday 27th June, 2014.

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.

Just a reminder that I will be on leave from Monday 16th June for the remainder of the term. If you have any questions, issues or concerns over the coming two weeks please don’t hesitate to talk to Diane, Anne or Marie who will be happy to help. Mandy Johnston will be in my classroom along with student teacher, Lauren.

Have a great week everyone…………Mrs Ryan

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!

PARENT CLUB NEWS

NEXT MEETING—NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 9.15 am - ALL WELCOME
IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 12th  MARC Library
             Active After School—Circus Skills
             SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—6.00 pm
Friday 13th   Living Green
             Clubs
             Inter-school Sport (Grade 5 & 6)
Monday 16th  Parent Club Meeting—9.15 am—all welcome
             Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 17th Drama / Music
             Active After School—Multi-Skills (last Tuesday session for term)
Thursday 19th Active After School—Circus Skills (last Thursday session for term)
Friday 20th  Living Green / Clubs
             Inter-school Sport (Grade 6 students only)
Monday 23rd  Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 24th Drama / Music
Thursday 26th MARC Library
Friday 27th  LAST DAY TERM 2—1.30 pm dismissal

JULY
Monday 14th  First Day—Term 3

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.
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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.