We are quickly approaching the end of term and what a very busy Term it has been!

Our Grade 3/4/5/6 students started the term off with their Camp at Sunnystones, Bacchus Marsh. This was a fabulous Camp and program provided students with a great time as well as activities that placed a large emphasis on the development of interpersonal skills through a range of initiative and team based activities.

Other highlights from the term include …

- GRIPP Leadership Conference (Grade 6 students)
- PRIME PROGRAM run by Student Teachers from Latrobe University
- Whole School Cross Country event at Elmore
- Active After School Program – Multi-skills and Circus Skills
- Inter-school Sports for Grade 5 & 6 students
- Football Clinic
- Education Week activities including our Prep Information Evening and Open Day / Grandparent / Special Persons Morning Tea
- Whole school excursion to Capital Theatre for Mr McGee and the Biting Flea production

Our Drama / Music, Confucius Classroom, Living Green and Clubs programs this term have provided some wonderful opportunities for all students.

Teaching staff are extremely busy finalising **Semester 1 Reports** which will be sent home next Thursday (26th June). Parent / Teacher interviews will be held early in Term 3.

**CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM CELEBRATION DAY** will be held next Monday, 23rd. (please see the attached invitation for details).

In line with our **Headlice Policy**, inspections will be conducted this Friday by a trained person approved by the Principal and School Council. Prior to the inspections, an explanation will be given to all students advising them of the process.

**GRADE 3/4/5/6 ‘SPACE’ PROJECTS** are due by Thursday of next week (26th). Student have been and will continue to be given time in class to work on their project, however, some students may need to spend extra time at home to ensure the project is completed and submitted on time. Parent’s support is very much appreciated.
TRANSITION CLUSTER SPORTS
The final, term 2, round robin event for the Transition Cluster Sports Carnival will be held this Friday at BSE Secondary College. Our Grade 6 students will team up with other students from Quarry Hill PS, Kennington PS, Strathfieldsaye and Spring Gully PS in mixed teams to play Netball and Football. Students will be bussed to and from the venue leaving school at 11.00 am and returning by 3.15 pm. Mrs Johnston will accompany our students and there is no charge for the bus. Students will need to bring a cut lunch, water bottle and wear appropriate clothing taking into account all weather conditions

REMINDEERS …

• PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE—don’t forget to keep reading and books are available to be borrowed over the holidays. See Mrs Lindhe or Ronda.

• ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL program concludes Thursday for this term. After School Care will be available from 3.15 pm—5.30 pm (6.00 pm by arrangement) each day.

• SCHOOL ACCOUNTS—if you are using direct deposits into the school account, please ensure you include your family or child’s name on the transaction. Bank details –
  Account Name: Eppalock Primary School Council Official Account
  Bank: Commonwealth Bank
  Account BSB: 063 506
  Account Number: 10152204

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

• EMMA—FOR HER TERRIFIC WORK IN THE CLASSROOM LAST WEEK
• JAZZ—FOR HER GREAT ATTITUDE TOWARDS LEARNING
• BELLA—FOR WORKING WELL IN SCHOOL

VALUES AWARD FOR BEING HONEST & TRUSTWORTHY
  was presented to …

  TILLY

GRIPP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO …
  JACK, NICOLE, CHLOE, JESSE AND HENRY.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS …

◊ TO LEVI B FOR ALWAYS BEING NICE TO EVERONE (FROM JAZZ)
◊ THANK YOU NICOLE AND ABBY FOR ALWAYS BEING MY FRIEND
◊ THANK YOU ABBY AND JAZZ FOR BEING MY FRIEND (FROM NICOLE)
IMPORTANT DATES

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—Celebration Day
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
Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 15th  Drama / Music
Friday 18th  Living Green
BSE Music Concert (Grade 6 students)
Tuesday 22nd  Sideline Basketball (Grade 3-6 students)
Wednesday 23rd  Regional Football with Axedale PS (Grade 5 & 6 students)
Thursday 24th  MARC Library
Friday 25th  Schools Tree Planting Day at Axedale (Prep—Grade 6)
Monday 28th  Confucius Classroom
Tuesday 29th  Parent / Teacher Interviews (12noon—6.00 pm) PUPIL FREE
Wednesday 30th  Music / Drama

AUGUST
Friday 1st  Parent Club Special Lunch—SOUP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday last week—we hope you all enjoyed your day.

- Asher—10th June
- Kaden—10th June
- Jesse—11th June

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Parent Club will run a special lunch on Friday 1st August with a delicious selection of soups available.
(details next term)

TRIVIA NIGHT—our annual Trivia Night is being organised for Term 3. We are seeking the support of family and friends with donations of Auction Items and Raffle Prizes.
If you can help, please let Nikki know.
INVITATION TO ALL FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for all your support with your child’s Chinese language learning. Your great encouragement and participation adds a lot impetus to students’ language acquisition.

In order to celebrate and showcase the student’s great achievements in the Chinese Program in semester 1, I am pleased to advise you that on June 23, Monday, the last week of this term from 1.30 pm—3.15 pm, we will hold a Chinese Function. During this session, students will present their language learning through songs, conversation performances and so on. Many cultural activities such as chopstick challenge, Chinese martial arts, Chinese dumpling-making will be held as well.

We would like to invite you to join us and share the happiness of learning with your children. Looking forward to see you on Monday June 23.

Kind regards,

Chinese Teacher
Chunjing Zhang & ChangHui Li
NUDE FOOD LUNCH BOX IDEA # 8  FRUIT KEBABS & YOGHURT

Ingredients:
- A selection of seasonal fruits
- Yoghurt

Will also need:
- Melon baller
  (or just chop if you don’t have a melon baller)
- Skewers

Method:
1. Use kitchen scissors to cut skewers into halves
2. Use Melon Baller to make balls of fruit
3. Place 5-6 fruit balls onto each skewer
4. Put fruit kebabs into a lunch box.
5. Pour some yoghurt into a water tight container
6. Send to school for a yummy way to eat fruit. The fruit can be ‘dipped’ into yoghurt
   *Toothpicks can be used just as easily if you have no skewers*

NUDE FOOD LUNCH BOX IDEA # 9  Cheese and Bacon Puffs

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups grated cheese
- 3 bacon rashers chopped
- 2 onions finely chopped
- 1 cup SR flour
- 1 tsp French mustard (optional)
- 1 X 310 g can corn (optional)
- 1/3 cup chopped spring onions (optional)

Method:
1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees
2. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper
3. Mix milk and mustard together in a bowl and set aside
4. Combine all other ingredients in a large bowl
5. Add milk and mustard mix. Stir until well combined
6. Drop rounded tablespoons of mixture onto lined oven trays
7. Bake for approximately 20 minutes
   *Can be frozen*
Thank you... From the bottom of our pots!

Thank you for all of the generous donations from Eppalock families and extended families for the kitchen donations. We have almost gathered everything we need for a successful cooking program and with a grant from the City of Greater Bendigo, we have been able to purchase multiple sets of equipment. In addition the grant has enabled us to purchase some equipment for the garden which means that we can all have jobs in the garden without having to share equipment. Neil Bowe has very kindly offered to manage the purchase of supplies to get the irrigation complete for the existing veggie garden, many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the lengthy irrigation discussions, particularly Kevin and Andrew.

Cooking helpers
Many thanks to the many people who have helped during cooking lessons, whether you have helped chop, supervised children, washed dishes or just been moral support, thank you. In term 3 I will establish a roster of helpers so that we have enough adults to supervise cooking classes, if you are interested in helping, please email me with your availability on a Friday and dates. If anyone is available this Friday from 11.45-1.30 I would love some help with the grades 3-5. My email is Fehring.lydia.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bunnings thank you
Thanks to Bec Russell who organised the donation of pots from Bunnings for our Mothers Day gifts. I think all the mums will agree that the children put a lot of effort into their Mother's Day gifts. Thanks to Kyle and Caitlyn and Vanessa who donated plants, soil and time.

Lydia Fehring
Sustainability Teacher

**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 -

OPEN DAY
Come along on
WEDNESDAY 18th June 2.30-4pm

Offering a unique, individualized program in a small rural setting.
3 & 4 year old programs
Passionate teachers
Lovely community
Come and see

28 Buckley St. Harcourt Vic. 3453
ph. 54742391,
harcourt.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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.
Parenting Programs and Workshops at CatholicCare Sandhurst (formerly CentaCare)

CatholicCare Sandhurst (Formerly CentaCare) are running arrange of Bendigo based workshops and programs for parents and carers for Term 3.

These workshops will cover a range of topics such as:
- Bringing up Great Kids
- Kids & Anger
- Movement and relaxation techniques to help school aged children and young people to cope with grief and loss when their parents separate.
- Step Families Workshops
- Tuning into kids & their feelings and emotions.
- Tuning into teens
- How to help your kids worry less.

If you would like to attend or require more information about these sessions, please contact:

Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
MY JET JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Calling all footy lovers from ages 6 - 15
DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?
WANT SOME REAL FUN?
A 3 day program focusing on Footy
Venue: My Jet Oval (Wade St)
Monday 30th June, Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd July 8-30am – 5pm
Featuring
Ever Popular Round Robin Footy Carnival
Skill Clinics with BFL Players
Footy Trivia Quizzes & Crosswords
Nutrition & Lifestyle Component/Show Bag
Registration Forms available at
gosquire@gsfnc.com.au
or ph. 0420938138 or 048818351
All Facilitators Accredited

TALKING ECO-LOGICAL

What does Ecological Sustainability mean to you, your school and your community?

In this fun filled FREE two hour workshop you will think about what ecological sustainability means and learn how to discuss, dream, plan and enable change for ecological sustainability.

Talking Ecological is 40 cards for building conversations towards sustainability.
40 cards: 40 engaging statements; 40 conversation starting questions; 40 inspiring quotes ... and an on-line booklet full of suggestions for activities for using the cards.

Principal(s)..............Engage your staff and students
Teachers.......................Run your unit
Students.........................Research your project
School Community..............Run large and small group conversations to create a buzz

WHEN AND WHERE YOU CHOOSE:

Date: Monday June 23rd
Time: 3.30 to 5.30pm
Venue: DEECD Office, McIlvan St Bendigo

OR

Date: Thursday June 26th
Time: 3.30 to 7.30pm
Venue: Swan Hill Secondary School

Facilitators: Ian McIlwraith and Ellen White

Facilitators are experienced in teaching and non-teaching staff, parents, school councils and students to attend this exciting workshop. To register please email Ellen White on ecobusinesses@swansw.vic.edu.au or call 0409013448

Special dietary needs catered for. Let Ellen know on registration of your requirements.

Ian McIlwraith is the author of Talking Ecological. He is a former sustainability educator, speaker, facilitator, MC and business mentor who has inspired and enabled tens of thousands in business, manufacturing, government, schools and communities to move towards a better future.

"We are coming to realise that creating a sustainable future requires us to change much more than the light bulbs. We need to change almost everything about who we are that it’s not about things in a society. It’s about making life better than it ever was—more liveable homes, communities and cities, healthier buildings, healthier and safer streets, healthier food, less waste and economies. My hope is that the conversations coming out of using this content will help us to move to a place where every citizen drives the urgency of our challenge and the break of our dreams...and, along the way, is inspired by the social connectedness that comes with positive cultural change for sustainability."

- Ian McIlwraith

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