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 for Term 3**
We have received advice from the region confirming John Jones will be acting principal for term 3. This is excellent news for the school as the children and the school community welcome back a face they know. I am sure John will return relaxed from his recent holiday and ready for a big term 3.

**Grade 3-6 Camp**
Planning and organisation for the camp is well underway with the children excited about learning the different things they will be involved in during the camp. Camps are an important part of the teaching and learning program and offer the opportunity for your child to learn and socialise in a setting beyond the normal school grounds. Such learning activities provide teachers with important opportunities to see how your child’s personal learning and interpersonal skills are developing.

**Teacher Planning Day**
Last week the teachers spent a day planning in depth the teaching and learning program for term 3. Thorough planning is an important part of effective teaching as it allows teachers to best differentiate and match the teaching program to the learning needs of each child. In particular staff spent time in planning the range and timing of assessments that would take place and how these would be used to inform the next steps in teaching. This is a key improvement strategy set out in the School’s Annual Implementation Plan.

**Thank You Everyone**
I would like to thank the Eppalock community, parents, staff and children for the marvellous support you have provided during the 6 weeks I have been at the school. The school shows a wonderful community atmosphere and a supportive learning environment. All the best for the remainder of the year and have a fantastic holiday everyone!

Kerrie McMillin

**Last day of Term—Friday 26th June**
- A reminder to parents that children will be dismissed at 1.30 pm on Friday, the last day of Term 2.
- After School Care will not be available on Friday.
- Parents of children using the school bus on Friday are reminded that the bus will leave school at 1.30 pm for the afternoon trip—you may need to make arrangements for the early collection of children from the bus stop.
- School will resume on Monday 13th July.
- As with tradition, students can wear casual clothes on Friday (last day of term).

**FAREWELL**
On Friday we say goodbye to the Lovell family who are moving to Geelong to live. We wish Logan, Ellie, Mac, Bee and Mark all the best. Please keep in touch and we look forward to hearing all about your new home and school.
**Living Green** on Fridays has been very diverse and exciting this term. This is mainly due to the fact that we have had so many wonderful volunteers who have come in to help with different aspects of the program.

Some of the things that have been made possible through the help of volunteers include

- Scarecrow building
- Gardening - giving us a flourishing garden
- Cooking - and the opportunity to cook food from the garden
- Working with clay
- Discovering what's under the leaf litter
- Visiting the Imagining Ned exhibition at the Art Gallery
- Taking a tour of the new Ulumburra Theatre and going back stage!
- Making terrariums for mothers day

We couldn't have done these things without you and your contribution adds so much to your children's experience of school and creates opportunities that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Thank you so much for your support this term.

I will be sending home a roster for term 3 volunteers early in the term, so if you are able to come and share a skill or help out cooking or gardening we would love to have you!

thanks
Lydia Fehring
Living Green teacher
CAMP— SOVEREIGN HILL, THURSDAY 16TH & FRIDAY 17TH JULY
Further information along with permission and medical forms etc were sent home yesterday with the Grade 3/4/5/6 students. Please ensure this information is returned to school by Thursday of this week (25th June).
The cost of the Camp is $150.00 per student (families have already paid $20.00 deposit) leaving a balance of $130.00 which needs to be paid in full prior to the Camp. (Any families eligible for CSEF can use this allowance to off-set Camp expenses.
Also there is a dress code for this Camp as students will be part of one of the on-site schools. If you need anything, please consider borrowing or checking out op-shops as we don’t want to cause extra expense to families.
If you have any queries, please see Ms Hartney.

TISSUES
Our supply of tissues is nearly exhausted; it would be very much appreciated if you could send along a box at the start of Term 3.
Thank you.

REMINDERS … Tomorrow, Wednesday 24th June

• A shared morning tea to say farewell to the Lovell children and Mrs McMillin. A small plate to share would be appreciated. Parents are most welcome to join us at 11.00 am.

• Free Special Lunch—parent club is supplying a free lunch for everyone tomorrow—sausage rolls, quiche and yoghurt. If your child does not wish to participate, please send a packed lunch.

IMPORTANT …

CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDS—APPLICATION FORM

These forms were sent home to each family a couple of weeks ago.

If you are eligible for this allowance and have not submitted your application form, please do so as soon as possible.

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply—Please fill in the form that was sent home two weeks ago and return to school (if you need another form, please contact us immediately.

Closing Date— You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.
IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Wednesday 24th
DRAMA / MUSIC

SHARED MORNING TEA—bring a small plate to share

FREE SPECIAL LUNCH—quiche, sausage rolls (if your child does not wish to participate, please ensure they bring a packed lunch)

Friday 26th
LAST DAY TERM 2—1.30 pm dismissal—NO After School Care this day

JULY

Monday 13th
First day—Term 3

Wednesday 15th
Drama / Music

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th
SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP (Grade 3/4/5/6 students)

Thursday 23rd
Responsible Pet Ownership

TERM 3 DATES
Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September

TERM 4 DATES
Monday 5th October—Friday 18th December

REMINDERS …

• LOST PROPERTY—please check the lost property box—it is overflowing!

• NAMING YOUR GARMENTS—please ensure all school uniform garments are clearly named.

• PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE—keep on reading and logging your books. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Lindhe.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Jaiden—bringing ‘possum point’ prizes from home
Jessica—for her positive, hard-working attitude
April—for lots of work in class
Mac—for a great term’s work

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS

Congratulations to ELLIE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO …
Loki for next Monday, 29th June
We hope you have a great day

The Last Hoorah

The Lovell kids would love you to join us for a last hoorah on the last day of term before we head off to our new home in Geelong.

Meet at the skate park on McIvor Road (near Hume and Iser), bring the kids, bring scooters, skateboards, bikes, trikes, water bottles and some snacks to share for afternoon tea (maybe a picnic rug too).

… Bee

THANK YOU

We would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs McMillin for her professionalism and dedication over the past 6 weeks. You have been extremely generous with your time and shared your wisdom and knowledge with not only the students but staff alike. We wish you well in your future.

Staff, Students and Community
Day 4
To start off the day we took the train through Shanghai to an Insect and Bird Market. This was a traditional market which had heaps of strange and interesting animals, from strange fish to coloured frogs, plants, dogs, some cats and crickets in wooden cages! It was a great experience!

From here we headed across the road to an antique market. We got to see another side of Shanghai today at the markets and bought a range of different authentic items.

Day 5
Today began at 6:30am when everyone was up and running around trying to get ready since we had to be at breakfast at 7:15. Before breakfast we went to Starbucks and tried to Skype school. It worked a little bit, but hopefully it will work better next time! After breakfast we all went back to our rooms and frantically searched to make sure that everything was packed away into our bags. Next we went down to the foyer to SKYPE our parents, after that we got our bags and loaded up onto the bus.

On the bus we met our tour guide Michael, he is really nice, he told us all about what Suzhou will be like. Suzhou is the little daughter city of China and has a population of 14 million people (Shanghai is the mother and has 25 million people). After an hour and a half we got off the bus at the Days Hotel. We went into the foyer to wait to be assigned where we will be staying, after about 10 minutes we all went upstairs to find our rooms. When we got there we put away our suitcases and realised we needed another bed so the cleaner came in and bought in another one. Next we met another tour guide Celia, she is very funny, we soon all boarded up onto the bus and set off for Tiger Hill, on the way Celia told us all about the history of Tiger Hill.

Tiger Hill in the largest hill in Suzhou and is 36m high with a giant pagoda on top of it. It was built over 1000 years ago and is built over where one of China's emperors was buried. The people of Suzhou tried to dig into the tomb of the emperor, but it made the pagoda start to lean over, so they had to stop. The pagoda is not being fixed and had to be covered in scaffolding. It is an amazing place with heaps of gardens filled with bonsai trees. Our tour guide took us all around the hill showing us the important areas and telling us the legends that accompanied them! We wandered around the grounds looking at all the ancient buildings and steep stone stair cases. It was really tiring walking up and down all the stairs after a few days of lots of walking! Once we finished at the hill, we got an ice cream and headed out for dinner!
Today we woke up at 6:30, we had to be down at breakfast by 7:00 am. This was our first breakfast at the new hotel and it was really nice! We could even have some chicken feet! We had to leave by 8:00 am to arrive at our sister schools.

Our school which we were going to was Suzhou Industrial Park Xinggang School. This school has over 2000 students and is 4 stories high! Once we finished breakfast we went to meet April, Andrews mum. We all left to go the Xinggang School and met Bob and Andrew as well as some other Chinese students. We went to a classroom and had an address and welcome from the principal and Mr Harvey gave her the gifts from our school.

After this we exchanged gifts with Bob and Andrew and received some lovely handmade gifts from them! After we had finished with the gifts we had an art class with the students. In this class we did tie dye art using tissues and watercolor paint to make some beautiful patterns (Mr Harvey is going to do this when he gets home!).

The next class was a Chinese music class and we did the peacock dance, which is quite famous in China. in the dancing we broke it up into steps which made it a whole lot easier! As for the singing we sang the song properly, like Do Re Mi and in 'la' and then learnt the Chinese lyrics to the song. Once we had done this we put the dancing and the singing together! There is a funny video of Mr Harvey doing the dance which he will have to show you!

When we had finished it was time for lunch. We went as a group down to the cafeteria. The cafeteria is where all the students and staff eat lunch each day. They could fit over 600 people in and we were sitting on a raised area where the staff usually sit. For lunch at the sister school we had pork and rice, beef and tofu, fish soup and some veggies. All students have this meal for lunch as part of school and it was massive and yummy! Once we had finished we needed to make sure all our dishes went away and our area was tidy (just like at school!). Then it was time to say goodbye to our friends until tomorrow.
COMMUNITY NEWS

IMPORTANT

The following has been brought to our attention …

Apparently a gang of thieves is working the Axe Creek area, watching houses and breaking in after the owners go to work. Make sure you are vigilant with your security as they are apparently working in this area. Look out for any unusual activity and let your neighbours know.

FREE
Friday July 3
10.30am – 2.30pm, Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo

Join in a game of laser tag in the inflatable maze or bounce around in the Looney Tunes 5-in-1 jumping castle.

For more information please call 5434 6000