2014 PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The use of opinion data as a measure of school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. We conduct annual and anonymous opinion surveys for students and parents each year and use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

The 2014 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted state-wide in the weeks from July 28th to August 8th. The overall objective of this survey is to collect data about parent opinion across the state, and for individual schools to use this data to inform school improvement.

All families will receive a Parent Opinion Survey on Monday July 28th and I ask that all parents take the time to complete it as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school. Please complete your survey and return it to the school by Friday August 8th 2014. Please be assured that your responses are totally confidential. If you would like more information about the parent opinion survey process please do not hesitate to ask.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
The Active After School Program for term 3 commences the week after next (Tuesday 5th August & Thursday 7th August) and will run on these nights after school till the end of the term. Tuesday’s program will be Cricket and Thursday nights will be Athletics. (see attached form)

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENT
We welcome back Maddi Tresize who is on work experience this week. Maddi will be working in all grades.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Just a friendly reminder that school accounts will be sent home this week and it would be greatly appreciated if families could finalise their accounts as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty or require alternative payment arrangements please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

PORTABLES
The latest advice from the department is that the portables will be removed on Friday of this week. The site will be secured and the children have been asked not to play anywhere past the old school building until the portables have been successfully removed.

FRRR GRANT
We are very excited to announce that we have received a grant of around $7800 from the Foundation for Regional & Rural Renewal. This money will go towards the upgrade of the kitchen area in the old school building in order to further extend our kitchen garden program. Thanks so much to Lydia for all her hard work in preparing the grant application.
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS & STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Parent/Teacher Interviews and Student Led Conferences will be conducted next Tuesday, 29th July. All students should have taken home a letter for parents to nominate preferred times. These forms need to be returned ASAP. Families will be notified on Friday of the designated times. If you can’t make it next Tuesday please let your child’s teacher know some dates and times that may suit and we can make alternative arrangements. Grade 5/6 students will be required at school during their allocated time only and Prep – 4 students are not required at all on the day but care will be provided for these children while their parents meet with teachers.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Just a reminder that School Council meets this Thursday night in the staff room commencing at 6pm.

CASEA INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENT
Just a reminder that the CASEA team will be at school next Monday, 28th July to offer a parent information session from 9.30am – 10.30am (please see attached flyer). This is a great opportunity for families to find out more about this program and what it offers students, parents and the school. Please return the RSVP as soon as possible if you are able to attend. This is a fantastic program and I encourage all parents to take up this opportunity to find out what CASEA has to offer.

I hope everyone has a great (warm) week ………Mrs Ryan

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Get into Nature - Parent helpers welcome!
Eppalock is teaming up with Axedale Primary School to create habitat for native wildlife and improve water quality of the Campaspe catchment by **planting trees along the Campaspe River on Friday July 25th 2014.**

**Please bring:**
- extra food for lunch
- Gumboots
- Warm clothes
- Gloves and trowel if you have them

On the day we will be leaving school by bus at 12.10pm travelling to Axedale River Reserve where we will eat lunch.
We are very lucky to have a Platypus Expert talk to us about our local elusive monotreme on the river bank.
1.45-2.45pm tree planting

The meeting site for tree planting is immediately to the south of the McIvor Hwy bridge in Axedale . Best car access is via Campaspe Drive (left off hwy before bridge).

For more information or to let me know that you will be coming on the day please email me fehring.lydia.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

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GRADERS 5/6 SCHOOL FOOTBALL
The Inter-School Football Carnival for **Grade 5/6 students will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd July at Catholic College Bendigo, LaValla Campus in Junortoun.** We will be combining with Axedale Primary School to form the team and Mrs Ryan and Ash will be attending with the students.
Students will need to wear warm clothing (including a coat) runners or football boots, shorts (football jumpers will be supplied for use on the day). They will also need to take their own lunch, snacks and water.
Parents are welcome to attend to support the team.
## IMPORTANT DATES

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**18th - 22nd August—Book Week**

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Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- **Ella** — for working well in class
- **Baylee** — for settling in well
- **Chloe** — for extending on her ideas and striving hard to improve

VALUES AWARD FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY was presented to **Henry**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- **Sienna** — 9th July
- **Henry** — 10th July
- **April** — 16th July

We hope you all enjoyed your day.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS …

- To Nicole for being very caring and helping Cooper
- Thank you to the students and teachers that have helped Silver get about during his very ‘LIMPY’ time (Kris—Silver’s mum)
- Logan — Logan offered to carry some of my bags from my car one morning. Thanks so much Logan. It was unexpected, but very much appreciated. Mrs Lindhe
Bendigo CAMHS & Schools Early Action Program
Eppalock Primary School

Dear Parent

Have you ever thought about wanting some new ways to help your child cope with the ups and downs of life? To help teach your kids about strong feelings and how they can manage them better? To learn parent approaches to remain calm when things get stressful in your family?

These feelings skills are really important to help children make and keep friends, do well at school and feel good about themselves.

Parents of children in prep to grade 6 have an opportunity in term 4 to participate in a free parent program at your school. It is an 8 week program which runs from **9-11am on Mondays** at Eppalock Primary School.

The group will commence on **Monday 6th October 2014** and conclude on **Monday 24th November 2014**.

If you would like to find out more about the program, please come and meet Kerry Holland and Megan Rohde from Bendigo CASEA (Bendigo Health) from **9.30-10.30am on Monday 28th July 2014 at Eppalock PS**.

If you cannot make this time and would like some more information on the program please call Kerry or Megan on Ph 5442 7596.

Please return the attached RSVP to school by Friday 25th July, 2014

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**Yes I will be attending the CASEA Parent Info session on Monday 28th July, 2014.**

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Name _____________________________________________________
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.

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.

Parent Club will run a special lunch on Friday 1st August with a delicious selection of soups available—order forms will be sent home next week.

TRIVIA NIGHT—our annual Trivia Night is being organised for later this term. 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.

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Conversations for life®

WHEN: Wednesday 13th August
WHERE: The Bendigo Club
TIME: 9.30 am
COST: $175

The Footy4Life Foundation in partnership with Bounce Consulting are offering an innovative suicide prevention program for those who want to enrich the lives of the people at risk around them.

Become more confident, influential and powerful in your conversations to curb and prevent potential suicidal thinking and behaviour in those around you, with this half day program.

BE READY = BE WILLING = BE ABLE

This program will provide you:
- Guidance from experienced facilitators as you improve your planning and conversation skills
- Valuable opportunities to practice your skills and discuss the strategies that you may adopt when helping your colleagues, clients, friends or family members
- Information on suicide prevention and crisis management
- An opportunity to be part of the Lifeboat community

RSVP Date: Friday 8th August
Contact: Justin Abrams
Email: justin.abrams@afcentralvic.com.au
Phone: 0437 981 510

Farewell to Laurel Street
Celebrating Over 140 Years of Education

Saturday 23rd of August
Laurel St Primary School

12.00-1.30pm
- BBQ Lunch
- Registration

1.45pm
- Welcoming Address
- School Choir Performance
- Time Capsule
- Reflections of the Past & Present

3.30pm
Afternoon Tea in the School Hall
(If your child is participating in this program, please write their name in the appropriate date box and return this form to school by Monday 28th July. If you wish to add or remove your child from the program at any time, please just let the office know. This form is just for an indication of numbers for the providers.)

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**TERM 3/2014**

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Jackson Ryan will be running Cricket program and Sarah Wynn, Athletics assisted by Ash, Michelle and Charlotte.

All Active After School Care Programs are Free of Charge. Children who are not picked up at the end of the session will be placed in After School Care and parents will need to pay for the service.
PROGRAM DETAILS:

WHEN: The next Aussie Hoops program starts Wednesday 30th July
WHERE: Bendigo Stadium, Morang Rd, Bendigo (Court 5)
TIME: 4pm – 5pm (each Wednesday between 30/7/14 to 17/9/14)
COST: $70.00 (if you already have the pack the cost will be $45)

Further Information:
Nathan Williams - Sports Office Phone: (03) 5440 6221
Email: nathan.williams@bendigostadium.com.au
Website: www.bendigobasketball.net.au

Aussie Hoops is a program for kids aged between 6-10 years of age. The program is run in conjunction with Basketball Victoria Country and Basketball Australia. It's a great way to learn and develop new skills and also make new friends. It is a 2-week program run by qualified coaches.

Participants Details:

Name: ___________________________ Age: ______ D.O.B.:____/____/______ Gender: M / F

Address: ___________________________________________________________

Phone: (H) _______ (B) _______ (M) _______

Email: ___________________________________________________________

I wish to attend the Aussie Hoops program starting on: 30 July 2014

School you attend: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Do you have any medical conditions we should be aware of: ___________________________________________________________

Parents Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________ Date: ___________

Size (T-SHIRT): 8 10 12 14

Method of Payment

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque, payable to Bendigo Stadium ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card No. ___________ Exp. Date ___________

Where did you hear about Aussie Hoops?
☐ Braves School Clinic ☐ Email
☐ Basketball website ☐ Friend
☐ Active AfterSchool Program ☐ Other

I give consent for my child to participate in the Aussie Hoops program. I permit staff to act on my behalf should medical attention be required and hereby release the Bendigo Stadium or Bendigo Basketball Association from any liability should injury or accident occur. I give permission for photos to be taken to promote the program.

Signature

Date Paid: ___________ Amount $_________
cyber(smart:)

Join in the discussion with an ACMA CyberSmart Expert:

Weeroona College Bendigo will be holding an information session for parents on:

Date: 7th August 2014
Time: 6pm (runs for approx 90 mins)
RSVP: 28th July 2014 on 54432133 or email Sarah Warburton on warburton.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
Cost: FREE.

Arm yourself with the difference of 'what's trending' & how to assist your child navigate safely online.

Golden Square Cricket Club
Junior Registration Night

Friday 1st August 2014
Mylet Oval (Wade Street) Clubrooms
5:00pm to 6:30pm

We are encouraging all players to attend from U/10 - U/18 age groups

REGISTER AND PAY ON THIS NIGHT TO GO INTO THE DRAW TO 'WIN YOUR FEES BACK'.

If you are unable to make the night or require further details please visit www.goldensquarecricket.com, email the Club on golden.squareclub.cricketvictoria.com.au or ring Junior Co-ordinator, Mark Grant on 0408 336 832.

JETS
STRATHFIELDSAYE CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY
SATURDAY AUGUST 9
10 am to 1 pm
&
SUNDAY AUGUST 10
10 am to 11.30am

TANNERY LANE COMPLEX
WARNE COURT, STRATHFIELDSAYE.

Contact Alistair Cheeaman on 0418 327129 for more information.