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

BOOK WEEK

As you may know this week is ‘Book Week’. We have a number of the Short Listed Books on display in the Library area, thanks to Ronda, and the children have had the opportunity to share many of these and even heard the winners announced live during our Polycom session last Friday. Don’t forget the annual Book Week Parade will take place this Thursday, 21st August from 9am. The Book Week theme this year is “Connect to reading - Reading to connect”. We would love for all students to come dressed as their favourite book character or a character from a book. As this is a MARC Van day, all students will be completing Book Week based activities in their normal classrooms throughout the day. We encourage all students to dress up and be a part of this day. Parents and friends are welcome to join us.

This week’s strategies are all about; HOW TO PRACTISE GOOD SLEEP HYGIENE

‘Sleep hygiene’ refers to habits that help you have a good night’s sleep.

Encourage your child to:

- go to bed and get up at the same time each day (even on weekends)
- wind down with relaxing activities before bedtime
- get out of bed and do something non-stimulating, like reading a book, if they can’t sleep. They should go back to bed when they are feeling drowsy.
- keep their bedroom quiet and at a comfortable temperature
- not read or watch TV in bed
- not nap during the day no matter how tired they feel.
Leading School Improvement

This Thursday and Friday I will be out of the school attending a course in Melbourne titled Leading School Improvement (LSI) which The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is delivering in partnership with Bastow Institute. The aim of the Program is for participants to be better able to identify and use data to inform their school improvement decisions which fits in perfectly with the current Review & Self-Evaluation process that is being conducted at the school. This is a five day course, with the other days occurring later in the year focusing on the development of the School Strategic Plan.

School Review

Thank you so much to those parents who attended the Parent Forum last Tuesday night. I have sent a letter home to all parents asking you to identify some specific need or wants for your child. This data will again go to inform the direction our school takes over the next four years. I ask that all parents return this information to school as soon as possible. Your thoughts and ideas are important to us and we want to be sure we have heard from all parents. Thanks so much.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

As mentioned in previous newsletters our school is taking part in the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program. This program is an evidence-based framework for preventing and responding to student behaviour. It aims to create a positive school climate, a culture of student competence and an open, responsive management system for all school community members.

SWPBS includes analysis of data in professional learning teams, implementation of research-validated practices and organisational systems for establishing safe, purposeful and inclusive school and classroom learning environments while providing the individual behaviour and learning supports needed to achieve academic and social success for all students.

One of the first jobs we were required to complete was to come up with a Behaviour Purpose Statement that is unique to our school. Below is the end result and reflects the direction and purpose of our school and what Eppalock PS stands for.

At Eppalock Primary School we strive to provide a nurturing and positive learning environment that caters for the needs of all students, enabling them to reach their individual academic and personal potential. We ensure that teaching and learning activities are relevant and challenging and promote respect and responsibility. Students at our school are supported to be individuals who care for themselves, others and their environment and they are encouraged to share their knowledge, friendship and learning with others and are supported to try new things and have high personal standards.

Science Week - Dimensions Science Show

Not only is this week Book Week but it is also ‘Science Week’. To help celebrate we were very lucky to have a free ‘Dimensions Science Show’ presented to the students this morning by the Teacup Tumble Production Company.

We were joined by two clowns who took us on an acrobatic exploration of geometry as they invited students into their world of angles, faces, vertices and a giant mono-dodeca-tri-tetra-flexagon (try saying that three times fast!). The Teacup Tumble production company asked quirky questions and engaged the students imagination by using geometrical shapes and lines to tell a story that was both personal and mathematical. Our students were able to see the world from a completely different angle as they explored the geometry of everyday objects and uncovered the abstract beauty of a pyramid. Afterwards we created a mathematical artwork that demonstrates the concepts explored during the show. Please come into the school and check it out!

Athletics Carnival

Just some forward notice that our annual Athletics Carnival against Axedale PS will be held at the Bendigo Athletics Complex on Friday 17th October this year. Some students are taking part in the Active After Schools Athletics program on Thursday nights this term and are developing some great skills and we will also be doing some intensive training leading up to the event.

Weeding

We are still in desperate need of some help with weeding the front gardens. If you have any spare time throughout the week, or on the weekend please feel free to pull as many weeds as you like. Thanks in advance for your help.

Have a wonderful week ……. Mrs Ryan 😊
# IMPORTANT DATES

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**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**— Saturday 11th October 2014. 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.

**WANTED:** Pie Warmer for this coming Friday. If anyone has a pie warmer parents club could borrow for the Sausage Roll Lunch Day this Friday could you please see the school or let Nikki Mannes know.

**WANTED:** Pie Warmer that can be donated to the school or purchased by parents club for a small price.

**WANTED:** Second hand/new bricks that can be donated to the school. Parents Club/Living Green is looking at building a Pizza Oven for School and Community Use. If you have any bricks that can be donated to the school please contact the school or Nikki Mannes.

**WANTED:** Pizza Oven Building Specifications. If any one has built a pizza oven before and has plans for one or has the knowledge on how to build one could you please see the school or Nikki Mannes.

Thank You for your help with the above items.

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Daffodil Day**

On Friday the 22nd of August we are having Daffodil Day.

Why we are having daffodil day is because we want to make awareness for cancer.

Our target is $100 dollars but if we get more we would be overwhelmed.

You are either allowed to wear a costume or you can wear something yellow it’s up to you.

It is a gold coin donation.

Thank you for helping make someone’s day a whole lot better and making the cure for cancer even closer.

From the Junior School Council
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 2014

SAUSAGE ROLLS (Normal Large Size)

Orders and money must be returned to school by this Wednesday 20th August

Order Form

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY—SAUSAGE ROLLS—FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST 2014

$1.50 Per Sausage Roll

Number of Sausage Rolls ..................................

Money enclosed ...........................................

FALY NAME ..................................................................
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Pippa—For Working so well in writing
Jaiden C. For working well on his reading
Henry For always doing his best

VALUES AWARD FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY was presented to Abby Mannes— for being responsible member of the school community

Birthdays:
Banjo Costello on 22nd August, We hope you have a very special day.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS …

To Levi Bowe for always being nice to everyone. From Jazz
Thankyou Nicole and Abby for always being my friend
To Cooper for caring about Kooka’s tongue, telling everyone to stop pulling it. From Chloe
To Jackie Hebble and Nikki Mannes for taking Will, Jazz, Jack and Abby to netball and football training From Abby Mannes
**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.

**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.

**FAMILY DAYCARE**

Would you consider a career as an Early Childhood Educator?
- Professional Training with Nationally Recognised Qualification
- Work from home and work the hours that suit you
- Great income prospects
- All Educators registered with DEECD
- Full ongoing support provided

For more information please call: 1300 856 463

Providing flexible and affordable CHILDCARE in a nurturing home environment
What we do well!

Thinking about Eppalock Primary School as it currently is: What do you see as our Strengths?

What we can do better!

Thinking about Eppalock Primary School as it currently is: What do you see as areas in need of improvement?

What you would like to see!

Thinking about Eppalock Primary School: Is there something that is not already here that you would like to see? (facilities/programs)
Eppalock Primary School presents:

A Trivia Extravaganza

Funds raised will be put towards the redevelopment of the Axe Creek Community Centre
(The old Eppalock School Building) - Facilities for Kids Cooking, Playgroup, CFA & Landcare

Saturday 11th October 2014  (First Saturday back in Term 4)

$16 per person  (for tickets purchased & paid for up until Friday 19th Sept 2014)
$20 per person  (for tickets purchased on/after Saturday 20th Sept 2014)

Tables of 5 people

*you don’t need a full table / 5 people to come along - you can purchase individual tickets and we’ll put you together with others on the night to create ‘super tables’.

6pm  Masked Wine Tasting - Can you pick the varietal?
      $5 per participant
      Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling
      Wine tasting & nibbles. No wine tasting experience necessary....

7pm  Trivia Extravaganza kicks off
      4 rounds of Trivia
      Lucky number prizes, door raffles and a silent auction on the night
      10.30pm Evening End

* Child minding will be available on the night at a small cost per child
BYO Drinks  AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON

Each school family to please bring;
- a plate of supper/nibbles for each of your tables
- bag of lollies ie. Éclairs, strawberry creams, Frendo Frogs, Aldi lolly sticks (These will be collected at the start of the night and put into a ‘tray’ of lollies to be rotated around the tables during the evening - sitting on the winning table each round)

Where:  Eppalock Primary School, Patons Road, Axe Creek
Enquiries and Tickets sales :  Eppalock Primary School Office (03) 5439 6366
                  Email: eppalockps@edumail.vc.gov.au  (netbanking EFT avaiil for tickets)
                  Help us create a fantastic Kids Cooking Kitchen & Community Facility!
Dear Students,

Applications for the Athlete Development Program (ADP) at Bendigo South East College are now open. All students attending BSE in 2015 are eligible to apply.

Further information about the program, plus the 2015 Application Package, can be found at the ADP website: http://www.bse.vic.edu.au/excellence/athlete-development-program

Applications close soon. If you have any trouble applying by the due date, please don't hesitate to contact the Sports Office at BSE on 54434522 or adp@bse.vic.edu.au

We look forward to receiving your application.

Kind Regards,

Ernie Fleming

Principal/ADP Director of Sports