INTERSCHOOL SPORTS—CHANGE OF DAY
We have been advised that the Interschool Transition Sports day for this week has been changed from Friday to THURSDAY 30TH - Spring Gully (home) V Quarry Hill/Eppalock. The game will begin at approximately 1:30pm and we will be leaving school at 1pm. If any parents are available to assist with transport please let us know—it would be very much appreciated.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2014
Our school swimming program commenced this week and will continue to run over the next few weeks. SWIMMING PROGRAM for Term 4 will be held at the YMCA complex, Eaglehawk as below -
Tuesday 4th November lesson commencing at 1.00 pm
Tuesday 18th November lesson commencing at 1.00 pm
Tuesday 25th November lesson commencing at 1.00 pm
• Please note: NO SWIMMING PROGRAM ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Just a reminder that there is no school tomorrow Wednesday, 29th October, due to the Bendigo Cup Day Holiday.

OUT AND ABOUT
I will be in Melbourne tomorrow and Thursday at Bastow for the third and fourth days of the Leading School Improvement Program.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Just a reminder that all 2014 school accounts need to be finalised by the end of November to ensure all accounting is completed for the end of year roll over. Thank you to families who have already finalised their account - if you have not, it would be appreciate if you could do so as soon as possible. If you wish to discuss your account or organise a payment plan, please see myself or Marie. Banking Details below (please add your name) Commonwealth Bank—Eppalock Primary School Council Official Account BSB 063-506 Account Number 10152204

ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES FOR 2015 PREPS
Below is listed the dates and times for this year’s transition and orientation program for our 2015 prep students. We will also be holding a Prep Parent/Staff/Student Picnic on Thursday 6th November from 5.30pm – 7pm. This will be a great chance for our 2015 prep families to get to know each other and the staff in a friendly, relaxed setting.
Visit 1; Thursday 13th November - 11.30am-1.00pm
Visit 2; Wednesday 19th November - 9.30am-11.00am
Visit 3; Monday 24th November - 10.00am-11.30am
Visit 4; Tuesday December 9th - 9.00am-11.30am—Whole school Orientation Day/Classroom
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2015
It is really important for parents/carers to be aware that there will be no EMA in 2015 due to a change in Government Funding. Therefore parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.
Funding will be allocated to eligible schools, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015 and Eppalock PS is one of those schools that will not receive any additional funding.
Those parents who previously received EMA need to be aware that they will now have to cover all booklist costs.

BENDIGO SHOW
Did you see our fantastic display of children’s art work at the Bendigo Show? The display was wonderful and we picked up a second prize for our efforts – well done to all the students who work was displayed. A big thank you needs to go out to Sue Gentry for all her hard work collecting and framing art work and putting the display together, she did a wonderful job – Thanks so much.

HELP US WIN!!!
Please vote for Eppalock PS to win a water tank for the school. WaterStore Poly Water Tanks are running a Facebook competition for the next couple of weeks to give away a free 5,000 litre poly water tank. Competition ends on 4th of November. Please go to https://apps.facebook.com/waterstorewatersmart to vote.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our October School Council meeting took place in the staff room last Thursday night. Some of the items discussed included;
- The approval of next year’s grade 3-6 school camp to Ballarat in July. Costings and further details will be provided to all parents involved later this year and early in the 2015 school year.
- Approval of an End of Year excursion to Echuca on the 4th December. This excursion will be free to all students and will include a Paddle Steamer Cruise along the Murray River and picnic lunch. Further details will be provided to families closer to the date.
- Acceptance of the Grounds Design Quote from Brendan Bartlett, Landscape Architect. Brendan has been employed to provide the school with a detailed Landscape Masterplan for the school grounds which will give us a big picture view of where we are heading with grounds work and a staged plan for execution.
- Discussion around the lack of EMA funding for our school in 2015 and the implications to some families.
- Continued discussion around the list of jobs required to be completed around the school yard.

CHINESE STUDENTS - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Are you able to have one or both of our Chinese students for a day on a weekend or for an afternoon after school? If this is something that you and your family would like to be involved in please let me know ASAP what days and times might suit and we will organise for the boys to spend some time with your family.

Have a great week. Mrs Ryan
PARENT OPINION SURVEY DATA
Our school Parent Opinion Survey Data (shown below) for 2014 is extremely positive and shows many growth areas over the last three years. This data is great confirmation of the wonderful things that have been happening in the school and re-confirms our positive position as discussed in the school review. Parents General Satisfaction of the school is very high, as is Approachability, Parent Input and School Improvement. A couple of areas, that although still tracking well but have come out slightly lower than the other areas include Classroom Behaviour and Student Safety and we will be calling on parents for further feedback in these areas so that we can continue to improve. The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program is one initiative that will be fully implemented in 2015 and which will hopefully work to improving these areas.

2014 Parent Opinion Survey
School Number: 1788
School Name: Eppalock Primary School

School means plotted as percentage ranks against state-wide school means

2014 Data against state-wide school benchmark

[Graph showing various school metrics with quartile rankings]
IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
Wednesday 29th Bendigo Cup Day Holiday—no school
Thursday 30th MARC Library
Music / Drama
Interschool Transition Sports Grade 5 & 6 at Spring Gully PS
Active After School—Basketball
Friday 31st Parent Club Meeting—9.00 am—all welcome

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 4th Swimming Lessons 1:00-1:40pm
Active After School—Multi Skills
Wednesday 5th Questacon Science Spectacular $5.00 per student
Healthy Lunch / Healthy Dance $8.00 per child
Thursday 6th 2015 Prep Parent / Staff / Student Picnic (5.30 pm—7.00 pm)
Active After School—Basketball
Friday 7th Pupil Free Day—Michael Ymer Staff PD
Tuesday 11th Active After School—Multi Skills
Thursday 13th MARC Library
2015 Prep Transition 11.30 am—1.00 pm
Active After School—Basketball
Tuesday 18th Swimming Lessons 1:00-1:40pm
Active After School—Multi Skills
Wednesday 19th 2015 Prep Transition 9.30 am—11.00 am
Thursday 20th Active After School—Basketball
Monday 24th 2015 Prep Transition 10.00 am—11.30 am
Tuesday 25th Swimming Lessons 1:00-1:40pm
Active After School - Multi Skills
Wednesday 26th Sink or Swim Incursion
Thursday 27th Active After School—Basketball

DECEMBER
Tuesday 2nd Visit to Victoria Heights
Wednesday 3rd Special ‘all you can eat pot-luck’ Lunch organised by Parent Club $4.00 per head
Tuesday 9th Orientation Day
Friday 12th End of Year COMMUNITY NIGHT
Tuesday 16th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 19th Last Day of Term—1.30 pm finish
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week

- **Cooper** for some terrific independent writing
- **River** for always doing great school work
- **Jesse** for always doing his best

Our Value this Term is **RESPECT**—treat others with consideration and regard; respect another person’s point of view. Congratulations to **PIPPA** who received our RESPECT AWARD this week.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Brionee for TODAY
we hope you have a fantastic day!

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**MARC Final Borrowing Dates**
The end of the school year is fast approaching and it is time to start chasing up all of the missing and overdue library books for this year. Your last chance to borrow MARC books will be:
Thursday 30th October and all books borrowed on this day or prior to this must be returned in the fortnight following this day. Please remember that if books are lost or damaged, families will be asked to replace or provide an appropriate donation to make up for the missing book.

Regards, Keira Haddow, (MARC Van Library teacher)

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Next Wednesday, 5th November, the Shell Questacon Science Circus team will visit here at Eppalock Primary and present a wide range of engaging activities and workshops designed to stimulate and challenge an exploration of science and technology among students.
The science graduates who run the program will present a lively and energetic science show using everyday materials and props covering a wide range of topics from bubbles and balance to collisions and chemistry and lots more.
This is a fantastic opportunity for all our students.
The cost is $5.00 per student and payment would be appreciated prior to the day.
PARENT CLUB NEWS

- **PARENT CLUB MEETING**—this Friday, 31st October, 9.00 am—ALL WELCOME
- **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.
- **CHRISTMAS HAMPER**—as part of our end of year Community Night we will have a Christmas Hamper. We ask families for a donation or two of non-perishable goods (please check use-by dates) for this hamper. Items can be left in the box in the school foyer.

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**HEALTHY LUNCH—HEALTHY DANCE**

Next Wednesday, 5th November, the Parents’ Club in conjunction with the staff from Eppalock are holding a Healthy Lunch, Healthy Dance Day to support our former student Nathan Jennings who is currently being treated for lymphoma. Nathan is 18 years old and attended our school from prep to Grade 6.

Nathan is the grandson of our cleaner Lyn and son of Jenni and David Jennings, who in the past were very actively involved in our school.

The day will take the form of a Healthy Lunch – chicken and salad wrap, yogurt and fruit kebabs and the children will participate in a variety of fun dances.

**The cost of the lunch will be $8 per child**

Any other donations will be gratefully appreciated.

If you wish your child or children to participate in our fundraising lunch, please complete the following order form and return it to school by Monday 3rd November.

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**MY CHILD / CHILDREN ................................................................. WILL PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY LUNCH, HEALTHY DANCE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER.**

$............................................ IS ENCLOSED ($8.00 PER CHILD)

SIGNED ..................................................................................................................
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.
CHRISTMAS

FUN Language holiday program

Monday 22nd December 9am - 4pm
Tuesday 23rd December 9am – 4pm
Wednesday 24th December 9am – 12noon

Are your kids finishing school & you still have to work?
We have an exciting holiday option for the kids

A super fun, Christmas-themed language experience!
Kid’s cooking, cultural dress ups, games, craft, role-play &
learning about Christmas festivities in another country – all
in another language! Beginners & intermediate welcome.

CHOOSE: French, Mandarin or Italian program

$85 per child per day ($50 for half day Wednesday)

Play-based fun language programs designed especially 4 children

Be quick – only 15 places available per session (min numbers apply)

Semi-immersion. Complements in-school LOTE (any language)
Different program daily so kids can do all 3 sessions.

** ALSO - REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN for our 2015 IMMERSION
3yr/4yro PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
Small group, personalised, play-based language learning. It’s a weekly 2hr
(like 3yro kinder) program in another language.
Choose immersion French or immersion Mandarin in Bendigo.
Ask our 2014 parents about the amazing results for their pre-schoolers!

Enquiries to Sally-Anne m: 0418 390 824
e: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au (2-5yrs) (5-12yrs)
Ask us about our term-time Fun Language Clubs 4 Kids for 2015