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

MONEY CAN GROW ON TREES—Eppalock Primary School is part of this promotion at the Bendigo Marketplace. Our students have hand-made Christmas decorations and they have been placed on our tree at the Marketplace. All you need to do is vote with your Bendigo Marketplace shopping receipts, drop your receipts in our school drop box located at the ‘in centre’ tree display. Every dollar you spend at Bendigo Marketplace equals a vote for our school. When you shop at Bendigo Marketplace you can HELP US WIN by placing your dockets in our ‘tree-bin’.

SWIMMING—our swimming program for this term commenced today and will continue over the next three Tuesdays. A reminder to parents that children are often very hungry after swimming so a little extra in their lunchbox is a good idea.

STAFF DUTY—A reminder to all families that staff are on duty from 8.45 am each morning. Students who are not collected from school by 3.30 pm each afternoon will be placed in After School Care.

TRIVIA NIGHT—as stated last week, our Trivia Night was a great success. Final figures are still not in, but we can announce that we have raised $3000.00 from the silent auction. Many, many thanks to the generous business and families who supported us by donating goods and services (a list is attached). If you have the opportunity to thank these business by supporting them when you are purchasing items, please do.

PARENT CLUB—the next meeting will be held next Monday afternoon at 3.15 pm. We will be discussing our end of year Community Night and Christmas hamper. All parents welcome.

SPECIAL LUNCH—next Wednesday, 11th November, Parent Club will be organising a special 'hot dog' lunch for students. The cost is $3.00 per person (forms attached).

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE—We ask families to donate an item or two for our hamper raffle. There is a box in the school entry area to place donations in. Please check ‘use-by– dates on items and ensure there is no perishable food items. Tickets for the hamper will be sent home in the next week or two.
## IMPORTANT DATES

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## PREP 2016 TRANSITION DATES

Students will have an opportunity to explore the school, classrooms and complete engaging activities.

- **Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} November — 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm**— Prep Parents / Staff / Student Picnic
  
  This will be a great opportunity for all new Preps and their families to get to know each other and the staff in a friendly and relaxed setting. School will provide picnic food.

- **Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} November — 10.00 am – 11.00 am**
  
  Please bring a hat, healthy snack and a bottle of water.

- **Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} December — 10.00 am – 11.30 am**
  
  Please bring a hat, healthy snack and a bottle of water.

- **Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} December — 10.00 am – 12 noon**
  
  Please bring a hat, healthy snack and a bottle of water.

Extra transition days are available, for those students who may require them. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Audrey for last Tuesday, 27\textsuperscript{th} October.

We hope you had a fun day.
CONGRATULATIONS to Hamish who participated in the Bendigo Fun Run last weekend. Hamish and his dad (Brad pushing Billy in the stroller) completed the 5km course in 36 minutes and 20 seconds.

Donna Bowe completed the 15 km course and Sian Knight completed the 10 km. A fantastic effort everyone —well done to you all.
Eppalock Trivia Night

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Welcome to the world of ‘The Get Happier Project’!
The Dragster team of lively characters helps EVERYONE to discover and apply the skills for living a happier and more successful life. Doug, Sid, Daisy, Uncle D and their friends show us the key aspects to Emotional Intelligence, help us to improve Self-Esteem, Resilience and Happiness and demonstrate how to make & keep better relationships.

We get happier when we get real with our thinking, work out what we really want and take action to achieve our goals. Because we will experience many challenges in our lives, our happiness will also depend on our ability to effectively deal with our painful feelings, and return to our lives wiser and stronger.

Therefore, we use the words “Get Happier” to describe how we feel when we have the skills and mindsets for resilience, self esteem, mental health and emotional intelligence.

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BREWHOUSE

HUME & ISER

TANNERY LANE SAND & SOIL

BRADIES TAVERN
**Attention Grade 4, 5 & 6's**

**Camp MacLeod is just round the corner!**

The parent organised camp for Grade 4-6 students is nearly here and this is a final call to anyone interested that hasn't yet replied.

**Basic info:**

- **Dates:** Friday 13 – Sunday 15 November 2015
- **Where:** Camp MacLeod, Lowhead Rd, Lake Eppalock
- **Cost:** $30 per person, per night for accommodation plus food (roughly $50 per family for entire weekends food)

Please email or phone Meredith Gallagher (Jessica's mum) on: amgags@bigpond.com or 0427 781967

**reminder:** This is not an official school camp – there is no insurance. Attendees do so at their own risk. All children must be accompanied on the camp by a parent or responsible adult. Whilst all care is given by the parents attending the camp, no-one can be held responsible for the safety of your child.

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**Sutton Grange Tennis**

**Casual / social hit—this Sunday,**

**November 8th at 3.00 pm**

All welcome—BYO bbq

If you would like a key to attend the courts at your convenience, please contact Jackie on 0409 216 356

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**Great Victorian Koala Count**

Help improve our knowledge of koalas and where they are located in Victoria by taking part in the Great Victorian Koala Count on Saturday 7 November.

Register online at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/koala-count
Citizen scientists to save Murray River turtles

Saving the turtles in the nation’s biggest river system, the Murray-Darling, requires a big effort, one that crosses the boundaries of universities and industry and scientists and citizens. Zoologist Dr Ricky Spencer is leading a new research project that brings together scientists, Traditional Owners, non-government organisations and local community groups across three states in a unique Australian Research Council-funded project to arrest the decline of freshwater turtles.

“Turtles play an essential role in the Murray and other river systems, eating algae, dead material and keeping feral carp in check. They help to maintain the clean water that other animals, including humans, need to survive,” Dr Spencer, from the Western Sydney University’s School of Science and Health and Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment, said.

“A collapse in turtle numbers in any river would be a problem, but in the 2,508km Murray River it could devastate the natural landscape and the economy of a vast area of South Eastern Australia.”

The project will identify and quantify the causes of falling turtle numbers along the whole river system. The results will be used to develop practical management options to halt the decline. Dr Spencer said the unique collaborative approach to save the Murray River turtles is necessary because of the shear scale of the River, the complexity of the ecosystem and the variety of potential threats to turtles.

This will be the first river-wide study of turtles, achieved by combining cutting-edge genetic and ecological techniques with a citizen science program. Dr Spencer is calling on communities along the Murray to join the study.

“No one knows the Murray better than the people in the river townships. Their local knowledge will be invaluable to the project. It’s envisaged people will be able to join locally managed field expeditions to gather crucial information on turtle numbers, their breeding and behaviour.”

The Murray River project is another example of the growing importance of citizen science in turtle research. The TurtleSAT app, which gives everyone with a smart phone or tablet the ability make a meaningful contribution to turtle research. The simple app allows users to log turtle sightings anywhere in Australia. Researchers are using the data, including GPS locations, to build a complete picture of freshwater turtles in Australia.