Principals Report

PUPIL FREE DAY
Just a reminder that there will be NO school for students this Friday, 7th November. Staff will be again be working with staff from Axedale and Heathcote PS and Maths Expert Michael Ymer on further developing their mathematical knowledge, skills and planning techniques.

FOOD ADDITIVES
I recently read a very interesting article on the effects of food additives on both adults and children’s health and behaviour. Below are a few of the main features of this article that I thought may be of interest to all parents, it’s worth looking out for these additives in foods we eat and avoiding them if possible – I know I will be.

- **102 Tartrazine** – is known to cause headaches, insomnia, aggressive behaviour, learning difficulties, asthma, behavioural problems, difficulty concentrating, depression and is a suspected teratogen. It is prohibited in foods for infants.
- **110 Sunset Yellow** – asthma, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, behavioural problems, hives, diarrhea, hyperactivity, suspected liver toxicity and is prohibited in foods for infants.
- **129 Allura Red** – tantrums, runny nose, hives, hypersensitivity, hyperactivity, nausea, asthma. Prohibited in food for infants.
- **133 Brilliant Blue** – hives, suspected neurotoxicity, hyperactivity, asthma, runny nose, suspected carcinogen, gastrointestinal symptoms. Prohibited in foods for infants.

OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OSLE) FOR 2015
We had three applications for the trip to China next year and all applicants will be outstanding advocates for EPS, Bendigo and Australia. Congratulations to Sam, Abby and Joe who all wrote successful applications to be able to participate in this opportunity. As we have one vacant spot left I am happy for children and/or parents who might be interested to speak with me ASAP about applying for the vacancy.

CHINESE IMMERSION UPDATE
The children have begun English lessons at Kennington PS once a week where they join about 10 other Chinese students. Last week Andrew shared his life in China with the grade 3/4/5/6 students and April, the Chinese Teacher taught the students about special features of Chinese Culture and did some Chinese Writing with the group. This Wednesday Andrew, Bob and Nicole will be heading to Bendigo Senior to meet up with all the other Chinese and host students for a fun day of activities and presentations. On Saturday all the Chinese students and teachers are travelling across to Ballarat Wildlife Park for the day.
CAN YOU HELP
The Gallagher family have some prior commitments on this Sunday and were wondering if one of our families might be able to look after Bob for the day. Please contact Meredith or Andrew directly if you are able to help. Thank you.

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

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2014
Please note that there will be NO swimming next Tuesday but the program resumes for the last two lessons for this term on Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25th November.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES FOR 2015 PREPS
We will also be holding our Prep Parent/Staff/Student Picnic this Thursday night, 6th November from 5.30pm – 7pm. This is 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 – 9.00 am – 11.30 am - Whole school Orientation Day/Classroom

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT - PET EDUCATORS NEEDED
Do you enjoy talking to children? Do you own a happy, healthy, well socialised dog aged between 1-8 years? Are you committed to responsible pet ownership?
The Responsible Pet Ownership Program requires pet educators throughout Victoria to ensure that the program can reach kindergartens and schools across the state. Educators are trained and remunerated for their work in developing the Program’s key safety messages.
The Department of Primary Industries has vacancies in the Western Metropolitan Suburbs of Melbourne and Regional Victoria for people like you. These positions are casual and you need to be available at least two days per week during the school term. Uniform and training is provided.
If you would like to enquire about becoming a pet educator contact the Responsible Pet Ownership on 9217 4321 or vic.pet@depi.vic.gov.au

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.

Have a great week. Mrs Ryan

PARENT CLUB NEWS

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

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4th 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

- Ella—for dedication to all school work
- Brionee—for working hard in school
- Angus—for having a go at everything

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

**RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**

- Jess, Mum, Dad and Bob helped me with getting ready when on crutches (from Nicole)

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**Questacon**

**THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**

**Tomorrow, 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 as soon as possible.

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**HEALTHY LUNCH—HEALTHY DANCE**

**Tomorrow, 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**—please ensure the money is sent to school in an envelope marked with your child / children’s name and Healthy Lunch.

Any other donations will be gratefully appreciated.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Fun Languages for Little Linguists

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 number 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 (3-5yrs) (6-12yrs)

Ask us about our term-time Fun Language Clubs 4 Kids for 2015