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

Interschool Sports—We will be playing again this Friday November 28th against Strathfieldsaye PS at Quarry Hill PS. The games will begin at approximately 1:30pm and as always parents are most welcome to come and watch. We also need a parent who is able to transport students to and from the location on Friday – please let me know if you are able to help.

Sink or Swim Incursion—The Sink or Swim Incursion is presented by Life Saving Victoria. The program focuses on the student's relationship with water, while enhancing their capability to make safer choices in aquatic environments, thereby preventing dangerous situations, accidents and drowning. This lifesaver classroom visit is provided FREE of charge thanks to support from the H.V. McKay Charitable Trust and Play it Safe by the Water campaign.

End of Year Echuca Excursion—The whole school will be travelling to Echuca next Thursday, 4th December, for an end of year excursion. This excursion will take place during school hours and is a celebration of the school year and a special treat for our Chinese students who we say farewell to on Friday 5th December. There is NO COST to families for this excursion. A permission note is attached and MUST be completed and returned to school by Monday of next week (1st December). Students will have a picnic lunch in Echuca supplied by the school so will only need to bring a water bottle and their hat – full school uniform is required. We will have a Paddle Steamer ride down the Murray River and wander through the Historic Port of Echuca.

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner—This year’s Grade 6 Graduation Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 16th December at the National Hotel, High Street, Bendigo. The evening will commence at 6pm and will include dinner, awards and powerpoint presentations prepared by the students. Invitations will be sent to all parents of grade 6 students, staff and school council members shortly.

Orientation Day Tuesday December 9th—On this day all children will move up and spend the morning with their classroom teacher for 2015. Our 2015 Preps will also spend the morning session at school for the final time before the beginning of the 2015 school year.

End of Year Concert/Community Night - Please note that the Community Night will commence this year at 5pm this year with the End of Year Concert and celebrations kicking off at 5.30pm. A community tea will follow at around 6.30pm. Further details will be provided closer to the night.

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
Planning for 2014
Planning is well underway for the 2015 school year. We will again be offering three grades and are very excited to announce a new staff member has been employed to teach the grade 4/5/6. Ash Harvey has been employed as a Graduate Teacher for the 2015 school year – congratulations Ash.

Grades and roles are as follows;
Principal/Classroom Support = Emily Ryan
Prep/One = Mrs Lindhe
Two/Three = Ms Hartney
Four/Five/Six = Mr Ash Harvey
Music/Drama Specialist = Mrs Tonzing
Environmental/Sustainability Program = Lydia Fehring
Student Support Grade 4/5/6 = Ronda Rodwell
Student Support Grade Prep/One = Sue Gentry
We will also be continuing with the Confucius Classroom Program and will again have access to the MARC Van Library service.

VISIT TO VICTORIA HEIGHTS RESIDENTIAL CARE NEXT TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER. This is a great opportunity for our students to give back to the community by spending some time with the residents at Victoria Heights. We will be singing some Christmas Carols and spending some time with the residents.

As this is an excursion to Bendigo, the 'Local Excursion' form filled in by families earlier in the year covers it. The cost will be $3.00 per student and payment would be appreciated prior to the day.

Have a great week ………….Mrs Ryan

LIBRARY & MARC VAN LIBRARY
A reminder to families that ALL Library Books and Marc Library Books need to be returned to school. Please check your bookcases at home to make sure there are no school library books there.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL/ BBQ—THIS SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER
Thank you to the families who have offered to assist on the day with the Cake Stall and BBQ.
We still need helpers between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm. If you are free, please let us know tomorrow.

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. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

SPECIAL LUNCH—NEXT WEDNESDAY 3rd December—‘all you can eat pot luck lunch’ - $4.00 each. Money is required prior to the day.
## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- **Wednesday 26th**: Sink or Swim Incursion
- **Thursday 27th**: MARC Library
  - Active After School—Basketball
- **Friday 28th**: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports
- **Saturday 29th**: Election Day—Cake Stall / BBQ

### DECEMBER

- **Tuesday 2nd**: Drama / Music
  - Visit to Victoria Heights
  - Active After School—Multi Skills—last session for Term 4
- **Wednesday 3rd**: Special ‘all you can eat pot-luck’ Lunch organised by Parent Club $4.00 per head
- **Thursday 4th**: Echuca Excursion—whole school (no cost)
  - Active After School—Basketball
- **Friday 5th**: Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports
- **Tuesday 9th**: Orientation Day
  - Drama / Music
- **Thursday 11th**: Active After School—Basketball—last session for Term 4
- **Friday 12th**: End of Year COMMUNITY NIGHT 5.00 pm start
  - Concert 5.30 pm—Community Tea 6.30 pm
- **Tuesday 16th**: Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- **Friday 19th**: Last Day of Term—1.30 pm finish

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**FRESH EGGS FOR SALE** *(from our school chickens)*

$1.50 per half dozen

See Marie or Ronda if you would like some
AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week

- Hamish for being a great member of our class
- Jessica for working well in school
- Angus for his ‘can do’ attitude when playing the Cricket Game

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Amelia—Wednesday 26th

We hope you have a fantastic day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BENDIGO GEM CLUB KIDS NIGHT

5-7pm every Tuesday night during the year except for about 2-3 weeks over Christmas break.

Gems, Fossicking, Cutting and Polishing stones, Minerals, Fossils, Fluorescent minerals and Camp outs.

**BENDIGO GEM CLUB Inc. 10 Galvin Street, Bendigo. Phone 5442 3691 or Lynda Scott on 5439 5263.**

Your first night is FREE. So come and try it out!

You must bring Mum and/or Dad.

It is so interesting and fun.

Age 10 onwards

Joining fee is $50. Annual Family membership $40

Further information contact: Paul Scott - kid’s instructor and President—gembendigo.org.au
Excursion to Echuca including a Paddle Steamer ride
Thursday 4th December 2014

PERMISSION FORM

My child/ren above mentioned, has permission to attend the above excursion and travel by bus.

In the event of accident to or illness of my child/ren, and if the teacher/staff member in charge is unable to contact me or my other emergency contact person/s, I hereby authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to seek medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Please be aware that there may be people photographing their children during the event or representatives of the media covering the day.

Signed   Parent/Guardian …………………………………………………………………………………..Date…………………..

Emergency Daytime Contact:

Home   …………………………………………………………………………

Work   …………………………………………………………………………

Mobile …………………………………………………………………………

PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS GIVEN
VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program

Aquatics and Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program has been teaching children to Play it Safe by the Water with swimming and water safety lessons since 1976.

The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians and is coming to a pool near you.

For dates, locations and times go to: www.vicswim.com.au