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

MORNING COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL— Thank you to everyone who came along to our morning coffee last week. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Harvey. If possible, please make an appointment time.

REPORT WRITING DAY—Staff had a very productive day yesterday working on Student’s Reports. The semester two reports will be sent home Wednesday 16th December.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS—final call for orders—if you wish to place an order, please ensure your form is returned to school tomorrow.

ORIENTATION DAY—TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER - On this day Grade 6 students will visit their respective secondary schools and all other children will move up and spend the morning with their classroom teacher for 2016. Next year’s preps will spend the morning session (10.00 am—12 noon) with Mrs Lindhe. This is another great opportunity to give our new preps a taste of school and build on their independence.

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER —a reminder to families that this Friday we will be attending the Discovery Centre in Bendigo. The bus will leave school at 11.20 am and return approximately 1.30 pm. At Discovery students will explore the fascinating world of science through puzzles, riddles, experiments, physical challenges, illusions and interactive displays. They will have access to the exhibits, a session in the Bendigo Planetarium as well as the opportunity to use the Vertical Slide. There is no cost to students for this excursion due to the generosity of the Chinese Students’ Host families. The excursion will be followed by a school provided lunch (hot dogs and/or sausage rolls and fresh fruit). As this is the last day Alice, Sweet and Eathen are with us, we will have an assembly at 3.00 pm to say farewell. If you do not wish your child to have the supplied lunch on Friday, please ensure they have their own lunch with them.

END OF YEAR COMMUNITY NIGHT—Friday 11th December—the evening will commence at 6.00 pm with a concert by the students. (Students are required at school at 5.30 pm, please).
Following the concert there will be a presentation to our Grade 6 students and then a shared tea outside in the school grounds.
ALL FAMILIES are asked to bring a main course to share (enough to feed their whole family and any guests—eg meat platter, quiche, sausage rolls, bbq chicken, casserole)
Along with a main course we ask that families with surname commencing between A-M please bring a salad and families with surname between N-Z a cake, slice, sweet.
BYO chair (for outside), plates, cutlery, drinks
Hopefully we will have a special visitor for the children during the evening.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION—Tuesday 15th December—6.30 pm. Invitations to our Grade 6 parents and school council members have been sent home today.

PLANNING DAY—PUPIL FREE—Thursday 17th December is Pupil Free day—staff will be using this day to finalise plans for the 2016 school year.

LAST DAY OF TERM—Friday 18th December—students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm. The school bus will leave at this time for the afternoon run. There will NOT be any After School Care on this day.
CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE—Yes, it’s that time again when we appeal to ALL Eppalock families to donate something for our school’s Christmas Hamper raffle!
We need non-perishable items such as soft drink, shortbread, nuts, Christmas paper, bon-bons, serviettes, wine, lollies, chips, chocolates etc (please check use-by dates). The hamper prizes will be drawn at our Community night. Raffle tickets are $1 each—tickets books will be sent home next week. Please send along your donations at your earliest convenience.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Friday 4th  Excursion to Discovery Centre
Tuesday 8th  2016 Prep and whole school Orientation 10.00 am—12 noon
Friday 11th End of Year Community Night and Concert 6.00 pm start
Tuesday 15th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner 6.30 pm start
Thursday 17th 2016 Planning Day (Pupil Free)
Friday 18th Last Day Term 4—1.30 pm dismissal

2016 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 28th January to 24th March (teachers start 27th January)
Term 2 11th April to 24th June
Term 3 11th July to 16th September
Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Last term some of our students had their art-work displayed during the Victorian State School Spectacular.

Channel Seven will be showing the Spectacular this Saturday, 5th December at 7.00 pm.

For the first time, the show will also be streamed on 7Live, which is a one-off chance to view the Spectacular online at the same time as it is televised.

This is a great opportunity for your family and friends across Australia to stream the show on any device available to them (smart phone, tablet and laptop).
Money can grow on tree competition

Our Christmas tree has been decorated with our handmade decorations and is now on display at Bendigo Marketplace.

Voting is now open and closes on Sunday 13th December.

We ask parents, friends and family, when shopping at Bendigo Marketplace, please vote for our tree by placing your Bendigo Marketplace receipts in the voting box for Eppalock Primary School.

The school with the most votes at the end of the promotion will be awarded a cash grant!
Eppalock Trivia Night

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BENDIGO ART GALLERY
COMMUNITY NEWS

The Axe Creek Landcare Group invites you, your family and friends to an end of year function at the residence of

Chris Kirwan,
178 Huddle Road, Myrtle Creek, 3551
(20 Kilometres south-east of Bendigo, off Sutton Orange Road).

at
10.30am on
Sunday 13th December.

Tanya Loos, Woodland Bird Coordinator for Connecting Country, will give a short talk about birds in the area before leading a bird-spotting walk through the Trust for Nature covenanted property.

This will be followed by a free BBQ lunch at 12.00 noon. All welcome.

RSVP to Noreen (noreenbood@hotmail.com or 54366573) by Thursday 10th December. Please let Noreen know if you have any special dietary needs.

Please bring a salad or dessert along with your own drinks, chair, hat, camera, binoculars and water bottle. (A limited number of binoculars will be available to use.)

In addition to lunch, tea, coffee and sunscreen will be provided.

Best wishes for the festive season and

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!