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
Our final Round Robin games are on this Friday, 5th December at Bendigo South East Secondary College for the Grade 6 students only. The games will begin at 11.30 am 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.

End of Year Echuca Excursion
The whole school will be travelling to Echuca on Thursday for our end of year excursion. The bus will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am and will be arriving back at school by 3.15pm. There is NO COST to families for this excursion but please ensure permission notes for your child/children are returned prior to the day. 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. **If we do not have your child's permission form returned by TOMORROW, they will be unable to attend the excursion (a copy of the permission form is attached to the newsletter).**

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 video presentations prepared by the students. Invitations have been sent home to all parents of grade 6 students, staff and school council members.

Orientation Day Tuesday December 9th
Our school wide orientation morning will be held next Tuesday, 9th December between 9am and 11.30am. On this morning 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. 2014 grade 6 students are not required at school on this morning.

End of Year Concert/Community Night
Please note that the Community Night will commence this year at 5pm with the End of Year Concert and celebrations kicking off at 5.30pm. A community tea will follow at around 6.30pm.

Random Acts of Kindness
Attached to today's newsletter is a December Calendar of ‘Random Acts of Christmas Kindness’ for all students. These are just suggestions and children can do other things if some of them don’t suit. It would be lovely if we could all spend December giving to others, even if it just means a smile or a friendly hello. Please encourage and support your child/children to do one ‘Random Act of Kindness’ each and every day leading up to Christmas.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
All 2014 School Accounts should have been finalised by now. If you still have outstanding fees please see Marie in the office ASAP.
Banking Details below (please add your name)
Commonwealth Bank—Eppalock Primary School Council Official Account
BSB 063-506 Account Number 10152204

Have a great week ............Mrs Ryan

INVITATION

The staff would like to extend an invitation to parents to join them for Morning Tea on Wednesday 17th December at 10.30 am. This is our way to say thank you for all the work and assistance you have given us during the year.

Please come along and join us for a cuppa.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

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.

SPECIAL LUNCH—TOMORROW
WEDNESDAY 3rd December

‘All You Can Eat’ - Cost $4 (Payment required tomorrow)
IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Tuesday 2nd  Active After School—Multi Skills—last session for Term 4
Wednesday 3rd  Music / Drama
               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 8th  Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports—11.30 am start
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
Wednesday 17th Morning Tea for all parent helpers 10.30 am
Friday 19th  Last Day of Term—1.30 pm finish

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 Abby who received an award at assembly for her great planning and organisational skills

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

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/4yr PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
Small group, personalised, play-based language learning. It’s a weekly 2hr
(like 3yr 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
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Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2014

1. Give a compliment to a friend.
2. Tape change to a vending machine.
3. Make a card for a soldier.
4. Pick up litter in your neighborhood.
5. Send a hug from paper to someone you love.
6. Bring coffee to your teacher.
7. Tell a silly joke to someone to make them laugh.
8. Give someone a hug coupon.
9. Leave a happy note or kindness trail for someone to find.
10. Make a thank you card for your librarian.
11. Do yard work for a neighbor.
12. Donate your grown-outgrown toys to your favorite charity.
13. Candy cane bomb a parking lot.
14. Call a long distance relative to say hello.
15. Donate food to your local food pantry.
16. Leave a popcorn surprise on a DVD rental machine.
17. Do a chore for someone in your family.
18. Smile at everyone you see today.
19. Leave a pop corn surprise on a DVD rental machine.
20. Take supplies to the animal shelter.
21. Take treats to your mail carrier.
22. Pay for a stranger’s coffee.
23. Feed the birds.
24. Take cookies to the fire station.
25. Make a surprise package for your favorite teacher.
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 …………………………………………………………….