**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

**PARENT/TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS**—next Monday, 15th February. Student will attend with their parents at the appointed time for their interview *(they are not required at school other than their interview time)*. If you have not requested an interview time, please do so tomorrow. Interviews will be held from 12 noon until 6.00 pm. CONFIRMATION OF INTERVIEW TIMES WILL BE SENT HOME tomorrow.

**DRAMA / MUSIC**—Today we farewelled Mrs Tonzing with a shared morning tea. Once again, we would like to express our thanks to her for dedication and work here at Eppalock Primary School and extend our best wishes to her for the future.

**PLAYGROUP** will resume for 2016 this Friday, 12th February in the old school building from 9.00 am until 11.00 am. Come along and join other families for a cuppa and chat whilst your pre-school children are enjoying lots of fun activities. Fresh fruit is provided.

**CENSUS DAY**—The Department of Education has made Monday 29th February as Census Day. The number of students enrolled at Eppalock Primary School on this day establishes our school budget for 2016. We would ask that all absences, especially over the next few weeks are followed up with an Absence Note. If you are contemplating a longer absence in February, can you please indicate this in writing and leave at the school office.

**HEAD LICE**—Parents are reminded to be vigilant regarding checking their child’s hair regularly for head lice. If head lice are found please treat hair before your child returns to school.

**STUDENTS ACCIDENTS**—Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students while at school or attending any school activities. Parents and Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any ambulance costs. If we have any concerns regarding a student’s well-being the school will not hesitate to contact parents or call an ambulance if deemed necessary.

Ambulance cover and accident insurance is available for parents from the private insurance market and Ambulance Victoria.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**—**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND**—**CSEF** is again this year provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please note the CSEF payments cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care etc.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: ☐ $125 for primary school students

**Application forms were sent home to each family last week**—if you are eligible and have not completed your form, please do so by the end of this week (if you need another form, please contact the office).
BENDIGO BANK—SCHOOL BANKING—Next week we will send home information on School Banking through Bendigo Bank.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE—Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the school no later than 26th February, 2016. To be eligible for this allowance, a student must live more than 4.8 km, by the shortest practicable route, from Eppalock Primary School (being the closest government school) or their nearest bus stop be more than 4.8 km from their home. Parents who applied last year will not need to apply again unless they have younger children starting school in 2016.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL—Families are asked to note that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This includes mobile phones, toys, electronic games, sporting equipment, bikes, cars parked on premises, scooters, skateboards, etc. The Department will not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

MOBILE PHONES—Parents are reminded that mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. If your child needs to bring a phone to school it needs to be handed in to the school office during school hours. It can then be collected at the end of the school day.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM—as part of this program we will be offering CRICKET sessions after school on a Thursday afternoon. We will send home information and enrolment forms as soon as all details are finalised. Our anticipated start date is 18th February—we will confirm this date as soon as possible.

SUPERVISION IN THE YARD—A reminder to parents and guardians that supervision of students in the yard does not commence until 8.45am. Supervision after school is from 3.15 pm until 3.30 pm. If students are not collected by 3.30 pm they will be placed in After School Care and families charged.

SCHOOL DROP OFF / PICK UP—we remind parents to take extra care when dropping off / picking up students at the start and end of the school day. Patons Road is very busy and we ask that parents walk their child to and from the school gate. Parking outside the school is also very congested and we ask parents to allow space around the school bus zone area to enable the bus to pull in and out.

NOTIFICATION OF CYCLING EVENT—MARCH 3RD AND MAY 1ST
Cycling Victoria has advised that they will be conducting cycling events on the above dates in this area. The event will start and finish at the Emu Creek Tennis Club, Emu Creek Road, Strathfieldsaye. As a result, restrictions on traffic will apply and details of these restrictions and the ways in which they may affect you are noted below. If possible, we recommend you avoid Emu Creek Road and Axe Creek Road.
Event Period 9.00 am—4.00 pm Thursday 3rd March and Sunday 1st May 2016.
During this period, an inflatable start/finish arch will be erected across the front of the Emu Creek Tennis Club along Emu Creek Road. Please approach this area with caution, event marshals will be in place to assist. This area will be particularly congested between 8.15 am and 9.00 am and 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm when the riders are arriving at and departing from the start/finish area.

REMINDERS ....

PERMISSION FORMS— the following forms have been sent home over the past two weeks
Children’s Photos for Media / Web Page
PG Classified Movies
Local Excursions
Oral Health Check
CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding)
Thank you to the families who have returned these forms—if you have not, please do so tomorrow.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE runs each night after school till 5.30pm (or 6pm by prior arrangement). The cost is $20, per child, per night. All children who are in After School Care need to be placed in the After School Care Book and/or the school notified by 2pm of that day. An After School Care Timetable is attached and we would appreciate it if all parents who will be using After School Care on a regular basis could indicate their needs so that we can organise carers. We understand that we often have casual users of this service but if we have a general idea of the needs of the school community we can plan accordingly.

PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES—thank you to the families who have already paid or made payment plan arrangements. If you wish to discuss payment options, please see Mr Harvey or Marie.

WANTED—SMALL JAM JARS— please leave them at the school office.
PREPS—NON SCHOOL DAYS FOR FEBRUARY—Parents of Prep children are reminded that for the month of February Prep children do not attend school on a Wednesday. Mrs Lindhe will be conducting assessment interviews on these days. Parents have been informed of the time their child is scheduled to attend for their interview. Prep students start full time the week beginning Monday, 7th March.

MONEY SENT TO SCHOOL—All money sent to school should be in a sealed envelope with child’s name, grade, name of activity being paid for and the amount enclosed, written on the front of the envelope. Receipts will be sent home.

MEDICAL INFORMATION—In order to provide a safe and secure school environment, it is very important for you, as parents or guardians, to inform the school of any medical issues relating to your child, or children, that you feel we should know about. Thank you to those who have already done so. If there are any changes, or new medical conditions that arise throughout the year, the school should be informed. If your child suffers from asthma, we do require an up to date Asthma Plan specific to your child. If your child carries their Asthma medication with them each day, their classroom teacher needs to be informed. If your child suffers from any allergies we do require specific information and action as required. All Anaphylactic students need to provide an up to date Anaphylaxis Action Plan and relevant medication to be kept at school. All staff are trained in the use of Epi-Pens each year. If you require any information about medical issues please see us.

Congratulations to Paige, Audrey and Charlie who received awards at assembly on Monday.

Dash and ‘Archer’ looking very relaxed reading!

Happy Birthday

Caileb—Thursday 11th

Cooper—Friday 12th

We hope you both have a fabulous day!
IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th PE / HEALTH
PLAY GROUP 9.00 am—12 noon

Monday 15th PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY—STUDENT ONLY ATTEND AT THE INTERVIEW TIME WITH THEIR PARENTS

Tuesday 16th LIVING GREEN
SWIMMING PROGRAM

Wednesday 17th DRAMA
PREP STUDENTS—NO SCHOOL—PREP ASSESSMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MRS LINDHE (SEE DAYS / TIMES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

Thursday 18th MARC LIBRARY
SCHOOL COUNCIL—FEBRUARY MEETING

Friday 19th PE / HEALTH

Monday 22nd CHINESE

Tuesday 23rd LIVING GREEN
SWIMMING PROGRAM

Wednesday 24th DRAMA
PREP STUDENTS—NO SCHOOL—PREP ASSESSMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MRS LINDHE (SEE DAYS / TIMES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING—5.30 pm

Friday 26th COMMUNITY NIGHT—6.00 pm onwards —BYO PICNIC TEA and lots of fun activities including CRAZY BINGO (further details next week)

Monday 29th CHINESE
PARENT CLUB MEETING—9.30 am

MARCH

Tuesday 1st SWIMMING PROGRAM

Wednesday 2nd SPECIAL LUNCH (Wraps & fruit salad) (details and order forms next week)

Thursday 10th BENDIGO HEALTH—ORAL HEALTH SCREENING

Monday 14th PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY

Thursday 24th LAST DAY—TERM 1

APRIL

Monday 11th FIRST DAY—TERM 2
Our new staff members—Miss Holly Westaway and Mr Sam Milner have written a few words of introduction. They are both camera shy, so sorry, no photos! When you see them around the school, please introduce yourself to them.

Hi Everyone,

I'm Holly Westaway the new grade 4/5/6 teacher. Some of you may have seen me around the school before doing different odd jobs and helping out in and out of all three classrooms.

I am thrilled to be apart of the Eppalock Primary School community and look forward to getting to know you all and your children.

If you have any questions my door is always open.

.... Holly

Hi everyone in the Eppalock PS community.

I am happy to be here at Eppalock PS, already I've found everyone to be happy and welcoming.

I've taught PE and Sport in Melbourne at Hawthorn West PS right on the Yarra River at the end of Bridge Rd Richmond. I commenced there in 2009 after a stint in Watford Northern London in 2007-08. I spent 2015 at Strathfieldsaye PS and enjoyed my time there.

The best thing about teaching PE and Sport is helping my students improve, experience and learn new skills, build teamwork and most importantly, have fun!

My wife Prue is a teacher too, unfortunately she barracks for the Bombers! My daughter Evie is 3 and my son Ned is 1. We all barrack for the Magpies.

I enjoy building my garden, riding (not in lycra), holidays (especially to Noosa), hanging with my family and friends and having bbqs.

Thanks for having me at Eppalock PS and I'll see you all around

.... Sam

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CLUB: Hockey Central Victoria - Registration and Come and Try Day

CONTACT NAME: Ian Berry  CONTACT NUMBER: 0428 540 660

LOCATION: Garden Gully Reserve, Ashley Street, Ironbark, Bendigo, VIC. 3550

START DATE: Saturday 13th February 2016  TIME: 9.30am - 10.30am

EMAIL: hcv.hin2h@gmail.com  WEB: www.hockeycentralvictoria.org.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  Registration fee of $65 includes player pack of: Stick, Mouth Guard, Ball, Shin Pads, Australian replica singlet, Venue Hire. Coaching for the 7 week program
The Sandhurst Junior Football Club
will be holding its registration/payment day at
the QEO, View Street Bendigo, on Sunday
Feb 14th from 12.30pm - 2.00pm.
U/9 $100.00 - DOB 1.1.2006/30.4.2009
U10 $100.00 - DOB 1.1.2006/31.12.2007
U/12 $130.00 - DOB 1.1.2004/31.12.2006
Eftpos facilities available and a sausage
sizzle provided on the day.
Any query’s please contact Greg Murley
0419 756237

Falcons Netball Club Rooms
148 Neale St Flora Hill
16th February 4-6pm
- Ages from grade 3 - 18/U (boys up grade 6)
- No need to try out everyone is accepted and placed into a team over the team selection
period
- Our family friendly club est; in 1960, we offer choice of being in teams that offer the chance
to have some fun and learn some new skills or be in a High Performance team with coaches
ready to take you to the top

Mikaela Abdy - mikaela.abdy@gmail.com or 0484822249
or Heather Abdy - 0400170468 (after hours only)

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TIMES:
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       Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday
> 9AM - 1PM  Easter Monday

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