Dear families

Thank you to everyone who came along our Information evening last week. We appreciate your time and hope you found the information and strategies shared useful.

Thanks also to the families who came along to our Community Night last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many people here enjoying a picnic tea, our ‘crazy bingo’ as well as each other’s company. Special thanks must go to Nikki and her band of willing helpers for all their organisation for the night.

A reminder that next Monday, 14th March is Labour Day Public Holiday – no school.

Our Annual Meeting of School Council will be held tomorrow, Thursday 10th March at 6.00 pm in the staff room.

Richard Gibbs from The Loft Studio, Bendigo took our school photos today. We will advise when the photos are ready for collection.

Sporting School Cricket Program will continue tomorrow here at school from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm. Remember, students who are NOT collected at 4.30 pm will be placed in After School Care and parents will be invoiced.

The weather forecast is for more very hot days ahead. Could all parents please ensure that students are sent with a drink bottle (water only) to use during class time. We also suggest that it may be appropriate for parents to apply sunscreen to their child before they come to school. Students are constantly reminded to put their hat on before going outside.

Staff from Bendigo Health were here today conducting the Oral Health Screening. They will continue the Screenings tomorrow also.

Have a great week.

Ash Harvey
Acting Principal

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS—CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND—CSEF—If you currently hold a valid means tested concession card you may be eligible to receive $125.00 per primary student paid direct to the school to cover camp, sports and excursions. If you require another form, please collect one from the school office. You are required to complete an application even if your completed one last year.

SCHOOL LIBRARY—we are missing many, many books from our school library. Could you please check the book shelves at your home and return any school library books that you find.
IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Thursday 10th  BENDIGO HEALTH—ORAL HEALTH SCREENING  
SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM—CRICKET 3.30 pm—4.30 pm
SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Monday 14th  PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY

Tuesday 15th  SCHOOL BANKING DAY

Thursday 17th  MARC VAN LIBRARY

Thursday 24th  LAST DAY—TERM 1 - EARLY FINISH, 1.30 PM  
NO LUNCH AT SCHOOL AND NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

APRIL

Monday 11th  FIRST DAY—TERM 2

Friday 29th  PARENT CLUB SOCIAL DINNER AT AXEDALE TAVERN  7.00 PM
(please note change of venue)
This night is for parents only and to provide a great opportunity for them to 
get to know each other in a social environment. For booking purposes, we need to 
know numbers—if you can attend, please add your name to the sheet on the office 
desk.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL—A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from 
school, the school must be informed about this absence. This can be done by the following 
ways; a phone call to the office, an email to the school email address 
(eppalock.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or a note must be provided to the classroom teacher 
the following day.

DROP OFF AT SCHOOL—A reminder to all parents that students are not to be dropped 
off at school prior to 8:30am. Teachers are at school preparing for the day and are not on 
duty until 8:45am. We understand that there are some circumstances where this can not 
be helped and we are more than happy to help out, but please contact the office the day 

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.

SCHOOL FACE BOOK PAGE—Our Eppalock PS Facebook page is a great way to stay informed about what is 
happening at the school on a weekly basis..
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK …..

- Prep / Grade 1 Class—Jessica for working very well at school
- Grade 2/3 Class—Zach for always trying his best in school
- Grade 4/5/6 Class—Bridie for taking pride in her work and trying her best with everything

VALUES AWARD—to Xavier for always being kind, helpful and respectful at school

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ....
Katie for Monday 7th March
We hope you had a great day.

PLAYGROUP
Fridays 9.00 am—11.00 am in the old school building
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.

GROUND COMMITTEE
Below is a list of jobs for parents. If anyone can help out with the below or provide materials to assist, please call Neil Bowe 0419 761 421.

- General Maintenance of Playground Equipment
- Gardening and general maintenance of gardens
- Irrigation of front garden adjacent to serenity area
- Replacement of slats on old wooden table and paint the tables
- Cleaning of Playgroup room (old school building)
- Relocation of School Bell
- Construction of Sandpit

GRADE 4/5/6 STUDENTS—REMINDER— If you have not returned the ACO—Australian Chamber Orchestra Music & Art Program student permission slip, please do so tomorrow. If you have lost the form, please collect another one from the office.
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EASTER BOOK SALE

TIMES:
> 9AM - 5PM Easter Friday,
   Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday
> 9AM - 1PM Easter Monday

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YMCA - TOM TWEED STADIUM, MUNDY STREET, BENDIGO
COMMUNITY NIGHT—CRAZY BINGO

So we had some crazy fun at crazy bingo community night on Friday night. It was crazy hot but the crazy kids had fun playing and maybe even a few of us crazy parents as well. There were crazy prizes from chocolate & lollies to baked beans and if you were lucky enough you even got some crazy glasses to take home too. It was great to see so many families there and it was a nice opportunity to talk with some of the new faces of our wonderful school community. Thankyou to everyone that helped to organise the night and we hope you had a crazy fun time.
Books of 20 tickets were sent home last week—(please sell both sides)

Please support this fundraiser by selling as many tickets as you can. Extra tickets will be available at the office. Any unsold tickets please return to the office.

Donations (eggs, Easter items, any spare cane baskets) are now being accepted for our famous Easter Raffle. The more we receive the more prizes we have. Donations can be left at the school office.

All tickets and money must be returned to the office by Wednesday 23rd