Welcome back to all our families. We trust everyone had a lovely holiday break and are now ready for an exciting, jam packed term 2. We have a few things coming up in the next couple of weeks so please keep a close eye on the school calendar.

TERM 2 VALUES—We will be focusing on the values of HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS during term 2 and will be giving students who display these values, awards at assembly on Monday mornings.

LIFE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA believes that all children deserve to lead safe and healthy lives. By placing preventive education at the core of their work they want to instil in children the confidence to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future.

Next Monday, 20th April the Life Education Van will be here at Eppalock Primary and the educators will present a session for each class level.

- Prep / Grade 1—Harold’s Mystery Tour
- Grade 2/3—Harold Heroes
- Grade 4/5/6—Mind Your Medicine

The primary school program focuses on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.

By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education, the modules help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills. It also provides students with the opportunity to develop strategies and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

There will be a session for parents—we will let you know details as soon as we have confirmation.

The cost of this program is $9.00 per student and payment would be appreciated by Monday—we request that money is placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside.

LEGACY’S 84TH ANZAC COMMEMORATION CEREMONY for Students—Melbourne Legacy, in cooperation with all Victorian Legacy Clubs, holds a Commemoration Ceremony for school students each year at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. Over the past few years the Bendigo Legacy Club, together with The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Catholic Education, have sponsored this event by providing both buses and Legatees to accompany students down to the Shrine.

Next Thursday, 23rd April, Abby and Jazz will represent Eppalock Primary School and lay a wreath at the Commemoration Ceremony.

ANZAC DAY EVE CEREMONY—Next Friday, 24th April we will be holding a Ceremony commencing at 3.00 pm to commemorate Anzac Day. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.
PREP / GRADE 1

It’s great to be back at school for an exciting term 2! Most children read all their little books over the holidays which were terrific to see. Please continue to read every night or morning as we are seeing some fantastic progress. Come and join us for the first half hour of every day where we attempt to hear as many children read as possible.

In numeracy we are learning about money - recognition of the coins, their values, counting and sorting coins. There are some good practice exercises on the IXL website which you can access from home. If you would like a Parent/Teacher interview with me over the coming weeks, then please make contact so that we can make a mutually convenient time.

LIBRARY BOOKS

MISSING / STILL ON HOLIDAYS!

We ask that you please check your book shelves at home and see if there are any school library books there.

We are missing many books including several by Morris Gleitzman.

If you have finished reading them, please return to school as soon as possible.

GRADE 2/3

This term our students are completing a unit on CHANGE.

As part of this unit, we request that each child bring the following photographs of themselves (we will scan / copy them and return the original to you).

- Baby Photo
- Toddler Photo
- Pre-schooler Photo
- Now Photo

Photos required next week if possible.

Thank you.

PLAYGROUP—Playgroup continues again this term in the old school building on Fridays 9.00am-10.30am. All parents and 0-5 children are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. Morning tea is provided and the cost is a gold coin donation to cover supplies etc. Please pass this information on to anyone outside the Eppalock PS community who might be interested – the more the merrier.

IMPORTANT

From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.

- A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.
- While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.
## IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL
- **Monday 20th**: Life Education Program
- **Thursday 23rd**: MARC LIBRARY
  - Abby & Jazz—Anzac Day Ceremony Melbourne
- **Friday 24th**: Anzac Day Ceremony—3.00 pm Eppalock Primary School

### MAY
- **12th, 13th, 14th**: NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5 students)
- **18th—22nd**: EDUCATION WEEK
- **Monday 18th**: PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING—6.00 pm
- **Wednesday 20th**: EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY / GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL PERSONS MORNING TEA
- **Wednesday 27th**: CROSS COUNTRY

### JUNE
- **Monday 8th**: PUBLIC HOLIDAY—QUEENS BIRTHDAY
- **Tuesday 9th**: REPORT WRITING DAY—PUPIL FREE

### TERM DATES 2015
- **TERM 2**: Monday 13th April—Friday 26th June
- **TERM 3**: Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September
- **TERM 4**: Monday 5th October—Friday 18th December

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Parent Club is planning a **HUGE Car Boot Sale** as a major fundraiser this Term.

Think about it – ask family and friends – you can have your own area or join with family or friends to set up an area to sell your goods.

This may be a great opportunity for you to clean out the shed / garage / cupboards and find lots of treasure you no longer need or use and could sell at the **Car Boot Sale**.

Start planning and preparing now!

Further details soon!
PARENT CLUB

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS OUR EASTER EGG HAMPER FUNDRAISER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS ....

BRIAN WAUGH, ANNE WHITING, DENIS ADDINGTON, C O’NEILL,
ANNE HARTNEY, MEREDITH GALLAGHER

WE TRUST YOU ENJOYED YOUR PRIZES.

- MOTHER’S DAY ACTIVITY
  Donations Wanted
  We are seeking donations of large glass jars for the students to use to make terrariums as Mother’s Day gifts. The jars need to:
  - Be made from glass
  - Have a lid
  - Be at least 1.5 lt in volume
  - Have a large opening
  Please have a look in the back of your cupboards and in grandpa’s shed over the holidays. Old olive bottles, peanut jars and preserving bottles are usually suitable. This is a photo of the kind of jars we are after. There will be a box in the office foyer for your jars. Pick up can also be organised if you have a large collection. If you have any questions please contact Hilary Hall on 0422 608 303.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
  This activity will be held on Friday 1st May during the Living Green sessions. A minimum of 4 adult volunteers are needed for each session (9.30 – 11 am and 11.30 – 1 pm). Dads, if you’ve been meaning to volunteer, this is the perfect opportunity! Please let Marie or Lydia know if you are able to attend.

AXE CREEK COMMUNITY
FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

Do you have excess vegetables, fruit, eggs or herbs from your garden?
Not sure what to do with them?
Bring them to the Axe Creek Community Fresh Produce Swap at Eppalock Primary School.

If you have excess vegetables, fresh fruit, eggs, herbs or any other items, please bring them along and be part of our Fresh Produce Swap program. There are baskets on the bench in the school foyer and the process is that you can swap your produce for other produce.

If you do not have produce to swap that’s OK, just help yourself to the fresh produce displayed. You do not need to pay for any of the produce, however if you wish to make a donation that is fine.
As you are aware, last term we introduced Possum Points. This initiative came out of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix which our students worked on and helped formulate. This program reinforces and rewards positive behaviours.

Each family received a copy of the Matrix last term.

A very big thank you to Barb Bartlett (Bridie and Sienna’s grandmother) who has made these three beautiful display banners for our Possum Points cards.

We are very grateful and extremely lucky to have such generous and supportive families within our school community.

Thank you Barb and the Newman family.

There is a banner in each classroom and we would encourage families to have a look next time they are in the school.