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

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY

THIS THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

The 2015 Book Week theme is BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

Two more sleeps and we will be celebrating BOOK WEEK with our Activity Day here at Eppalock on Thursday.

Sue will be here with the MARC Library and we will start the day with a PARADE at 9.00 am followed by fun activities centred around this year’s theme.

Everyone is encouraged to dress as their favourite book character or using this year’s theme “Books Light Up Our World”. Parents and family members are welcome to come along at 9.00am to view the Parade.

Students will be in multi-aged groups and rotate through the activities celebrating the Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlisted Books for 2015.

SUN SMART: HATS ON - It is that time of the year again when students need to wear a school hat! From now on UV levels reach three and above more regularly so we need to protect our skin from harmful rays. We can do this by covering as much skin as possible with clothing, wearing sunglasses, using sunscreen, wearing a wide brimmed school hat and seeking shade where possible.

WELCOME—We extend a warm welcome to Trinity and her mum, Kay who have joined our school community this week. Trinity is in Mrs Lindhe’s Prep/Grade 1 class.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Final call—please return your Reading Challenge forms to Mrs Lindhe this week.
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Junior School Council is organizing a SPECIAL LUNCH (hot dogs / sausage rolls), this Friday as part of the Footy Colours Day.

All you need to do is wear your favourite footy team or club colours on the day.

The cost is $4.00 per person and all money raised will be forwarded to The Fight Cancer Foundation which is a registered charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support to people with leukemia and other blood cancers.

Money to be placed in an envelope (with name on outside) and left at the school office by Thursday of this week. There is no need to place individual orders—children will be able to decide on the day what they would like to eat.

Junior School Council has set a target of $150.00 for this fundraiser and if they reach this amount, the teachers will sing a footy club theme song (as chosen by JSC) at assembly the following Monday—a treat not to be missed!!

WORKING BEE
School Council is organising a WORKING BEE on Friday 18th September (last day of term) commencing at 2.00 pm. A list of jobs will be circulated next week and support from families would be very much appreciated. If you cannot help on the day, you may like to nominate a job you could complete at another time. Please mark this day in your diary.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property in the box located near the office. Most of these are unnamed. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, especially jackets as students tend to take them off whilst playing outside. If unnamed items are left in the lost property box for more than 4 weeks, they are passed on to a charity.

AXE CREEK PLAY GROUP
If anyone has any games or puzzles (complete) that would be suitable for pre-school aged children, Play Group would appreciate the donation of them.

Play Group operates each Friday morning here at Eppalock Primary School in the old School building.

All welcome—come along and join in the fun and activities.

2016 ENROLMENTS
Parents are reminded that enrolments for our 2016 intake are required as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone who is intending to enrol but hasn’t yet, please ask them to contact the school at their earliest convenience.
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd Drama / Music
Thursday 3rd BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY with MARC Library
Friday 4th Living Green
   Footy Colour Day organised by Junior School Council
Monday 7th Chinese
Wednesday 9th Drama / Music
Thursday 10th School Council 6.00 pm
Friday 11th Living Green
Monday 14th Chinese
Wednesday 16th Drama / Music
Thursday 17th MARC Library
Friday 18th Last Day Term 3—1.30 pm dismissal—NO After School Care

WORKING BEE—2.00 pm

OCTOBER

Monday 5th First Day—Term 4
Friday 23rd School Sports at Athletic Centre, Spring Gully

Important—Future Dates

- Monday 30th November—Report Writing Day (Pupil Free) - (School Council approved)
- Friday 11th December—End of Year Community Night and Concert—(School Council approved)
- Tuesday 15th December—Grade 6 Graduation Dinner (School Council approved)
- Thursday 17th December—2016 Planning Day (Pupil Free)

THANK YOU to SUPA IGA, STRATHFIELDSAYE

This week we received a cheque for $223.66 from Strathfieldsaye Supa IGA as part of their Community 1st Supermarkets Community Rewards Program. This is a wonderful program and we sincerely thank Bill and his team for the support we receive.

A reminder to all families that when shopping at Supa IGA Strathfieldsaye to ‘swipe’ your key tag nominating Eppalock Primary School. If you have not signed up to the program, please see Marie in the school office.

The cost is nothing to families but a huge benefit to our school.
AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly...

Hannah for doing lots of work
Reuben for great reading
Baylee for an improved attitude towards his school work

This term our School Value focus is **RESPECT**—treating others with consideration and regard and respecting another person’s point of view

VALUES AWARD was presented to

CHARLI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

DYLAN for today, Tuesday 1st September
We hope you have a fantastic day

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

When you shop at Woolworths don't forget to collect your stickers. We have been given a limited number of sticker sheets so grab a few from the supermarket to keep you going. All completed sticker sheets can go in the collection box at Woolworths or at the school office.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us with this program—we most grateful and look forward to a successful program this year.
TRIVIA NIGHT 2015 - an update

The date is set: SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2015

Please pop this date into your diaries and start telling friends & family.
Tables of 6-8 people. We need as many tables as possible for the night - we're hoping for more than 20 tables this year.

It's our biggest fundraiser for the year so we asking for everyone's help.

The evening will start at 6.30pm with table registration and ‘answer trading’.
The Trivia Extravaganza will kick off at 7pm.

***Get your tables together now and lock the date in your friends and family diaries....

Early bird tickets - $16 per person (available until 5pm Wednesday 7th October)
Tickets purchased after 7th October and on the night - $20 per person
Tickets to be purchased from Marie at the school office - put yourself down for a single or a table of 6
We will be happy to join smaller groups and add singles/couples onto tables that only have 4 people.

PRIZES & SPONSORS
We need EVERYONE's help! If possible we need to sort out the prizes & donations this term.
Thanks to those that have already contacted me with ideas and contributions.
We are starting to collect some really lovely prizes to give away on the night.
We have one parent that is going around to all the plant nurseries for donations - a massive thank you for doing this!
Can someone do all the hardware stores?? Can someone approach some bakeries in town?
Can someone check out the coffee drive-thru places for vouchers?

We need lots of prizes and donations for our silent auction and for prizes to give away on the night.
We can accept goods and services for this fundraiser. We're hoping to raise more than $3,000 with your help.

CHILDMINDING
We are seeking expressions of interest for child-minding on the night - would you like to take advantage of the babysitting at the school that night?
Tell us how many kids you'd like to register. Likely cost is $5 per child (dependent on numbers)

Any questions / ideas / volunteers - please contact Sal Symes on 0418 390 824 or by email:
sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au

Got a table together already? Fantastic - let Marie know so she can put your name down for a table.

DONATIONS ...

A very special "Family Pack consisting of the following resources:
- The Amazing Adventures of Doug Dragster Story Book
- Learning Journals x2
- Audio Book on 3 CD's
- Happy Parenting’ E-Book
- Family poster set.
This prize has been generously donated by 'The Get Happier Project'
Thank you to the Honey family.
ACO (AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA) MUSIC AND ART PROGRAM

During Semester 1, Eppalock Primary School children in grades 4/5 & 6 participated in a collaborative music and art program with the ACO. They video conferred fortnightly with Sharon Roffman in New York (an international concert violinist connected with the ACO). The children learnt various elements of orchestral music and used this information to translate the music into shapes, lines, colour and tone for their art works.

The children created art works to three classical pieces of music. They were ‘Pastoral Symphony’ by Beethoven, ‘Six Bagatelles’ by Webern and ‘The Four Seasons’ by Vivaldi.

This program has given the children a greater appreciation of classical music and a renewed confidence in their own creative talents in the visual arts. The children also chose to frame their art works in a style they believed represented the music they listened to.

This project was to coincide with ACO2 performing at The Capital Theatre last Wednesday. Before the performance we were lucky enough to have four members of the Australian Chamber Orchestra come and perform for us at school. They played a range of pieces including a piece composed by our Grade 4-6 students.

Some students also got the opportunity to perform with the ACO musicians!

A fantastic opportunity for all our students and special thanks to our Drama / Music teacher, Mrs Tonzing for organizing it.

DUDLEY HOUSE ART EXHIBITION

I would like to sincerely thank the following people for volunteering to supervise the Grade 4/5/6 Art Exhibition at Dudley House—Vanessa Wild, Heidi Daschil, Meredith Gallagher, Bianca Nally, Sal Symes, Donna Bowe and Nikki Mannes.

I understand how precious your time is and I am truly grateful for all your support with this project.

The Exhibition was truly a success. I’m extremely proud the children for their mature, dedicated and highly creative responses to the Australian Chamber Orchestra program.

I would also like to thank Rohan Phillips from Capital Community Connect for helping subsidize the program, organise the Dudley House Exhibition and providing our students with two free tickets each to see ACO2 perform at the Capital Theatre last Wednesday.

This has been an highly enriching program for our older students and we hope to continue our work with the ACO next year.

Roxanne Tonzing
Wow....a great day of gardening and cooking last Friday in Living Green. We had lots of parent helpers assisting our students in making apple and rhubarb crumble with fresh garden produce. Thanks to Vanessa, Lisa, Sian, Heidi & Sandra! You made our day.

We were also lucky to have some indigenous plants donated by Axe Creek Landcare group. These understory plants have been planted around our school to provide habitat and a food source for our native fauna.
Information Session for Overseas Learning Experience (OSLE)
Shanghai & Suzhou China, May/June 2016

We anticipate the OSLE to be 9 days in duration in late May-June, 2016. Tour participants will come from many primary schools in Bendigo. Each school with students attending will provide a staff member. Feed-back from the 2014 and 15 OSLE indicated the programs are hugely successful.

Why include an Overseas Learning Experience to China for our students:
To strengthen the students’ Chinese language learning by providing opportunities for purposeful, genuine and authentic communication.
To increase global awareness and intercultural understanding of our students.
To broaden the knowledge and understanding of students by enabling them to gain an understanding, appreciation and respect for the Chinese culture.

Current Grade 4 and 5 students at Eppalock Primary are eligible for this program.

If you are interested, please attend the information session at Bendigo Senior Secondary College, James King Hall on Thursday September 3rd from 7.45pm—8.30 pm (enter via the front of the school).

Expression of interest information fliers will be given out at this session along with specific information about the application process for the 2016 program.

For further information, please see Mr Harvey.

Chinese Student Host Family Parent Information Session
Thursday 3rd September, 7.00 pm—7.40 pm at the James King Hall, Bendigo Senior Secondary College

This session will provide you with information to ensure the stay is a very positive experience for everyone involved! It is also a terrific opportunity to hear from families who have previously hosted students. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the homestay.

Chinese Immersion Program - Host Family
Thank you to the families who have volunteered to host a Chinese student next term. We are still seeking one more family to assist with supporting this initiative at our school. This experience could provide our students and their families with the opportunity to experience another culture and develop relationships through a sister school arrangement. All students can speak English and financial support will be provided to the family involved in hosting a student.

If you are interested in hosting a student next term for a four week period, please see Mr Harvey.
STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Today grades 4, 5 and 6 children met with Neill Gladwin, Creative Director of the State Schools Spectacular. The children produced art works to ‘The Great Gate Of Kiev’ by Mussorgsky which will be displayed on the big screens at the State Schools Spectacular whilst the orchestra play the music. This is linked in with the Australian Chamber Orchestra and their school’s program we are involved in.

Neill Gladwin came to speak to the children about the production and how their art works are an integral part of the show. He has been involved in various projects nationally and internationally, including ‘The Outback Spectacular’ in Queensland, the Olympic ceremonies in Sydney and ‘Lano and Woodley’ to name a few. Neill gave the children an insight into what the Spectacular is about and his role within it.

I am so thoroughly proud of our students for producing quality art works, responding maturely to the classical music and embracing this program whole heartedly. We have such talented young artists at our school and I am thrilled that their work will be showcased.

A big thank you to Heidi Daschil for helping the children frame their art work for the State Schools Spectacular. Your assistance was invaluable!!

The State Schools Spectacular is on Saturday the 12th September at Hisense Arena. Our 4, 5 and 6 students have been offered free tickets for this. It will be televised in December.

Roxanne Tonzing