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—We had a fabulous day last Thursday with our Book Week parade and activities. All students looked amazing in their costumes and some even brought their favourite book along with them. Thank you all parents for their help. We had lots of family members at school to see the Parade which started off our day. Then we split into multi-age groups for different activities based on three of the short-listed books.
- A House of Her Own by Jenny Hughes and Jonathan Bentley
- Snail and Turtle are Friends by Stephen Michael King
- Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

It was a fun day and everyone had a great time. Thanks also to Sue (MARC Teacher) for all her work in preparing the activities.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL—Thank you to everyone who supported Footy Colours Day last Friday. We raised $150.00 for The Fight Cancer Foundation which is a registered charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support to people with leukaemia and other blood cancers.

As previously advised, if the Junior School Council reached their target of $150.00 with this social service activity, the teachers will sing a footy club theme song (as chosen by JSC) at assembly this Monday. So please come along and enjoy the entertainment—its sure to be a treat not to be missed!!

Thank you to the Junior School Council for organising this day and to the parent club who supported their endeavours by providing the hot-dog / sausage roll lunch.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR—GRADE 4/5/6 STUDENTS—Permission forms have been sent home today with our Grade 4/5/6 students who have been invited to attend the State School Spectacular at Hisense Arena this Saturday. If your child would like to attend, please complete the forms and return it to school tomorrow.

SCHOOL COUNCIL—The school council meeting scheduled for this week has been re-scheduled to next week.
The meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September at 7.15 am in the staff room. Thank you to school council members for your support in changing the date and time.

Last week we received the following letter ....

Dear Principal,

Last Wednesday I attended a Chamber Orchestra concert at the Capital Theatre in Bendigo. Seated immediately behind me were a number of primary school children. The Principal of the orchestra informed the audience they have visited a school during that day. It was Eppalock Primary.

The children were amazingly attentive, extremely well behaved and most impressive. I was extremely impressed by their wonderful enthusiasm for the music. They were so well behaved; I was very taken with their interest and attitude during the whole performance. An unbelievable response from a group of young kids.

I spoke with them after the concert and was blown away with their enthusiasm.

You and your staff are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Regards,

Julia Hughes,

Llanelly
BOOK WEEK 2015
IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 9th Drama / Music
Friday 11th Living Green
Monday 14th Chinese
Wednesday 16th Drama / Music
Thursday 17th School Council meeting—7.15 am in staff room

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)

CATCH UP WITH LOVELL FAMILY

We are going to be in Bendigo on Sunday 27th September (middle weekend of school holidays) and are hoping to catch up with as many friends as possible. We would love to meet up at the ‘Skate-Park’ (near Hume & Iser) at 11.00 am. Bring a picnic lunch to share. Hope to see you there.

Lovell family—Bee, Mark, Logan, Ellie, Mac

SUPA IGA, STRATHFIELDSAYE

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.

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.
AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly …

Sam— for his excellent work on figurative language
Brionee— for working well in school
Charlie— for listening and working so well during book week activities

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
ELLA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Bella—Tuesday 8th September
Jamison—Friday 11th September
Lee—Sunday 13th September
We hope you all have a fantastic day

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.
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 are 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.

CHILD MINDING
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.
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. For further information, please see Mr Harvey.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RANTERS THEATRE—FREE DRAMA WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS GRADE 6 TO YEAR 9
- HEATHCOTE RSL HALL, Monday 21st to Friday 25th September
  11.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
- BENDIGO—The Engine Room at Capital Theatre, Monday 28th to Thursday 1st October
  11.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Everyone has a talent or a skill and a story to tell. Ranters’ Artistic Director, Adriano Cortese and the Ranters ensemble provide a supportive, creative and nurturing environment to allow young people to create, build skills and confidence to take forward into day-to-day life.
For further information email: r.phillips@bendigo.vic.gov.au or book online at: http://conta.cc/1LgcN5V

Applications close Monday 14th September.