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

To the Eppalock School Community,
I am sure most will be aware that my term as Acting Principal at Eppalock Primary School comes to an end on Friday, the last day of term three. Ash Harvey, well known to all of you, will be acting principal from the commencement of Term Four. Ash is enthusiastic about the challenge the role presents and I am confident that he will do an outstanding job. He will continue to take responsibility for the curriculum planning and management of his class and he will be supported in curriculum delivery by Mandy Johnston so that he can manage his administrative and management responsibilities. I have made myself available to support Ash in a mentoring capacity and as a ‘sounding board’ as and when required.

I take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and broader community for the support I have received in my time at the school. We have had our challenges but the collegiality of the community has allowed us to meet those challenges and allow the school to thrive. In this newsletter you will see some of the numerous highlights our children have enjoyed during the term and this is a testimony to the willingness of the staff to take advantages of opportunities to enrich the educational experiences available to children. It really is a unique educational setting.

I look forward to maintaining the many friendships I have made in my time at the school and look forward to offering informal support as the school optimistically embraces its educational future. Best wishes and thank you.

John P Jones
Acting Principal

As stated above, Mr Jones is leaving us at the end of this week and Mr Harvey has been appointed as Acting Principal. On behalf of the School Community, the School Council would like to thank Mr Jones for his time with us. The advice, support and guidance Mr Jones has provided to school council and staff has been fantastic and the contacts he has provided have helped us progress a number of school facilities. Most importantly we know the kids have loved having Mr Jones around the school and many of them will be sad to see him leave.

We hope Mr Jones enjoys his next period of retirement and we’d like him to know that we’d love to see him ‘drop in’ and visit whenever he is in the area.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Harvey on his appointment as Acting Principal. We know the school community will love working with him and on behalf of the community you can be assured that the school council will support him to keep developing our school.

Good luck and thanks Mr Jones.

Congratulations and good luck Mr Harvey.

Andrew Gallagher
Eppalock Primary School, School Council
We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break. It is evident that children are tired and are in need of a rest and there has been quite a bit of sickness within the community also.

Some highlights for Term 3:

- Sovereign Hill Camp
- Girls Footy Day
- Boys Footy day
- Responsible Pet Ownership
- Tree Planting
- Visit from Rob Krober Coliban Water
- Excursion to Mulligrubs to celebrate Dental Health Week
- Parent Teacher Interviews and student led conference
- Art Display – Dudley House
- Visit by Creative Director, Neill Gladwin
- Book Week Activity day
- Footy Colours Day
- State School Spectacular
- Australian Chamber Orchestra visit
- Celebrating 100 days of School
- Excellent Naplan results
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Drama / Music
- Living Green
- Chinese

As you can see, Term 3 has been jam-packed with sporting activities, cultural experiences and lots and lots of learning in all classrooms around the core subjects of literacy and numeracy. A fantastic term and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 5th October for the start of yet another big term.

LIVING GREEN
Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with our Living Green program this term. Our planning for next term is well underway and we will be having two days of cooking and would love some extra helpers on these days. If you would like to help, please let Lydia know which Fridays are best for you. At the beginning of next term, we will advise the dates.

LAST DAY OF TERM / SCHOOL BUS
This Friday, 18th September is last day of term. Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm (no lunch at school). The school bus will leave at 1.30 pm for the afternoon run. After School Care will NOT be available on Friday.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS
This is the final call for stickers—if you have some at home, please bring them to school tomorrow. The promotion has now concluded and we need to collate and send the sheets off by the end of this week. Thank you to everyone who has supported this program.

STAFF ON DUTY
We wish to remind families that staff are NOT ON DUTY or responsible for student supervision until 8.45 am each morning. Staff are at school much earlier than 8.45 am but this time is used for planning, preparation and meetings. A staff member is on yard duty from 8.45 am each day.
STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Last Saturday Mr Harvey and Mrs Tonzing took some Grade 5/6 students to Melbourne for the Victorian State School Spectacular. What an amazing experience! The Victoria State School Spectacular is an event not to be missed! Our students’ paintings were the centerpiece while the Great Gate of Kiev was performed by the orchestra! A massive thank you again to Mrs Tonzing for all her hard work and organization, without her this could not have been possible and the students would not have had such an incredible experience. The seven slides with the following wording were projected on the big screens at Hiense Arena prior to the orchestra performing. The slides were followed by our student’s art-work.

- In 2015, Eppalock Primary School took part in an exciting new music program …
- The Australian Chamber Orchestra’s Music and Art program …
- The children were taught to listen to music …
- … to listen for colour
- … to listen for shapes
- … when they heard this music
- … this is what they painted
BOOK WEEK 2015
## IMPORTANT DATES

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**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

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**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.

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**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 …

Charli for participating so well at school
Ari for working hard on his reading
River for his persistence this term

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
TILLY

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 later this 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.
TRIVIA NIGHT 2015

This is our major school fundraiser for the year. Please help us by attending or getting a table or 3 together for the night.

WHEN: SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2015
TIME: 6.30pm start (Table registration and ‘answer trading’. Answer trading will finish by 6.55pm sharp - Don't miss out).

SILENT AUCTION: In addition to the Trivia on the night, there will be a silent auction to raise money from all the donations that we’ve been busy collecting. We’ll set up a display in Term 4 so you can plan your bidding... It's an incredible opportunity to get gym lessons, holiday programs, dinner's/evenings out etc - for a BARGAIN PRICE!!!!

COST: 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

TABLES: 6-8 people per table. If you are a single/couple or if you only have 4 people - don’t worry - we'll have extra's to add to your table so you have 6 on the night Please notify Marie ASAP to lodge your ‘table’ plans even if you don’t pay until the 7th Oct. We need numbers NOW to start our planning. We need as many tables as possible on the night - we’re hoping for more than 20 tables this year.

***Get your tables together now and lock the date in your friends, colleagues and family diaries.... Ask everyone you can!

PRIZES & SPONSORS: We need EVERY school family's help please! Thanks to those that have already contacted us 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?
- Can someone approach the pubs and hotels for gift/dinner vouchers?
- Can someone approach Toyworld?
- Can someone approach Bunnings?
Lots of these places need a month to put in the application to their Managers. We need people now to put in these requests.

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 - can you offer any services or do you know someone/a business that can?
- fencing
- tree planting labour
- handyman services
- catering for parties
- birthday cake making
- baking for school lunches (provided as a box of goodies to freeze ready for term lunches)
- gardening / weeding
- gutter clearing
- tutoring for secondary age students

Last year we had parents donating 1-10hrs of their time against these services to put on a voucher to auction off.... Why not offer a couple??
We're hoping to raise more than $3,000 with your help.

CHILDMINDING: We are seeking expressions of interest for WHO WOULD LIKE 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
TRIVIA NIGHT 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.

- Some beautiful hand-made toys have been donated by the Newman family. Thank you to Barb Bartlett and the Newman crew!!! Gorgeous large soft toys for a baby/child. ‘Eccy Echidna’ and ‘Dandy the Donkey’.

MINDFULNESS

Even Archer (our school dog) finds mindfulness the perfect way to start the day!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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