PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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Are you able to help? We are after some large, colourful, outdoor cushions for the Sensory Garden. If you (or a family member or grandparent) have some cushions you don’t want or are able to sew and have some colourful canvas etc. to make into cushions the school would greatly appreciate them. Please let me know if you are able to help out.

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

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Cybersafety

The last couple of weeks I have talked about different apps that aren’t appropriate for primary aged students and the pitfalls of using these apps. I thought this week it would be good to look at some fun, educational apps that are suitable for primary aged students and that help to support and enhance the learning they do at school. The list below is by no means endless, these are just a small example of some great apps that can be used on iPods and iPads in a safe, entertaining and constructive way.

Reading Eggs Spelling

This app is suitable for children aged 6-12 and includes a range of games and activities to help children with their spelling. It’s great for learning spelling patterns and strategies through the use of fun games. Kids will love the pirate ship, carnival and outer space themed games. If you like the app then you can purchase the full version for the specific grade level of your child.

![Reading Eggs Spelling](image)

Read Me Stories – Children’s Books

There are plenty of apps out there that read stories to children and this is one of them! One of the best features of this app is that the text is highlighted as the words are read so that children can develop word recognition. The visuals keep kids interested too! Perfect for in the car or when things are super busy and you don’t have time to read with your child (or when you need a moment of peace and quiet!).

![Read Me Stories](image)

Interactive Telling Time – Learning to tell time is fun

Teaching kids to tell the time (particularly on an analog clock!) can be very difficult!!! This app has won several awards and is designed for kids aged 3-12 years. It also has 5 levels of difficulty that can be adjusted depending on your child’s age/skill level. The interactive clocks allow children to set the time by moving the hands and also teaches about AM/PM. Children can choose between a range of different designed clocks, complete quizzes and win reward points based on their progress.
Word Bingo

Kids can practice reading sight words through this app. By purchasing this app (99c), you are also given access to three other games – Spelling Practice, Word Fling and Word It Up. All of these games are aimed at improving literacy skills, particularly word recognition and knowledge of common spelling patterns. Best of all, because these skills are taught through games, kids have so much fun that they don’t even realise they are practicing reading and spelling!

Monkey Maths – Jetpack Adventure

This is such a fun app that focuses on practicing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through a series of levels. Kids will love the bright graphics, comic strips and obstacles. They also collect coins to buy special powers to help them along their journey. Every maths problem that is solved correctly brings the child closer to winning. Each of the 65 levels is progressively harder so kids can play at their own pace and skill level.

Have a wonderful week ....... Mrs. Ryan
KIDSMATTER – AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH INITITIVE

Over the last few days the students have been discussing what it means to be mentally healthy. Here are some ideas that the Little Kids came up with. We think they are terrific and are amazed at what they came up with.

To love one another. To be happy. To have friends and family. To have fun when we are playing and working. To have some time just to think and dream. To be proud when we do something really well. To forgive mistakes. To help one another. To forget about little things that have annoyed us.

All students have been using this theme of “what it means to be mentally healthy” to create artwork for a postcard competition - great prizes are to be awarded.

Below is the link for all the information regarding the positive postcards campaign —

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/positivepostcards

Please remember to return your permission form if you consent to the school entering your child’s art work in the KidsMatter competition.

FAMILIES MATTER

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care services. It’s unique because it brings together all the most important people in a child’s life - especially families!

Research clearly shows that children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges. They are also better learners and have stronger relationships.

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for the future, and it is never too early for families to start supporting the mental health of children.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FAMILIES

KidsMatter has a brand new page for families, ‘like’ us today!

https://www.facebook.com/KidsMatterForFamilies

KIDS MATTER ACTION TEAM MEETING

Action Team for KidsMatter (Vanessa, Bianca and Jackie) please note we have scheduled our next meeting for next Tuesday 27th August at 3.20 where we will discuss our progress so far and plan for the next term.

Thanks, Diane Lindhe.
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Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week ...

◊ Lee for great listening in the classroom.
◊ Jazz for working well in maths.
◊ Jack for working hard towards his weekly goals.
◊ Values Award—Responsibility— Henry

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
- Meredith and Wendy helped things get organised in a good way (Nicole & Chloe)
- River cheered for everyone when they caught the knuckles
- Sam was very kind to Bonnie the dog. He walked her around the yard while I put Levi’s bag in the car (Donna B)
- Mum took care of me when I was sick. (Jazz)

Our Ripple Kindness Cards are making their way around the local community and even worldwide! We have Eppalock PS Ripple Kindness Cards that have been passed around at Victory College, the Bendigo Bank Building and one has even gone to America. It’s fantastic that the kindness shown at our little school can be shared so far and wide. Well done to everyone, let’s keep the ripple going!

The Challenge finishes in early September and I need all books to be recorded by Wednesday 4th September to ensure I have enough time to verify them on the system. Unfortunately I will be unable to access the system from September 12th. Congratulations to those that have completed and for those who are still reading.

Keep up the great work,
Mrs Lindhe
FEDERAL ELECTION DAY
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Our school will be used as a **POLLING VENUE** on this day and we plan to take the opportunity to hold some fundraising events....

- Sausage Sizzle
- Tea & Coffee Stall
- Plant Stall (calling all gardeners to pot cuttings and plants for this stall)
- Cake Stall (disposal plates & bags will be sent home—all ingredient must be listed and **NO Cream**)
- Memorabilia Stall

We will be asking for families to volunteer an hour or two to man/woman the stalls

We are also considering hiring out tables for a market stall to outside vendors. If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school.

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**PARENT CLUB NEWS**

**PARENT CLUB MEETINGS**
- Friday, 13th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch

**AVAILABLE— GOLD COAST RESORT VOUCHERS $20.00 EACH**

VARIOUS RESORTS & DEALS: EXAMPLE - $169 TO PAY FOR 2 ADULTS, 4 NIGHTS (CHILDREN $15 EXTRA PER NIGHT). FULLY TRANSFERABLE – MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

For further details please see Marie in the office.
THE PALE ALTERNATIVE
Installation by Melanie Erin Power
At Chonk Gallery, 97 Bridge Street,
Bendigo
Open until 29th August
Wednesday—Friday, 1 pm—6 pm
Saturday—Sunday, 11 am—3 pm

AXE CREEK PLAYGROUP
Wednesday morning 9.00 am—11.00 am
Eppalock Primary School (old school building),
149 Patons Road, Axe Creek.
All welcome—morning tea and activities provided

Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
Private lessons are held every Tuesday
at Eppalock Primary School.
Guitar lessons  Vocal lessons
Bass lessons
For more information, please contact
Mel on 0430 042 405
Email: sina_rox@hotmail.com

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?
In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the "Child Tax Offset" and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?
If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.
The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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COMMUNITY NEWS
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

NEW KYNETON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Kyneton Transition Hub and Kyneton Secondary College will be celebrating spring with a joint project creating a community garden in the grounds of the College. If you enjoy gardening, are looking for extra space to grow vegetables or would like some tips on how to get started, join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 am (meet at the front of Kyneton Secondary College, Epping Street). The first working bee is on Saturday 17th August from 2 to 4.30 pm.

Other regular times and working bees will be organised.

Contact Kyneton Transition Hub on kynetonth@gmail.com or phone Julie on 5422 3023.

A BACKGROUND ON THE PALE ALTERNATIVE EXHIBITION AT CHONK GALLERY

Installation by Melanie Erin Power

There is a sense of adventure in Melanie’s work which is intriguing. The detail, skilful execution and individual style of her work is spectacular. She works with drawing and illustration. Rather than using canvas for all her works, Melanie often uses acetate as her medium.

Melanie has been formally trained at RMIT, with a Bachelor of fine art in painting. Her latest project has been an image / invite to participate in Movember. A foundation aimed internationally at raising awareness about serious issues effecting men’s health. This year Melanie is involved in the U.K Branch which will involve an art auction that will include artists such as Blak Le Rat. Melanie donates both her time and work to help raise money and awareness of men’s health issues such as prostate cancer and depression. Every 2 years, Melanie travels to Venice for the “Biennale Festival” in Venice.

Melanie’s installation is loaded with poetic meaning. Her practice reveals that when it comes to articulating memory from childhood, a whisper can be more effective than a shout.

"While appearing simple and inconspicuous, "The Pale Alternative" is a study of the random and yet often probable outcomes of having children. The supposedly endless possibilities which are offered to us as kids….study hard, work hard and all shall work out fine -a mentality that we offer our children. However, from the moment of conception so many children already have the odds stacked against them Their die is cast. The hand is stacked against them The where, when and by whom will effect their entire lives, sometimes with insurmountable odds…or maybe they are born a prince?"