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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I hope all of our very special mothers had a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday and had the opportunity to spend time with their families and get truly spoilt in the process. We hope you liked your glass and chocolates made with love by your children – they did a fantastic job. A very big thank you needs to go out to Sharon (Brionee & Kaden’s mum) for providing her time and expertise over the last 3 weeks to help the children with the glass painting – it is wonderful to have such talented people in our community. Thank you also to Ronda for organising the chocolate making and co-ordinating this activity.

You may have noticed great advances have been made in the Sensory Garden. Thank you so much to the Hebble family for giving up their time last Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday to get the timber structure in place and to Russell Mannes and the Hebble family for preparing the site the weekend before last. It is great to have so many wonderful community minded parents who are willing and able to give up their time to better the school. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

SECONDARY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Parents of Grade 6 students should have received the ‘Preliminary Information for Parents’ pack for 2014. All ‘Application For Placement’ in a Bendigo 7-10 Government School needs to be forwarded to the North-Western Victoria Regional Office PO Box 442, Bendigo, Victoria 3552 (location – 7-15 McLaren Street, Bendigo, Victoria 3550). Please let me know if you have not received this information.

HANDY HINTS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH NAPLAN.

Students in Grades 3 and 5 participated in the first of three NAPLAN Tests today completing the Language Conventions and Writing test. Tomorrow they will complete the Literacy/Reading component and Thursday will see them finish with Numeracy.

**How can you help your child?**

Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast to start the day, helping them to sustain concentration during the test.

An early night before the next two tests will also ensure he/she is able to concentrate well.

Speak positively about the test – ‘Just do your best’, ‘We know you can do it’.

Pack a special healthy treat in lunchboxes with a little note to remind them that they’ve done well and how proud you are of them, e.g. ‘Well done. I knew you could do it’.
INTER SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL
Our grade 5/6 students will be joining with students from Quarry Hill PS to play netball and football this Thursday against other grade 5/6 students from Kennington & Spring Gully Primary’s schools in a recently developed Transition Cluster Sports Carnival. This is a great opportunity for our students to mix with and make connection with other students in our area.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thank you to all those families who have been bringing in the Earn and Learn stickers. Please continue dropping the stickers into the box located in the foyer of the office.

EDUCATION WEEK
• Next week is Education week and we are all looking forward to seeing many of our school community at our Open Day next Wednesday, 22th May. We will be having a Grandparents/ Special Person / Friend Morning Tea at 10.30am, with school tours being conducted throughout the day for new and prospective parents.

• Playgroup is on as usual from 9am -11am in the old school building on Wednesday morning. All parents and children aged 0 – 5 years are welcome to attend.

• Don’t forget there will be an INFORMATION EVENING next Monday night at the school starting at 6pm for parents of prep students starting school in 2014.

• We also have children from Jenny’s Early Learning Centre in Regent St Strathfieldsaye coming on Thursday 23rd May between 11.30am and 1.30pm to experience life at primary school.

• Keep at look out for Eppalock PS in the Bendigo Advertiser and the Bendigo Weekly’s Education Week Feature this Friday.

SOMERS CAMP
Information regarding Somers Camp was sent home last Thursday. This camp is for 9 days and an amazing opportunity for Grade 5 & 6 students that is only offered every second year. I would highly recommend parents consider allowing their children to attend. I am unsure how many places we will be offered and a ballot may be necessary. Could all expression of interest forms be returned to school no later than this Thursday, 16th May.

STUDENT ABSENCE
To comply with DEECD policy, if your child is absent from school you are required to send in a note detailing the absence on their return. Please ensure notes are handed to your child’s teacher after every absence.

HEAD LICE
We have had a case of head lice reported. We ask all families to check their child / children’s hair regularly and treat if necessary.

LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE
A reminder that if your child is arriving late at school or leaving early, please fill in the book in the office area.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
We are encouraging all students to participate and let’s all take up the challenge and keep on reading!

A REMINDER THAT THIS FRIDAY (MAY 17TH) IS THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM DAY - STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL

Wishing everyone a fun filled week ……………….Mrs Ryan
## IMPORTANT DATES

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**Monday 20th—Friday 24th EDUCATION WEEK**

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Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- Ari for very good work in Maths
- River for his inquiring mind
- Nicole for trying her best and working hard in class

**Honesty & Trustworthiness Award** - Henry

**Acts of Kindness** … (the following comments were drawn from the ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ box)

- Nicole took the fruit to the eating area (from Jazz)
- Angus was very kind to Jaiden when he was upset, and offered to share his computer with him (from Ronda)
- Jazz, Abby, Harmony helped Henry and Will play tennis

Congratulations to Nicole and Jessica who raised the most money for our recent School Fun Run—a total of $190.00 ($95.00 each). Well done. Both girls were presented with a Rebel Sport voucher yesterday.

If anyone is still to collect their sponsorship money, we ask that it be finalised by next week.

So far we have raised $541.00—a great effort!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.
Help Us Kick Goals

HelpUsKickGoals.com.au is a new, local online auction for tickets to AFL matches throughout the footy season with all funds raised going to individual school.

BLS Financial has made available tickets to AFL matches every week throughout the AFL season, with two (2) seats available in the Etihad Medallion Club, and another two (2) in the AFL Members Reserve at the MCG.

Eleven school have been selected and allocated two rounds each—EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL is fortunate to be one of the lucky schools chosen.

Our allocated games are later this term -

**Round 13**
Friday June 21st
Hawthorn Vs West Coast Eagles—Etihad Stadium

**Saturday June 22nd**
St Kilda Vs Melbourne—MCG
Western Bulldogs Vs Richmond—Etihad Stadium

**Round 14**
Saturday June 29th
Melbourne Vs Western Bulldogs—MCG

**Sunday 30th June**
North Melbourne Vs GWS Giants—Etihad Stadium
Richmond Vs St Kilda—MCG

As part of this fundraising promotion, 3BO will broadcast live from Eppalock Primary School on Monday 17th June from 12noon—1.00 pm and there will be lots of fun activities happening here at school on the day. Stay tuned for further details.

**REMEMBER—ANYONE CAN BID FOR THE TICKETS**

**AND ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL COME DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL**
NEXT MEETING—Monday 27th May—9.15 am in staff room. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat—all welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT—TERM 3—we are desperately seeking donations for prizes at our Trivia Night. If anyone has any contacts who they think may like to donate something towards the night, could you please ask them and let us know? This is the hardest part of organising the Trivia Night—your support and assistance is very much appreciated.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY—Our next special lunch day will be held on Friday 24th May and SAUSAGES will be on the menu. Order forms were attached to last week’s newsletter—all orders and money must be in by end of school (31.5 pm) Wednesday 22nd May.

At the moment, Jackie is organising the lunch days on a monthly basis but would be very happy if anyone would like to organise a lunch day so that children could be offered lunches on a fortnightly basis. You would need to think of a menu, organise the food and preparation (you will be reimbursed for expenses) and be available to serve it to students. Let Jackie know if you are interested.

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

BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!

1800 262 964 (charge free), 0401 741 754 (mobile)
Email: sts@people.net.au
Web: sts-education.com/australia
EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
We received the below flyer this week from UFS Pharmacies. Eppalock Primary School had 70 members nominate us as their community group and this has resulted in us receiving $512.00 for our school. Along with this flyer we have received an invitation to the 2013 Building a Healthier Community Program Cheque Presentation Ceremony which is being held later this month.

Thank you to UFS Pharmacies and the community for supporting our school.