National Literacy/Numeracy Week
This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. To help celebrate, students will take part in a range of multi-age group activities. Today we used mathematics to analyse waste as part of the ‘This is Rubbish’ activity. As a whole school we collected, classified and counted the rubbish in our classroom and schoolyard bins that had accumulated over the last week. The data collected from this activity was used to find the main sources of waste and how much of it there is – see students report later in the newsletter. The students will be taking this information one step further and will begin planning on how they, as a group, can minimise the rubbish in our school – stay tuned for their ideas.

Tomorrow the students will take part in a range of multi-age group Literacy & Numeracy activities planned and implemented by the grade 5/6 students. There are some great activities planned including book reports, book mark making, m&m maths and other great, hands on learning opportunities. It should be a great morning of collaborative learning for all the students.

Thank You to the Eaglehawk North PS Jump Rope Team
A big thank you needs to go out to Mr Brett Gilligan and the 'Firebirds Jump Rope Team' from Eaglehawk North Primary School for their jump rope demonstration last Wednesday at school. The students were treated to a fantastic show which demonstrated a range of jump rope tricks which our students had never seen before! The 'Firebirds' then took some time to share these skills with the students at Eppalock, who have been practicing hard at recess and lunch time! We will be hosting a 'Jump Off' Day for the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart later this term – stay tuned for details.

2013 Parent Opinion Survey
All families would have received a Parent Opinion Survey yesterday, Monday July 29th and I ask that all parents take the time to complete it as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school. Please complete your survey and return it to the school by Friday August 2nd 2013. Please be assured that your responses are totally confidential. If you would like more information about the parent opinion survey process please do not hesitate to ask.

Active After School Program
The Active After School Program for term 3 commences this week. Children will be taking part in Cricket tonight (and the next 6 Tuesday nights) and Thursday nights will be Multi-skill Games for Life.
We would also like to acknowledge several school families who have donated money and kind towards our Sensory Garden. We really do appreciate your support. Thank you all very much.

**KidsMatter Surveys**
Thank you to those families that have returned their surveys. If you still have yours to return please leave it at the office by the end of this week. Staff will be collating the information you have told us from these surveys next week during our staff meeting and we will get back to you with the results soon. What we learn from these surveys will help us to better provide all families with support and information on areas of specific need to our community.

I hope everyone has a great week ……..Mrs Ryan

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to Mackenzie C and Jazz for completing the Challenge. Well done girls!

**AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- **Logan** for settling in so well
- **Jesse** for working hard to reach his class goals
- **Ari** for finishing his work on time
- **Values Award—Responsibility**—Jordan

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**
- Jazz and Abby for telling me the truth every day (Chloe)
- Brionee for being very nice to everyone
- Henry for having great team spirit at Friday Sport (Jackie Hebble)
- Nikiah for helping when the girls didn’t listen (Chloe)

**RECYCLING … by Brionee, Mackenzie and Nicole**
Today we learnt about Recycling and not bringing heaps of rubbish to school.

Brionee learnt to put rubbish in the right bin.

Mackenzie learnt to put rubbish in the right bin.

Nicole learnt about how much paper rubbish and food scraps we put in the bin.
IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29th July—Friday 2nd August LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

JULY

Wednesday 31st  Literacy & Numeracy Activities (led by Grade 5/6 students)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDER AND MONEY DUE

AUGUST

Thursday 1st  CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—6.00 pm

Friday 2nd  LOTE

CLUBS

Saturday 3rd  TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday 5th  Operation Christmas Child talk

Tuesday 6th  LOTE

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Wednesday 7th  DRAMA /MUSIC

Thursday 8th  MARC LIBRARY

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday 9th  EXCURSION—BENDIGO WRITERS FESTIVAL and visit to VICTORIA HEIGHTS NURSING HOME (Prep—Grade 6)

Monday 12th  SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Tuesday 13th  DRAMA / MUSIC

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Wednesday 14th  PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEW DAY

Thursday 15th  ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday 16th  LOTE

CLUBS

Tuesday 20th  DRAMA / MUSIC

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Thursday 22nd  ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

BSE MUSIC INFORMATION (Grade 6 students)

Friday 23rd  LOTE

CLUBS
On Thursday we are formally acknowledging 100 days of school for this year and will especially concentrate on our prep students who are celebrating their first 100 days of formal education. The 100th day of school is more than just a milestone worth noting - it's the perfect time to have fun with the number 100. The activities and lessons for Thursday morning will provide opportunities for our students to practice math and sharpen their observational skills. Student will also bake a cake in the shape of the 'number 100' and we will all enjoy it as part of the celebration.

Axe Creek Community Playgroup
At Eppalock Primary School

Wednesday Mornings 9am -11am
Eppalock PS - Old School Building
149 Patons Road Axe Creek
(just a few minutes from Strathfieldsaye)
All Welcome
PARENT CLUB MEETINGS …
♦ 26th August—9.15 am in staff room at school
♦ 13th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch

CALLING ALL GARDENERS—IF YOU HAVE ANY CUTTINGS AND/OR PLANTS WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU KEEPING THEM AS WE PLAN TO HAVE A ‘PLANT STALL’ HERE AT SCHOOL ON FEDERAL ELECTION DAY.

TRIVIA NIGHT—THIS SATURDAY, 3rd AUGUST
We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous support of our night …
♦ AXEDALE QUARRY
TRUCK & TRAILER LOAD OF CRUSHED ROCK
FREE DELIVERY WITHIN 30KM, VALUE $1200.00

♦ 7 X GOLD COAST RESORT VOUCHERS
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

♦ AXEDALE TAVERN
4 X $25 MEAL VOUCHERS

♦ MICHELE McLAUGHLIN
BOX OF HANDMADE CARDS

♦ EDWARDS GREENGROCER, STRATHFIELDSAYE
HAMPER

♦ BENDIGO CURTAIN SERVICE, CONTEMPO COURT, EAST BENDIGO

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following families who have been very generous in supporting our night …
♦ Mackenzie C’s family
♦ Henry’s family
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
Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club is holding its junior registrations days at the Tannery Lane sports ground on Saturday August 17 between 9.30 and 12.30 and again on Sunday August 18 between midday and 1.00.

Teams this year will again start with Under 9’s and go up to Under 17’s. Players of all standards are welcome to register, and we are particularly keen to welcome new players to the club.

For more information, please contact Alistair Cheesman on 0427293653.
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