2014 Prep Dates
The 2014 Prep Enrolment Information Booklet will be available in kindergartens soon and outlines key dates for 2014 Preps in all Bendigo schools including information sessions for prospective Prep parents and transition days for students.

Orientation Program Dates for 2014 Preps
Visit 1—Thursday 14th November - 11.30am-1.00pm
Visit 2—Wednesday 20th November - 9.30am-11.00am
Visit 3—Monday 25th November - 10.00am-11.30am
Whole school Orientation Day/Classroom visit 4 Tuesday December 3rd - 9.00am-11.30am

Education Week Activities & Dates
The prospective Prep Parent Information Evening at Eppalock Primary School is on Monday May 20th between 6.00pm-7:00pm. For an individual tour of the school & appointment, please contact the school at any time.

Whole School Open Morning - Wednesday May 22nd from 9:00am. Includes a Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Tea in the Project Space.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Our school photos are scheduled to be taken this Thursday, 21st March. Photos will begin at 9am so please ensure all students arrive at school on time, in full uniform and looking spick and span for the photos. If you have not already done so please return your photo slips to the office by Thursday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Our School Council AGM was last Tuesday night. Thank you so much for the help and support of the retiring school council and congratulations to our new (and continuing) school council members. The make-up of the 2013 school council is listed below.

President—Wendy Ratcliffe (Parent)
Vice-President—Andrew Gallagher (Parent)
Secretary—Karen Green (DEECD)
Parent Members – Neil Bowe, Danielle Couch, Jackie Hebble, Brendan Wild, Emily Ryan (Principal), Diane Lindhe (DEECD)
Community Members – Kevin Reade, Shane Hodson

The next meeting of School Council will be held on Thursday 18th April commencing at 6.30 pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

At the AGM we also ratified the 2012 Annual Report to the school community which outlines the achievements of the school over the past twelve months. If you would like to view the Eppalock PS 2012 Annual Report please see Marie in the office.
HARMONY DAY
Don’t’ forget we are celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow, 20\textsuperscript{th} March. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, the students at Eppalock PS can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. All children are allowed to wear orange tomorrow and are asked to bring a plate of food from another country to share for lunch (1 plate per family). We will be having a flag parade first thing in the morning, a special guest speaker and musician from Tonga to entertain the children after this and then the children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the day in multi-age groups. Should be lots of fun!

PLAYGROUP
We will be having a planning meeting for the Eppalock Primary School Community Playgroup in the Staff Room this Friday afternoon 22\textsuperscript{nd} March at 2.45pm for all those interested parents. I’m hoping that we can finalise a day/time etc. so that we can commence playgroup sessions at the beginning of Term 2.

PARENTS & PRINCIPAL CHAT
I wish to invite parents to join me for a cuppa and a chat in the staffroom on Wednesday morning 27\textsuperscript{th} March at 9am. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can better Eppalock PS please bring them along to discuss or you might just like to have a social catch up. Either way I look forward to seeing those available parents on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} March.

Early School Finish End of Term
Term 1 concludes on Thursday March 28th. Students will be dismissed at lunchtime 1.30pm (no lunch at school)

I hope everyone has a great week. Mrs Ryan

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS …

- Ruby for trying hard and always doing her best
- Will for his fantastic attitude to his reading and writing
- Abby for a great attitude to her work

VALUES AWARD …

- Jaiden for being kind, caring and thoughtful
- Riley for being kind and caring towards others

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS …

- Riley did a big kick and Henry said ‘nice kick Riley’ (from Jack)
- I help my brother go to sleep at night (Mackenzie)
- Reuben for helping Lee pack up the toys

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LEVI
Tuesday 19th March

STUDENT TEACHERS
Yesterday we welcomed first year student teachers from Latrobe University, Rene Liebenberg and Nicholas Stevenson. They, along with James Rouel, will continue their first round practicum observing and assisting in all grade levels on Friday of this week and again next Monday. Please make them welcome.
IMPORTANT DATES
Please mark your diary

MARCH
Wednesday 20th  HARMONY DAY
Kooka Visit
Thursday 21st  SCHOOL PHOTOS
MARC LIBRARY
Friday 22nd  LOTE
CLUBS
Community Playgroup Meeting 2.45 pm
Monday 25th  Parent Club Meeting 9.15 am
DRAMA
Tuesday 26th  SCHOOL BANKING DAY
Wednesday 27th  Cuppa with the Principal 9.00 am
Hot Cross Buns for recess
Thursday 28th  LAST DAY TERM  (1.30 pm finish)

APRIL
Monday 15th  School commences for Term 2
Parent Club meeting—9.15 am
Tuesday 16th  DRAMA
Thursday 18th  MARC LIBRARY
School Council Meeting—6.30 pm

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE
Once again we are encouraging all students to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013 (see attached documents with information and consent forms).
Please fill in the consent form and return to school by the end of this week.
Let’s all take up the challenge and get reading!!!!!
CAN ANYONE HELP?
Jack S has football training at Tannery Lane, Strathfieldsaye on a Wednesday afternoon from 4.00 pm. Donna was wondering if anyone was able to drop him off there after school on Wednesdays. If you can help, please contact Donna on 0408 509 061.

NOTE FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY ... We have received a short email from the Bell family—They are all enjoying Darwin but still getting use to the heat. Caitlyn and Teagan are settling well at school. Both girls have started doing gymnastics and love it. Caitlyn will send an email with an update soon.

FUNDRAISER — HOT CROSS BUNS
HOT CROSS BUN ORDERS AND MONEY MUST BE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK (22ND MARCH).

- Fruit Hot Cross Buns—$6.00 for pack of six
- Chocolate Chip Buns—$6.50 for pack of six

Buns supplied by Strathfieldsaye Bakery, Blucher Street, Strathfieldsaye.
Orders will be delivered to school on Wednesday 27th March.

Next Wednesday, 27th March, Parent Club is organising ‘hot-cross buns’ at recess for students. If you wish to order one, please fill in the attached slip and return to school with money by Friday of this week.

Fruit / Chocolate Chip Buns will be $1.20 each (maximum 2 per person)

FOR SALE — SAUCE TOMATOES $10.00 per 10 kg box -
Contact Michele McLaughlin on 0428 397 699

STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS — FAMILY RAILWAY FUN — MALDON STATION
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH & 14TH
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel, Animal Farm., Model Railway, Clown on board, Novelty Rides, Sausage Sizzle and Horse Cart Rides. Great family day from 10.00 am. Phone 5470 6658 or on-line bookings available at www.vgr.com.au