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

NATIONAL TREE DAY was a wonderful success at Longlea Reserve last Friday with the Longlea Landcare Group. We had nearly as many parent and community volunteers as we did children. We were successful in planting 240 shrubs to help increase habitat. Thanks to the many hands who made it light work.

Next Wednesday, 5th August the whole school has been invited to Mulligrub’s Play Centre to celebrate Dental Health Week. Latrobe University Dentistry and Oral Health students and Oral Health Therapist, Kylie, from the Kennington Dental clinic will conduct educational activity sessions. Topics will include Dental Safety in sports, Oral Health instruction, Sugar display demonstrating how much sugar particular foods contain, Lift the lip education – how to spot tooth decay.

We will leave Eppalock Primary School at 9.15 am and return approximately 12.30 pm. Students will have the opportunity to play on the equipment during our visit. **SOCKS are compulsory** at the Centre – **NO SOCKS, NO PLAY**. Teachers and other staff will advise students of this safety rule and we ask parents to please remind their child/children that, in order to play on the equipment, they must keep their socks on. Children who do not abide by this rule, will be withdrawn from the play area. **The cost of this excursion is $4.00 per student – payment is required prior to the day.** Please place the money in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS & STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

Tuesday August 11th will be a pupil free day with staff conducting Parent Teacher interviews / Student Led Conference from 12 noon until 5.30 pm. Attached is a timetable—we ask families to nominate a time and return the form to school by **Friday 31st July**. Times will be allocated on a ‘first in’ basis. Grade 5/6 students will be required at school during their allocated time. Prep to Grade 4 students will not be required on the day, but care will be provided for these children while their parents meet with teachers.
IMPORTANT DATES

JULY
Wednesday 29th Drama / Music
Friday 31st Living Green

AUGUST
Monday 3rd Chinese Program
Tuesday 4th Drama / Music
Wednesday 5th Excursion to Mulligrubs
Thursday 6th MARC Library
Friday 7th Living Green
Monday 10th Chinese
Tuesday 11th Parent Teacher Interviews / Student Led Conference (Pupil Free)
Wednesday 12th Music / Drama
Thursday 13th School Council Meeting—6.00 pm
Friday 14th Living Green
Monday 17th Chinese
Wednesday 19th Music / Drama
Thursday 20th MARC Library
Friday 21st Living Green

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at assembly yesterday ....

Abby—for showing responsibility and leadership
Reubeen—for consistently working well in school
Charli—for being confident in class

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 Silver

Sam for Sunday 26th July
We hope you had a fantastic day!
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU
This Friday we say farewell to Sue (from the Prep / Grade 1 class) who is leaving Eppalock Primary as a staff member. The good news is that she will be back here every second Thursday as she has been appointed the MARC LIBRARY teacher for remainder of this term and next term. Congratulations Sue—we know that you will be fabulous in this new role. We are sad that you will not be here each day, but look forward to your visits with the MARC Van and your awesome literacy lessons. Sue, this is a wonderful opportunity for you and so richly deserved. Enjoy!

SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP
By Bridie

On Thursday the 16th of July – Friday the 17th Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 went to camp at Sovereign Hill. We got there by bus. We went to the Ragged School.

First of all we met Ma’am in the car park. We dressed up as 1850s children. The girls wore a dress, pantalettes, a pinafore, long socks, shoes, ribbons and a cloak. The teachers dressed up too.

Day 1 – We got to write on slates at the Ragged School, we played with 1850s toys and games and we walked around the streets to see how people lived. The girls got to do sewing. When we got back into our normal clothes we went on the Red Hill Mine Tour. We went underground and saw the Welcome Nugget. After the Red Hill Mine Tour we went to Blood On The Southern Cross. We saw real fire and we went on a weird train. In the show a flag pole with a flag on it fell down, the Eureka Hotel burnt down, a cart burnt down and the police came. For dinner we had spaghetti bolognaise and bread and for dessert we had chocolate mousse.

Day 2 – The next morning we got up and had breakfast. For breakfast I had Nutrigrain. We got to write with ink and an ink pen, we went gold panning but I didn’t find any gold. We got to see gold being poured and purified. We got to spend $10.00 and I bought a toffee apple, a little pack of lollies and 2 candles. The girls got to be housemaids. We made butter and it tasted really good. At 3 o’clock we left to go home.

The whole thing was my favourite. It was the best.

Grade 3/4/5/6 families—photos from the Sovereign Hill Camp can be ordered online. Details on the attached form.
Last Wednesday the Prep/Grade 1 class celebrated 100 days of School with lots of fun activities using visual representation of 100 things.
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Our school is taking part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn initiative. You can help Eppalock Primary School by collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn point stickers.

Simply collect Earn and Learn point stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15th July and Tuesday 8th September 2015. The school can then redeem these points for educational resources for the school.

Place the Woolworths Earn and Learn points onto the sheet and once it’s completed just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolworths store. The more the school community collects, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of educational resources available through the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The school is most grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program this year.

COUGHS, RUNNY NOSES & THE COLD WEATHER

We have a number of children with coughs, colds and runny noses. As you all are aware it has been extremely cold the last couple of weeks and the mornings are particularly freezing. We are concerned with the number of children who are only wearing a t-shirt at school. We ask that all parents ensure their children are appropriately dressed for the winter weather—we suspect many children are choosing to take jumpers off after leaving home so could you please chat to your children about keeping warm and healthy over winter so they don’t spread these nasty germs around the school.

AXE CREEK FIRE BRIGADE

The Axe Creek Fire Brigade is currently seeking new members that can help in the following areas:

- Firefighters—daytime, weekdays
- Fire Prevention
- Community Education
- Brigade Administration
- Communications
- Fundraising

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They have diverse background, interests and skills.

Contact details:
Phone 1800 232 636
Email: volrecruit@cfa.vic.gov.au
Web: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Axe Creek Landcare Group

Justine Leahy
CFA Biodiversity Advisor

presents

Fire in our Landscape

Justine has lived in our district, and has extensive knowledge of the effects of fires in farmland and forest.

7:45 pm, Monday 3rd August
preceded by a short AGM at 7:30

Axe Creek Community Centre
(Eppalock Primary School’s old building)
Cnr Axe Creek Road and Patons Road

All Welcome
Supper provided
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS (Prep – Grade 5)

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE (Grade 6)

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PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME AT YOUR PREFERRED TIME AND RETURN FORM TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 31ST JULY. CONFIRMATION OF YOUR TIME WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK. TIMES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON ‘FIRST-IN’ BASIS.

Interview duration is 10 minutes