**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

**ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**—this Friday 24th April. This service will commence at 2.50 pm and parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**LEGACY 84TH ANZAC COMMEMORATION CEREMONY**
As mentioned last week, Abby and Jazz will represent Eppalock Primary School and lay a wreath at this Commemoration Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne this Thursday.

**PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again this year. A consent form has been sent home for each student. Each child will be given a challenge checklist and books that have been read are to be listed on this.

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is a great way to get students reading and talking about books.

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The list of books on the Challenge book list for each year level can be found at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx

- If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
- Your online books must be verified as read on the website by the Challenge coordinator.
- All your information must be completed online before 14th September 2015.

We encourage every child to participate in this Reading Challenge—it would be fantastic if Eppalock Primary School has 100% participation. For further information, please see Mrs Lindhe

**There will be a tub of Picture Story Books in the Library area that children can borrow.**
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- Silver for his positive attitude towards his schoolwork
- Emma for working harder in school
- Henry for his wonderful effort with his school work

Hamish—Friday 3rd April
Pippa—Sunday 5th April
Emma—Friday 17th April
Abby—Friday 17th April
Jazz—today—Tuesday 21st April

We hope you all had a fun-filled birthday!

**EDUCATION WEEK—MAY 18TH—22ND**

**Monday 18th—6.00 pm—7.00 pm**
**PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING**

An evening session will be held from 6.00 pm—7.00 pm. This information session is especially designed for Year 2016 Prep parents interested in choosing a school for their child or who have already chosen Eppalock Primary. The session will include a school tour as well as valuable information on the curriculum and programs offered here at Eppalock Primary. All preschoolers and parents are welcome. Information Packs will be available on the night or can be posted or emailed. This is a great opportunity to hear about the benefits of sending your child to Eppalock Primary School.

**Wednesday 20th**

**OPEN DAY / GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSONS MORNING TEA**

This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to staff about the terrific programs available at our school. School tours will be conducted by students and everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea. Come and see our wonderful programs in action.

- We will also welcome visits by students and parents from Jenny’s Kinder and Good Start Kinder to Eppalock Primary during Education Week.
# IMPORTANT DATES

## APRIL
- **Thursday 23rd**: MARC LIBRARY
  - Abby & Jazz—Anzac Day Ceremony Melbourne
- **Friday 24th**: Anzac Day Ceremony—2.50 pm Eppalock Primary School

## MAY
- **Thursday 7th**: MARC LIBRARY
- **Saturday 9th**: CAR BOOT SALE
  - BBQ to support Team China
- **12th, 13th, 14th**: NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5 students)
- **18th—22nd**: EDUCATION WEEK
- **Monday 18th**: PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING—6.00 pm
- **Wednesday 20th**: EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY / GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL PERSONS MORNING TEA
- **Wednesday 27th**: CROSS COUNTRY
- **Thursday 28th**: TEAM CHINA leave for China

## JUNE
- **Thursday 4th**: MARC LIBRARY
- **Monday 8th**: PUBLIC HOLIDAY—QUEENS BIRTHDAY
- **Tuesday 9th**: REPORT WRITING DAY—PUPIL FREE
- **Thursday 18th**: MARC LIBRARY
- **Friday 26th**: LAST DAY TERM 2—1.30 pm dismissal

**TERM 3 DATES**: Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September

**TERM 4 DATES**: Monday 5th October—Friday 18th December
MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITY
Donations Wanted
We are seeking donations of large glass jars for the students to use to make terrariums as Mother's Day gifts. The jars need to:

- Be made from glass
- Have a lid
- Be at least 1.5 lt in volume
- Have a large opening

Please have a look in the back of your cupboards and in grandpa's shed over the holidays. Old olive bottles, peanut jars and preserving bottles are usually suitable. This is a photo of the kind of jars we are after. There will be a box in the office foyer for your jars. Pick up can also be organised if you have a large collection. If you have any questions please contact Hilary Hall on 0422 608 303.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
This activity will be held on Friday 1st May during the Living Green sessions. A minimum of 4 adult volunteers are needed for each session (9.30 – 11 am and 11.30 – 1 pm). Dads, if you’ve been meaning to volunteer, this is the perfect opportunity! Please let Marie or Lydia know if you are able to attend.

HUGE CAR BOOT SALE
SATURDAY 9TH MAY—IGA CARPARK, STRATHFIELDSAYE

Think about it – ask family and friends – you can have your own area or join with family or friends to set up an area to sell your goods.

This may be a great opportunity for you to clean out the shed / garage / cupboards and find lots of treasures you no longer need or use and could sell at the Car Boot Sale.

Start planning and preparing now!

In conjunction with the Car Boot Sale, TEAM CHINA will be conducting a Sausage Sizzle.

Please mark Saturday 9th May in your dairy

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup continues again this term in the old school building on Fridays 9.00am-10.30am. All parents and 0-5 children are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. Morning tea is provided and the cost is a gold coin donation to cover supplies etc. Please pass this information on to anyone outside the Eppalock PS community who might be interested – the more the merrier.
NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
• reading
• writing
• language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
• numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

If parents wish to find out more information or discuss their child’s participation, please see their classroom teacher (Ms Hartney or Mr Harvey) by the end of this week.

In Grade 2/3 this week, we are working on fractions and weight in Maths. In Story Writing, we are working on persuasive writing. We have been looking at an advertisement about a dog called Harvey and why he should become your pet. Independently, the children are going to be writing about which makes a better pet – a cat or a dog? This week we are working on Anzac Day, then we will continue to work on Change in SOSE. Please remember to send along photos of your child.

PREP / GRADE 1

Welcome to Miss Bell for her second week at Eppalock Primary. Miss Bell is a 3rd year student teacher from La Trobe and has been working in the Prep/grade one classroom. She is also an experienced ballet dancer and teacher, so she is conducting some ballet lessons during PE time this week. I’m sure the children will love putting on a concert for you at home! We continue to work on money in maths and look forward to the many extra activities at school this week- Life Ed van, ANZAC ceremony, Music/Drama and Marc van.

LIBRARY BOOKS

MISSING / STILL ON HOLIDAYS!

We ask that you please check your book shelves at home and see if there are any school library books there.

We are missing many books including several by Morris Gleitzman.

If you have finished reading them, please return to school as soon as possible.

GRADE 4/5/6

It has been a busy start to the term in Grades 4, 5 & 6! Yesterday we were fortunate to have the Life Education Van come to school and teach students all about medicines and their packaging. In Literacy, we have been focusing on persuasive text and the ways which we are able to make our writing more persuasive. While in Numeracy, we have begun working on fractions with a focus on identifying and naming fractions.

Homework this week is focusing on the changes that have occurred in people’s lives over the past few decades with students interviewing a parent or grandparent about their childhood. If any students are having problems with their homework, please come and see me.

Mr Harvey.

LIVING GREEN

Volunteers required—if you can share a skill or help out with cooking or gardening, please let Lydia know

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Your support is very much appreciated
AXE CREEK COMMUNITY
FRESH PRODUCE SWAP

Do you have excess vegetables, fruit, eggs or herbs from your garden?
Not sure what to do with them?
Bring them to the Axe Creek Community Fresh Produce Swap at Eppalock Primary School.

If you have excess vegetables, fresh fruit, eggs, herbs or any other items, please bring them along and be part of our Fresh Produce Swap program. There are baskets on the bench in the school foyer and the process is that you can swap your produce for other produce.

If you do not have produce to swap that’s OK, just help yourself to the fresh produce displayed. You do not need to pay for any of the produce, however if you wish to make a donation that is fine.