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

Thank you everyone who helped last Friday with the terrarium making. It was fantastic to see the students so engaged making such a beautiful gift for their mum.

We hope all families saw Eppalock Primary School’s feature in the School Noticeboard section of the Bendigo Advertiser yesterday. It was a great article and pictures and certainly showed what a wonderful school we have.

EDUCATION WEEK—May 18th—22nd

We have lots of exciting happenings during this week

- **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.
Happy Birthday to ….
Tilly—Monday 4th May
Zac—Monday 4th May
Ari—Thursday 7th May
Logan—Thursday 7th May

We hope you all have a fabulous day!

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 on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th May.

Friday 22nd May the whole school will visit the Bendigo Art Gallery and the Ulumbarra Theatre.
At the Art Gallery we will explore the Imagining Ned exhibition. Imagining Ned presents the history and legend surrounding the Kelly gang through original artefacts, such as Kelly’s famous armour, letters, weaponry, associated ephemera and other historic items, as well as a survey of artistic output exploring images of Ned.
We will then walk from the Art Gallery to the new Ulumbarra Theatre for a tour. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to see and explore this brand new Theatre complex
The cost of this excursion is $4.00 per students— could money please be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and handed into the school office by Friday of next week (15th May).

GRADE 2/3— This week in Grade 2/3, we are doing multiplication in Maths. We will begin with working on concrete materials to ensure their understanding. In Literacy we will continue to work on persuasive writing. The children wrote some fantastic letters to Mr Jones to convince him to let Archer come to school. Luckily the letters were so good that Archer will continue with his visits! Most children are reading at home each night but it would be great if we could extend that to everyone as research shows what a big difference it makes to a child’s reading. A big thank-you to those families that have sent along their child’s pictures for SOSE.

GRADE 4/5/6— It’s been a great start to the term in Grade 4, 5 & 6. Over the last few weeks we have been working on fractions with a focus on adding and subtracting fractions. This week we will be continuing to work on mass as well as decimal numbers. In Literacy, we have been focusing on persuasive writing and persuaded Mr Jones to let Archer continue to come to school each week! We also introduced the new spelling program Words Their Way which will also be part of the students’ homework for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

PREP / GRADE 1 - We begin our new spelling program this week. It’s called “Words Their Way.” Students work in groups on most days doing word and alphabet sorts and other spelling games. We are also using the Oxford word lists that were sent home last week with all Grade one students. Prep children are learning their high frequency words at a pleasing rate- don’t forget to practice writing them also.
In PE we are practicing and extending our ball handling and fitness skills, which is a lot of fun.
It’s great to see most children in the Grade are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is the last week for registering, so please ask for a permission form if you would like to join.

PARENT FORUM WITH PRINCIPAL
Next MONDAY, 11TH MAY—9.15 am following assembly
Parents are invited to an informal chat and cuppa with Mr Jones in the staff room next Monday morning following assembly. If you have any suggestions, comments or queries this is a perfect opportunity to sit and have a chat in a relaxed setting.

We look forward to seeing you Monday. All welcome.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Loki—for playing very well with his friends
Ari—for working hard in Maths
Jessica for always trying her hardest and doing her best in class

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS
Congratulations to Henry

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
Thursday 7th MARC LIBRARY
Saturday 9th CAR BOOT SALE / MONSTER GARAGE SALE
         BBQ to support Team China
Monday 11th PARENT FORUM with Principal 9.15 am
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
Friday 22nd EXCURSION—Bendigo Art Gallery and Ulumbarra Theatre
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
TEAM CHINA IS SEEKING YOUR HELP!

TEAM CHINA IS ASKING FOR HELP FROM SCHOOL FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORT THIS SATURDAY, 9TH MAY AT THE MONSTER CAR BOOT SALE AT STRATHFIELDSAYE IGA.

TEAM CHINA WILL BE RUNNING A BBQ / CAKE STALL AND WOULD WELCOME HELP FROM FAMILIES.

IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR SO ON SATURDAY BETWEEN 8.00 AM—1.00 PM, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME THE DONATION OF HOME MADE CAKES, JAMS, SAUCES, PRESERVES ETC.

IF YOU CAN HELP, ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY OR DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE STALL AT IGA, STRATHFIELDSAYE ON SATURDAY.

PLEASE REMEMBER NO CREAM AND A LIST OF INGREDIENTS MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ITEM.

PLATES, BAGS AND STICKERS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER AS WELL AS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Strathfieldsaye Jets Cricket Club are seeking two or three players between the age of 9-13 who may wish to play Indoor Cricket Monday nights at Bendigo Indoor Sports.

Start times: 4:30pm and 5:30pm. Anyone welcome to join this fun brand of cricket.

No prior registration to the club required & a good chance to bring some mates along to play together. For further details please contact Brent Yates via email at strathfieldsaye@club.cricketvictoria.com.au or by phone on 0434730711.

BENDIGO BANK SCHOOL BANKING

The staff from Bendigo Bank’s Strath Hill branch visit Eppalock Primary School each TUESDAY MORNING providing a school banking service for students.

Participants in the program will use a Bendigo Piggy Bank Passbook Account and moneybox to learn about the process and the benefits of saving.

With no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions—plus a lot of fun games and rewards—a Piggy Bank Passbook Account makes saving fun.

Please note—the school banking program provides a deposit service only, however, withdrawals can be made at the Strath Hill branch.

Further information is available from the school office or by calling into the Bendigo Bank Strath Hill branch.
SAT 9TH MAY
MONSTER CAR BOOT SALE

Please support your TERM 2 school fundraiser

Eppalock Primary School is holding a monster Car Boot Sale / Garage Sale. This Saturday, the 9th May.

Raising money to help build our amazing kid’s cooking kitchen / science room in the Old Schoolhouse at school.

We need your help – getting more stalls for the day AND getting you to come (and bring your family & friends) and browse on the day. We need to spread the word – Monster Garage Sale THIS SATURDAY and loads of bargains.....

- Clear out your shed and have your own stall $10 per stall
- Ask small businesses you know $15 per ‘business’ stall
- BBQ to support our Team China students
- Supervised ‘Mother’s Day card’ making for the kids
- Household items, clothing, toys, kid’s clothes, tools & more

Contact Sal Symes to book your stall ph: 0418 390 824

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