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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 to the parents who attending our Parent Forum yesterday—remember if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

WELCOME—We welcome three university students who are studying Education through Latrobe University. Georgia, Neil and Ingrid will be working alongside our teachers in the classrooms over the next few weeks. Please make them feel welcome.

EDUCATION WEEK—next week May 18th—22nd—We have lots of exciting happenings ...

- **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 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 student— could money please be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and handed into the school office by Friday 15th May.

THANK YOU AND SAFE TRAVELS

Friday we say goodbye to Mr Jones who has been our Acting Principal for the past several weeks. John and his wife are heading off on a trip overseas. John, thank you so very much for all your work here at Eppalock Primary School and we wish you an enjoyable and safe trip. We look forward to updates along the way and perhaps even a 'slide show' on your return.

Kerri McMillin will be assuming the role of Acting Principal from Monday 18th until the end of term. Until recently she has been Principal of Eaglehawk Primary School and has an extensive curriculum knowledge. Kerri has been to the school and is looking forward to getting to know the children and their families during the next five weeks.
HEAD LICE—We have had a few cases of head lice reported. Please check your child’s hair carefully and, if necessary, treat.

OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO CHINA PRE-DEPARTURE ACTIVITY DAYS
As part of the pre-departure phase for the upcoming Trip to China, two Activity Days have been set aside for the travelling group. The Activity Day program forms an important part of the preparations for travel and will be a great opportunity for students and teachers to interact and get to know each other prior to departure. The accommodation plan and School Teams have also been taken into consideration when grouping the students. The first activity day was held last week and the next one will be held Wednesday.

LOST PROPERTY—our lost property box is overflowing with UNNAMED garments. Please call in and check if you are missing items. We urge all families to ensure that their child’s clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc are NAMED.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to everyone who assisted and supported our Car Boot Sale last weekend. Even though the weather was not so kind to us, we had lots of people wandering through our stalls and picking up some bargains. . We raised $393.65 which will go towards the updating of our Community Kitchen.

A huge thank you to Strathfieldsaye SUPA IGA management and staff for their generous support of our Car Boot Sale, BBQ and Cake Stall. The funds raised from the BBQ and Cake Stall are going to our Team China group.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE—reminder to all children and families to keep on reading and logging your books. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Lindhe.

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.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Liselle—for being very kind and thoughtful to other students
Brionee—for working hard in school
Kaden—for his excellent attitude to work and school

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS
Congratulations to Bridie

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
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 OVERSEA LEARNING EXPERIENCE (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
Monday 18th May — 6.00 pm — 7.00 pm
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