Hi Everyone,

It is great to be at Eppalock Primary School as acting principal for the next 6 weeks and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. Please call in and make yourself known to me as I am looking forward to meeting as many families as I can. Please do not hesitate to come in for a chat if I can be of assistance in anyway.

Perhaps people would like to know a little about me and my experience in education. Until quite recently (end of term 1) I was the principal of Eaglehawk Primary School. Prior to that I was principal of Inglewood Primary School, which at that stage was a similar size to Eppalock. Before becoming a principal I have worked for the region over a number of years coaching and training teachers in teaching Literacy. I also worked for a number of years in New York as a leadership and teaching and learning coach in the New York school system.

On a personal note I am married to Murray, I have two grown up daughters, both of whom are teachers and a three year old grandson who is the delight of my life.

I am looking forward to getting to know all your children in the short time I have and in enjoying the wonderful community atmosphere your school has to offer.

Kerrie McMillin

This week is **EDUCATION WEEK**
and here at Eppalock Primary we are celebrating.

Yesterday and today we have had visits from children at Jenny’s Early Learning Strathfieldsaye and Good Start Strathfieldsaye. The children talked about the differences and similarities of kinder and school, listened to a story and then participated in an art activity.

Last night we held a Prep 2016 Information Evening. It was great to see so many families visiting our school and enjoying the presentation.

Tomorrow we are holding an **OPEN DAY/ GRANDPARENT & SPECIAL PERSONS MORNING TEA** This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It will also be a great time for new parents to see our school in action and speak to staff about the terrific program available here at Eppalock. We look forward to welcoming you tomorrow.

**Everyone is invited to join us for morning tea at 11.00 am. A plate to share would be greatly appreciated.**
This 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. We will leave school at 9.30 am and return for lunch.

The cost of this excursion is $4.00 per student—thank you to the families who have already paid—could the outstanding amount please be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and handed into the school office tomorrow.

Last week, School Council President, Andrew Gallagher, represented the school at the UFS Pharmacies ‘Building a Healthier Community Program’ evening. During the evening Andrew was presented with a cheque for $688.00 which came from Pharmacy members nominating and sponsoring Eppalock Primary School. This is a fantastic effort and we thank UFS Pharmacies very much for their support.

**A reminder to all families**—if you are a UFS Pharmacy member or would like to join the UFS Pharmacy, please nominate Eppalock Primary School to receive sponsorship through the Building A Healthier Community Program.

**HEAD LICE** checks will be carried out on Friday afternoon by registered nurse, Sian Knight.

**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.

**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.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER** attached

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDER** attached

**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 …

Lee for trying hard with his reading
Baylee for working harder in class
Sienna for being a responsible hard working class member

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS
Congratulations to Asher

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Wednesday 20th  EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY / GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL PERSONS MORNING TEA
Thursday 21st  MARC LIBRARY
Friday 22nd  EXCURSION—Bendigo Art Gallery and Ulumbarra Theatre
Tuesday 26th  UNIFORM ORDER & BOOK CLUB ORDERS and money due
Wednesday 27th  CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday 28th  OVERSEAS 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Charlie who is celebrating his birthday today, Tuesday 19th May.
We hope you have a fun-filled day.
CROSS COUNTRY 2015

The Cross Country Championships will be held next Wednesday 27th May at the Bendigo Racecourse.

Students from Eppalock Primary will travel by bus to and from the venue and will be accompanied by staff.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along and cheer on the participants.

- In the event of wet weather a final decision will be made on the morning. An announcement to postpone the event will be made over the radio on 93.5fm (3BO) between 8.00-8.30 am.
- All children should wear suitable running attire and should bring adequate warm clothing for when they have finished – shorts, polo and runners for the run and a tracksuit to put on before and afterwards. A shower-proof jacket is also recommended.
- Please ensure the children bring plenty of water to drink and enough food for the day so they are not hungry.
- As the ground will be damp, regardless of the weather, we would appreciate any tarps or rubber backed rugs for the children to sit on (please ensure your name is on them).
- Our seating area is on the lawn in front of the stands.
- Children are not allowed on to the main oval until they are marshalled which will be approximately 15 minutes prior to the event starting.

- The 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run between 10.30 am -12.00 noon. The first event of the morning will be the 10 year Boys’ race starting at 10.30 am start.
  Our Groups (2000m) …
  8 year old …. Reuben, Levi B
  9 year old … Jessica, Amelia, Brionee, Bridie
  10 year old … Kaden, Will, Josh, Silver, Bailey, Bella, Ellie

- The 11 and 12 year olds will run between 12.45 pm – 2.30 pm starting with the 11 year old boys’ race.
  Our Groups (3000m) …
  11 year old … Jaiden, Logan, Tim, River, Joe
  12 year old … Sam, Levi T, Angus, Jazz, Abby

- Every child who completes the course will receive a certificate recording the achievement.
- Please note that Asthmatic children should pre-medicate, warm up and carry inhalers etc with them on their run.
- Finishing – children must cross the finishing line where they will then be channelled into the finishing chutes. The school names will be recorded until Team Events are finalised. Children remain in the finishing chutes until the recording has taken place and then they leave by the exit gate, collecting their certificates on the way. Children must then return to the allocated area. The first 6 place getters in blue and the first three places getters in other colours must have their names recorded.

**THE COST PER STUDENT IS $9.00**

Payment to be made prior to the event. Money can be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and marked CROSS COUNTRY and handed into the office before Wednesday 27th. Thank you.
Eppalock Primary School
Annual Update

$ 688
This is the amount of money that has been raised over the past twelve months.
There's no limit on who can nominate your school or organisation, so get your family and friends to join with UFS Pharmacies now.

84
This is the number of UFS Pharmacies members that have nominated your school or organisation when joining or renewing their annual membership.

MEMBER REWARDS
Join as a Member for just $12 per year, then you and your family receive:

Up to 20% off most shop lines everyday

UFS Pharmacies
View Street Pharmacy
Con View & Bernard Sts, T: 03 5443 4710
Hargreaves Street Pharmacy
300 Hargreaves St, T: 03 5443 9430
Maion Guily Pharmacy
Shop 2, 715 Caffer House, T: 03 5449 7149
Streelfield Pharmacy
32 Blucher St, Phone: 03 5448 3513

UFS Pharmacies is a not-for-profit community enterprise that has provided health and wellbeing services to the Bendigo community for over 142 years.

www.bendigous.com.au
EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL - UNIFORM ORDER
2015

Family Name

Contact Number

- If you wish to place an order, please fill in the form and return it to school by **TUESDAY 26TH MAY**
- Any queries please contact Marie at school office (5439 6366) or Nikki 0427 496 073
- Payment can be included with order or an invoice will be issued when uniforms are delivered

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