**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**NAPLAN**—Congratulations needs to go out to all the students in Grades 3 and 5 who participated in the NAPLAN Testing last week. They all tried hard and did their very best and that’s all we can ask of them. These students certainly deserved a holiday on Friday!

**TRANSITION CLUSTER SPORTS CARNIVAL**—Well done also to our grade 5 & 6 students who participated in the Transition Cluster Sports day on Thursday against Kennington and Spring Gully Primary Schools. The students had a great time playing netball and football, teamed up well with their Quarry Hill Primary School peers and were wonderful role models for our school. Great job.

**MARC Van**—The MARC Van library was at the school last Thursday but unfortunately many students were unable to borrow as they had not returned their library books. The MARC Van is at Eppalock PS every second Thursday so will be back again next week. Overdue notices have been sent home with students. It’s important that students return their books so they are able to borrow next week – we need to use this valuable resource to its full advantage.

**EDUCATION WEEK**—This week is Education week! I hope all families saw the ads and write ups about our school in the Bendigo Advertiser and Bendigo Weekly last Friday. I thought they looked great and certainly showed what a wonderful school we have. Don’t forget the our School Open Day **tomorrow** and our Grandparents/Special Persons Morning Tea at 10.30am—you are all invited to come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

**INFORMATION EVENING**—We had a very successful information evening last night at the school for parents of prep students starting school in 2014. Thanks so much to Diane Lindhe for coordinating this, to the staff, Andrew Gallagher (School Council Vice President), Nicole and Jessica who came along in support.

**FUN LANGUAGES FOR KIDS**—Attached to the newsletter you will see an expression of interest form for Fun Language Clubs for Kids. If you are interested in your child learning Mandarin, Spanish or French in a fun environment please fill in the expression of interest form and return it to the office. For further information and cost of the program please contact Sally-Anne (the coordinator of the program) on 0418390824.

Wishing everyone a fun filled week ..................Mrs Ryan
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

- Brionee for working very well in class
- Abby for working well independently
- Chloe for always trying her hardest in class

Honesty & Trustworthiness Award - Mackenzie

Acts of Kindness … (the following comments were drawn from the ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ box)

◊ To Mel for helping the Grade 4/5/6 with their project
◊ I gave Reuben half my lunch because he had none (from Joe)
◊ Yesterday we played a great game of netball—it was fantastic (from Abby)
◊ Levi helped me to carry the groceries inside (from Donna)

SCHOOL FAMILY CONTACT LIST—We have had several requests to produce a school family contact list. If you wish your details to be circulated to other school families, please fill in the attached sheet and return it to school by Friday of this week (24th May). Only families on the list will receive a copy.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE—attached is an updated time-table for bus travellers. The bus covers the following area (if you need further information please see Marie in the office) - Strathfieldsaye/Eppalock Road to Mills Road, Axe Creek Road, Abbots Road, Clancy Road, Doles Road, Patons Road, Barty's Road, Kellys Road, Tarreleah Drive, Sutton Grange Road, Huddle Road, Emu Creek Road, Hargreaves Road, Mannes Lane

SCHOOL COUNCIL May meeting was held last Thursday evening. Several School Policies were ratified and they will be available on our website in the next week or so. The Grounds Committee have plans to update our school playground equipment and continue working on the Sensory Garden. The school oval is also down to be top-dressed and re-sown (as soon as we get some rain!). Attached is a list of items for the Sensory Garden—if you can help in anyway, please let us know or contact one of the School Council Members.

Wendy Ratcliffe (President)  Andrew Gallagher (Vice-President)
Karen Green (Secretary)      Jackie Hebble
Danielle Couch               Brendan Wild
Neil Bowe                    Shane Hodson (Community Member)
Kevin Reade (Community Member)    Emily Ryan
Diane Lindhe
IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Monday 20th—Friday 24th EDUCATION WEEK

DRAMA & MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—GOLF

Wednesday 22nd
OPEN DAY—Grandparents & Friends Morning Tea

Thursday 23rd
Kinder Visit—11.30 am—1.30 pm
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—MULTI SKILLS—GAMES FOR LIFE

Friday 24th
LOTE
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY—Sausages

Monday 27th
Parent Club Meeting—9.00 am

Tuesday 28th
SCHOOL BANK DAY
DRAMA & MUSIC

Wednesday 29th
EXCURSION—SLEEPING BEAUTY (Heathcote)

Thursday 30th
MARC LIBRARY
INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL (Grade 5/6)

Friday 31st
LOTE

JUNE

Tuesday 4th
SCHOOL BANK DAY
DRAMA & MUSIC

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th
GRADE 3-6 CAMP—Urban Camp, Melbourne

Monday 10th
Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday

Tuesday 11th
SCHOOL BANK DAY
DRAMA & MUSIC

Wednesday 12th
Drama Excursion—Grade 5 & 6 students—‘Legally Blonde’

Thursday 13th
MARC LIBRARY

Friday 14th
LOTE

CLUBS

Monday 17th
HELP US KICK GOALS—3BO live broadcast from Eppalock Primary School

Tuesday 18th
DRAMA & MUSIC

THURSDAY 20th
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—6.00 pm start

Friday 21st
LOTE
CLUBS

Friday 28th
LAST DAY OF TERM—1.30 PM FINISH
EXCURSION— next Wednesday, 29th May we will travel to Heathcote for a performance at the Heathcote RSL Hall of ‘Sleeping Beauty’ by Alpha Shows. This group produce quality theatre performances that are highly recommended for all primary school students.

The performance commences at 9.30 am so we will need to leave school by 8.45 am (we ask that all non-bus travelling students be at school by 8.35 am).

School bus travellers please note: the school bus will run 10 minutes earlier on Wednesday 29th May to ensure that all students are here at school by 8.45 am.

Our excursion bus MUST leave Eppalock Primary at 8.45 am so we cannot wait for ‘late-comers’.

Following the performance we will have morning tea and a play in the park area at Heathcote before returning to school approximately 1.00 pm.

Total cost of the performance and bus is $16.00 per student.

Please fill in the attached permission form and return it along with $16.00 to school by Monday of next week (27th May).

PARENT CLUB MEETING, next Monday, 27th May—9.15 am in staff room. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat—all welcome

TRIVIA NIGHT—TERM 3—we are desperately seeking donations for prizes at our Trivia Night. If anyone has any contacts who they think may like to donate something towards the night, could you please ask them and let us know? This is the hardest part of organising the Trivia Night— your support and assistance is very much appreciated.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY—Our next special lunch day will be held on Friday 24th May and SAUSAGES will be on the menu. Order forms were attached to last week’s newsletter—all orders and money must be in by end of school (3.15 pm) tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd May.

At the moment, Jackie is organising the lunch days on a monthly basis but would be very happy if anyone would like to organise a lunch day so that children could be offered lunches on a fortnightly basis. You would need to think of a menu, organise the food and preparation (you will be reimbursed for expenses) and be available to serve it to students. Let Jackie know if you are interested.
HELP US KICK GOALS

HelpUsKickGoals.com.au is a new, local online auction for tickets to AFL matches throughout the footy season with all funds raised going to individual school.

BLS Financial has made available tickets to AFL matches every week throughout the AFL season, with two (2) seats available in the Etihad Medallion Club, and another two (2) in the AFL Members Reserve at the MCG.

Eleven school have been selected and allocated two rounds each—EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL is fortunate to be one of the lucky schools chosen.

Our allocated games are later this term -

**Round 13**  
Friday June 21st  
Hawthorn Vs West Coast Eagles—Etihad Stadium  
Saturday June 22nd  
St Kilda Vs Melbourne—MCG  
Western Bulldogs Vs Richmond—Etihad Stadium

**Round 14**  
Saturday June 29th  
Melbourne Vs Western Bulldogs—MCG  
Sunday 30th June  
North Melbourne Vs GWS Giants—Etihad Stadium  
Richmond Vs St Kilda—MCG

As part of this fundraising promotion, 3BO will broadcast live from Eppalock Primary School on Monday 17th June from 12noon—1.00 pm and there will be lots of fun activities happening here at school on the day. Stay tuned for further details.

REMEMBER—ANYONE CAN BID FOR THE TICKETS

AND ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL COME DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL
PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS—Private lessons are held every Tuesday at Eppalock Primary School ...
  Guitar lessons
  Vocal lessons
  Bass lessons
For more information, please contact Mel on 0430 042 405
Email: sina_rox@hotmail.com
Enrolment Applications 2014

Families are urged to contact LMPA to find out about enrolment in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten for 2014.

**REMEMBER:** Enrolment applications are accepted at any time but get your forms in before **30 June** to be included in the first round of allocations.

Enrolment application forms for Bendigo and Swan Hill are available from any kindergarten or from the LMPA website: **www.lmpa.org.au**

Please note that Prekindergarten forms should be available by July.

Now is a great time to visit kindergartens and get a feel for all the exciting things that early childhood education has to offer. Please call each kindergarten to make a time to see the program and to have time to talk to the educators there.

**If you have any questions or need assistance with the application please contact LMPA on 5443 1229.**
NEW Fun Language Clubs for Kids
HELD HERE AT EPPALOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN, PLAY BASED PROGRAMS
AFTERSCHOOL

Expression of Interest

Which language are you interested in?
Mandarin / Spanish / French
(Please circle and return to office)

Which day would you prefer?
Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs

Everyone welcome
Affordable pricing & family discounts
The FUN way to learn another language
Great preparation for taking languages in Secondary School

Play-based programs: Games, craft, songs, puppets, plays and fun activities to get your child using the language naturally and quickly.

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