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

Education Week
Thank you to everyone who participated in Education Week and made it such a success for the school community. It was great to see so many families represented, especially grandparents and special friends on the Wednesday. Several new families attended the information night which was fantastic. Congratulations to staff and School Council who ensured the week went so well.

Junior Cross Country
We have decided to run a Junior Cross Country tomorrow at school while the 3-6 children are participating in their Cross Country. Several families and children expressed disappointment that the P-2 children are not able to participate in the Regional Cross Country so this will be a good opportunity for everyone to have a go. The junior Cross Country will be held in the school grounds starting at 12.30pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. Prep children will complete a course of 1000 metres, grade 1 will complete 1250 metres and grade 2 will complete 1500 metres.

China Trip
We have only a couple of days before our China trip leaves. I would like to wish Abby, Joe and Mr Harvey a great trip. Their time will be split between Shanghai and Suzhou where they will experience education Chinese style as well as visiting many tourist attractions. We look forward to their return so they can share with us the fantastic experiences they have had! We can follow their adventures through the Team China Clog at: http://eppalocktc.global2.vic.edu.au/

Kerrie McMillin

WORKING BEE—Friday 5th June. School Council Grounds Committee is organising a working bee for this day commencing at 2.30 pm to do a general clean up around the school. There will be a list of job sent home next week and also posted on the school office door. If you cannot attend on Friday, you may like to carry out a task in your own time. Just let us know. Your support is very much appreciated.

REMINDERS …

- 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—keep on reading and logging your books. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Lindhe.

- CROSS COUNTRY—A reminder that Grade 3-6 students will be participating in the Regional Cross Country event at the Bendigo Race Course tomorrow. Students will be bussed to and from the venue. The cost is $9.00 per student. Thank you to families who have paid and a reminder to those who have not that payment is required tomorrow. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. See the attached list for approximate times of your child’s event.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Prep / Grade 1—Charlie for his wonderful manners
Grade 2/3—Ella for working well on her reading
Grade 4/5/6—Logan for making an effort to stay on task

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS

Congratulations to Sienna

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
Wednesday 27th REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY Bendigo Racecourse (Grade 3—6 students)
JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY Eppalock Primary School (Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2)
Thursday 28th OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (TEAM CHINA) leave for China

JUNE
Thursday 4th MARC LIBRARY
Friday 5th WORKING BEE 2.30 PM START
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 Jaiden who is celebrating his birthday today, Tuesday 26th May.

We hope you have a fun-filled day.
The Cross Country Championships will be held **TOMORROW, 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. If you have not paid, money can be placed in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and marked CROSS COUNTRY and handed into the office **TOMORROW MORNING**. Thank you.
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.