**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

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Melbourne Urban Camp**

We had a fantastic time last Thursday and Friday at the Urban Camp in Melbourne. The MCG tour and Sports Museum were a real highlight and the students really enjoyed the hands on sports activity centre where they were able to have a go at a range of various sports including archery, basketball, cricket and cycling. Below is a photo of some of our current students in front of a ‘backyard cricket’ display in the Sports Museum which shows a photo of Eppalock Primary School students in 2006 playing cricket on the then very dry bed of Lake Eppalock! The children had loads of fun shopping at the Vic Market and were well and truly worn out by the time we reached Southern Cross Station on Friday afternoon to catch the train home. A very big thank you needs to go to Ms Hartney for her fantastic organisation of the two days and to Ronda and Ash for all their help and support in ensuring all children were safe and happy throughout the camp. It was a wonderful experience for our students and one that couldn’t happen without the help of all our dedication staff, including Marie who had a huge job prior to camp organising all the paperwork and Mrs Lindhe who held the fort while we were away – thank you to all.
Student Internet Usage

The Australian Government website [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) is dedicated to educating and informing teachers and parents on the dangers and the correct procedures of children dealing with the internet. The first step in reducing risks online is talking. Talking to your children about what they should and should not do when they are online. Find out the activities they are currently doing online and talk about them. Children love to show off their talents and when you are interested in what they are doing online, nine times out of ten they will be more than happy to show you what they know. Let them teach you some of the different chat programs they use, what sites they visit and music download software they use. The next step is to let them know the rules in the house to online use. An Internet use contract can be downloaded and printed; you and your children can read it and sign it so there are no misunderstandings of appropriate use in your home. A list of rules can be found under the documents section of the above website to post by your home computer.

Cybersafe.com [www.cybersafe.com/parents.html](http://www.cybersafe.com/parents.html) is also a website dedicated to keeping kids safe in a wired world. In this day and age of computers, ipods, ipads and mobile phones there is a great need for resources for parents, educators and children for staying safe online. Knowing the dangers helps prevent children from being harmed and knowing what to do online to keep safe is a must. We have talked with all our students about how to be safe online and in particular the use of photos of themselves and others that they may place online. We will be following this up early next term with a Cybersmart Outreach Internet Safety Awareness Presentation for both students and parents to help to ensure all our students remain safe in the cyber world. Stay tuned for further information.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Food Smart Workshop

The City of Greater Bendigo is offering ‘Food Smart’ workshops across the region to help local families to boost their budgets by avoiding food waste!

They will be running an informal 60min (approx.) workshop around the areas of buying, storing, cooking and disposing to avoid food waste at our school on Wednesday 26th June at 9am. Each attendee will get a goodie bag to take home and morning tea will be provided. Please see the attached flyer to today’s newsletter, fill in and return to the office if you are interested in taking part.

Help Us Kick Goals

We have 3BO coming to the school and broadcasting live between 12 noon and 1pm next Monday, 17th June as part of the Help Us Kick Goals Community Fundraiser. Please join us to help promote our school and join in all the fun.

Random Acts of Kindness

Did you see the Bendigo Advertiser on Friday? It was fantastic to see Eppalock PS featuring both on the front page and on page 12 of the paper with a wonderful article on our Random Acts of Kindness initiative. If you missed the paper we have a copy at school. Don’t forget to keep writing down and placing ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ in the box at school, the students really enjoy celebrating the great things that are happening both at school and at home. Let’s keep it going!

Villawood Properties

We had Villawood Properties visit the school last week and take a range of photos for their upcoming promotional brochure. They loved our school and in particular the lovely community and rural feel and are also offering some sponsorship to help support the school. At this stage they are looking to provide a cubby house for the Sensory Garden which would be a great feature in this space. There is also the possibility of some surprise sculptures on offer - I’ll keep you up dated on future developments!
Grant Applications – can you help?

As I said in last week’s newsletter there are many community grants on offer at various times throughout the year. We have had a couple of parents put their hand up to help with this process – thank you so much - but as we all know ‘many hands make light work’ so if you are also able to help out with writing a grant or working with others to put together some ideas, your time and effort would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know.

Have a kind and happy week …………………………….. Mrs Ryan

Happy Birthday to …
Kaden (June 10th)
Jesse (June 11th)

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE
Wednesday 12th Drama Excursion—Grade 5 & 6 students—‘Legally Blonde’
Thursday 13th MARC LIBRARY
Active After School Program
Friday 14th LOTE
Grade 5/6 Transition Interschool Sports (11.15 am — 3.00 pm)

SATURDAY 15TH WORKING BEE HERE AT SCHOOL—9.00 am onwards

Monday 17th HELP US KICK GOALS—3BO live broadcast from Eppalock Primary School, Footy Colours Day, Hand-Ball Competition, Hot Dog Lunch
Tuesday 18th DRAMA & MUSIC
Active After School Program
THURSDAY 20th SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—6.00 pm start
Active After School Program
Friday 21st LOTE
CLUBS
Wednesday 26th Food Smart Workshop
Friday 28th LAST DAY OF TERM—1.30 PM FINISH

MONDAY 15TH JULY— TERM 3 COMMENCES
MONDAY 17TH JUNE—FOOTY DAY—SPECIAL LUNCH
Hot dog in a roll—$3.00 each (order form attached)

PARENT CLUB MEETINGS …
♦ 24th June—9.15 am—at Edwards Green Grocers, Strathfieldsaye for coffee
♦ 29th July—9.15 am in staff room at school to finalise details for Trivia Night
♦ 26th August—9.15 am in staff room at school
♦ 26th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch

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.

Gather your family and friends to make up a table for a great night of trivia, fun and laughs. (see flyer for all the details)
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:

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 next Monday, 17th June from 12noon—1.00 pm.

Lots of fun activities happening ALL DAY including—

- Launch of KIDS MATTERS PROGRAM (where every face has a place!)
- FOOTY COLOURS
- HAND-BALL COMPETITION
- HOT DOG LUNCH

REMEMBER—ANYONE CAN BID FOR THE TICKETS
AND ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL COME DIRECTLY TO OUR SCHOOL
SCHOOL WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2013

9.00 am start - Sausage Sizzle supplied

AIM—TO CLEAN AND TIDY THE WHOLE SCHOOL BEFORE MONDAY’S LIVE BROADCAST

JOBS TO BE UNDERTAKEN ...

- CURRENT PLAYGROUND

- SENSORY GARDEN—
  Fill garden beds
  Place mulch, gravel and dirt where needed
  Concrete ‘tyre snake’ into place
  Hang mosaic
  Garden edging
  Lay artificial grass
  ‘wack’ grass and gravel paths
  Move birth bath
  Boards on sandpit
  Black plastic in sandpit
  Concrete slab for bird aviary
  Install gutter and chain on blackboard
  Hang blackboard and attach a backing
  Screw on weaving station
  Concrete in wooden stumps and tyres
  Fix old mower into position
  Weld seat brackets

Tools needed—
  - Someone with a trailer
  - Wheelbarrows
  - Shovels
  - Rakes (steel)
  - ‘wacker’
  - Mash hammer

We are aware that families have sporting commitments on a Saturday, but if you could spare an hour or two to work on the Sensory Garden and the general school grounds that would be great.

We would very much like the school and grounds to look pristine for the media visit on Monday.

If you cannot attend on the day, you may like to nominate a job that you will complete in your own time. Please let us know.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED ITEMS FOR OUR SERENITY GARDEN.
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

KINDER INFORMATION NIGHT — Monday 17th JUNE 2013

Time: 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Venue: Goodstart Early Learning Strathfieldsaye, 913 Wellington Street Strathfieldsaye 3551

Our Kinder is funded under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for our region.

We are able to offer the advantage of —

A ratio that allows one teacher and one inclusion support worker to work closely with a maximum of fifteen children at any one time. This means the building of close personal relationships enabling us to provide a secure and individual learning environment where children’s particular skills, interests and learning styles can be nurtured.

Our Kinder Programme runs from 9:00am to 5.00pm. Monday to Friday and is a part of our care and educational service that enables families to take advantage of extended hours, (6:30am to 6:30pm.), nutritionally well balanced meals and dedicated educators; allows a continuity of care and educational programme

For children who have been attending our service in younger age group settings, the transition is made with relative ease as there is a strong sense of community already in existence between the teacher and educators, parents and families and the children.
WE SINCERELY THANK OUR LOCAL HARDWARE STORE, STRATH HARDWARE FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL.

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**Making it Possible** Parent Workshop in Bendigo
Presented by Association for Children with a Disability

**Date:** Thursday 20th June 2013
**Time:** 9.30am – 2.45pm
**Venue:** The Lotus Conference Room, McIvor Motor Inn
45 McIvor Road, Bendigo 3550
**Cost:**
- $20 per person – members*
- $40 per person – non-members

Morning tea & light lunch included

Places are limited so be quick to book at:
http://trybooking.com/44600 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**KIDS CLUB AT THE ZONE**

Sports oriented holiday program designed for fun, enjoyment and maximum participation

- Mini Golf
- Kiddie Karts
- Saville (Hockey game)
- Party games
- Hockey, AFL9’s, Treasure Hunts, Circus skills, Playcentre
- Crazy games, Cricket, Badminton, Basketball, Zumba
- Soccer, Laser Tag (up to 4 games)

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