It was great to hear that a number of parents and students had heard Lydia Fehring being interviewed on local radio last week as part of the Schools Water Efficiency Program. Through being part of the SWEP program the school is able to track water usage at the school via the website working to improve our overall sustainability. Lydia did a fantastic job during the interview making the most of the opportunity of letting the Bendigo community know about the great Sustainability Program being operated at Eppalock Primary School.

Change in Reporting Program—Teachers are currently preparing your child’s report using a new reporting program called Grade Expert. While the reports will look fairly similar to what you have received previously the program itself allows the teachers to input a wider variety of student data to inform reports. This helps teachers provide a clearer snapshot of what your child is achieving in their learning.

School Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund—Don’t forget that if you are the holder of a healthcare card your child is entitled to funding under this fund which was announced in the last state budget. Grants will be provided to schools during term 3 to provide financial support for students whose parents hold health care cards, to attend camps and excursions during 2015. Please contact the office to ensure you have completed this form.

School Council will meet this Thursday, 18th June in the staff room from 6.00 pm. All welcome.

Interest in Enrolling in the school in 2016—We have continued to have several families contact the school seeking information about enrolling children in 2016. There appears to be keen interest in the local community about the programs, learning environment and sense of community offered at the school. Congratulations to everyone working hard to continue to raise the profile of the school in the local community.

… Kerrie McMillin

Bus Travellers – End of Term Pick Up
The school bus will be collecting our students earlier than normal on the last day of term. This means that the bus is scheduled to arrive at our school at 1.30 pm on Friday, 26th June.

After School Care will NOT operate on the last day of term, Friday 26th June 2015.

Interschool Sports - Our Grade 6 students have enjoyed competing in football and netball games against Kennington PS, Quarry Hill PS, Strathfieldsaye PS and Spring Gully PS in recent weeks. This Friday, 19th June, these students will have the opportunity to compete against all of these schools again as part of a round robin competition at BSE College. They will also have the opportunity to play in a ‘mixed’ team after lunch. The main purpose of this competition is to allow our students to mix with others from Bendigo South East feeder schools, whilst enjoying the benefits of playing team sports.
IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Wednesday 17th DRAMA / MUSIC
Thursday 18th MARC LIBRARY
          SCHOOL COUNCIL 6.00 pm
Friday 19th LIVING GREEN
          GRADE 6 INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS
Monday 22nd CHINESE
Wednesday 24th DRAMA / MUSIC
Friday 26th LAST DAY TERM 2—1.30 pm dismissal—NO After School Care this day

JULY

Monday 13th First day—Term 3
Wednesday 15th Drama / Music
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP (Grade 3/4/5/6 students)
Thursday 23rd Responsible Pet Ownership

TERM 3 DATES Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September

TERM 4 DATES Monday 5th October—Friday 18th December

REMINDERS …

• LOST PROPERTY—please check the lost property box—it is overflowing!
• NAMING YOUR GARMENTS—please ensure all school uniform garments are clearly named.
• PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE—keep on reading and logging your books. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Lindhe.
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week …

Dasha for being a great friend to all
Ellie for her positive attitude
Will for his terrific reading

VALUES AWARD for HONESTY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS

Congratulations to JAIDEN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO …
Asher—Wednesday 10th June
Kaden—Wednesday 10th June
Baylee—Sunday 14th June

We hope you all had a great day celebrating

The Last Hoorah

The Lovell kids would love you to join us for a last hoorah on the last day of term before we head off to our new home in Geelong.

Meet at the skate park on McIvor Road (near Hume and Iser), bring the kids, bring scooters, skateboards, bikes, trikes, water bottles and some snacks to share for afternoon tea (maybe a picnic rug too).

… Bee
Report from Abby and Joe on their China experience ....

Day 1
We woke up at about four o’clock, way to early but we had to be awake as we had a whole day of travelling ahead of us! Firstly we got onto a bus at the QEO and headed off to Melbourne, we got to Melbourne at about 8am to get through customs and everything else before 11. The flight to China took about 11 hours, after getting out of the airport we headed to find our bus that would take us to our hotel (Park Hotel).

Day 2
Today we were up at 7am, when we got outside it was really foggy, we found our travel group, Pudong, and headed off to the underground train station which was a place that we would get to know fairly well after the 9 day trip. We got onto the train going to the Oriental Pearl Tower. The Pearl Tower is the tallest building in the whole of Shanghai. At the top level of the tower there was a glass floor you could walk and sit on. Next we went to the museum and saw what Shanghai was like in the 1930s. Next up was the Yu Yuan Gardens were we saw lots of old gardens.

Looking down through the glass floor from the top of the Oriental Pearl Tower

Day 3
We visited the Buddhist temple which is about 700 years old. There we did some wishes. Then we went to the Science and Technology market.

Abby, Mr Harvey and a few other students and teachers got up early and went to Nanjing Square and watched ladies having a drum session. They saw some tai chi and looked around in some shops, all before heading back to the hotel for breakfast.
CONFUSIOUS CLASSROOM

Next Monday, 22nd June, our dedicated Chinese teachers are going to make Chinese dumplings during our afternoon class.

Our students will help make the dumplings. The dumplings will be cooked in the kitchen in the old school building and it would be wonderful if we could have a few parents to help cook.

The afternoon session will commence at 1.45 pm.

Also if anyone has an electric frypan that we could use, please let us know.

This activity won't replace lunch, but will just be a yummy afternoon treat.

**Ingredients …**
- Beef
- Spring Onions
- Water Chestnuts
- Soy Sauce
- Oil
- Salt
- Dumpling Wrappers