### S C H O O L  V A L U E S

- **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

#### Legally Blonde

The grade 5/6 students had a fantastic time at Legally Blonde last Wednesday at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne. They were awe struck at the fabulous set designs and the wonderful singing and dancing by the talented cast. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we were so pleased to be able to offer it to all our grade 5/6 students. There were many other schools attending on the day but with only a selected group of students from each grade level, we really are very lucky to be able to provide such experiences to all our students.

#### Transition Cluster Sports

The final, term 2, round robin event for the Transition Cluster Sports Carnival was held last Friday at BSE Secondary College. Our students had the opportunity to team up with other students from Quarry Hill PS, Kennington PS & Spring Gully PS in mixed teams events and had a great time. Thanks so much to Meredith Gallagher & Ash for supplying the transport.

#### Working Bee/Sensory Garden

Thank you so much to all the parents and community members who helped out at the Working Bee on Saturday. The school grounds look nice and clean and tidy and the Sensory Garden looks AMAZING. It is wonderful to see the plans come to life and the community spirit that was shown on Saturday was truly fantastic. Thank you once again to all who helped out, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

#### Inquiry Based Learning

Tomorrow myself, Ms Hartney, Mrs Lindhe and Ash will be spending the morning at Big Hill PS with leading teachers from across the school discussing the Inquiry Based Model of learning. This is a great opportunity for us to see first hand this type of learning and get ideas and advise on its implementation. We will also have the opportunity to discuss curriculum planning and assessment with the teachers and how Inquiry Based learning fits in with the explicit teaching of Literacy and Numeracy. Please see Marie in the office if you require anything in our absence

#### Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Don’t forget to bring in your final Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers as soon as possible. We will be collating these in the next few days. Thanks so much.
Kinder Visit
We have children from Good Start Early Learning Centre in Strathfieldsaye coming to visit our school next Thursday (27th). They will be spending the morning with Mrs Lindhe, enjoying some craft and literacy activities and playing outside in the playground and sandpit. It has been wonderful to establish partnerships with the Early Learning Centres in Strathfieldsaye and we look forward to ongoing involvement with these centres to ensure the transition from kinder to school for these children is as easy and pain free as possible.

Food Smart Workshop
Are you coming to the City of Greater Bendigo ‘Food Smart’ workshops at our school next Wednesday 26th June at 9am? If so please let the office know so we can advise them of numbers. This is a free workshop that provides information and tips on how to boost your budgets by avoiding food waste! Don’t forget each attendee will get a goodie bag to take home and morning tea will be provided.

Help Us Kick Goals/3BO Visit/ Bendigo Advertiser/McIvor Times/ Villawood
What a fantastic day we had yesterday, thank you so much to everyone who came along and joined in the fun. It was wonderful to promote our fantastic Sensory Garden and launch the KidsMatter framework and highlight how special every child in our school is. A big thank you to 3BO for all their help and support in promoting the Help Us Kick Goals fundraiser. Don’t forget to get on line & bid for the tickets at www.helpuskickgoals.com.au. Bidding closes this Thursday, June 20th for Round 13 games and Friday 28th for Round 14. The winner of the tickets to the Richmond VS St Kilda match at the MCG on Sunday 30th June will also receive free bus travel to and from the game.

Thanks also to the Bendigo Advertiser, Kooka, McIvor Times and Villawood who all came along and joined in the fun and took lots of photos.
Check out today’s Bendigo Advertiser for photos and a feature on Eppalock Primary School—also we will be featured on Kooka’s page in Thursday’s edition.

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

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week ...
Sam—for his caring, helpful attitude
Henry—for his fabulous recount of his time at Urban Camp

Honesty and Trustworthiness Award—Harmony Green

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS—this week goes to everyone for the hard work, dedication and community spirit shown with the work on the Sensory Garden and the School Grounds.
Congratulations one and all.
IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

THURSDAY  20th  SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—6.00 pm start
Friday  21st  LOTE

CLUBS

Monday  24th  Parent Club Meeting —9.15 am—at Edwards Green Grocers, Strathfieldsaye for coffee
Tuesday  25th  DRAMA & MUSIC
Wednesday  26th  Food Smart Workshop
Science Day
Thursday  27th  MARC LIBRARY
Friday  28th  LAST DAY OF TERM—1.30 PM FINISH

MONDAY  15TH JULY— TERM 3 COMMENCES

Wow, what an awesome effort was put into developing our new sensory garden.

I would like to thank all the families who participated in this project over the past 12 months. Many families have contributed at the varying stages, from the conception of the program to the completion, and as a result the school has a great interactive play area for the children.

Lois Gibbs, an American Environmental Activist once said “Average people and the average community can change the world. You can do it just based on common sense, determination, persistence and patience” and I believe that the quote above reflects “Our Eppalock Community”.

The endeavour and determination shown by our community to complete the Sensory Garden is a tribute to the foundation on which our school is built. I hope that the community spirit which includes, staff, students, families – both past and present, and other community partnerships continues to grow, shape and remain embedded in Eppalock Primary’s culture……it’s what makes the school so special.

Once again thank-you to everyone for all your hard work, it looks great.

Kind regards,

Wendy Ratcliffe
School Council President
SCHOOL FUN RUN held in May—total banked $747.50—fantastic effort—thanks to everyone who supported this event.

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
IF WE COULD SECURE EXTRA GRANTS FOR OUR SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND IT ON?

There are a number of grants that we can apply for at the moment and we need to decide what we would like for our school. Some of the ideas being raised so far are:

- Additional funds for redeveloping the play-ground and finishing the sensory garden
- Getting a school kitchen—garden program happening, possibly Stephanie Alexander (funds needed to establish garden and pay someone to teach this)
- Establishing a community kitchen/function centre/community house type facility at the school (some funding is only available when schools partner with other organisations and if it was established that our community would benefit from such a venue then it is possible it could be placed at the school so the school could share the benefit of the improved kitchen for example)
- Looking at ways to connect our kids to the farming community that surrounds us

If you are interested in being a part of the brainstorming and decision making about what to apply for then please let us know if you could attend a meeting during school (possibly after the morning tea supplied by the “food saver” people on Wed morn next week? Or after school drop off one morning or before pick up? Does evening suit better? We’ll try to find a time that suits the most people.
Please leave times at the office or ph/text Vanessa Wild 0429 806 058.

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

REMEMBER—ANYONE CAN BID FOR THE TICKETS AND ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL COME DIRECTLY TO

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
COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to attend a District Engagement Meeting

with Council representatives to share information on activities relevant to your community

Strathfieldsaye Sports Club, 41 Club Road
Tuesday 30th July 2013 7.00pm

Enquiries to Deb Simpson on 5434 6261

Let’s Get Food Smart free workshop

Avoiding food waste is a great way to boost the family budget and decrease household waste, and during June the City of Greater Bendigo will show you how.

Come along to the Epping Primary School Food Smart Workshop to learn and share simple ways to ensure that what you’re spending on food isn’t going to waste.

When: Wednesday June 26th 2013
Time: 9am
Where: Epping Primary School

We’ll explore:

Buying and storing: get the most from the food you buy
Using perfect portions and creative leftovers
Compost and worms: using unavoidable food waste as a valuable resource
Each participant will receive a goodie bag to take home and go in the draw to win a wormery container kit!

Morning tea provided.
Please register to Emily Ryan 5439 6366 by Friday June 21st

This is a Hawthorn Prize Initiative of the City of Greater Bendigo supported by the Centre Murray and Greater Bendigo Regional Landcare Groups

EVERY FACE HAS A PLACE!
Legally Blonde the Musical!

On the 12th of June we went to the Princess Theatre in Melbourne to watch the performance Legally Blonde the Musical. We took the train to Melbourne. We arrived a bit before the performance so we went to McDonald and Mrs Ryan bought us some chips. Then we walked to the theatre, took our seats and watched the show it was really funny. The moral of the story that I got out of it was “always be true to yourself no matter what other people tell you. At the train station we got Hungry Jacks then we caught the train home. It was a fun day in Melbourne.

By Harmony Green
Melbourne Camp Recount

By Henry

(Day one)

Last Thursday we caught the 8:45am train from Bendigo to Melbourne. When we got to Macedon, there was a delay and I wasn’t sure why we got delayed.

When we arrived at Southern Cross, we went to the coach terminal to put our luggage into the Urban Camp van.

Then we walked to platform 9 to catch the South Morang train to Jolimont via city loop.

When we got off we walked across the bridge to the MCG. Next a tour guide named Alan showed us around the stadium for an hour. Then we went down stairs to the sports museum. It was really cool, we saw old football and cricket medals. It was lots of fun going to the MCG. Then we had lunch outside the stadium.

Next we walked across the bridge over the railway lines outside Flinders St Station to the Eureka Skydeck, it was hard work walking up the hill to the bridge with my heavy backpack on!

When we arrived at the Eureka Skydeck it looked really tall. The top of the building was higher than where my eyes could see. We caught the lift to level 88. Then we looked at the view of the City of Melbourne. I enjoyed looking down at the trains going in and out of Flinders Street Station!

We caught the 55 tram to Urban Camp. We walked from the tram stop to the camp. We collected our luggage from the luggage hall and we put it in our rooms. Me Jesse and Jordan were sharing a room. Before dinner, we played “Murder in the Dark”. Then we went to the dining room and ate dinner. For dinner we had roast chicken. For desert we had chocolate cake. After dinner, we got in to our pyjamas and then we watched the “Alvin and Chipmunks: The Speakuel”. Then we stayed up for half an hour. Then we went to bed.

Check out next week’s newsletter for all the exciting details of Day 2!