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

Welcome back to all our families. I hope everyone had a lovely, restful break and all our students are ready to take on the challenges of term 3.

TERM 3 VALUES

We will be focusing on the values of 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 during term 3 and will be giving students who display this value awards at assembly on Monday mornings. We are also continuing with our ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ this term. This has been a very positive initiative and the students have really embraced the idea of doing nice things for others. To further enhance this we will also be introducing ‘Ripple Kindness Cards’ to encourage a ‘ripple’ effect of kind acts. Basically when students have something nice and kind done to them they will be given a ‘Ripple Kindness Card’ which requires them to do something positive for someone else and then pass the card on – hence the ripple effect of positive, kind and caring acts.

WEBSITE

Don’t forget to regularly check our school website at; [http://www.eppalockps.vic.edu.au](http://www.eppalockps.vic.edu.au). The website is updated frequently with new information and photo’s being added on a weekly bases.

FOOTBALL CARNIVAL—WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

The grade 5/6 children are taking part in an interschool Football Carnival at Catholic College, Bendigo tomorrow. Thank you so much to Ms Hartney for organising this event with Axedale PS and for taking the students on the day. The Team name is ‘Eppadale’ and team will play a minimum of five games with the top two teams in each division playing a final. **Students will need to take a cut lunch, snacks and drink and ensure they have warm clothing with them and a spare pair of shoes.** A canteen will operate on the day also.

**The cost of the day is $7.50 per student. The Local Excursion Permission Form will cover this excursion.** Payment is required prior to the day. Please place the money in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and send to school by July 17th. Parents are welcome and encouraged to go to cheer our Team on.

We are in Division 6 and are schedule to play on Oval 9 in Round 3, Round 5, Round 7, Round 9 and Round 13. Round 1 commences at 9.30 am and games consist of 2 x 8 minute halves with a 2 minute changeover at half time and between games. Based on this our first game (Round 3) will start at 10.10 am.
LOTE
From the beginning of term 3 Ms Kellie Macrae will be taking LOTE on Fridays. Ms J will still be around the school to fill in when needed but will no longer be here regularly on Fridays. On behalf of all the students and teachers I wish to thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school and I hope she enjoys her extra free time.

LIVING GREEN
We have introduced a new specialist area this term titled LIVING GREEN. This subject will be taken by Kellie Macrae on Fridays with the P-3 students having 45 mins of LOTE & 45 mins of LIVING GREEN weekly and the 4-6 students having an hour of each subject weekly. Kellie will also be providing a ‘hands on’ Living Green clubs session every Friday afternoon. LIVING GREEN will focus on teaching students about how natural environments function and how human beings can manage their behaviour in order to live sustainably.

WARMING WEDNESDAY
Students are invited to bring a lunch item to school on Wednesdays, starting this week, to be heated in the ‘pie-warmer’ (items such as pies, toasted sandwiches, sausage rolls, left-overs etc). Food must be wrapped in foil or in an oven-proof container and must be clearly marked with the student’s name and grade. NO FROZEN FOOD OR UNCOOKED ITEMS OR MICROWAVE ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

WHODUNIT? MURDER MYSTERY EXCURSION – TERM 3—THURSDAY JULY 18TH
*Whodunit? Murder Mystery at Menagerie Park* at the Bendigo Discovery Centre is an exciting hands-on, minds-on exhibition that appeals to the detective in everyone. *Whodunit?* provides students with an insight into the puzzle-like process that forensic scientists work through, sifting and piecing evidence together to build a case. The exhibits in *Whodunit?* link with outcomes from the Science, Technology, Mathematics, Society and Environment Learning Areas and will be the beginning provocation for our Inquiry Based Learning unit for Term 3. The Local Excursion Permission Forms will cover this excursion.

The cost of the excursion is $21.00 per student. Payment is required prior to the excursion—please place the money in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside and send to school by July 18th.

THANK YOU
I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Hume & Iser who kindly donated a beautiful weather vane for our new Sensory Garden. This will be going up soon, with a few other bits and pieces that were acquired over the holidays.

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE
At the last school council meeting we discussed the idea of changing the school name from Eppalock Primary School to Axe Creek Primary School to ensure the school name represents the geographical location of the school. This is a fairly long process that begins with extensive consultation with all members of the local community. I have attached a feedback sheet to today’s newsletter to gauge the views of our school community. Please fill this out and return to the office, thank you.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS—Just a reminder that if you are using direct deposits into the school account, please ensure you include your family or child’s name on the transaction. Bank details –
Account Name: Eppalock Primary School Council Official Account
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Account: BSB 063 506
Account Number: 10152204

Have a great responsible. Mrs Ryan

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to Levi and Jack who have both completed the Challenge and handed in their sheets. Levi experienced 30 books from the Prep—Year 2 list and Jack read 15 books in the Year 3—Year 10 challenge area. Well done to you both—a fantastic effort.
We encourage all students to participate in this and let’s all take up the challenge and keep on reading!

KIDS MATTER—PARENT SURVEY—a copy is attached for each family.
Kids Matter is a primary schools mental health initiative and if you recall we launched the program here at Eppalock last term. An important aspect of implementing this program in our school is the consultation process with parents and carers. The survey asks about your perceptions of our school in relation to the school’s work in the area of mental health and wellbeing.
We ask all families to complete the survey (your responses are anonymous) and return it to us by Friday of this week so we can collate the data at next week’s staff meeting.
IMPORTANT DATES

JULY
Wednesday 17th  FOOTY CARNIVAL (Grade 5/6 students)
Thursday 18th  DISCOVERY CENTRE EXCURSION (Prep—Grade 6)
Friday 19th  LOTE
Tuesday 23rd  DRAMA / MUSIC
Wednesday 24th  JUMP-ROPE FOR HEART
Thursday 25th  MARC LIBRARY
Friday 26th  LOTE

Monday 29th July—Friday 2nd August LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
Monday 29th  Parent Club Meeting—9.15 am—staff room
Tuesday 30th  DRAMA / MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

AUGUST
Thursday 1st  ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills
Friday 2nd  LOTE

Saturday 3rd  TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday 6th  DRAMA / MUSIC
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Cricket

Thursday 8th  MARC LIBRARY
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Multi-skills

Friday 9th  EXCURSION—BENDIGO WRITERS FESTIVAL (Prep—Grade 6)

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

• Chloe for helping to pick up paper
• Ash, Ms Hartney and Mel for being at the Sport Day with us (from Harmony and Chloe)
• Abby for being nice to Jaiden (from Chloe)
• All the girls played together on the deck without any arguments (from Nicole)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to …
◊ HENRY for Wednesday July 10th—we hope you had a great day
◊ LYN who celebrated a very special birthday last Friday, 12th July — congratulations!
Eppalock Primary School

Trivia Night

Where: Eppalock Primary, New School Building
When: Saturday 3rd August
Time: 6:30pm, for 7:00pm Start
Cost: $20 pp. Tables of 8
BYO: Drinks & Nibbles

Children’s Trivia Night
- Supervised by qualified carers.
- $5.00 per child.
- Bookings essential.

For Further Information & Tickets
Eppalock Primary School 5439 6366
PARENT CLUB MEETINGS ...

- 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
- 13th September—12.30 pm at Axedale Tavern for lunch

TRIVIA NIGHT—TERM 3—SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST

This date is fast approaching and 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.

It's also time to gather your family and friends to make up a table for a great night of trivia, fun and laughs. Tickets are available from the school office.

We also need numbers for the Children’s Trivia part of the evening.

Please fill in the attached slip and return to school with money as soon as possible.

I require ...........................................tickets at $20.00 per person (tables of 8 or individual)

My child/children ..........................................................will participate in the Children’s Trivia Night—cost $5.00 per child

Money enclosed ..................................................

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

I am in support of changing the school name to Axe Creek Primary School

(please circle) YES NO

Family Name ........................................................................................................
Cyber Security and Safety

Being online has become an essential part of everyday life, especially for kids. While being online offers so many benefits for adults and children for example; socialising, banking, shopping and education, it is important to stay safe and secure online.

The Stay Smart Online website has been designed to help internet users protect themselves online, hosting cyber safety and security information and tools to help keep you and your kids safe online.

Featured on Stay Smart Online

Budd:e is an interactive educational package for primary and secondary school featuring a fun (and award winning game) to help students adopt safe and secure online behaviours and practices. It also has resources for teachers and parents.

The Easy Guide to Socialising Online brings together information about popular social networking sites, including safe use and how to report problems, in a way that's easily accessible for young people.

The Cyber Safety Help Button enables users to take control of their online environment with information on how to deal with cyber safety issues, easy to access support services and direct reporting links. The Cyber Safety Help Button can be downloaded at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton.

All these resources and more can be found on the Kids and Teens page of Stay Smart Online at http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/kids_and_teens_resources.

There are also resources for adults, accessible from the home page of Stay Smart Online (www.staysmartonline.gov.au) including ten simple tips for staying safe and secure online, a topical blog, and a free subscription service with the latest information on computer network threats in simple and easy to understand language.

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

AXE CREEK LANDCARE INVITES YOU TO A Fox control talk

Across Australia predation by foxes has played a role in the decline of many native wildlife species.

The Southern Ark project has been working to benefit the biodiversity of East Gippsland’s native species through fox control.

Andrew Murray has a lead role in the Southern Ark project and will talk about his experiences and discuss opportunities for fox control in our district.

Friday 19th July
7:30pm
Eppalock Primary School
(Old Building)
All Welcome
RSVP By 17th July to
woflyn@activ8.net.au or
noreenboord@hotmail.com

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
Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club is holding its junior registrations days at the Tannery Lane sports ground on Saturday August 17 between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm and again on Sunday August 18 between midday and 1.00 pm. Teams this year will again start with Under 9’s and go up to Under 17’s. Players of all standards are welcome to register, and we are particularly keen to welcome new players to the club. For more information, please contact Alistair Cheesman on 0427293653