Visitors to the school in recent days will have noticed that I am currently Acting as Principal here at Eppalock Primary School. Mrs Ryan has taken some personal leave and I will be working in this role during her absence. I look forward to catching up with many of you during the Parent / Teachers interviews on Thursday. Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues or concerns.

John Jones

Today was our last swimming lesson for term 1. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain more knowledge and confidence when around water under the guidance of qualified instructors. However we acknowledge that this 4 week program is not enough to ensure your child is a competent swimmer and therefore we recommend that families consider additional lessons. The importance of swimming lessons for water safety cannot be overstated.

Reminder to families—if you have not already paid for this term’s swimming program, please do so as soon as possible (excluding parents who pay their account by regular ongoing instalments).

Don’t forget we will be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews this Thursday, 5th March from 12 noon for Grade 2/3/4/5/6 students. Prep and Grade 1 Interviews have been cancelled for this week and will be re-scheduled. There will be no school on Thursday for students but care will be provided for children while their parents meet with teachers.

Last year as part of our Chinese Immersion Program we hosted two grade 5 Chinese Boys in our school for 8 weeks. These boys lived with the Symes and Gallagher families for that time and we thank them for their generosity in accepting them into their families for the two months they were in Australia. We will be taking part in this program again this year and we are seeking expressions of interest from any families who would like to host a Chinese student this year (approximate dates mid October to early December). You are able to host for either 4 or 8 weeks and there is a reimbursement payment per week for expenses to you and your family. If you are interested please fill out the attached EOI form.

Next Tuesday, March 10th, the whole school will travel to Axedale for the Aunty Peach Show which will provide children with a fun-filled learning experience that supports literacy, personal development and drama, all in an enjoyable, interactive environment.

Centring around the magic of Roald Dahl’s wacky and humorous twisted fairy tales as published in the “Revolting Rhymes”, this education show is children’s entertainment at its best. Along with the animated storytelling, the magic, the visual spectacle and the humour, Aunty Peach also passes on to the students stage terminology and useful tips for drama performance.

The cost of the show is $9.00 per student capped at $24.00 for family of three or more. Payment is required prior to the day—please enclose money in a sealed envelope with ‘Aunty Peach Show’ and your family name on the outside.

Thank you to the families who have already paid for this excursion. Could payment please be finalised by Thursday of this week.
AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at Assembly this week ...

- Prep / Grade 1 Class—Hannah
- Grade 2/3 Class—Mac L
- Grade 4/5/6 Class—Jazz

Kidshotz Photography

Don't forget Malcolm and Maya will be here in 2 1/2 weeks for their family photography sessions. This is a great opportunity to get those family photos you've been planning. The sitting fee is only $30 with a group print included, even if you decide not to purchase any further images.

Please let your family and friends know as all are welcome. We have extra brochures if you want some to distribute at work or give to family or friends. If every family gets one extra booking, imagine the potential funds we could raise!

For further information see the attached flyer.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RETURN SLIP—please complete and return to school by Friday of this week

CHINESE IMMERSION PROGRAM HOSTING A CHINESE STUDENT
TERM 4, 2015

Our family is interested in hosting a Chinese Student during Term 4.

(please circle) 4 week period 8 week period

FAMILY NAME ........................................................................................................................................
IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Wednesday  4th  Music / Drama

Thursday  5th  Parent / Teacher Interview Day—12 noon onwards
(students only required at school for interview time)

Please note—Prep / Grade 1 interviews have been cancelled and will be re-scheduled in the next few weeks.

Friday  6th  Living Green

Clubs

Monday  9th  PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday  10th  Excursion—Axedale “Aunty Peach Show” (Prep—Grade 6) - payment required by Thursday of this week please

Wednesday  11th  Drama / Music

Parent Club—Mini Pizza and Cookie Special Lunch (see attached order forms)

Thursday  12th  MARC Library

Friday  13th  Living Green

Clubs

Wednesday  18th  NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

Thursday  19th  Incursion—Hockey Clinic (Grade 2—Grade 6 students)

School Council—Annual Meeting followed by March General Meeting—6.00 pm start

Friday  20th  KIDSHOTZ PHOTOGRAPHY fundraiser (information attached)

Saturday  21st  KIDSHOTZ PHOTOGRAPHY fundraiser

Thursday  26th  MARC Library

Friday  27th  Last Day Term 1 (1.30 pm finish)

Parent Club—Hot Cross Bun Special Morning Tea (details to come)

TERM 2  Monday 13th April—Friday 26th June

TERM 3  Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September

TERM 4  Monday 5th October—Friday 18th December
Don't forget Kidshotz photography will be running family photo days on March 20th (Fri) and 21st (Sat). This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school with the full booking fee and up to 20% of the proceeds from photo purchases being returned to the school. Malcolm and Maya can take photos in their "Box" or in Black & White or both.

So book soon on 1300 309 776 to ensure you get a spot and let your friends and family know. The more the merrier.

Funds raised from this event will go towards materials for building our pizza oven.
Fun Language Clubs for Kids

FRENCH / MANDARIN / ITALIAN / GERMAN / SPANISH

The fun way to become multilingual
Fun, play-based language clubs designed especially for children. Immersion style of delivery. Our passionate teachers use games, craft, songs, puppets, drama/role plays and other fun activities to get your child using the language naturally and quickly.

After-school Language Clubs for primary kids 5-12yrs
Immersion Kinder programs for 3-5yrs (incredible results)
Little Linguist programs for 2-4yrs (playgroup in another language)
Saturday morning FUN Language Clubs
Tutoring & online resources to help your child’s LOTE
Fun Conversation Clubs for Adults (Mandarin or French)

Imagine your child putting on a play of Goldilocks & the Three Bears in Mandarin; conversing with customs officials and shopkeepers in French as they pretend to visit Paris; playing ‘Simon Says’ in Spanish; playing hopscotch or snakes & ladders in Italian…

Prices start at $16.50 per session
Sibling discounts for families
Small groups / personalised learning
Immersion-based delivery ★ Everyone welcome

Enquiries to Sally-Anne Symes m: 0418 390 824
e: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au  (local to Bendigo)
COMMUNITY NEWS

GUITAR LESSONS

Daniel Bish (VCE guitar graduate 2014) is offering lessons after school hours at Eppalock Primary School. The cost of lessons is $25.00 per session with full term fees to be paid at the beginning of the term (7 week term fee $175.00).

If you would like more information, please contact Daniel on 0418 377 808 or email danbish10@gmail.com

BENDIGO BANK SCHOOL BANKING

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.

WANT TO PLAY SOCCER FOR AUSTRALIA?

They all started local!

Bendigo Amateur Soccer League
SEASON STARTS 18 APRIL 2015
(thru to 19 September 2015
[Excl July School Holidays])

Contact your local club now via www.basl.com.au
**PARENT CLUB—MINI PIZZA & COOKIE SPECIAL LUNCH—WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH**

**ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH**

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**MINI PIZZAS AND COOKIE SPECIAL LUNCH - Wednesday March 11th**  
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If you are able to help on the day, please come at 11am, old school building

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