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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

Welcome

Welcome to Katie Tatt who has taken on a part time Education Support Staff role in the school. Katie will work around all the classrooms with a variety of students for the remainder of the year. She will provide support for teachers by taking small groups of students with a focus on improving student outcomes. Katie will also provide support to our current ES staff where required. This will take our current ES staff to 4, which is making a real commitment to supporting students with their social and educational learning. The underlying goal of all ES staff and classroom teachers as educators is to develop independence in all students. As adults, we should be encouraging, guiding and nurturing our young people to develop the skills and confidence to be independent. We are also in the process of appointing someone to support Marie in the Office during the week. We hope that by our next newsletter we will be able to announce the successful applicant to our school community.

Visiting Teachers and Volunteers

Not sure if parents are aware of a number of visiting teachers and volunteers in the school at the moment. We have Jaimee and Emily who are undertaking a TAFE Education Support placement on various days of the week. They are doing a great job in our school and have been able to provide extra learning support for students on their days of work.

Mr John Reid is also a regular volunteer in our school supporting students at all levels. Mr Reid has a great rapport with students of all ages and does a great job supporting and extending students with their learning.

Marlene and Leigh have taken on a volunteer role of collecting our Foodshare each week. Not only do they pick it up but they also spend time sorting and putting bags of items together for easy pick up for families. They have been doing an amazing effort each week and their effort is very much appreciated.

Fence Progress through School Pride and Sports Grant

We have seen some progress in this area with quite a bit of work done on the fence recently. We believe this will be completed by early next week. A huge thanks to Mr Kevin Reade for all the work he has done to ensure this project is completed. Quite a few of the students have commented on how exciting it will be to have the fence done.

Term 2

A number of events have been added to the School Calendar and EducateUs calendar. We encourage all families to make this a regular place to visit to check in on school events now that we are into term 2. Staff will be encouraged to update this whenever a new event is confirmed at school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments will take place over the next two weeks. Tuesday the 14th of May will be the writing for both grade 3 & 5. With Grade 3 also doing the Conventions of Language on the Tuesday. Grade 3 Reading will take place Wednesday 15th and Grade 3 Numeracy on Thursday 16th. Grade 5 assessments will take place the following week when they return from their canoe experience.

School Values & School Wide Positive Behaviours

'To develop resilient students who display behaviours and attitudes that reflect school values.'

We have continued to acknowledge positive behaviours amongst the students by handing out raffle tickets and then drawing some out at assembly. I have included the names and positive behaviours of our very deserving students. We do have some students who were pulled out multiple times, this sends the message that multiple efforts may bring multiple rewards.

Chloe for showing respect by listening carefully in classroom time.

Chloe for showing responsibility for learning by 'having a go' at her spelling.

Lachlan for showing care for others by lining up carefully.

Lachlan for showing care and respect for others by sitting quietly on the bus on the way home from the Zoo.

Lachlan for showing responsibility for learning by working well on his writing.

Hamish for showing responsibility for his learning by working hard in class.

Mr McCartney recently attended a training day as our School Wide Positive Behaviour Coordinator and will report back his learning to staff at our staff meeting forum. This term our staff will be spending time at each staff meeting developing the required documents for the SWPBS program.

Melbourne Zoo Trip

We had a great trip to the Melbourne Zoo last Thursday. Even though the weather in Bendigo was pretty wet and cold, the day in Melbourne turned out to be quite pleasant and was enjoyed by all involved. We would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour on the day as they represented the school in a positive manner. Special thanks to Lydia for her organisation and making the day possible. We would also like to thank all of the adults who attended with us on the day.

We have included some reports from the Prep/One/Two students who attended the day.

Cybersafety

A further reminder about checking in regularly on your children's gaming and online activity at home. It is really important to ensure you are aware of the games and activities and possible access to the wider community. It is always important to check who your children might be speaking to online – check their friends list and check who is on the other end of their headphones from time to time. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak with Mr O'Neill or Mr McCartney at school.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

This supermarket promotion is on again. We have a box at school ready for anyone that collects Earn and Learn stickers. There will also be boxes available for sticker collection at Kennington and Marketplace supermarkets if you are shopping in those areas. Any little bit will help us to redeem the stickers for classroom resources.

Thanks
Mr O'Neill

PARENT CLUB SOCIAL EVENT

Sunday 2nd June—12 noon onwards



- **Twiggy Fire and Picnic at school**
- **Gather at school from noon for a twiggy/camp fire.**
- **BYO food/drinks/chairs.**
- **We will have the kitchen open if you wish to use it (clean up after yourself please) and a BBQ available.**

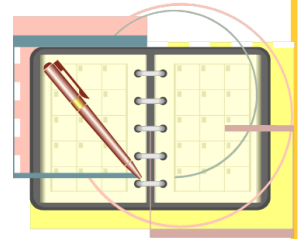
Come for lunch or whatever you can manage.

Bring your marshmallows!

We would love to see you there.



IMPORTANT DATES



MAY

Thursday	9th	AM —Final call for donations for Mother/Special person stall Elmore Pie Drive pick-up 3.00 pm—4.00 pm (due to Food Safety Act orders must be collected during this time) School Council—5.30 pm Finance—6.00 pm General Meeting
Friday	10th	Mothers Day Stall—2.15 pm—3.15 pm
Tuesday	14th	Pie Warmer

NAPLAN—Grade 3 students—Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th.

NAPLAN—Grade 5 students—Tuesday 14th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st.

Wednesday 15th—Friday 17th Canoe Trip Murray River — selected Grade 5 & 6 students
(students involved have received all information)

Friday	17th	Music
Saturday	18th	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall
Wednesday	22nd	MARC Library EDUCATION WEEK OPEN MORNING and MORNING TEA
Thursday	23rd	Special Lunch Day—Endless Cup of Soup
Friday	24th	Walk to school day and pancake breakfast Parent Club meeting—9.00 am Hobbies & Clubs 2.15 pm—3.15 pm
Tuesday	28th	Pie Warmer

JUNE

Sunday	2nd	Parent Club Social Event
Monday	10th	Public Holiday—Queen's birthday
Friday	28th	Last Day—Term 2—1.30 pm finish

Term 3 15th July—20th September

Term 4 7th October—20th December

2020 Foundation Orientation Program dates—

Tuesday 26th November—10.00 am—11.00 am
Tuesday 3rd December—10.00 am—11.30 am
Tuesday 10th December—9.00 am—11.30 am





SHOWCASING AND CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Our Education week is filled with activities please check them out below and pass them onto any extended family members or friends that might be interested in attending. Hopefully families can get along to some of the activities that are taking place.

Monday 20th May

9:00am-10.00 am—Back to school' assembly – past student and staff invited to speak followed by whole school reading with the students until 10:00am



5.30 pm—6.30 pm— We will have our **2020 Foundation (Prep) information session**. If you know of any families thinking about enrolling at Eppalock PS next year, please invite them along to this night. Enrolments can be lodged by any families with a new student for 2020.

Wednesday 22nd May



9:00 am-11:00am—Will be our '**Open Morning**' where families and friends are invited to visit our school to see learning in action. Students may invite a '**special person**' along on this day.

11.00 am

Shared morning tea.



Friday 24th May

Walk to School Day followed by pancake breakfast at school.



I liked the orangutans because they were very cheeky – **Frankie**

The bus trip was very long. I liked the butterflies because there were so many different colours – **Annika**

I liked the orangutans because I saw one jump from bar to bar and I saw one skip a bar. – **Jacob**

I liked the orangutan because the big dad orangutan was so huge and hairy and because he just looks really cool. - **Jack**



PARENT CLUB UPDATE ...

- **Pie warmer** has kicked off starting this week **every Tuesday of Term 2 & 3** except the nominated weeks we do special lunch (which will be communicated)

Children can bring along anything from a pie, sausage roll, left overs or even a desert for after their lunch. Basically, anything that is already cooked and **can be reheated in a pie warmer**. All cutlery and sauces will be provided, we have Tomato , BBQ, Soy or Sweet chilli.

Pie warmer food must arrive:

- ⇒ Wrapped in aluminum foil or in a foil tray please (trays with lids can be purchased from the supermarket)
- ⇒ Clearly labelled with the Childs name and Class.

Please do not send in Frozen or uncooked foods, as the pie warmer will warm but not cook the food and to ensure we **comply with the Food Safety Act**.

- **Elmore pie drive Pick up** will be in the afternoon of **Thursday 9th May**.

Collection time 3.00 pm—4.00 pm—orders must be collected during this time to comply with the Food Safety requirements.

We would love a couple of volunteers to help with the sorting of the delivery if your free that afternoon.

- **Mothers's/Special Person's day stall** will be held **Friday May 10th** in the last hour of school.

How it works is, we bundle small donations into gifts of varying value from \$1 to \$5. The children can bring up to \$5 with them to school on the day and purchase a gift for Mum/Special person at the stall. Example they can choose 2 x \$2 gifts, or 1 x \$1 gift and 1 x \$4 gift or 1 x \$5 gift etc.

The idea is more about kids experiencing the feeling of gift giving rather than getting the most expensive gift. Also it's a small fund raiser for the school.

We would love some donations for our Mother's Day stall in the form of small gifts that can be priced between \$1 - \$5 There is a tub in the foyer to drop them in. The **last day for donations is tomorrow morning (Thursday 9th)** so we can get them all bundled up for the Friday

- **The Federal Election** is on **Saturday 18th May**.

EPS is a registered voting booth, so we are running a BBQ & Cake Stall on the day. We are asking for volunteers to work on the BBQ and to supply baked goods and preserves. These will need to be dropped off at the school Friday 17th or Saturday 18th before 8am (more detailed information sent home Wednesday 8th May).

- **Special lunch** will next be on **Thursday May 23rd**. This is a wonderful special lunch all the students & teachers love.

If you have a favorite family soup recipe you can make a batch & bring it in to share on the day. More details to be communicated closer to the day. Here are some photo's of last year.



Eppalock Primary is offering a 5-Week Hockey Program

Held here at school. Just for fun and learning the game & skills.

A great, sporty 'after-school care' option :-)

Hockey Coach - Hayden Symes, experienced Junior Hockey Coach

Hockey sticks & balls provided. Bring a mouthguard if you have one.

Learn fun hockey skills - beginners & non-players very welcome!

Cost \$10 per child (covers the full program, to be paid at the start. Money goes to the school towards sports equipment)

Thursday 16th May 3.30pm - 4.30pm (*Grade 5/6s will be away for this one on camp*)

Thursday 23rd May 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 30th May 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 5th June lunchtime

Thursday 13th June 3.30pm - 4.30pm

**Preparing our students for the Bendigo Inter-school Hockey Competition: 19th June, 2019*



SPECIAL LUNCH

THURSDAY, 23rd MAY

ENDLESS CUP OF SOUP

\$5.00

Enjoy an endless cup of delicious home made soup served with a bread roll (lots of variety).

Orders and money due , Tuesday 14th May

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Name

\$5.00 enclosed



CAKE STALL

FEDERAL ELECTION DAY, SATURDAY 18th MAY, 2019

Our Parent Club is holding a **CAKE STALL and BBQ** here at school on Election Day, Saturday 18th May.

Eppalock Primary is being used as a Polling Booth and so this is a great opportunity to showcase our school and raise some funds.

- Families are asked to make a cake / slice / scones for our Cake Stall (plates, bags and stickers will be sent home next week)
- Items can be left at school on Friday 17th May
- A list of all ingredients must be attached to each plate
- Remember—NO CREAM
- A roster for helping on the day is attached, if you can assist, please fill in your name at the appropriate timeslot and return the form to school by Monday 13th May.





SATURDAY 18th May 2019

FEDERAL ELECTION DAY

Eppalock Primary School is a polling booth for the upcoming federal Election.

Parent Club will run a BBQ and Cake Stall at School on this day.

We are seeking volunteers to help run the bbq and cake stall (3 hour sessions with 4 people required each session).

If you can help, please complete the form and return it to school by Monday 13th May.

I am / we are available to assist at the BBQ/Cake Stall at the following time

8.00 am – 11.00 am

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11.00 am – 2.00 pm

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Contact number

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