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SCHOOL VALUES

Be Resilient

Be Kind

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

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WOMINJEKA



Eppalock Primary School acknowledges that our school stands on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung. We pay respects to the Elders past, present and future as the custodians who have cared for this country for 65,000 years.

We pledge to learn from their ancient culture and continue to care for the land.

This week is Education Week. We have a few different and special events planned for this week across the school. If there is an activity that you are available for, please come along and visit the school. We would love to see our families back on-site during the week where possible. The school does have our digital sign-in process for contact tracing in operation so please ensure you have your phones with you to check in on arrival. If you don't get service or don't have a phone, you can still manually sign in at the office. We do ask that visitors use the hand sanitiser provided and be aware of density limits in the school. School density limits include the students and staff as well so we can't have a huge number of visitors all in the one space which is why we have altered our usual Education Week open day process. I have outlined our week below if you are interested and available to visit during the week.

Monday the 24th from 5:30pm-6:30pm is our 2022 Foundation and prospective enrolments information session. Please pass this information onto any families and friends who might be interested in joining our school community in 2022. If families can't make this session, individual tours can be arranged by contacting the school.

Wednesday the 26th from 9:00-11:00am is our Open Morning for new and prospective families. This is a chance for families interested in enrolling at Eppalock PS to come along and see our classrooms in action. Our MARC van and Living Green specialist subjects will be in operation at this time.

Wednesday the 26th from 2:15-3:15pm will be our existing families and special persons visiting time. At this time we encourage and invite our school community to come and be part of the afternoon session with the classrooms. Students will mostly be involved in outdoor activities (depending on the weather) which will allow our visitors to move around the school without having to worry about our density limits inside. Plans for this session may change if the weather does not allow it.

Friday the 28th from 9:00-10:00am will be our Back to School assembly. This is our normal assembly time with a school community member from the past invited back to speak to our current group. This year we have past student Travis Fitzgibbon. Since leaving Eppalock PS, Travis has been involved in local government and also plays AFL football. Travis is looking forward to coming back to the school to speak about his time at Eppalock PS and also some of his life experiences.

After assembly please feel free to stay around and join in with our regular buddy reading program.

We hope to see a few people around during the week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TERM 3

We are very pleased to announce that 'Our Patch' will begin our After School Care in term 3 of this year. Our school community will see information being sent out from Our Patch in the coming weeks. If you are one of our families interested in using After School Care please keep an eye out for this. Once set up, all communication, paperwork and bookings will go through Our Patch but if you do have any questions in the meantime please contact Mr O at school. Fees will be set by Our Patch with eligible families able to work through Child Care rebate processes to reduce session fee costs.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Campbell Parker for getting into the school Monday to complete those jobs in the Old School Building. It was great to have them done so quickly. We really appreciate having such a supportive family community at Eppalock PS. We had a number of families offer to get the job done which was fantastic.

AXE CREEK PLAYGROUP

The Axe Creek Playgroup has had some lovely weather recently which has helped them to enjoy our outdoor spaces on a Friday morning. This group meets on-site each Friday morning and it has been great to see so many faces involved. If you know of anyone that might like to be part of this group please let them know when and where they meet, or they can search for the Axe Creek playgroup on social media.

Regular reminders for term 2;

- We are calling for classroom helpers for the morning literacy block or after recess maths block. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like to help. No experience necessary.
- If you are keen to help with morning breakfast club please let Mr O know. We aim to have this program running 4-5 days a week this term. This usually runs from 8:15am-8:45am. We have extended our days to Tues/Weds/Thurs until further notice.
- Continue to encourage school attendance with your child this term. We are aiming for 95% for all classes. A letter will go home to families if your child has had a high number of absences recorded for term 1.
- Students are still required to stay home if unwell.

PA (POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) CARDS -SWPBS

We are now up to 27 PA cards and it is great to see more and more people knowing that PA stands for Positive Acknowledgement cards. PA cards are part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework we are currently implementing. Our students receive PA cards for positive behaviour out in the yard or in a whole school activity. We are working together to try and make 75 PA cards this term, as set by our school captains. Our school leaders came up with a few suggestions for a whole school reward if we can get to 75 cards. Keep working on positive behaviours in the yard.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 and 5 students finished up with NAPLAN last week. All of our students handled the assessments very well. We will not get results back for a couple of months. It is important to remember that these are one off assessments on a particular day and give a snapshot of where your child is at. I would always encourage families have regular discussions with classroom teachers if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Technology and mobile devices

On Friday at assembly I reminded our students about not bringing technology devices to school. If devices do come to school as part of bus travel they MUST be handed to office staff at the beginning of the day and they will be returned at the end of the day. We have had reports recently that some of these ICT devices may have made their way out into the yard at break times. I will be having some conversations with students this week to reinforce what is expected in this area. Thank you for your support.

Parenting Information

This week I have included information from Sue Larkey again. This link has some great information about de-escalation strategies which can be used. Have a listen or a read and see what you think. Not every strategy will work every time.

<https://suelarkey.com.au/de-escalation-strategies/>

Some helpful links

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/helping-child-tricky-friendships/>

<https://www.amaze.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Amaze-Information-Sheet-Stress-and-anger-management-for-autistic-people.pdf>

<https://suelarkey.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Sue-Larkey-ADHD.pdf>

<https://suelarkey.com.au/why-traditional-behaviour-strategies-dont-work/>

<https://suelarkey.com.au/understanding-screen-addiction/>

ILLNESS REMINDER

Please remember that if your child is sick or has a sore throat/cough/runny nose or temperature that they need to stay home. We are doing regular temperature checking at school and we will call and ask you to pick up your child if they have a temperature or are unwell. We still need to comply with COVID regulations. We appreciate your understanding with this.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Monday	24th	Education week starts 2022 Prep Information Night 5.30– 6.30pm
Tuesday	25th	Special lunch day
Wednesday	26th	MARC Van Open Day 2.15-3.15pm (please note change of time)
Friday	28th	Back to school visitor @ Assembly 9am

JUNE

Thursday	3rd	Incursion—Snakes
Friday	4th	School Hockey
Wednesday	9th	MARC Van
Monday	14th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Monday	17th	Incursion—Discovery
Wednesday	23rd	MARC Van
Friday	25th	Last day of Term 2

REMINDERS

Brick fundraiser forms due back 21st June

Soup day Tuesday 25th May

Family fire day @ school—Sunday 30th May



Lachlan.B



STUDENT AWARDS



Houston

Charlotte

Katie

*Please note that these are future awards that will be handed out at assembly on Fridays to give the parents an opportunity to come to assembly to see their child receive their awards

HOUSE POINTS

BUNJIL 358

YULAWIL 400

WATJARANG 328



NUDE FOOD AWARDS

2/3

4/5/6

p/1

The challenge this week was for all the classrooms to have nude food for the whole week for education week

News from Parents Club

Upcoming Social Events

- Family fire at the school
When: Sunday May 30th
Time: Around Lunch time 12pm
Where: School Fire pit
Details: BYO picnic or food to cook on the fire.
This is a family event so bring the kids for a play. 😊



Next Parents Club Meeting

June

Next Working Bee

Planned for 11th July

- Teams as per the 2021 Maintenance Roster
(Mowing set for June 13th also)

Upcoming Fund Raisers

Eppalock Historic Paver Fundraiser
When:

- Forms & info going out: This week
- Forms due back: Monday 21st June

Details: We are raising funds to support our Stem Program.

In honor of your generous contribution, a personalized engraved paver will be laid at Eppalock Primary School.

Please see order form for available design choices & prices.

Especially Lunch – Soup Day

When: Tuesday 25th May
Special Lunch coordinator Brittany Edwards



Next Term Events

Still working through details on this one.

Working with Children Check

Please make sure your WWC (Working with Children) check is still valid for this year. Most volunteering you are doing with the school will require a WWC license.

It's a really simple process you can do online at

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

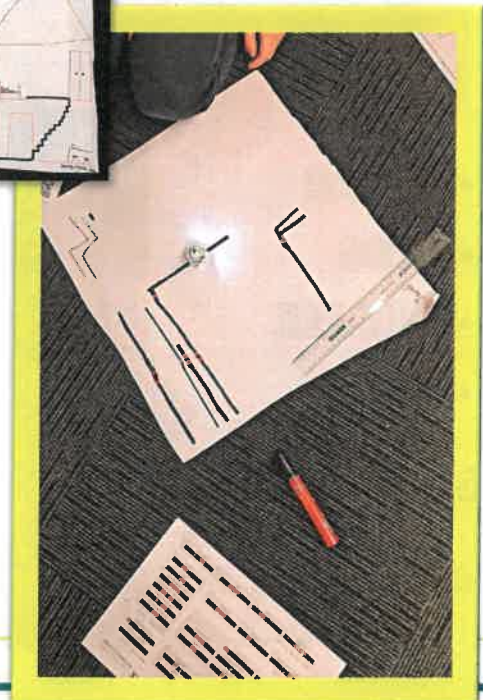
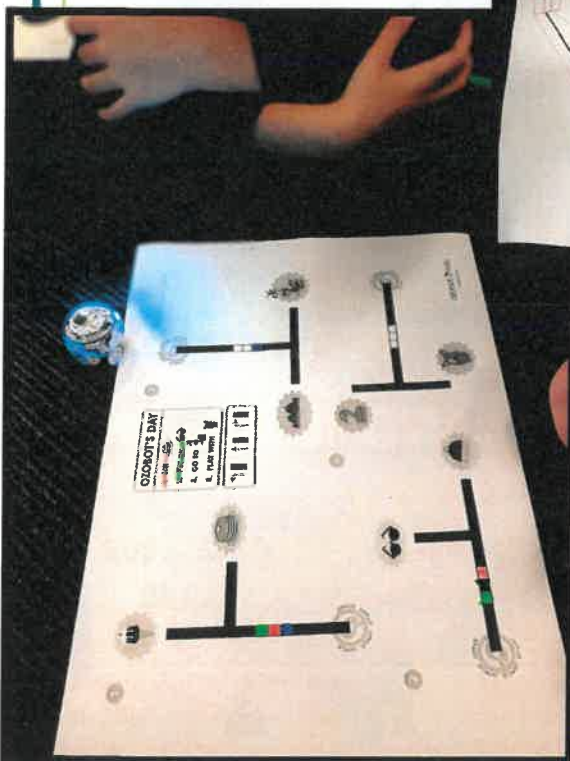
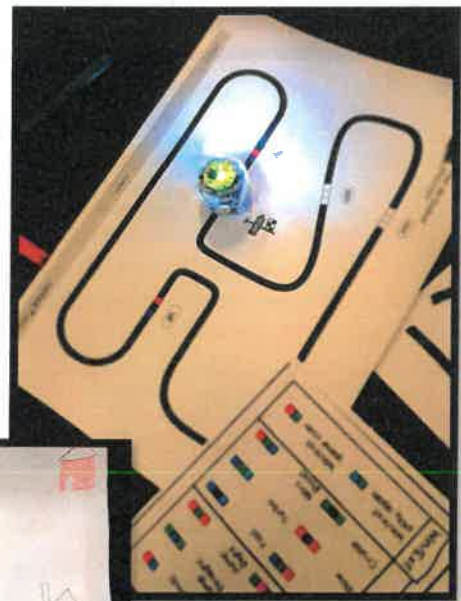
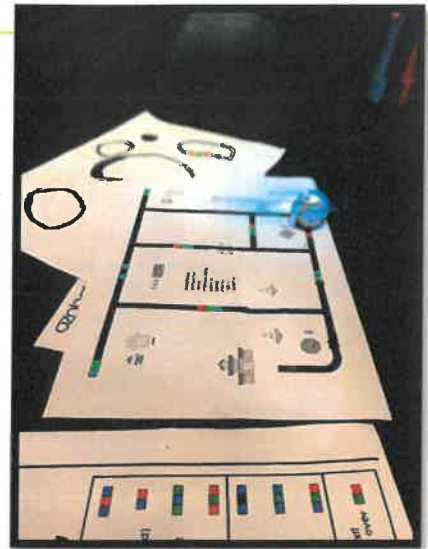
Or you can apply at any Australia Post Office. I found the local Strathfieldsaye team are very friendly & helpful.

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STEM

Coding with Ozobots





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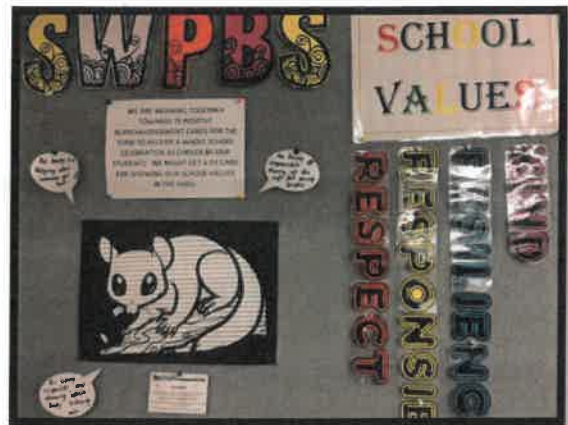
of children aged 2 to 12 years

BREAKFAST CLUB

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS



MUSIC LESSONS WITH TYLER

- GUITAR
- BASS
- UKULELE
- BANJO

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