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SCHOOL VALUES

Be Resilient

Be Kind

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

2019 Monday 18th November

Pupil Free Day Reminders

Monday 25th November 2019 – Report Writing Day

Wednesday the 29th January 2020 – Pupil Free Day. All students to resume on Thursday the 30th January 2020.

A reminder that staff 'duty of care' begins at 8:45am each morning. There are no staff on duty until this time.

School Values & School Wide Positive Behaviours

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

Be Resilient, Be Kind, Be Responsible & Be Respectful.

While thinking about something to add under our SWPBS banner this week I came across a site which provides guidance for adults and how we might teach ourselves to become more resilient. As parents it is important for us to be able to role model for our kids how we might continue to work on and develop our resilience. I have provided the link below for parents to browse through at their leisure.

<https://www.verywellmind.com/ways-to-become-more-resilient-2795063>

We have seen huge growth in our students this year with being more resilient at school when things get challenging. It has been great to see students stepping out of their comfort zone and trying new things and taking risks with their learning. We thank parents for your support with this goal.

PLAY SPACE AREA & GENERAL GROUNDS

A huge thanks again to our families who were able to help out over the past few days with the odd jobs around the school. We do understand that this is not in everyone's area of expertise so appreciate any support you can offer the school. If outside jobs are not your thing – you might be able to help out with our library by covering some books or tidying up the shelves for a period of time. A special thanks to Jason and H for being able to relocate a storage unit from the old kitchen space to the PE shed so quickly on Thursday. I think it was my ability to get out of their way and leave them to it which made the job so much easier. Thanks Jason and H.

2020 Prep Enrolments and transition days

Families should have received this information recently in the mail. At this stage we can confirm that Ms Lindhe will not be in the P/1 room in 2020. Last Wednesday our panel made a decision around a successful candidate and we plan to announce this shortly. We thank families for their patience and understanding. Any new staff should be confirmed by the December 10th Statewide Transition Day.

Tues 26th November – 10:00-11:00am

Tues 3rd December – 10:00-11:30am

Tues 10th December – 9:00am-11:30am

2020 ENROLMENTS & STRUCTURES

If any families have intentions of leaving Eppalock PS in 2020 please come and speak with Mr O'Neill at school to confirm your plans.

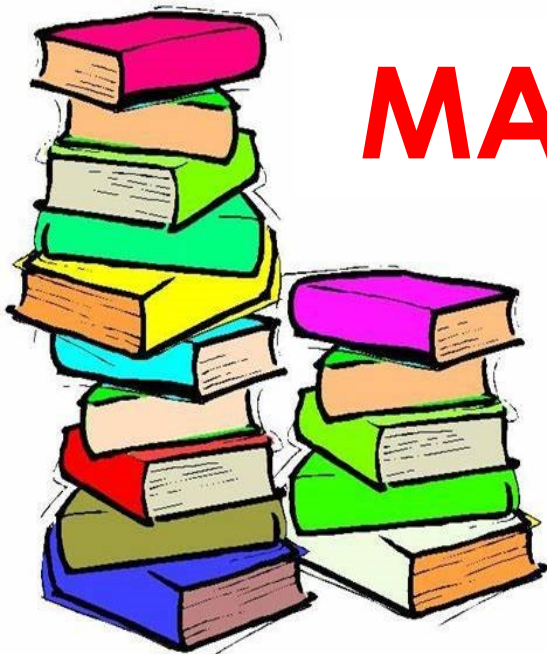
School Council had some discussion around the topic of enrolments and structure on Thursday night. Details of this discussion are included in the Council Chatter later in the newsletter.

INGLEWOOD SCHOOL REVIEW

It was an interesting couple of days at Inglewood PS this week. It was great to be able to visit another school for the two days and have a chance to look at what they are working towards and striving for. Being another small school it provided me with some different ways of approaching things. During the experience I was able to closely analyse their school data and have discussions about new goals and targets for their school for the years to come. I came away from it all with some new ideas that I will speak with staff about over the remaining weeks of the school year. It will be good to be able to keep in touch with Lex Johnstone who is now the Principal of Inglewood PS.

LYDIA'S LAUNCH

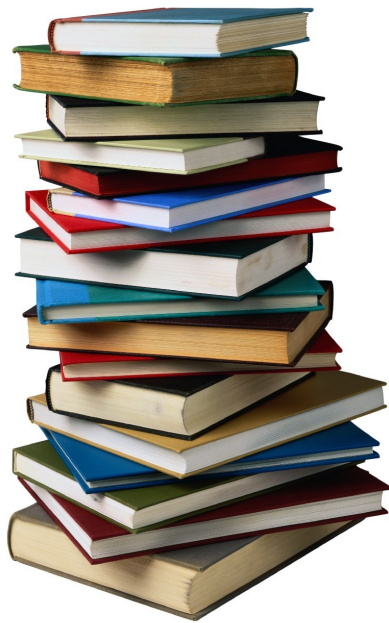
What a great afternoon we had last Thursday. Lydia's launch I am calling it. Congratulations to Lydia for the organisation and preparation of the day. The students are so proud of what they have been able to do and the final products look amazing. I know there was a lot of hard work that went into the art work and the research of the animals. It is very evident to see the passion and enthusiasm from Lydia and our families coming out through the students during these types of events. Thanks to everyone who attended on the day, we had a great turn out. Well done to all involved.



MARC BOOKS

Borrowing has officially ended for the year and I am collecting all books ready for stocktake. If there are any MARC books lurking in the corners at home, please return them ready for the next MARC lesson.

Thanks! Mrs G J



LIBRARY BOOKS

Could all families please
have a really good look at
home for any

Eppalock P.S.

Library books. We seem
to be missing a few.

Thankyou

Raffle ticket awards

These are drawn out of the hat at assembly on Monday mornings. The certificates are then given to the students at assembly the following week.

Award winners this week are...

Will.J—Amazing work holding it together when there were lots of distractions around

Rosa—Always working hard in class

Frankie—For thinking about and looking after others

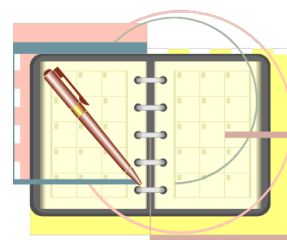
Patrick— for listening well



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Tuesday	19th	Somers Camp (19th—26th)
Wednesday	20th	MARC van
Monday	25th	Pupil Free Day (Report writing day)
Tuesday	26th	Swimming (1-1.40pm)



DECEMBER

Tuesday	3rd	Swimming (1-1.40pm)
Wednesday	4th	MARC Van
Thursday	5th	Special Lunch (fruit salad)
Tuesday	10th	Swimming (1-1.40pm)
Monday	16th	Grade 6 Graduation Night Grade 6 Graduation dinner
Tuesday	17th	Swimming (1-1.40pm)
Friday	13th	Community Night
Friday	20th	Last Day Term 4



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

REMINDERS

- Rotary Club Raffle tickets to be sold and returned by 29th Nov
- Pupil free day—Monday 25th November
- Donations for EPS XMAS raffle being collected at the office
- Swimming starts next week—Tuesday 26th Nov

Maintenance Roster



The following families are rostered on in January (before school starts) If you are unable to make your scheduled time please find another family to swap with then let your team leader know,

Thank-you.

STOCKS- Team Leader

BRIDGES

BARKER

GORDON-NILSON

THOMAS

JAMES

JOBS TO BE DONE

General grounds tidy up in
preparation for the start of
Term 1 2020

* If you are unable to attend this working bee please check with the school if there are any jobs that you can do leading up to it instead.



ICYPOLE DAY

Thursday 21st Nov

\$1 each

Fundraiser for TEAM CHINA



Council Chatter

Eppalock School Council Update

School Council held a jam-packed November Meeting last week (14/11/19)

We talked about the operating budget for the school for next year. The Finance Sub-Committee for School Council is meeting next week to go over the detail. One exciting thing to note is that our netbook computer set (the laptops that the kids use) is at the end of it's lease period half way through next year. So we've approved purchasing these for a small fee as well as commencing a new lease on an additional set of new netbook computers like we have done. So there will be two sets of netbooks in the school in the second half of 2020!

Council discussed at length the 2020 classroom structure again and the ongoing specialist programs for 2020. All of our wonderful programs are set to continue for the children next year – Mandarin language, drama, music, art, environmental sustainability/Living Green, STEM, PE as well as our core curriculum subjects. The delivery logistics for how the larger 'big kids' classroom will work was discussed and there will be lots of wonderful break-out space learning, vertical learning groups for some subjects, blended classes for other subjects, small working groups for extension work and utilising Mr.O and other volunteers within the school to teach and lead smaller learning groups throughout the week as required. It will be a dynamic learning model at Eppalock next year that Council is excited to be supporting.

There was lots of talk about the Old School Building and Phase II of the refurbishment. This is just kicking off. Has everyone done the 5minute survey? **You've got until the end of this week** – please do it – the link was put on UeducateUs by Mr.O!! (We've re-posted it on the parent Info Facebook Page too) We would love your feedback on how you'd like to see that space used in the future and what else you'd like to see happen to 'finish off' that space.! The working group consists of: Lydia Fehring, Mr.O, Sal Symes, Nicola Camille and Hilary Hall. If you have any questions or ideas please chat to one of these cool cats.

Our Fire preparedness money has come in : \$13,124. Hold onto your hats because we're planning to use some of this money to upgrade our mobile reception at school which will allow for **boosted onsite mobile phone reception**. Critical for emergencies. We hope to be able to get better mobile reception at school in the future. We're also planning on getting an automated bell system which is crucial for emergency management.

Council was advised that the remainder of the 'School Pride and Sports Fund' grant should arrive before the end of the year. Earlier in the year School Council made the decision to allocate this to the new netball/basketball open sided, all-weather cover to be built. We have quotes and are almost ready to go. We have been actively seeking the rest of the funds that we'll need to make this project a reality. Watch this space in 2020.

School Council reviewed the progress of our NEW playground area at the top of the school. The area has been cleared, the concrete ramp was sustainably recycled and works will commence on the 1st of December. The landscape gardeners have a 50 day scope of works so it won't be far from being ready for play on day #1 of next year!

We have applied for a \$25,000 grant for three shade sails which will replace the serenity garden and existing play structure shade sails. There will also be some additional new shade sails in the new area as well.

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all organisations that provide services to children including Victorian schools. School Councillors become mandatory reporters under the Child Safe Act and Guidelines from next year. School Council has Child Safe Policy, Guidelines, Issues and Information as a standing agenda item on every Council Agenda. This month we discussed Standard #5 - What procedures do we have at EPS for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse? Whether they were adequate and working? Are they audited? When are they up for revision? And Standard #6 – What strategies do we have in place at EPS to identify and reduce/remove risks of child abuse? We brainstormed the potential risks that exist at school, at open events where students go, online, after school, within the school ground and at our bus stops.

A great discussion was held about healthy eating and the need for a new school Policy to complement our already strong foundation in this area (Nude Food, Special Lunch Days, Living Green kitchen/cooking program etc). The Policy Working Group of Council will be using the Education Department's Healthy Eating Policy for Food Services in Schools to guide us in this work. It provides specific guidance for everyday foods, select carefully foods, occasional foods and 'never at school' foods. The Policy may have implications for sweeter foods that we sometimes offer at school, but Council discussed how it would not change any current practices, it may only prompt different choices when purchasing brands and types to effect healthier choices etc. More info to come when our new Policy is drafted.



Raffle Tickets

We have 2 different raffle ticket books going out over the next few weeks.

First one is the **ROTARY RAFFLE** - we have already sent out these books to all families.

They consist of 20 ticket in each book and are sold for **\$2** each. We require all books **sold or NOT sold** to be returned by **Friday 29th November**.

Second one is **EPPALOCK PS XMAS HAMPER**—These will be sent out on the 2nd of December to be returned to school by **Wednesday 11th December** (Drawn at Community night Friday 13th Dec) We will be looking for Donations to the Christmas hamper from now on.

Parent's Club update 18.11.19

Special Lunch dates for this term x 2.

Fruit Salad & Ice Cream Thursday December 5th

Social events term 4

-Teacher's special lunch (Coordinator Sian night)

Week commencing 16th December

End of year Community night (Coordinator Nikki Mannes)

Friday 13th December

There will be a Christmas raffle at the end of the year drawn on end of year Community Night.

Grade 6 students will be presented with a gift on behalf of the P.C community, there will be a fun BYO picnic dinner with some treats later (chips & icy poles etc) & a visit from a special person.

Parents Club Meeting Friday 6th December 9:15am in the old school building

Fundraising ideas for 2020-

We are looking for fundraising that is minimal work & is drawing from the wider community not just the school community. If you have any ideas or seen something work well elsewhere, please let us know.

Rotary Christmas raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets for the Rotary Christmas raffle. Tickets have gone home last Friday 15th (please check your child's school bag) Tickets sell for \$2 each with \$1 from each ticket sold coming back to the school as our profit. Please send back all sold and unsold tickets to school by 29th November.

Eppalock Christmas Raffle

If everyone could please donate an item/item's appropriate for the raffle into the tub in the front foyer, collection starts Monday 18th Nov – Wednesday 11th Dec.

Ticket books for the raffle will go home 2nd December and are due back Wednesday 11th

The raffle will be drawn Friday 13th after the Christmas concert & picnic dinner.

PARENT CLUB IMPORTANT DATES

Special Lunch Fruit Salad – Thursday 5th December

Teachers special lunch – Last week of school (16th—20th Dec)

Rotary raffle tickets sales—Friday 15th November—Friday 29th November

EPS Raffle donations/collection—Monday 18th November—Wednesday 11th December

EPS Raffle ticket sales—2nd December— Due back Wednesday 11th December (Drawn Friday 13th Dec)

End of year Community Night & Christmas Raffle— Friday 13th December

Classroom Chatter

Grade 2/3 Report

For the last couple of weeks, students in Grade 2/3 having been completing some assessments in Maths and Literacy. It has been great to see the improvements that the class has made!

In Maths, we have been revising the four processes and using them to solve everyday problems. We have also been playing maths games to help us develop maths strategies.

In Story Writing, we have been writing narratives. To make them interesting, we have included sizzling starts, worked on building tension and instead of telling, we have been using our five senses to describe what has happened. Most of the class are now publishing their stories. Once the class have finished their stories, they will be able to research and write about a topic of their choice.





Endangered Species Signage Launched!

Want to know how to conserve native species? Drop into Eppalock PS, any student could help you make simple changes to support species conservation!

Thanks to all who made this day and its lead up possible. Special thanks to Landcare Victoria for the funding,

[Axe Creek Landcare Group](#) for the continued and valued support Tess from [NCCMA](#) Landcare program for officially launching the signs and most importantly the students for being so passionate about conserving biodiversity in our region.





Give it a GO...

INVITATION TO SCHOOLS

BENDIGO



KIDS TRIATHLON



In2Adventure in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and Empowering Eaglehawk are extremely proud to announce the launch of the Bendigo Kids Triathlon set to be hosted in Eaglehawk on the 1st of December 2019.

This 'kids only' triathlon experience is a non-competitive, fun day out, aimed at encouraging our young champions of tomorrow to be active, have fun, and enjoy it all in the company of their best mates.

It will be a tremendous community event and is anticipated to attract over **1200 visitors**.

The Bendigo Kids Triathlon is all about community and as such is keen to offer local schools the opportunity to be a part of this inspiring event. Details are outlined below.

FAST FACTS

DATE

Sun 1 Dec 2019

LOCATION

Canterbury Park
Gardens, Napier St,
Eaglehawk, 3556

AGES & COURSES

7-9yrs | 25m Pool Swim
- 2k Bike - 500m Run

10-12yrs | 50m Pool
Swim - 4k Bike - 1k Run

13-15yrs | 75m Pool
Swim - 6k Bike - 1k Run

MORE INFO

endigokidstriathlon.com.au

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- ☀ A 10% entry discount for all students.
- ☀ 2 FREE entries for each school to giveaway.
- ☀ The opportunity to be eligible to win the perpetual 'Bendigo Kids School Trophy' awarded to the school with the most participants taking part and getting active.

SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTION

The event is seeking support from local schools to promote the event to students and parents and encourage as many young people as possible to be involved. This could include

- > Promotional posters displayed at the school,
- > Website promotion,
- > School newsletters, or
- > Any other opportunities available.

HOW CAN OUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATE?

Simply contact our schools liaison on the details below and we will register your school and send through an electronic schools promotional pack.

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AFMXA Australian Freestyle Motocross Association

PLUS Country & Western bands, great food stalls, a public bar, Saturday night movie & entertainment for all ages and the Sunday Truck Parade through town!

**23-24
NOVEMBER
2019**

Entry Prices

Saturday	Sunday
Adults \$10	Adults \$15
Family \$35	Family \$50
(2 adults & 2 teenagers)	
Primary kids free	

**Campbells Creek Sports Ground
Fryers Rd**

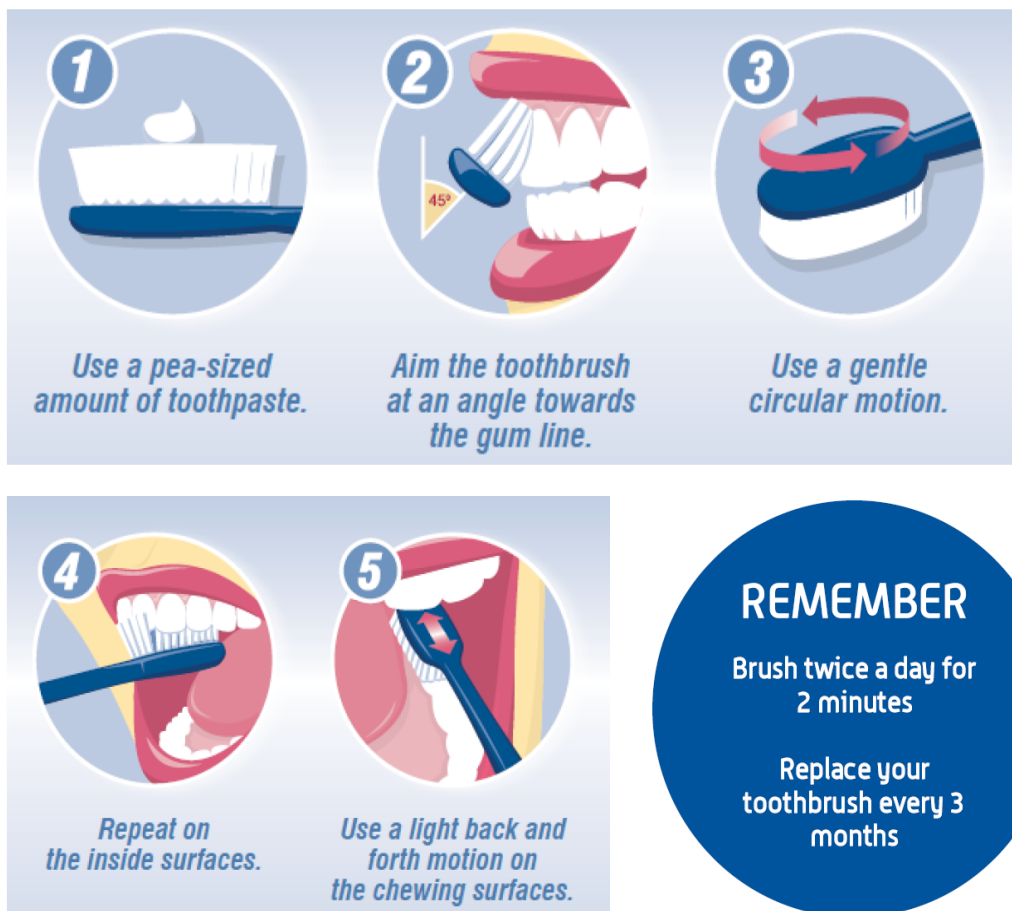
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