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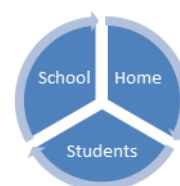
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SCHOOL VALUES

- **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

School Values & School Wide Positive Behaviours

On the 12th and 18th March our School Wide Positive Behaviours team will attend training at the All Seasons Bendigo with other schools from the local area. This Whole School Framework involves seven key areas and aims to develop consistent strategies across the school to promote positive behaviour. Early work will help to develop a community set of beliefs and values – which we have in place to some extent already at Eppalock PS. It will be an interesting process to be involved in. Mr McCartney, Kristy and Mr O'Neill will form the early team to work with our community on this.



The School Wide Positive Behaviours Framework is one of our Key Improvement Strategies aimed at addressing the goals identified by the school review team last year. *'To develop resilient students who display behaviours and attitudes that reflect school values.'*

School Council

Today at 4:00pm brings to a close our school council voting. The votes will be counted today with our successful applicants being notified before being announced to the wider community. We would like to thank all of our parents who have nominated for school council this year and, even if not successful, we hope they might join one of our committee groups this year which will have stronger input into school council meetings. You don't have to be on school council to contribute ideas, thoughts or have input. Families are always invited to contribute and we are working on improving our strategies to gather your ideas.

Wednesday 13th February 2019 - Notice of election and call for nominations

Friday 22nd February 2019 - Closing date for nominations

Monday 25th February 2019 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Wednesday 27th February 2019 - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - Close of ballot

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - Vote Count

Thursday 7th March 2019 – Declaration of poll

Thursday 7th March 2019 – First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside)

School Pride and Sports Fund Input

We would like to thank those families who have sent something in writing to have your thoughts considered for possible decisions about our Northern Boundary fence. School council have discussed the possibilities over a number of months and have researched quotes, requirements, options, advantages and disadvantages of different fencing styles and will take all input on board when making any final decision. This is up for discussion at the school council meeting Thursday night. We know that whatever the outcome, our families will support the decision of school council and continue to move forward with the understanding that it was considered to be the best option for the school taking into account all elements. Next weeks newsletter will contain an outline of any decision made and this will also be displayed in the office area. Any families who would like to discuss the outcome are invited to speak with Mr O'Neill.

uEducateUs

Today families should have received their uEducateUs login in an envelope. Mr O'Neill is offering demonstration sessions in the main school building straight after reading and at pick up time each day next week, and by arrangement. If you need any assistance, please speak with your child's teacher or Mr O'Neill. This is a new process, so please be patient as we work towards the most effective use of the system.

Information forms

Once again our forms didn't go home last week so don't panic if you are looking in your child's bag for them. These should go home this week. Please spend some time with your children discussing these so that they understand the importance of them.

- Head Lice consent
- Rights and responsibilities form
- Bus conduct form
- uEducateUs login

Inclusive Schools Grant

Please continue to have a think about our landscape plan which is on display again in the office area. The back corner of the school is the area of focus for our Inclusive Schools grant. This area involves a natural sandpit area and passive, sensory playspace with some detailed landscaping. Work will be completed by Department assigned contractors. We are always open to suggestions and input – so please remember that if you miss any of our meetings we are happy to be given some written input at a time that suits. We will know more about possible meetings after our school council meeting Thursday night.

Milly Burgess

Milly started work at school last week and jumped straight into things by volunteering to be 'sponged' on Friday as part of the Live for Lily day. Milly is working across the three grades each day at different times and her appointment means that we almost have a full time aide in each room each day. Our aides do an amazing job across the school and show a very caring and understanding manner with all of our students. Welcome aboard Milly.

Ride to school day

A reminder to keep Friday March 29th loose in your calendar if you are a keen bike rider. This is our 'Ride to School Day'. We are planning something a bit different on this day with details to be confirmed. The official Ride to school day across the state is Friday the 22nd, however Adrian Martins will be part of our day and is not available on the 22nd. Information about the day will be advertised soon.

Swimming

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our swimming program. Behaviour at the pool was excellent. A highlight yesterday was the slide. Some of our Preps showed great courage to go down for the first time – to see the excitement and pride on their face when they conquered any nerves was fantastic. Well done everyone. Thanks Ms Hartney for your organisation.

Resilience

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter one of our key goals identified by the school review is 'to develop resilient students who display behaviours and attitudes that reflect school values'.

Resilience is a word you should hear quite often during the year. What is Resilience? I have used the website www.kidshelpline.com.au to gather some information for our newsletter this week. If you are interested to learn more, please visit the website and discuss some of the ideas with your children at home.

When things go wrong resilience is what helps you to cope and get through hard time. Sometimes it makes you even stronger than you were before.

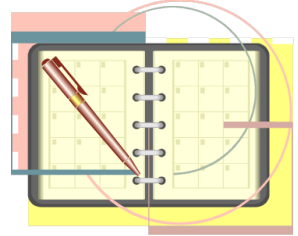
Resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong. It can also be described as:

- Bouncing back after difficult times
- Giving things a go and trying your best
- Being able to cope with what life throws at you and shrug it off
- Standing up for yourself
- Getting back into shape after you have been bent or stretched.

Lots of us have times when it is hard to be resilient and it is probably something we all need to work on from time to time. I would encourage all families to begin using this word at home to give a consistent message about Resilience. It has been pleasing to watch a few of our students develop a bit more resilience this year and overcome some anxieties in different situations. Even settling well into a new classroom displays a high level of resilience.

Thanks Mr O'Neill

IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday	7th	School Council Annual Meeting followed by March General Meeting—6.00 pm
Friday	8th	MUSIC & ART SPECIALISTS
Monday	11th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY
Tuesday	12th	PE
Wednesday	13th	MARC LIBRARY
Thursday	14th	Special Lunch—wraps chicken or ham & salad \$5.00 each (orders due 7/3/2019)
Friday	15th	ART SPECIALIST
Monday	18th	PE
Tuesday	19th	4/5/6 excursion—Multicultural Day at BSSC
Friday	22nd	MUSIC SPECIALIST
Monday	25th	PE
Wednesday	27th	MARC LIBRARY
Thursday	28th	Prep/1/2 proposed Excursion—"Room On A Broom" - Capital Theatre
Friday	29th	Ride to School Day (details to come) ART SPECIALIST

APRIL

TUESDAY	2nd	Normal school day for students with '3 way conference' between 12.30—6.30 pm (details to come) NOTE—CHANGE OF DAY
THURSDAY	4th	DENTAL SERVICE CHECKS
FRIDAY	5th	LAST DAY—TERM 1
SUNDAY	21st	EASTER SUNDAY BBQ FUNDRAISER—HELPERS NEEDED
TUESDAY	23rd	FIRST DAY—TERM 2
THURSDAY	25th	ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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THURSDAY	2nd	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION—MELBOURNE ZOO
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AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Monday's assembly ...

- **Chloe** for being a kind and generous member of our class
- Malakye for his hardworking nature in the classroom
- Will S for working hard with all his school work and being a good friend

IMPORTANT

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- ♦ **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- ♦ **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

EASTER SUNDAY BBQ FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far—we still need more helpers—if you can assist please let us know. Thank you in advance for your support.

AS OF 4/3/2019

Fundraising opportunity **EASTER SUNDAY**

Once again we have been given the opportunity to run a BBQ on Easter Sunday. This was a great success both financially and socially last year.

We are asking people to assist on **Sunday 21st April (Easter Sunday)**. It is a great opportunity for our school with the potential to raise a lot of money.

School council has made a commitment to this event so now we need to ensure that we have enough helpers to complete the task.

We need to have eight (8) people rostered on at the time – the timetable is set up so there is an overlap to ensure continuity.

If you can help, please add your name to the list below.

6.00am – 10.00am (2 people required) need to be able to tow a trailer into the venue at 6.00am)	8am – 12 noon (6 people required)	10am -2.00pm (2 people required)	12noon – 4.00pm (6 people required)	2.00pm -4.00pm (2 people required)
Marie + Paul Mannes	Lydia		Jason O'Neill	Cameron Bridges
	Brad		Brittany	Carmelina Bridges.
	Sian		Marlene.	



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