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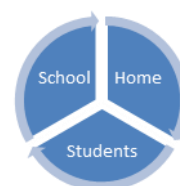
SCHOOL VALUES

- **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

Yesterday a small team of Mr McCartney, Kristy Fitzpatrick and Mr O'Neill attended the first of two introductory sessions about the School Wide Positive Behaviours Framework. This framework is directly linked to one of the areas of improvement identified in the school review. *'To develop resilient students who display behaviours and attitudes that reflect school values.'*

SWPBS will work to develop more consistent language and expectations across the school and will have ownership and voice from our student and parent group as well. It is an evidence based approach which is beginning to be implemented in a number of schools in Bendigo. We will continue to share information throughout the year.



School Council

Last Thursday night our 2019 school council team met for the first time for the year. I would like to thank our outgoing members who have done a terrific job. Thanks to Mark Costello, Sandra Hearn and Vanessa Wild for their time and effort on school council. They were all terrific support and encouragement for myself personally when I arrived at the school in 2017. We wish Vanessa all the best as her family leaves our school. You may leave the school but you never leave our Eppalock PS community.

We welcome David Perry and Adrian Martins as new members of the school council and are looking forward to their experience, expertise, new ideas and points of view. We also welcome back reappointed members Nikki Mannes and Alicia Martin and congratulate them all on their appointment.

Thanks to Angie Loukkas, Caitlin Murphy and Kristina Mitchell for also nominating for school council this year. Having such great interest in school council puts the school in a strong position going forward. As a school council we are keen to involve as many families as possible and are working at strategies to engage our family group throughout the year in all school decisions. Please feel welcome to bring any ideas forward to our school council at any stage.

On Thursday night we also filled our executive positions. Congratulations to Alicia Martin for being elected as School Council President for the second year, Nikki Mannes as Vice President and Sal Symes as secretary. We thank Sandra Hearn (Vice President) and Sian Knight (secretary) for filling those roles last year.

We still have a co-opted community space to be filled. School Council decided on Thursday night to investigate this further with the intention of inviting someone to fill this space after our April meeting.

Our school council for 2019 is –

Alicia Martin – President

Nikki Mannes – Vice President

Sal Symes – Secretary

Parent Reps - Sian Knight, Brittany Edwards, David Perry, Adrian Martins

DET Reps – Hamish McCartney and Jason O'Neill

Co opted Community Reps – Kevin Reade, with one place still to be filled

All feedback received in regards to the fencing decision will be displayed in the office area. A decision was made to install chain mesh fencing along the northern boundary. Sal Symes will include a further detailed report about Thursday night in this weeks newsletter.

uEducateUs

Families should have received a login code on Friday if your child was at school. Please ask your child about this in the coming days and try and login at home. Mr O'Neill will run some informal information sessions about this at school in the morning and afternoon at pick up and drop off times. Please come and ask if not sure.

Information forms

Our uEducateUs logins went home and we should now have sent home the remaining forms today. Please have a read with your child and return to school when you have signed them off.

Head Lice consent

Rights and responsibilities form

Bus conduct form

Ride to school day

Today some information went home in regards to ride to school day. Adrian Martins will join our students on this day to be part of the event. Please bring along your child's bike to school by the 21st of March to get it checked mechanically by Mr McCartney and Miss Burgess so that we know it is ok to ride on the day.

P-2 students can bring along scooters on this day to ride at break times if they wish. We will set up a small school course for them to ride around. Helmets will be required for this day.

AFL TIPPING

Mr O'Neill and Mr McCartney would like to challenge our community to an AFL tipping competition for a bit of fun this year. If you are interested and think you can beat us, please enter an individual or family team to our comp. You will need to ask us for the code to get in. We will be using the AFL website to manage the competition so please register there and then grab the code from us at school. Good luck.

On the next page is more information about developing resilience in your child.

Thanks

Mr O'Neill



PLEASE NOTE—the current arrangements for distribution of our School Newsletter will continue for this term.

Commencing Term 2, our school newsletter will be available to families via uEducateUs.



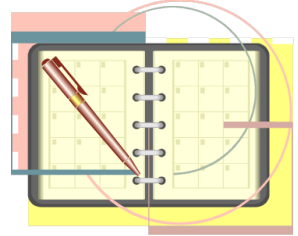
AWARDS

These awards will be presented next Monday due to the public holiday this week.

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 DATES



Thursday	14th	Special Lunch—wraps chicken or ham & salad (orders now closed)
Friday	15th	ART SPECIALIST
Monday	18th	PE
Tuesday	19th	4/5/6 excursion—Multicultural Day at BSSC—info sent home today—payment due prior to excursion
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 (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

MAY

THURSDAY	2nd	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION—MELBOURNE ZOO
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Resilience

As mentioned last week 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'.

The information provided below is taken from the website www.kidshelpline.com.au – if you are interested in more information on this topic please check it out.

What can I do when I'm facing a challenge?

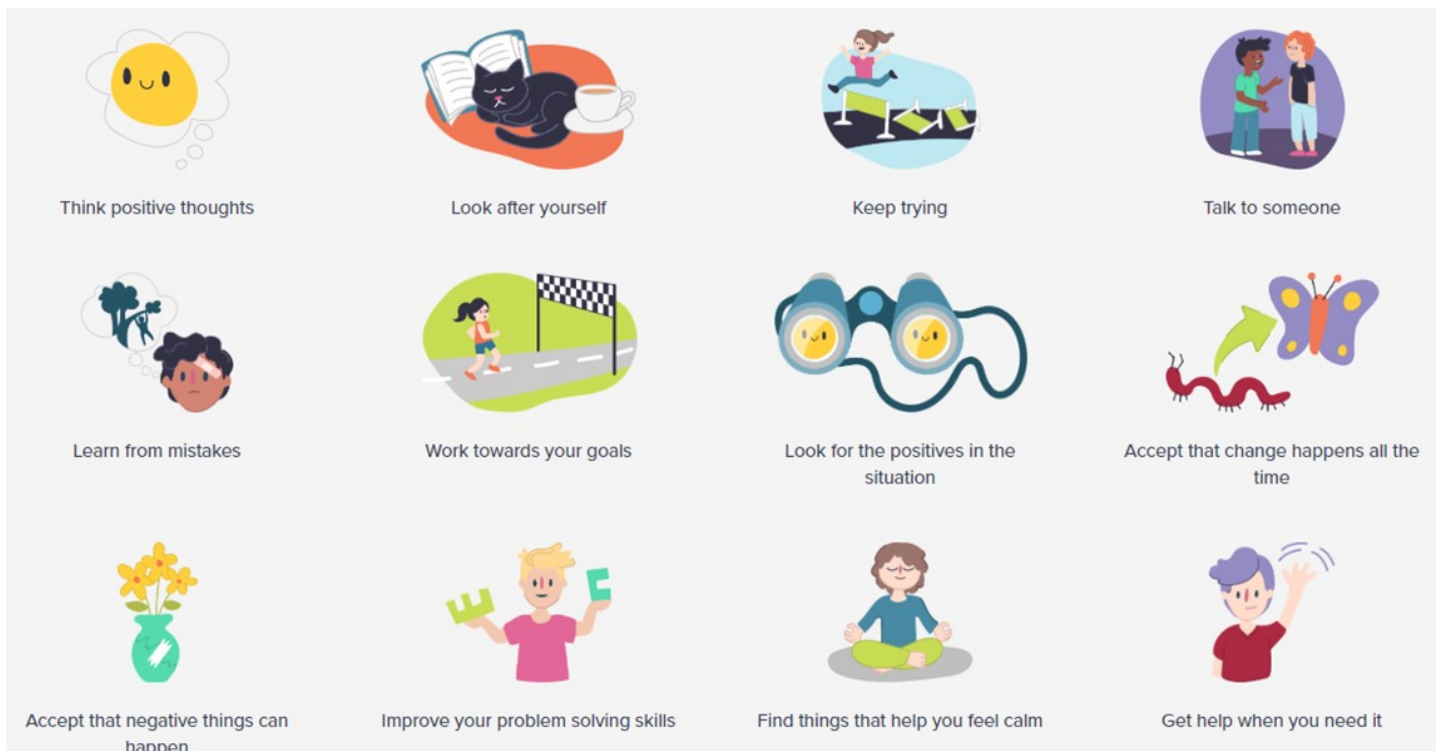
You can start to build resilience by asking yourself:

- What can I do to get back on track?
- I can't control everything, so what is in my control?
- Can I change something I'm doing to make things better?
- What can I learn from this?
Who can help?
- How can I move forward?

How to build your own resilience ...

There are lots of things you can do to develop your own resilience.

Here are some ideas:



CSEF—CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

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.




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Council Chatter—*Eppalock School Council Update*

School Council held a jam-packed March Meeting last week (7/3/19)

It was preceded at 6pm by the School's Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the outcome of the School Councillor election was tabled. The Principal reported that we had almost 100% of families vote in our recent Councillor elections which is fantastic and demonstrates the 2019 support for, and interest in our school's governance and strategic direction. Two new Council members were ratified (David Perry and Adrian Martins) and two members from last year were re-elected (Alicia Martin and Nikki Mannes). Alicia Martin was elected as 2019 School Council President, Nikki Mannes was elected as our Vice President for 2019 and Sal Symes was elected as our Communications Secretary for 2019. Alicia thanked the other unsuccessful nominees for being part of the process and noted the incredible suite of skills this year that had presented across the 8 candidates for consideration. We are very lucky at Eppalock Primary School!

Four official Working Groups/Sub-Committees were ratified by School Council in the AGM;

Parents Committee – headed up by Kelly Nunns as the 2019 President

Finance Sub-Committee – Nikki Mannes, David Perry, Sal Symes, Adrian Martins and Alicia Martin

Grounds & Maintenance Working Group – Sian Knight (on behalf of Brad Knight), Kevin Reade, and co-opting other members from the school parent community. If you would like to be part of this group, please let Mr O know.

Policy Working Group – Sal Symes, David Perry, Sian Knight, Brittany Edwards.

Other Working Groups are set up as required on an as-needs basis for short-term projects.

Alicia presented a comprehensive Annual Report for her time as School Council President for 2018 and Jason presented the Annual Report for the School for 2018.

We've gone GREEN

The **highlight** for the month of March, was undoubtedly the fact that School Council has gone **GREEN** and paper-free! The March Council meeting saw the first Eppalock Council meeting where no Agenda papers, budgets, reports or minutes were printed off by members. Where previously we'd print off hundreds of pieces of paper every month, School Council is now living Eppalock Primary's sustainability objectives in our governance meetings as well. Each Councillor used a laptop/tablet with files and electronic documents via a USB to follow the Agenda and Agenda items and discussion. Each month from now on we'll be Green and paper-free. This is a fantastic GREEN moment for our school - worth celebrating!!

The Finance Sub-Committee held their usual half-hour meeting before the Council meeting and endorsed several finance motions to be put to the School Council. No issues to report other than a recent Financial Audit of the school that complimented Marie on the great work she's doing with financial management at the school.

School Council discussed a range of issues at the meeting including;

- A while back we've spoken about the VERY exciting Inclusive Schools grant that we won (\$200,000) to do some work in the playground. Check out our Landscape Plan in the Entrance Hallway for this. Well we're now looking for people who might be interested in being on our Project Working Group for this exciting project! We have tight timelines to keep. Look for this opportunity elsewhere in the newsletter and talk to Mr.O.
- We have some fundraising funds that were made last year (2018) by Parent Committee and have been rolled over into this year. It is as yet, unallocated – approx. \$13,919. So School Council is going back to the Parent Committee, and to Teachers this month and asking for ideas on what they'd like it to be spent on at the school. School Council will be having a discussion about this at their next School Council meeting (April meeting). Get along to the next Parent Committee meeting if you can so you can contribute some ideas!! Or pass on some thoughts in writing!
- We've been successful in getting a Woolworths Grant of \$970 for the garden – for things like wheelbarrows, trowels, shovels etc. Funds likely to come through in early March. Grant expenditure/implementation to be overseen by Lydia and our Living Green Program.

- Water needs to be reconnected back to the Art Shed (it was disconnected a while ago). Do any of our current parents have plumbing skills?? Please let Mr.O know. We're just checking here first before we get charged \$100s to call someone out to re-join a simple pipe...

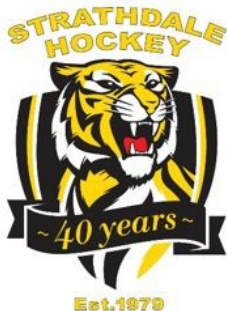
A massive thank you to everyone that provided feedback on the fencing issue. Preferences for either a ball netting fence or a rigid, cyclone mesh fence, for the northern boundary along the side of the oval and basketball court. The purpose of this fence is to stop the balls from entering our neighbour's property. We received a total of 20 responses and out of this, it was roughly equal in preferences (8 for the netting and 8 for the cyclone mesh fencing). So the Fencing Working Group was not able to make a clear decision and referred it back to School Council to make the decision. A vote was held, and the decision has been made to install a 3m high, black, rigid, cyclone mesh fence along the northern boundary. It will basically run from where the effluent disposal field finishes on the oval, along the side of the oval, along the side of the basketball court up to the Art Shed. It will finish at the Art Shed.

We will commence the implementation of this fencing as soon as possible. This fencing is part of a \$129,000 'School Pride and Sports Fund' Project. It has several components that school families will see – Check out our School Landscape Plan which is on the wall in the Entrance Corridor so you can imagine how this will all fit together...

Removal of the old toilet block & concrete ramp. We're progressing this so that we can open up the whole back area of the playground.

Relocating the Sports Shed and tanks. School Council will sell the existing sports shed and build a new sport shed over next to the fence (a new location). We'll relocate the water tanks over near the fence also. Between the Arts Shed and the Shipping Container. There will also be the Garden Shed & the Chicken Shed.

The fencing. We're installing black, pool-type fencing along the front of the School (Paton's Road), shifting the mail box down to the main gate, and because the top gate is heritage, we're powder coating it black. We're also powder coating the double-gates near the CFA tanks on the oval. We're installing slightly higher, black chain mesh fencing along Axe Creek Road and installing a gate in the Axe Creek Road boundary. We're also installing this same fencing along the first part of the northern boundary (along the edge of the effluent disposal field at the bottom of the oval).



2019 is a **MASSIVE** year for the Strathdale Hockey Club!

It's our 40th Anniversary and we're kicking it off with a family party.

We need your help to get the season started...

Strathdale Hockey Club's FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 17th March

11am – 2pm

The Details;

- Where – at the Hockey Fields, Garden Gully
- Wear/bring your hockey stuff – we'll be playin' some hockey...
 - There will be mixed ability hockey games (littlies & biggies all playing together) – FUN
 - Later on, the biggies might play the biggies 😊
- BBQ lunch provided
- Drinks available to purchase
- Jumping castle & face-painting
- BYO picnic rug, chairs & sunscreen
- We'll have the forms for easy 2019 season registration – available on this day (Juniors or Seniors)
- We'll show you the awesome 40th Anniversary Club merchandise that will be available this year

Please put this date in your diary. We'd love to see as many of our Club members there as possible – AND their families! It's the first of our 40th Anniversary Events and it's going to be a RIPPER



Fun Mandarin – our School Chinese Language Program

COLORS

red – **hóng sè** (*hóng = red & sè = color*) (sounds like it says hong sur)

blue - **lán sè** (sounds like lan sur)

yellow – **huáng sè** (sounds like quong sur)

green – **lǜ sè** (sounds like lew sur)

pink - **fěi sè** (sounds like fen sur)

white – **bái sè** (sounds like buy sur)

black – **hēi sè** (sounds like hey sur)

purple – **zǐ sè** (sounds like zoo sur)

orange - **chéng zi** (sounds like chung sur)

brown - **zōng sè** (sounds like zong sur)

BOY / GIRL

Boy – **nán hái** (sounds like nan hi)

Girl – **nǚ hái** (sounds like new hi)

In class we can count the girls, count the boys.

NUMBERS 1-10

1	One	Yī	Sounds like ee
2	Two	èr	Sounds like arrr
3	Three	sān	Sounds like sarn
4	Four	sì	Sounds like sir
5	Five	wǔ	Sounds like ooo
6	Six	liù	Sounds like leoo
7	Seven	qī	Sounds like tea
8	Eight	bā	Sounds like bar
9	Nine	jiǔ	Sounds like jeeaw
10	Ten	shí	Sounds like sher

BASIC GREETINGS

Hello - **Nǐ hǎo** (sounds like Nee how)

How are you? - **Nǐ hǎo ma** (sounds like Nee how mar)

Good Morning – **Zao shang hao** (sounds like Zar shung how)

Goodbye – **zài jiàn** (sounds like tzai tzien)

Thank you – **xiè** (sounds like seair seair)