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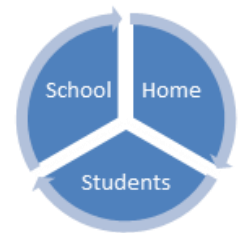
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## SCHOOL VALUES

- **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



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

Students have been responding well to our School Wide Positive Behaviours work at school. They have been able to express their understanding of what is expected in certain areas of the school and can speak about how our school values link in. Last week teachers walked around the yard with some raffle tickets acknowledging positive behaviour. We will continue to look for our positive behaviours next term. A reminder of the behaviours that are expected at the eating area at school;

- We sit under the covered space on a seat or on the retaining wall – responsibility
- We speak quietly with each other – respect & care
- We wait until we are dismissed to use our sports equipment – respect and responsibility
- We remain seated until we are dismissed - responsibility
- We dispose of rubbish and scraps appropriately – care & respect & responsibility
- We go to the eating area at the start of break time before playing – responsibility, trustworthiness

Early next term we will invite all families to have input into our current school values and our current school vision so that we can align our thinking to ensure we are all heading in the same direction. Students will also have this opportunity as part of developing more voice and agency on a daily basis. Yesterday in the 2-6 classes we discussed expected behaviours in 7 different areas of the school. As a group we discussed the use of 'don't' and 'no' and trying to word expectations in a more positive way. Instead of 'no running' we might say, 'we walk through this area'. Instead of 'don't call out' we might say, 'we put our hand up and wait before speaking'.

Being the last week of term, everyone is getting a little tired. It is at these times that we must continue to work on our resilience and also the way we treat others around us. We have repeated the information from last week as a prompt for discussion at home. Sit and have a chat with your child and family members about the relevance of the points below.

#### Think about the people in your life

Your family, friends, teachers and classmates - all of them play a part in your life. They might help you, make you laugh or teach you something new.

#### It's not always happy times

When we are feeling angry or sad we can sometimes act differently towards other people - we might yell, push them away or say something that upsets them.

#### Take some deep breaths

If you're feeling angry or sad and want to yell or cry - take three deep breaths. It can help to take some time to calm down before you decide what to do next.

#### Think about how you would like to be treated

We want other people to be nice to us, so we need to be nice to them too. That might mean saying sorry if you hurt them or listening when they speak

### **Drop off and pick up times**

It is important to remember that staff are on duty in the yard from 8:45am-9:00am. Before this time they are preparing their classrooms for the day, attending meetings and completing admin work. Please ensure students are not being dropped off outside of these times each day. If you need some support with this please speak with Mr O'Neill at school. We would also expect that students are picked up between 3:15pm and 3:30pm each day unless alternative arrangements are made. There are times when staff are asked to attend meetings in town and need to leave promptly at the end of the day, so if you know you are going to be picking up your child outside of these times please contact the school in advance. Again, if support is needed in this area please contact Mr O'Neill.

### **3 way conferences**

Thanks to those families who attended our 3 way conferences on Tuesday. If you were unable to make a time on Tuesday, please contact staff to ensure you touch base early next term. These conferences are made early in the year so that student goals for the year are discussed and early settling in and progress is communicated.

### **uEducateUs**

Thanks also to families for their use of this new system. It has been great to receive feedback on what is and isn't working so well. We have been able to monitor a few little problems, but generally families have given positive feedback about receiving information and communication. At times double up emails were being sent because of a repeating announcement. We will not repeat an announcement now unless it is of high importance. Please let us know how it is going.

### **Ride to school day**

This seemed to be a fantastic day from both the 3-6 and P-2 groups. Our scooter day at school as very well received. I think we had all students with access to a scooter on the day with everyone giving it a go. Some of the students didn't stop for the whole time they had access to our little track.

### **Inclusive Schools Grant**

Thanks to those families who have been able to pass on some thoughts and ideas about our inclusive schools grant. A small working group will now spend some time collating these ideas and feedback those to our school council and architect. From what I have seen so far there seems to be a lot of common ideas. General feedback about the concept and drawings from the architect has been positive. Unfortunately it is not possible to include every single idea, but we will try our best to make it an enjoyable and inclusive space for all.

### **School Pride and Sports fund**

Unfortunately the toilet block removal is holding us up with some of this work. We should begin to see some work done on our Patons Road fence over the holidays though with the remainder of the work beginning once the funds come through. This has been a long process and we thank families for your patience as we work through what needs to be done. The work will be done.

### **School Captains**

We have included a photo of our school captains Tilly and Liselle. They have done a great job this term and have been patient in waiting for their official badges. As Alicia once said – 'you don't need a badge to be a leader'. Well done on your work this term girls.



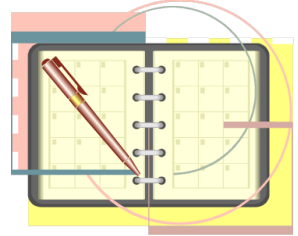
### **Terrific Kids Award**

Congratulations to Loki Martins for being awarded the Terrific Kids Award for term1 of 2019. Mr John Reid presented this at assembly on Monday and Loki is a very deserving winner. In my time at Eppalock PS I have seen very positive growth in Loki and he has always shown himself to be a 'Terrific Kid'. Well done Loki and we look forward to watching you become an even more positive and prominent leader in the school as you move towards grade 6.

Thanks  
Mr O'Neill



# IMPORTANT DATES



## APRIL

THURSDAY	4th	DENTAL SERVICE CHECKS SCHOOL COUNCIL—APRIL MEETING SPECIAL LUNCH—PIZZA (for those who have placed an order) Easter Raffle tickets, money and donations due
FRIDAY	5th	LAST DAY—TERM 1 Easter Raffle draw—1.15 pm 1.30 pm Dismissal and school bus will leave for afternoon trip
SUNDAY	21st	EASTER SUNDAY BBQ FUNDRAISER
TUESDAY	23rd	<b>FIRST DAY—TERM 2</b>
THURSDAY	25th	ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY	30th	Elmore Pie Drive—orders and money due



## MAY

THURSDAY	2nd	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION—MELBOURNE ZOO
THURSDAY	9th	Elmore Pie Drive pick-up



**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.

### THIS FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL—LAST DAY OF TERM

Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm—NO LUNCH AT SCHOOL. The School Bus will leave school at 1.30 pm for the afternoon run. Please ensure you have appropriate arrangements in place for your children.

Friday will be a casual clothes day for student (if they wish). Please ensure appropriate clothing and footwear (no thongs or bare shoulders).

We wish everyone a very happy, safe and restful holiday time and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 23rd April, refreshed and excited for the new term.

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

We are looking for three volunteers to coordinate/recruit others, with the sourcing of business donations for the upcoming Trivia night's Silent Auction.

This is a fantastic night and the silent auctions are a fun way to meet other parents and raise funds for our little school.

We can provide a list of Businesses and some instructions on how to do this. The aim of this task is to systematically cover a range of businesses with out doubling up or missing any of our regular partnerships.

If you are interested in helping out, please let Kelly Hayward, Sal Symes or Alicia Martin know and we will get you connected with what you need to start.

For **Mothers' Day** this year we are having a **stall on Friday 10th May**. We are seeking donations in the form of a small gift eg succulents, chocolate, preserves, beauty/bath products, craft items etc.

All gifts will be displayed at the stall with prices ranging from \$1.00—\$5.00. The students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum on this day. It's a lovely thing to watch the smile on their faces when they have selected something on their own as a special gift for their mum.

We are putting this out early to plant the seed of thought over the holidays—it would be great to get a wide range of items for our stall. Thanks in advance and there will be more information after the holidays.

### Upcoming dates

- Thursday April 4th Easter raffle tickets, money and donations due
- Friday April 5th Easter Raffle drawn 1:15pm
- Tuesday 23 April - Thursday 2nd May small gift donations requested for upcoming mothers day stall.
- Tuesday April 30th Elmore Pie drive forms due back
- Week May 6th-10th (date TBC) Mothers day stall held on one of the days in this week.
- Thursday 9th May Elmore Pie Drive Pick up.



TO THE WEBB FAMILY

FOR THEIR GENEROUS

SUPPORT DONATING THE SAUSAGES FOR OUR BARE-  
FOOT BOWLS DAY





## Fun Mandarin – our School Chinese Language Program

### The Prep/Grade 1s were working on Colors again this week

Red hóng sè 红色	Yellow huáng sè 黄色	Blue lán sè 蓝色
Green lǜ sè 绿色	Purple zǐ sè 紫色	Orange chéng sè 橙色
Brown zōng sè 棕色	White bái sè 白色	Black hēi sè 黑色

red – **hóng sè** (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 zǐ** (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)



Preps & Grade 1s - why not try not try this Chinese Buddy 'youtube clip' to practice your Chinese Greetings these holidays.... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fm11XFw8uY>

### The Grade 2/3s and Grade 4s were exploring FOOD again this week

bǐ sà – pizza  
 hàn bǎo bāo – hamburger  
 sān míng zhì – sandwich  
 mǐ fàn – rice  
 chǎo fàn – fried rice  
 cha shao bao – pork bun  
 yì dài liàn – spaghetti  
 jiǎo zi – dumpling  
 chūnjuǎn – spring roll  
 shu tiao – chips



### The Grade 5/6s have again been working on 'FAMILY' and 'FOOD'

mà mà – mum	bà bà – dad	dì dì – little brother
gē gē – big brother	mèi mei – little sister	jiě jiě – big sister
two little sisters – liang ge mei mei	nǎi nǎi – grandma	yé yé – grandpa



The Grade 4/5/6s have been using the online 'QUIZLET' program to test their Mandarin knowledge of with these topics. Quizlet has some fun games & quizzes and the children are on teams to try to beat each other!



Why not try this Chinese Buddy 'youtube clip' to practice your family vocab - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uc7qd9xPpDY>



# RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY





Last Friday we rode from Longlea to Axedale and back along the O'Keefe Rail Trail. The Grade 3/4/5/6 kids and some parents along with Mr Mac and Milly did the ride. Lydia drove car as the support vehicle.

It was 18 kilometres. We stopped at the Axedale School on the way and had recess there and a little play. It was really interesting to see another school. Then we rode down to the Campaspe River and had a sausage sizzle for lunch. We had boat races on the river with pieces of bark.

After lunch we rode back and it was harder because it is uphill. Our parents picked us up at back at Longlea Lane.

It was really fun but a little exhausting as well. We would really like to do it again.



**PREP / GRADE 1 & GRADE 2** were allowed to bring their scooters to school last Friday. We were allowed to ride them around the basketball court at recess and lunch. There was an obstacle course and it was lots of fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise this day.