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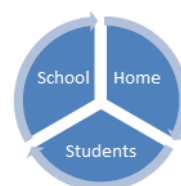
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## SCHOOL VALUES

- **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

We continue to speak about our school values at school with our students with the aim of our whole school community, not just being able to recite our school values, but being able to live them on a daily basis and give examples. Everyone should have a thorough understanding of what they are. These school values form the basis of any reflective discussions when an issue arises at school.



You will see our school values displayed in the assembly space and in the classrooms. Each classroom has their own set of classrooms rules and has spent the first couple of weeks discussing these together. They have also outlined their own class positive rewards system which you may have heard about at home. Over the next few weeks we will share these in the newsletter.

Next Tuesday afternoon our staff will meet with a Department support person about School Wide Positive Behaviours. Our school has done some work in this area in the past and is revisiting this to ensure our learning environment is the best it can be. We will share more about this framework over the coming months. Do you know what our school values are?

### School Council

We have had an amazing response to our call for school council members from last week. You still have a couple of days if you would like to nominate for a position. Nomination forms are at the office and must be submitted in writing using one of the forms by Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. With such a great response we may need to hold a ballot this year. Information about this process will be sent out if a ballot is required.

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Notice of election and call for nominations
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 - Closing date for nominations
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Close of ballot
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Vote Count
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Declaration of poll
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside)

### Medical requirements

Thanks to those families who have updated medical information. Please ensure this is passed onto the office and you have a discussion with classroom teachers and Kristy to ensure any changes or important information is communicated.

### Bus

Our bus travellers seem to have settled very well and reports from Bernie are positive, which is usually the case. At the information night we passed on Bus Code of Conduct forms again, just to remind families of expected behaviour when travelling on the bus. Please have a discussion with your child about this to support the expectation of courteous and safe bus travel.

### **Foodshare**

Just another announcement in regards to Foodshare. Every Tuesday morning we are able to provide a few extra grocery items to our families from the Bendigo Foodshare organisation. This is generously picked up by Marlene and Leigh. Please drop by the old school building from Tuesday morning onwards if you are interested in a few items to help you through the week. Last week Marlene and Leigh 'boxed up' and 'bagged' items for easy access, so it is worth dropping by. We will generally clear out the items on a Friday.

### **WWCC**

A reminder to ensure that any volunteer working in our school must have Working With Children documentation lodged at the office. If you are not sure how to obtain this, please speak with someone at the office and we will give you some assistance.

### **uEducateUs**

Over the next couple of days families will receive their login to our new school management system. Staff are still developing their skills and knowledge of this system so please be patient as we begin to roll out different aspects of it. The logins will allow parents to have access and have a look around. Families should be able to find the school newsletter on the system each week (once you have your login details).

### **Information forms**

At our information night we handed out the following information sheets and consent forms for parents to read, sign and return. These will go home to families as a hard copy before the end of the 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

### **SCHOOL CENSUS DAY**

Thursday February 28th is School Census Day. If your child is absent on this day it is very important that we are provided with a note explaining the absence. Our budget is determined by the number of children who attend on Census Day and enrolment numbers and information will be subject to audit. We thank you in anticipation for your cooperation with this matter.

Thanks

Mr O'Neill

## **PARENT CLUB MEETING**

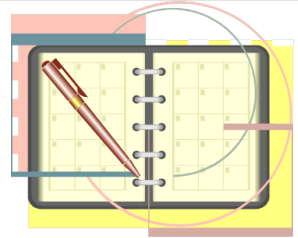
Parent Club helps the school organise events, raise money and support each other as parents. Parent Club is a great way for new families to meet the EPS community in a casual welcoming space. You will not be roped into an executive position, we promise! Come as often as you can.

Please vote for the date and time that you can attend by letting Marie, Jason or Alicia Martin know. We will finalise the details by the end of this week.

- ◇ Monday 9.15am (after assembly)
- ◇ Tuesday 9am
- ◇ Wednesday 9am
- ◇ Thursday 9am
- ◇ Friday 9am

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# IMPORTANT DATES



## FEBRUARY

Thursday	21st	School Nurse visit—prep students
Friday	22nd	MUSIC COMMUNITY NIGHT—6.00 pm—BYO Picnic tea followed by 'Crazy Bingo' Closing date for School Council nominations
Tuesday	26th	SWIMMING
Wednesday	27th	PREP STUDENTS—NO SCHOOL MARC LIBRARY
Thursday	28th	CENSUS DAY

## MARCH

Tuesday	5th	SWIMMING
Wednesday	6th	PREP STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday	7th	School Council Annual Meeting followed by March General Meeting
Friday	8th	MUSIC
Monday	11th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY
Wednesday	13th	MARC LIBRARY
Friday	22nd	MUSIC
Tuesday	26th	12.30 pm—6.30 pm '3 WAY CONFERENCE' (parent/teacher/student)
Wednesday	27th	MARC LIBRARY

## APRIL

FRIDAY	5th	LAST DAY—TERM 1
TUESDAY	23rd	FIRST DAY—TERM 2
THURSDAY	25th	ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

## MAY

THURSDAY	2nd	WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION—MELBOURNE ZOO
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**IMPORTANT**

## 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](http://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](http://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.



Introducing

# FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

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**THIS FRIDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY—6.00 pm**

**It's on again!**

## **Eppalock's Annual Crazy Bingo Community Night.**

Its loads of fun for the whole family and a great way to meet new people in your community.

**Each person who wishes to play is asked to bring along 2 small gifts** (adults get involved too).

The gifts can be as crazy as you like, inexpensive is best, wrap them up, newspaper is fine (eg ball, toilet roll, bubbles, key ring, or find something in your present cupboard you've been meaning to clear out, etc).



On the night we play a huge outdoor game of bingo with a crazy twist.

**6pm—Friday 22nd February at school**

**Bring your own picnic tea.**

See Alicia Martin 0439 691 767 or Marie in the office for more details.

**Hope to see everyone there!**



PIANO | DRUMS  
GUITAR | BASS | UKULELE  
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