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## ***EPSOM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 2– 12/02/15***

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### **Principal's Report**

#### **Launch of the Epsom Primary School Houses**

What an exciting day tomorrow. The official launch of Allen, Howard and Potter Houses will commence with our scavenger hunt. This will be followed by lunch and launch with our Epsom Pottery sponsors at the Pottery. Come and help earn points for your child's house:

Time- 11.30 – 1.30

Starting at Epsom Primary School oval

See inside newsletter for more details

Children may go home with their parents from the pottery after the launch. Sign out sheet will be available.

Good Luck to all the Houses!

#### **Nominations for school council**

Nominations for the 2015/2016 School Council will commence on Friday 13th February

#### **Nominations close 4pm February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Retiring members of school council are; Bridget Green, Michelle Bethell, Cameron McGibbon, Sarah Whyte, Rosalie Grant and Scott Jefferis.

I would like to thank them for all of their hard work during their time as School Council members.

Retiring members with students attending our School are most welcome to renominate for School Council.

#### **Vacancies**

2 year – 5 positions

1 year – 1 position

Self-Nomination forms are included with this newsletter  
Please hand/post nominations to the principal.

#### **Behaviour Matrix**

The eldest child from each family will today bring home a package containing copies of behaviour matrixes for our students and families. Also included is a copy of our school rules. All the children have been learning these rules. These behaviour matrix and rules are the result of the work from last year with John Sloan when he worked with students, parents and staff to develop rules to make our school a great place for learning.

Please take the time to read this information and discuss it with your child/ren. Our complete School Wide Positive Behaviour handbook is still currently at the printers and when delivered will be issued to all families.

#### **Prep Picnic Tea**

On 24<sup>th</sup> February we are welcoming our new Preps and parents with a picnic Tea. Please See Mrs Hayward's notice in this newsletter for further details.

#### **Student Materials Fee**

In 2015 the student materials and requisites fee is \$85 per child. The ICT charge is \$40 per student or \$100 a family of 3 or more. These are compulsory payments that ensure that your child/ren has the best possible resources. **These amounts are due for payment before the end of Term 1 at the Office.**

School Council has also set a voluntary levy of \$30 per family to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds. You can choose to contribute 10 hours of voluntary work around the grounds as your contribution rather than pay the levy. Please let Deanne know your preferred option or fill in the box in this newsletter. Please return tick boxes in this newsletter to the Office.

***Lyn Coulter***

***Principal***

#### **HEALTH CARE CARDS**

Holders of Health Care Cards would be aware there is no EMA payment this year but a small payment will be made via the school if you have a current Health Care Card.

**Please bring your Health Care Card to the Office before Friday 27th February.** I will take a copy of it and the payment will be applied to your family account. We cannot accept late cards due to circumstances beyond our control.

#### **FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

Breakfast tomorrow.....toast and vegemite.

#### **THERE WILL NO SUBWAY LUNCHES TOMORROW DUE TO HOUSE LAUNCH**

#### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON TUESDAY**

We will be cooking pancakes on the BBQ Tuesday morning from 8.15am.....YUM. Any volunteers would be great. (Tick box at end of newsletter)

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015**  
**TERM ONE—JANUARY 28TH—MARCH 27TH**



Fri 13th Feb	Epsom PS Houses Launch and Scavenger Hunt
Tues 17th Feb	Pancake Breakfast @ 8.15am
Wed 18th Feb	NO PREPS AT SCHOOL
Tues 24th Feb	Prep Basket Tea at 6pm
Wed 25th Feb	NO PREPS AT SCHOOL
Fri 27th Feb	School Council Nominations Close @ 4pm
Fri 27th Feb	Last day for Health Care Cards to be presented at the Office
Mon 2nd March	Swimming Carnival
Mon 9th March	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 11th March	The Aunty Peach Show—Incursion (\$6 per student or FAMILY \$15)
Fri 20th March	Anti Bullying Day
Sat 21st March	Dahlia & Arts Procession and Relay Races
Fri 27th March	Last day of Term 1

**TERM TWO—APRIL 13TH—JUNE 26TH**

Mon 13th April	First day of Term 2
Wed 15th-Fri 17th April	Grade 5/6 Camp—Melbourne
Wed 22nd April	SCHOOL PHOTOS BEING TAKEN

**PREP BASKET TEA**

Prep families are invited to share in a BYO Basket Tea on Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

The program for the evening will be:

6:00 BYO Basket Tea

6:30 Prep students are involved in fun activities

6:30 Parents are invited to come into the Prep room for an information session.

Looking forward to seeing you,

*Mrs Tilby Hayward*

*(Prep teacher)*

**Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival RELAY RACES**

We are entering two teams in the relay races against other Bendigo schools.

**WHEN:** Sat 21st March

**WHERE:** Eaglehawk Town Hall

**TIME:** 11:15am

There is a Grade 3/4 race - 8 competitors (200m each) Race Time - 11:45am

There is a Grade 5/6 race - 8 competitors (200m each) Race Time - 11:55am If your child is interested, please let Mrs Brunswick know.

*Thank you*

*Jan Brunswick*

**SCHOOL GARDENING ROSTER**

A school gardening roster will be established once the slips indicating family preference for the grounds voluntary contribution have been returned.

*Deanne Sheedy*

**EXCURSION FEE**

The 2015 excursion and camp costs for various grades will be sent home later this term.

Our first incursion (held at school) is “The Aunty Peach Show.” This show centres around the magic of Roald Dahl’s wacky and humorous twisted fairy tales. The cost is \$6 per student, or \$15 per family.

**Please pay before Wednesday March 11th.**

**Monies can be paid directly into the school account:**

**BSB 633000**

**Account No. 107661738**

**Account Name: Epsom Primary School**

**Please use your child’s surname as your reference.**

**Gr 3-6 JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Nominations forms have been handed out to interested students and should have been returned today.

All students should have their speeches written by Monday February 23rd. There has been a lot of interest which is fabulous but there can only be a final 12 candidates ( 6 boys and 6 girls) from each year level for election day. If there are too many students for each section a mini election will be held on Tues / Wed by year level teachers to finalise the spots.

Any queries, please contact Mrs Brunswick.

*Jan Brunswick*

*Student Leadership Coordinator*

A reminder to all parents to please return the blue “**Local School Excursion**” form to your child’s teacher. **ALL** children need to be ticked off as having returned this form. If you didn’t receive one, please visit the office to pick up another one.

## **GRADE 5/6 MELBOURNE CAMP**

The grade 5/6 camp is in the first week of term two from **Wednesday April 15th to Friday April 17th**. Costs and a program are close to being finalised. We are trying hard to keep costs in line with last years fee of approximately \$260.

We are calling for an expression of interest from "dads" of grade 5/6 students. We would like to take two dads on camp with us to Melbourne. You would require a current "working with children check." Please contact the school ASAP if you are interested.

Mrs Sheedy will take \$50 or \$25 instalments. Please send the money to the office marked 5/6 Camp and your child's name or deposit directly into the schools account. Details are on the bottom of the calendar. This is a great way to pay with less money to find all at once.

**Your child cannot attend camp unless it has been paid for before they go.**

*Jan Brunswick and Kate FitzGerald  
Gr 5/6 teachers*

## **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DELIVERY**

Let's save some trees and some money! How, you might ask? You can access our newsletter via an app, the Epsom PS web page or I can email it to you...hot off the press. There are several advantages when you access the newsletter electronically, one being that the photos are in colour and a much better quality. Please use the slip on the last page to indicate how you would like to receive your newsletter.

## **LUNCH TIME GUITAR LESSONS**

We are asking for expressions of interest from students who would like to participate in private guitar lessons at school. These are held once a week, on a Wednesday, for half an hour at lunch time. Children will need their own guitar and payment is made directly to the guitar teacher. The cost is \$10 per week. Please return the form on last page **next week** if your child would like to learn guitar.

## **THE AUNTY PEACH SHOW**

**Where: Epsom PS Multi Purpose room**

**When: Wednesday 11th March 12-1pm**

**Cost: \$6 per student or \$15 per family**

The Aunty Peach Show provides students with a fun-filled learning experience that supports literacy, personal development and drama units, all in an enjoyable, interactive environment.

Please pay for this incursion before March 11th.

(This charge will be on the excursion form.)

## **VISUAL ARTS AND PHYS ED NEWS**

Information notes to parents went home over the last week in regards to both Visual Arts excursions to The Bendigo Pottery commencing next Monday as well as a note about the Houses Launch for tomorrow. The Pottery note referred to a Mrs Davey's timetable (so you know when your child/children are on excursion) which was omitted from the note. Please find a small version of this attached to this newsletter.

It is so fabulous to see 99% of the students arriving for Phys Ed with hats and sneakers. This makes Phys Ed classes so much safer. Thank-you.

I am keen to collect ice-cream tub lids please for Visual Art classes. Please drop any spares you have to the art room.

*Mrs Gill Davey*

*Visual Arts & Phys Ed Specialist*

## **SUPPLIES TO BE PROVIDED BY PARENTS**

The school supplies most materials that your child will need.

The only things parents are asked to supply are:

- Smock or old shirt for Art and Craft.
- Large box of tissues. Please send to your child's class teacher.
- School bag large enough to hold a lunch box, reader cover and general belongings.
- Library book bag for Grades 1-6.

Please ensure you name clothing, bags, drinking containers, lunch boxes and other personal items. Small children often fail to recognise their belongings.

## **PARENT HELPERS**

We invite parents of children in all grades to come into our classrooms to hear reading any morning you are available. Our preference this year is for reading to begin at 9:00am through to approximately 9:30am. We also require parents to assist cleaning the tables.

This could happen any morning before 9.00am or any afternoon after 3.30pm. **A reminder that all volunteers now need to obtain a Working with Children's Check.**

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

School Council have ratified that all school volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children's Check. Application forms can be obtained online.

A parent register will be maintained at the office so please let us know when you have submitted your application and bring your card in to Deanne to be photocopied when it arrives. Please ensure this is finalised prior to the end of Term 1. We look forward to your cooperation with this as it is a measure to ensure the health and safety of all students.

**NEWSLETTER DELIVERY**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter electronically.

Please circle.....I would like to receive it via.....

EPSOM PS APP            WEB SITE

EMAIL

My email address is:

**VOLUNTARY GROUNDS LEVY**

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle

The option I choose for the Grounds Levy is:

**TO PAY THE \$30 LEVY**

**10 HOURS DONATION OF TIME**

A reminder to all parents to please return the blue "Local School Excursion" form to your child's teacher.

ALL children need to be ticked off as having returned this form. If you didn't receive one, please visit the office to pick up another one.

***2015 HEAD LICE EXCLUSION RETURN***

I wish to have my child/children

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excluded from the Epsom Primary School Parent Head Lice Inspection Program.

I agree to carry out an inspection of my own child/children at the time of the school's inspection and return the inspection sheet to the school on the following day.

Signed

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Family Name

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**I CAN HELP COOK PANCAKES ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY @ 8AM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUSIC LESSONS—GUITAR**

***Guitar Lessons—Expression of Interest***

I wish to express an interest in my grade 3-6 child/ren

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

I would love to assist with fundraising activities but cannot attend meetings.

Please contact me:

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**VISUAL ARTS AND PE TIMETABLE TERM 1 2015**

**PREP: ART MONDAY 10-11AM            PE TUESDAY 11.30-12.30**

**1/2P: ART MONDAY 2.30-3.30            PE FRIDAY 12.30-1.30**

**1/2ST: ART THURSDAY 10-11AM            PE FRIDAY 11.30-12.30**

**1/2O: ART WEDNESDAY 2.30-3.30            PE TUESDAY 12.30-1.30**

**3/4S ART THURSDAY 11.30-12.30            PE WEDNESDAY 10-11**

**3/4G ART WEDNESDAY 11.30-12.30            PE MONDAY 12.30-1.30**

**3/4F ART THURSDAY 2.30-3.30            PE TUESDAY 10-11**

**5/6B ART WEDNESDAY 12.30-1.30            PE TUESDAY 9-10**