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EPSOM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 8 27/11/14

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Someone tells me we only have 17 days of school left for 2014. And we still have so many things to happen between now and then. Swimming will start next week, we have our grade 6 graduation, sleepover for our Grade 2's, selection of next year's School Captains, Carols and more. Our younger students (and also our seniors) get very tired at this time of the year so please remember for them to continue learning well they need their 10 hours sleep every night.

Congratulations to Skye Webb on her outstanding effort last Saturday at the Shepparton regional athletics day. Skye competed as part of the winning Bendigo girls sprint relay team. She will now compete in Melbourne at the State titles on the Dec. 13th. Good luck Skye!

China 2015

Congratulations to the following students on being selected to represent our school as part of the Overseas Team China group: Jordan Keene, Georgia Harrison, Krystale Manion and Charlotte Hair. The students will travel, along with myself and 45 other children selected from 17 schools during May/June 2015.

Transition 2015

Our 2015 Preps had another wonderful transition day on Thursday. Sue Hinton worked with the parents on helping their child with literacy while the new preps were very busy getting to know their grade 5/6 buddies for next year. Having a link with another child for the start of the new school year gives our 2015 Preps confidence from having a support person on hand. But we soon see growth as they make their own friendship groups and become independent.

The State-wide transition day occurs on Tuesday December 9th. Our Grade 6's will visit their secondary schools for 2015 and our 2015 Preps will be with us for the day. Also our existing children will move around to their next learning community for 2015. Next year we will have the following class structures:

Prep

3 X Grade 1/2 classes

3 X Grade 3/4 classes

2 X Grade 5/6 classes

At this stage however, our staffing has not been finalised. You and your child will be notified of their 2015 teacher when reports are issued on the Friday December 12th.

Epsom Primary School is a Voting Booth

This weekend is the state election. Our school is a designated voting booth on Saturday. Voting is open from 8.00am to 6.00pm. We will be holding a sausage sizzle and selling drinks for the day. There are still some time slots to fill, so if you have a spare hour or two please fill in the form or ring the Office. We also have a Bunnings BBQ on December 6th and need volunteers please.

ELECTION DAY BBQ AT EPSOM PS **SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

I can help in the following time slots:-

SET UP 7.30-8.30am Jake and Jan/

8.30-9.30 am Kylie E. /Lyn/ Scott J

9.30-10.30am Michelle B/Sarah W

10.30-11.30am Gen B / Leanne V

11.30-12.30pm Kate and Rob

12.30-1.30pm _____

1.30-2.30pm Alice P/ Michelle S.

FINISHING TIME TO BE DETERMINED

Bush Fires

We are an identified “Bushfire at Risk Register” (BARR) school. Please read the information in this newsletter informing you of procedures/protocols on days declared “Code Red”. To enable us to send important notifications please ensure that you have notified us of new phone numbers, addresses etc. We would also ask that parents download the Fireready app on their phones.

Asthma

Thanks to those parents who have replaced the out of date puffers held in the office. It's so easy to overlook but when needed in an emergency could be fatal. A reminder: all students with an asthma plan need to have puffers at school. ***Continued. p3***

FRIDAYS

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS—TO OFFICE BEFORE 9AM

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014



TERM 4

October 6th—December 19th—HATS REQUIRED

WEEK 8

Thurs 27th Nov

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Fri 28th Nov

Fri 28th Nov

Sat 29th Nov

November 24th—November 28th

Book Club orders due back

Third Prep 2015 Transition 9.15-10.30am

Swimming to be paid for by today

Grades 3/4 Milo Big Bash

ELECTION DAY—SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT SCHOOL

VOTE AT EPSOM AND BUY A SAUSAGE—

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR BBQ

WEEK 9

December 1st—December 5th

SWIMMING FROM MON DEC 1ST—MON DEC 15TH

Mon 1st Dec

5/6 B Bike Ride

Mon 1st Dec

Last AASC Grades 3-6

Tues 2nd Dec

Minecraft Club @ 4pm-5pm

Thurs 4th Dec

Fourth Prep 2015 Transition 9.15-10.30am

Friday 5th Dec

Junior Pizza Tea/ Grade 2 Sleepover

Saturday 6th Dec

Bunnings BBQ—Helpers will be required

WEEK 10

December 8th—December 12th

Tuesday 9th Dec

Whole School Transition including Preps 2015 9.15-1pm

Tues 9th Dec

Minecraft Club @ 4pm-5pm

Wed 10th Dec

Last AASC Prep-2

Wed 10th Dec

Active Travel Forum @ 3pm in MPR

Fri 12th Dec

Reports going home

Sunday 14th Dec

BENDIGO MARKETPLACE COMPETITION CLOSES

WEEK 11

December 15th—December 19th

Mon 15th Dec

LAST DAY OF SWIMMING

Mon 15th Dec

School Council Meeting

Tues 16th Dec

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Wed 17th Dec

Grade 6 Graduation (To be confirmed)

Fri 19th Dec

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

PAYMENT OF FEES

Epsom Primary School Bank Details

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000

Account number 107661738

2015 TERM DATES

TERM 1—January 28th—March 27th

TERM 2—April 13th—June 26th

TERM 3—July 13th—September 18th

TERM 4—October 5th—December 18th

MONEY CAN GROW ON TREES LEADERBOARD

A reminder that there is a box in the Office to drop off any Market place receipts.

MARKETPLACE COMPETITION

All Christmas tree's have now been decorated and look fantastic. A very big thank you for the time and effort you all went in hand making the decorations! The customers have enjoyed looking at the display and I am continuously receiving positive feedback!

There are \$14,000 in cash grants to be won by local schools!

1st Prize: \$10,000

2nd prize: \$2,500

3rd prize: \$1500

*all schools will receive a sports pack for participating

1 st	Huntly Primary on 3204 points
2 nd	Epsom Primary on 2696 points
3 rd	Specimen Hill Primary on 2093 points
4 th	Kangaroo Flat Primary on 1953 points
5 th	Colbinabbin Primary on 1714 points
6 th	Strathfieldsaye Primary on 994 points
7 th	Lockwood South Primary on 971 points
8 th	Violet Street Primary on 805 points

Hats

Hats are still an issue with some children claiming not to have a hat. Please can you check your child has a brimmed hat that can be left at school as Term 4 requires all children to wear hats for outside activities to uphold our Sun Smart accreditation and keep your child safe. Hats can be purchased from Centavic Clothing, Whip Court, Long Gully.

***Lyn Coulter
Principal***

SWIMMING PAYMENT—\$50

Please pay for swimming tomorrow.

Swimming begins on Monday, December 1st.

Swimming must be paid in order for your child to participate.

BREAKFAST TOMORROW FROM 8.15AM—8.45AM—

We have some yoghurt and fruit for tomorrow—Kids must have their own cup/bowl and spoon if they want to have this!!



If the kids don't bring utensils only toast will be available to them.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We would like to ask families to start donating to our wonderful Christmas Raffle. Thanks to your generosity and Josie and Narelle's creativity our Christmas Raffle prizes are always beautiful. Tickets will be sent home to families in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your support.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: GRADE 5/6 CAMP 2015

Thank you to all the families who have returned their form. If you have not as yet, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM and \$50 deposit immediately so final costings can be organised. We cannot make bookings for activities or finalise costs until we receive feedback from 2015 Grade 5 and 6 students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

***Jan Brunswick and Kate Fitzgerald
5/6 Class Teachers***

BUNNINGS BBQ

Please fill in the time slot you are able to help:-

BUNNINGS BBQ SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

I can help in the following time slots:-

8.30-9.30 am _____
9.30-10.30am _____
10.30-11.30am _____
11.30-12.30pm _____
12.30-1.30pm _____
1.30-2.30pm _____
2.30-3.30pm _____
3.30-4.30pm _____

P.E. UPDATE

Swimming

Swimming starts next week, please make sure all permission and medical forms are returned ASAP to the classroom teacher. Every family should have a swimming timetable so you know which days your children/children are swimming.

Grade 3/4 T20 Big Bash

Friday 28th – tomorrow. All grade 3/4 students are expected to participate for fun and build their cricket skills as part of the Phys Ed curriculum. Permission notes should be returned by now. The weather is going to be hot (29 degrees) so please ensure frozen drinks, hats and sunscreen is provided, No money is allowed.

Houses Update

It is with great excitement that we have chosen our three names for our new school houses:

Allen (Green) – named after Mr Edwin Allen who was our first Head Teacher 1881 – 1895.

Howard (Blue) – named after the street our school is built on.

Potter (Gold) – named after the Bendigo Pottery, an Epsom iconic landmark.

Mrs Davey

P.E. Specialist

PHILMAC PROJECT GRANT– PLEASE VOTE

Only 2 weeks left to vote for our entry.

To do this you just need to go to the site (or you can share your project), you will need to register using email (to ensure everyone votes once to keep it fair!), click on your entry and click on the big 'Vote for this entry' button.

www.philmacproject.com.au

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Mrs Sheedy

Restore and Rescue the Soccer pitch

(This is what to look for on the philmac project site, p. 5, when I looked today.....47 votes so far)



Book bags can be purchased from the Office for \$10

ACTIVE TRAVEL FORUM

Today our Grade 5's and a few 3's and 4's participated in an Active Travel Forum. The aim of this was for the students to work out a way our school can have more children walking, riding or scooting to school. Ian and Crystie (the facilitators) will be coming back to our school to work with interested parents, teachers and children to help implement children actively travelling to school. The students who participated today will be preparing various maps and students travel patterns to the school. Please fill in the slip below if you would be available to attend the next presentation.

ACTIVE TRAVEL FORUM @ 3PM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

NAME: _____

CHINESE STUDENTS

We have been lucky enough to have Bendigo Violet Street Primary School join us on Thursday afternoons. In that time they have written speeches to say farewell to their host schools or made presentations with voice overs and pictures of their stay. We have also looked at the school blogs and answered many questions from school friends in Australia.

Their English has really improved as they have been immersed in the language. We are really proud of our Chinese students and will be very sad to see them go. Thanks Summer, Linda, Thomas, Zeke, Cherry and Colora, I have very much enjoyed being your English teacher.

From Ms Fitz

Please come along to Fridays assembly as Colora will be presenting her "book" that she created using the Book Creator app.

She has done a wonderful job, all in English!

Well done, Colora!



Gifts for Christmas guide from Common Sense Media. https://www.common sense media.org/guide/holiday-gift-guide-2014?utm_source=November+2014+-+Holiday+Gift+Guide&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly

Mrs Ashby

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN