Dear Parents,
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Community Evening last night. We all had a terrific time, especially those who attended Pirate Peg’s story and show. It is terrific to see such wonderful support for our small school. Thanks to Mrs Hendy and Mr Saddlier for organising the BBQ and to everyone else who assisted on the night.

**ANAPHYLAXIS**
A reminder to all parents that we now have two students attending the school who have a severe anaphylactic reaction to nuts of all types. As this condition can be life threatening we ask for everyone’s cooperation in **not sending any nut products** to school. Thank you.

Our school has registered to raise funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The easiest way to donate is to go to the website goodfridayappeal.com.au and follow the links. You can also enter a fun run for kids at runforthekids.com.au. The school for kids contribution will be used to purchase a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit Ultrasound Device.

Please find attached the Visitors Policy. Thank you to all community members who have brought copies of their Working with Children’s Checks to the office.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Kerry McGuffie

**CYBERSAFETY SESSION**
Next Wednesday from 7-8pm all parents are welcome to come and listen to Tony Richards, who is the Cybersafety expert visiting our school. Please register your interest at the Office.

Chelsea, Trayle, Lily B., Brodie, Rylee,
Georgia K., Zac M., Adam, Tyler, Declan,
Kayla, Krystale, Aidan, Jorja, Jack B.,
Reece, Maddison H., Emily Mc., Prue,
Darcy, Mark, Ashlee, Jesse T.

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**School Council**
Nominations for school council closed yesterday at 4pm and I am pleased to announce that the members of School Council are:
Bridget Green, Rosalie Grant, Scott Jefferis, Sarah Whyte, Michelle Bethell (parent reps) and Jacob Saddlier (DEECD).

Congratulations on your successful election to the school council.

We also welcome back Marijke Harrison, Rob Grant and Janelle Bourke (parent reps) and Jenny Ashby and Michelle Stone (DEECD).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 18th March at 6pm.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**
Please check Noticeboard for more information.

**Fundraiser for School Chaplaincy:**
**Thursday 21st Feb.**
Film - Les Misérables at Star Cinema Eaglehawk, 6pm light refreshments; 6.30pm screening. $16. Bookings & Payment to School Chaplaincy c/- 175 Station St. Epsom 3551 by Mon. 18 February (Phone 5448 3912).

**Clean up Australia Day—Sunday 3rd March**
The Northern Bendigo Landcare Group and Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail members have registered a Clean Up site to remove rubbish from:
- The O’Keefe Rail Trail’s small section, between the Bendigo Creek Trail and Napier St (Midland Hwy) White Hills
- A section of the Bendigo Creek, between Weeroona Ave and Scott St White Hills.

Meet at the Bendigo Rowing Clubrooms to register and collect your clean up equipment. Start time 8.30 am, end time 11.45am. If you would like to register your interest before the day, visit :\www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/ Bendigo+Creek and click “Join this Site” button on the right.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Thur 28th Feb: EMA applications close. No late claims can be processed
Friday 1st March: 5/6 F—24 Hour Skype
Mon 11th March: Labour Day Holiday
Monday 18th March: School Council Meeting
Curriculum Day
Friday 22nd March: Ride to School Day
Wed 27th March: Cybersafety Session with Tony Richards 7-8pm
Thur 28th March: Last day of Term 1
Mon 15th April: First day of Term 2

OFFICE NEWS
Please ensure you have the correct money when paying for things at the Office.

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please advise the Office.

Education Maintenance Allowance— If you have a Health Care Card you are probably eligible for EMA. Forms available from the Office. Applications need to be submitted by 28th Feb.

Subject Contributions $80 per student-
This fee covers the students requisites for the whole year. ie: Pencils, pens, books, art materials, printing, readers etc.
Please pay at the Office A.S.A.P.

Working With Children Check
Application forms are available from the Office.

Subway Lunch Orders—New Order forms
Please use the new order form which is available from the Office. An order form must be completed and correct money is required with order. Please remember lunch orders have to be in the Office before school on Fridays.

Headphones
Headphones are now available from the Office for $5.

Weekly Grounds Roster
I will be sending keys home today with Tayla S., Dacota T., and Daniel T. The trees are losing their leaves so there is lots of sweeping required around the place.
Next weeks keys will be going home with Layla, Jess T., and Rylee.
Deanne Hendy – Environmental Coordinator

ICT Fee for 2013
A yearly fee of $40 for each student will help maintain our technology and help lessen the burden with the government cutting funding for ICT in schools. Please support our use of technology this year as we need to stay up to date and your $1 a week will ensure we can. ICT equipment is not being sent home with students at the moment.

HEADLICE CHECKS
We are in urgent need of some volunteers to help with our important headlice checks. Once a term a team of 5 or 6 parents perform headlice checks on all the students. (Unless a child has been excluded.) The checks normally take about 2 hours and usually take place from 9a.m.
Please consider volunteering for this so we can attempt to keep headlice under wraps.

Active After-School Programs (AASC) – Free Program
In Term 1 we will be conducting Hockey sessions. Monday nights will be strictly for children in grades 3-6 and Wednesday nights for children in grades Prep-2. We understand our Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays until March, however prep children are most welcome to commence mid-term once they begin full weeks of school.
Parent Permission forms are available from the school office and Mr. Saddlier.
PIRATE PEG LEG AT THE COMMUNITY GATHERING

THE BEST BBQ'ER