Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful break over the holidays. The students have settled quickly back into school ready to learn. Mrs Davey has taken our school leaders to Melbourne today to the service at the Shrine of Remembrance. This is a terrific opportunity for the children and we look forward to hearing about it on their return.

The students are currently training for the cross country next week. Please make sure permission forms are sent back asap. Our own school cross country will be held at a later date.

The netball teams play their first game on Saturday and we wish them luck. Thank you to the coaches and have fun girls!

This term we are beginning to take enrolments for 2014. A booklet containing the dates for information sessions and special activities will be handed out at the kindergartens in the very near future. All sessions will be conducted in Education Week (the week beginning 20th May). Enrolment forms are available at the office now.

Take care
Kerry McGuffie

SPECIAL “WELCOME BACK” BREAKFAST TOMORROW
We will be having a pancake breakfast cooked on the BBQ tomorrow morning from 8.30 a.m. Toppings will be strawberry and apricot jam and honey. Thanks to Sarah and Michelle who will be cooking up a storm. Please supply a small plastic plate.

ANZAC DAY BADGES
Badges are for sale in the Office, ranging from 50c to $5

Missing Laptop
At the moment we are not sending any laptops, netbooks, iPods or iPads home with students. We are missing a white laptop (No. 32) so please can everyone keep their eyes open for it. As we lease our laptops we are required to pay for any missing ones at the end of the lease. Always check with the school if your child says he/she is allowed to bring home any equipment as we would notify you directly if that were the case.

Thanks for your help,
Jenny Ashby ICT specialist

BOOK FAIR—NEXT WEEK
Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held next week. The fair will be open before and after school for the week in the old Music Room. Children get the opportunity to have a look and shop for books. There is no pressure on parents to purchase. Our school receives a percentage of sales which we take in the form of new books for our library.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL CARE (AASC) program begins Monday 29th April.

This term we will be conducting Athletics for both the sessions. Grades 3-6 on Mondays & Grades P-2 on Wednesdays.
Permission forms are available from the school office and Mr. Saddlier. If your child participated in the AASC last term, I will assume they will be again participating this term unless otherwise informed. Parents please see Mr. Saddlier if you are available to assist with cutting up fruit prior to the sessions.
Thank you.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mondays
Active After-School Communities Gr 3-6 start 3.30-4.45pm

Tuesdays
Student Banking

Wednesdays
Active After-School Communities Gr P-2 start 3.30-4.45pm

Fridays
Subway lunch orders

TERM 2
15TH APRIL—28TH JUNE
MARKET PLACE COMPETITION HAS STARTED
Fri 19th Apr Pancake breakfast at school (Money from Book Sales)
Sat 20th Apr Netball competition starts
WEEK 1
Gardening families Wood, Woods and Wright
WEEK 2
Gardening families Adamson, Allan, Anderson
BOOK FAIR—Monday to Friday in old Music Room
Tues 23rd Apr Incursion—Tony Bones Puppet Show—A Fractured Fairytale
Wed 24th Apr Zone Cross Country Grades 3-6
Thurs 25th Apr ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

WEEK 3
Gardening families Anderson, Armstrong, Baldwin
Mon 29th Apr AASC starts 3.45—4.45pm Grades 3-6
Wed 1st May AASC starts 3.45-4.45pm Grades P-2

WEEK 4
Gardening families Bell, Bellis, Bertuch
Tues 7th May Fundraising Meeting @ 2.30pm
Fri 10th May Mothers Day Stall

WEEK 5
Gardening families Bolding, Boyle, Bromham

WEEK 6
EDUCATION WEEK STARTS
Gardening families Brown, Bullen, Burdon
Thurs 23rd May Soup Day
Sat 1st June Bunnings BBQ (Fundraiser—BBQ’ers required)
WEEK 7
Gardening families Callanan, Clark, Copeland
Friday 31st May Curriculum Day

WEEK 8
Gardening families Crossman, Crossman, Cullen
WEEK 9
Gardening families Dangerfield, Darcy, Davey
WEEK 10
Gardening families Whittaker, Drummond, Honeyman
WEEK 11
Gardening families for holidays

TERM 3
15TH JULY—20TH SEPTEMBER

July
Gym Program—dates TBA
Mon 12th August Fundraising Meeting @ 9.30am
Thurs 15th August Soup Day
Fri 30th August Fathers Day Stall
Fri 20th Sept Footy/Pie Day

TERM 4
7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER

November 11th-15th Swimming program (5 sessions—4 grades)
November 18th—22nd Swimming program (5 sessions—4 grades)

OFFICE NEWS
Subject Contributions $80 per student—
Statements should have been sent home yester-
day with your child. Please remember that in-
stalments can be made at the Office. If you
would like to deposit the money directly into the
schools bank account, please see me for details.

EPSOM CHOOKS
Please remember to save your vegie scraps for the
chooks.

VARIOUS CARDS FOR SALE AT THE
OFFICE—50c EACH
Are you ready for the run around Australia. It began on Monday 15th April.

HOW TO WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL?
All students, families & friends who shop at Bendigo Marketplace Shopping Centre from Monday 15th April to Sunday 26th May 2013 can present shopping receipts at the Customer Service Desk or in the quick drop boxes in centre located behind the customer service desk at the centre or in the box at school.

Customers are awarded kilometres for dollars spent at all stores in centre. The customer nominates the name of the school that they want to receive their kilometres. They continue to redeem their receipts for kilometres throughout the promotional period and the school that runs around Australia the furthest wins!

WHAT CAN MY SCHOOL WIN?
This year there are three MAJOR CASH PRIZES to be won by local schools simply by shopping at Bendigo Marketplace Shopping Centre.

1st Prize $10,000
2nd Prize $3,000
3rd Prize $2,000

Last year Epsom PS won this competition. The prizes are a lot bigger this year. Please encourage family and friends to put their docket in the Epsom PS drop box.

GARDENING ROSTER
I have put the roster for the garden duties on the calendar for the whole term. This is the only time you will be asked to do one hour of gardening for the year. It’s not just gardening…..it can be as simple as sweeping paths, de-cobwebbing, painting, weeding…..there is always something small (or big) to be done.

One hour of gardening per year is a great contribution to our school and keeps it looking tidy.

Any parents who arrive early to collect their children are welcome to do a bit of a tidy up/sweep around the place. The Green Bin is in the gardening shed to use for the green waste.
TECHNOLOGY AT IT’S BEST
Mrs Davey sent through a photo of Milly in Melbourne at the Anzac Day Memorial Ceremony. Cold, wet and windy down there!

HOLIDAY GARDENERS
THANK YOU TO THE TWO FAMILIES THAT LOOKED AFTER YOUR SCHOOL GROUNDS OVER THE HOLIDAYS……..Chris and Rob Grant and Leanne and Mark Veale. Your work is much appreciated.

JUNIOR HOCKEY
Sandhurst Hockey Club Inc is looking for junior players for its Under 11, 13 and 15 teams in 2013.

The junior hockey season starts 19 April. Games are played on Saturday mornings for Under 11s and Fridays evenings for Under 13 and 15 teams.

Sandhurst’s training is on Wednesday nights – meet at 5.15 pm for warm-ups; on-pitch training time is 5.45-6.45 pm. Training sessions and games are all at the Hockey Complex in Ashley Street, Ironbark.

Sticks and shin guards are available for new players to borrow if needed. Mouthguards are required.

Juniors (and seniors) are welcome to come along and try the fabulous and exciting game of hockey with Bendigo’s family-friendly hockey Club.

For more information email the Club at sandhursthc@gmail.com or contact President Kylie Evans on 0438 584664 or Treasurer Sharon Welsh on 0407 342552

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS
WOW! Lots of great Easter prizes. Thank you to all families who donated to the Easter Raffle. The raffle raised $390.30. I’m sure the winners of the raffle were very happy with their prizes. Thanks to Josie and Julia for packaging up the prizes so beautifully.

The lucky Epsom PS winners were: Sierra, Bolding’s, Brooke, Veale’s, Taylor, Sophie and Oscar, Blake, Lily and Tayla.

Tuning in to Kids Program
Tuning in to Kids is a six session parenting program for mums, dads and carers to help you to teach your children about their emotions and how to manage them. This is called ‘Emotional Intelligence.’ Children with good Emotional Intelligence:
Have better concentration at school
Have greater success with making and keeping friends
Are more able to manage conflict with peers
Are more able to calm down when upset or angry

Bendigo

When Monday mornings
29th April—3rd June 2013 (six sessions)
10am—12 noon
Where CentaCare Function Room
176—178 McCrae Street Bendigo
Cost $20 for materials (please provide own child care) Facilitators Prue and Barb
Contact Ky to register or for further info on 5438 1300

Parent Support Group
1st Meeting on Thursday 18th April
This group is suitable for parents and carers of children who learn differently or are struggling with their education.

The group aims to support parents/carers by:
Providing educational and topical information which can then be discussed in a supportive and safe environment.
Allowing parents/carers to share success, hardships, concerns and experiences with others in similar positions.
Inviting professionals to share with the group about community resources.

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Location: Bendigo Neighbourhood House
21 Neale St, Bendigo (corner of Hodgkinson St)