Dear Parents,

This week the Prep Information booklets for 2014 were distributed at the Preschools. This book has the dates for our information and open sessions during Education Week so please ask if you haven’t received one as yet. These dates are also on our newsletter calendar. Please let friends and family members know about these events and also that information packs and enrolment forms are now available at the office. We would like to have all enrolments finalised by 30th June. Epsom is a great school and we look forward to showing new families what a great education we can offer students.

This year the Naplan tests will be taking place for Years 3 & 5 students from Tuesday 14th May until Thursday 16th May. These tests are National tests in Literacy and Numeracy and whilst they are conducted by the class teacher, the tests are marked centrally. If you have any questions or concerns please see your child’s class teacher.

Thank you to Josie Geddes who organised the purchase of the fabulous new netball uniforms that the teams wore for the first time last Saturday. There is a photo of the team on the back of the newsletter.

Take care
Kerry McGuffie

OFFICE NEWS

Subject Contributions $80 per student—Please remember that instalments 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.

VARIABLE CARDS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE—50c EACH


Missing Laptop

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. Thanks for your help,

Jenny Ashby ICT specialist

BOOK FAIR—THIS WEEK

Our Book Fair has been a huge success so far. We will operate the book fair on Monday after Assembly which will be the last session. The fair is open before and after school 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.

NEW UNIFORMS AT THE OFFICE

2 x Size 6 tracksuit pants @ $10 each
1 x Size 6 Epsom T-shirt @ $9
1 x Size 16 shorts @ $7
1 x Size 14 Epsom Polo shirt @ $20

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open after Assembly every Monday in the Welfare Room.
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

**WEEK 2**
Gardening families: Adamson, Allan, Anderson
BOOK FAIR—Monday to Friday in old Music Room
Wed 24th April
Zone Cross Country Grades 3-6
Thurs 25th April
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

**WEEK 3**
Gardening families: Anderson, Armstrong, Baldwin
Mon 29th April
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
Friday 10th May
Mothers Day Stall

**WEEK 5**
Gardening families: Bolding, Boyle, Bromham

**WEEK 6**
EDUCATION WEEK
Gardening families: Brown, Bullen, Burdon
Mon 20th May
School Council Meeting
Tues 21st May
2014 Prep Information Evening @ 7pm
Wed 22nd May
Night School/Community Activities
Thurs 23rd May
Open morning 9.30-11am
Thurs 23rd May
2014 Prep Information Session @ 10am
Thurs 23rd May
Soup Day
Sunday 26th May
Market Place Competition Finishes

**WEEK 7**
Gardening families: Callanan, Clark, Copeland
Friday 31st May
Curriculum Day
Saturday 1st June
Bunnings BBQ (Fundraiser—BBQ’ers required)

**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
Friday 30th August
Fathers Day Stall
Friday 20th Sept
Footy/Pie Day

**TERM 4**
7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER
Thurs 7th November
Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm
Thurs 14th November
Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm
November 11th-15th
Swimming program (5 sessions—4 grades)
Mon 18th November
Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm
November 18th—22nd
Swimming program (5 sessions—4 grades)
Mon 25th November
Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm
Tues 3rd December
Orientation Day
GYM PROGRAM—JULY  
The gym program at Palmers Gym is in July. I am waiting for details to cost this program. As soon as I have the information I will be able to inform families of the cost.

SWIMMING PROGRAM—NOVEMBER  
In November our students do 5 swimming sessions at the YMCA in Eaglehawk. The cost for these sessions this year (including the bus) will be $46 per student. Please be aware that instalments can be paid at the Office in the lead up to this program.

MOTHERS DAY DONATIONS  
Donations of gifts or craft are welcomed for the Mothers Day Stall. Please drop items into the Office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2013  
ALL STARTING AT 6PM  
- May 20th  
- June 17th  
- August 19th  
- September 16th  
- October 21st  
- November 18th  
- December 16th

HAS YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?  
If any of your contact details or emergency contact people have changed, the school needs to be informed.

OUR NETBALL TEAM IN THEIR NEW UNIFORMS

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, decobwebbing, painting, weeding….there is always something small (or big) to be done.  
Deanne Hendy – Environmental Coordinator

EPSOM CROSS COUNTRY  
Our school Cross Country run for Grades 3-6 students will be held on Friday May 10th commencing at 2.00pm. We rely on parents to assist on the day so if you can help out please let the school know.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY  
Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Zone Cross Country. Over the day nearly 3,500 children from the region ran 2km or 3km. For some children distance running is not easy and I especially congratulate them for turning up and being a part of the day. This is a great example of persistence, resilience and illustrates too the realisation that despite their ability, "challenging" tasks can provide a sense of achievement and self satisfaction. Thank you to Anne Alcock for acting as an official on the day.  
Jan Brunswick  
PE Coordinator

PERMISSION NOTES  
Follow up phone calls will not be made if your child has forgotten to return their permission note.

TONY BONES INCURSION  
Yesterday all students attended an incursion. The cost was $8 per student. If you haven’t paid could you please forward the money as soon as possible.
WE'RE WINNING!!

Bendigo Marketplace
Shopping Centre's
RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA 2013
LEADERBOARD

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See how your school is tracking against others in your local community at any time by visiting the interactive map on the [www.runaroundaustralia.com.au](http://www.runaroundaustralia.com.au) website.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Don’t forget to collect your stickers from Woolworths if you are shopping there. Last year we were able to pick out lots of great classroom, sports and library resources. There is a collection box at school.

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

The Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee invites you to the School Chaplaincy AGM & Annual Dinner ($25) on Friday 31 May 2013, 6pm for 6.30 pm:
at Kangaroo Flat Sports Centre, Mackenzie St. West Kangaroo Flat.
- items from Students
- reports from our Chaplains
- Feature: Panel of chaplains and others
Bookings with payment by 24 May & inquiries:
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9 Samuel Court Spring Gully 3550