Dear Parents,

It is great to be back from China. We had a really busy time visiting schools and discussing our Chinese Immersion Program. I was very pleased to be welcomed by Principal Lu at our sister school Weiting Experimental Primary School. A characteristic of Weiting school is their focus on calligraphy and performing arts. It was terrific to see the students doing their dance and playing traditional Chinese instruments. Principal Lu was very welcoming and we hope that some of our students can visit their school sometime in the future.

I would like to let everyone know that Mrs Hilary Miller is taking semester two as long service leave. Hilary is a valued and long standing member of Epsom Primary School and will be missed during the second half of the year. We all wish her a very happy and restful break. Hilary’s replacement is still to be finalised and will be notified next week.

In regard to long service leave, Mrs Ashby will be absent over the next two weeks on leave. Jenny is going to London to present at a conference and we wish her well for this event. Also, Mrs Brunswick will be on leave for the first two weeks of next term and will be replaced by Mr Lavars.

I have noticed that a number of parents are picking up or dropping off students at the double gates. I would ask that all parents drive up as far as possible in the drop off lane so as to not block traffic at the entry to the car parking. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

Enjoy the rest of the week.
Kerry McGuffie

Cyber Safety Expert—Tony Richards

Tony Richards, cyber safety expert, who we had at our school earlier in the year is speaking at Huntly Primary School on Tuesday 18th June at 7pm. Tony’s talk was very well received by the parents present at the time. If you missed this talk or would like to hear him again you are welcome to attend the Huntly presentation on Tuesday evening at no cost. Epsom will cover any costs and I would encourage you all to attend if you are able to. If you are attending could you please let us know in the office so that we can notify Huntly of numbers.

JUNIOR UNIT ASSEMBLY
Friday 14th June 3pm in Mrs Hayward’s room.

CRAFT ITEMS FOR THE JUNIOR ROOMS
The junior school are collecting toy catalogues, small boxes, clean yoghurt containers, plastic lids, any other interesting craft items.

TECH TIME FOR PARENTS
Yesterday's Tech Time for parents was a great start to our series of parent Tech Times. Next term I will be holding Tech Time for parents fortnightly on Wednesdays at 3pm. Come along and learn some tricks. Each session will be a short 20mins and I promise not to overload everyone at each session.

Today we learned how to check internet history to see where our children have been on the internet, how to find and add a comment to the class blogs and lastly we viewed the grade 5/6 wikis.

Our next session will be next term on July 24th at 3pm.
Yours sincerely,
Jenny Ashby
ICT specialist

ICT FEES
Thank you for those people who have paid their $40 a student ICT fee. This helps us maintain the ageing ICT equipment and allows for your child to have access to a variety of ICT devices ie. iPads, iPods, Laptops and Desktop computers. We would like to remind those who pay by semester that the second semester amount of $20 is due in at the end of this term.

No assembly this week due to the long weekend.
Please look out for award winners in next week’s newsletter.

You Can Do It!! Awards
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 (Must be in before 9am on Friday)

TERM 2  15TH APRIL—28TH JUNE

WEEK 9  Gardening families  Dangerfield, Darcy, Davey
Fri 14th June  Popcorn at lunch time—$1 a bag—Orders must be in before 9a.m.
Scholastic Book Club orders due back

WEEK 10  Gardening families  Whittaker, Drummond, Honeyman
Monday 17th June  Last AASC Grades 3-6 for Term 2
School Council Meeting
Thursday 20th June  Grades 2/3/4 Soccer Gala—Cost $2
Reports sent home

WEEK 11  Gardening families for holidays
Jongebloed, Piotrowski

TERM 3  15TH JULY—20TH SEPTEMBER
Thurs 18th July—  Gym Program (6 Thursdays)
Thurs 22nd Aug
Wed July 17th  Football Carnival
Thurs July 18th  Netball Carnival
Tues 23rd July  Grades 3-6 Step into Life @ 8.30am (Optional)
Wed 24th July  Grade 5-6 Zone soccer rescheduled date
Robogals Gr 4-6 girls
Tech Time for Parents @ 3pm
Mon 12th August  Fundraising Meeting @ 9.30am
Thurs 15th August  Soup Day (BYO cup and bread)
Mon 19th August  School Council Meeting
Thurs 22nd August  Last Gym Session
Friday 30th August  Fathers Day Stall
Mon 16th September  School Council Meeting
Friday 20th Sept  Footy/Pie Day

TERM 4  7TH OCTOBER—20TH DECEMBER
Mon 21st October  School Council Meeting
Wed 30th October  BENDIGO CUP
Thurs 7th November  Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm
Thurs 14th November  Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm
Mon 18th November  School Council Meeting
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
Mon 16th December  School Council Meeting

PAYMENT OF FEES
Half the school year has already gone and we all know how expensive the end of the year can be!
It is possible to make regular part payments in order to finalise your account...before the end of the year creeps up on us.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS
DUE BACK TOMORROW FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

GYM SESSIONS NEXT TERM
PAYMENT DUE
It’s only a few weeks until the end of term. Next term we have 6 gym sessions for the whole school at Palmers Gym. Gym needs to be paid before your child attends. The cost is $43 per child. You can directly deposit the money into the schools account if that is more convenient. Please see me for the bank account details.
Deanne Hendy

POPCORN AT LUNCHE Time
TOMORROW
Michelle and Sarah are cooking popcorn for the children next Friday. It is plain air popped popcorn and will cost $1 a bag. Money will need to be enclosed with the order slip below. Popcorn orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

Orders must be in the Office before 9am TOMORROW.

POPCORN ORDER– Please use one per child.
NAME: _______________________________________
GRADE: _________________________________

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GRADE: _________________________________

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NAME: _______________________________________
GRADE: _________________________________

If there’s not enough slips for your family please write your child’s name and grade on an envelope and send it in with the money.

EPSOM PRIMARY SCHOOL APP
Download our free app from the itune store … available for iPhones or Android. Keep up to date with the latest news from Epsom PS.

GRADES 2/3/4 SOCCER GALA
The cost for this event is $2. Please return forms and $2 asap.

TREE HUGGA
We have a new seat, called a tree hugga, just to the side of the netball court. This should be a great place to enjoy outdoor events and for the children to rest in the shade.

HOLIDAY GARDENING
It’s only 2 weeks until school holidays! Please consider looking after your child’s school grounds over the holidays. There is always plenty of small (or larger) jobs to be done around the yard.

HOLIDAY GARDENING
Our family will be able to help during the holidays.

WEEK 1  JONGEBLOED AND ?
WEEK 2  PIOTROWSKI AND ?

NEWSLETTER
If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please fill in the slip below and return to the Office.

PLEASE EMAIL THE EPSOM NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK
NAME: _______________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____________________________________
BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
Spikezone Sign Up Night
Primary school aged volleyball players are invited to come along and sign up for the Term 3 and 4 Spikezone Competition. COURT 6 Bendigo Stadium (Marong Road) SUNDAY 23rd June 4.30pm - 6.30pm.
Come along and watch this season’s final at 5.00pm and get involved in a fantastic team oriented sport. All matches are on Sunday evenings from 5.00pm.

SOCCER POSTPONED
Unfortunately the soccer scheduled for yesterday had to be postponed because of bad weather. The rescheduled date is Wednesday July 24th. The team players need to bring their socks and jumper back to school clean so they can be stored until required.
Jan Brunswick

STEP INTO LIFE
Grades 3-6 are welcome to participate in a morning exercise session at 8.30 am the second Tuesday next term (July 23rd). This session will be free and run for about 20 minutes.

School Holidays are almost here!
YMCA is taking bookings for Holiday Program Monday 3rd June get in quick so you don’t miss out!
Our program is available the following ways, on our website www.bendigo.ymca.org.au, call into one of our venues to pick up a copy or simply phone our friendly staff on 54458300 at YMCA House for a copy to be emailed or sent out to you.
Programs run from Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat, Mundy Street and Castlemaine

Call us now on 54458300 to make a booking

Students at Weiting Experimental Primary School—our sister school.