Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday. This week Alice Dennis joined our staff as Performing & Visual Arts teacher. Alice has settled in really well and the children have really enjoyed their lessons and have been enthusiastic about what has been presented to them. Welcome to Epsom Alice!

The senior students have been busy with the football carnival yesterday and the Netball carnival today. Congratulations to our footy players who came third in the tournament. They looked fantastic in their new Epsom jumpers. Thanks to Ms FitzGerald and Mr Pocock for taking them. Good luck to the netballers today. As you are aware gym also began today.

We are very proud of the extra curricular activities that we are able to offer the students as there is always a wide range of additional activities on offer.

Next Monday we have four staff members (Jake Saddlier, Leanne O’Connor, Michelle Stone and Sue Hinton) attending a professional development program run by the digital learning team of the education department. This is a pilot program offered to only a small number of schools and is about 21st century learning. We are very fortunate to be offered this program and it is testament to the work already happening at the school that we have been included.

For your information, I will be on long service leave from 22nd July until 2nd August. I look forward to being back at school after this. During this time Jenny Ashby will be leading the school. If you have any queries or concerns during this time please don’t hesitate to contact Jenny. As always, our door is always open for parents and community members.

Thank you
Kerry McGuffie

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Next Monday and Wednesday teachers will be having parent teacher interviews. These are 10 minute sessions. A separate form is being sent home with this newsletter with on-line booking information. If you cannot access a computer, please see me in the Office and I will do it for you. (Steph Fitzpatrick will be having interviews on Monday and Thursday.)

WOOD FOR SALE
$80 FOR A 6X4 TRAILER LOAD.
PLEASE SEE DEANNE IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME WOOD

WELL DONE TEAM!
LOOKING GREAT IN THE NEW SCHOOL GUERNSEYS
Thank you to Mr Pocock for organising the new footy guernseys. They attracted a lot of compliments.

You Can Do It!! Awards
Look out for the awards in next week’s newsletter. This week classes have been concentrating on Organisation.
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)

OUR GYM PROGRAM STARTED TODAY ....PLEASE PAY AT OFFICE

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

Mon 22nd July  
Parent Teacher Interviews all grades

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 in MPR

Parent Teacher Interviews (not 1/2F)

Thurs 25th July  
1/2 F Parent Teacher Interviews

Mon 29th July  
AASC starts for grades 3-6

Wed 31st July  
AASC starts for Prep—2

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

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.

To deposit directly into school’s account
BSB: 633000   Account No: 107661738
Account Name: Epsom Primary School
Please use child’s surname as your reference.
**Advertising Opportunity**

School Council and the Fundraising Group have decided to offer paid advertising space on our newsletter to local families and businesses. Adverts will be placed weekly in the school newsletter at the rates outlined below. If you or someone you know has a business that would benefit from additional advertising and would like to organise an advertisement please see us in the school office.

**Copper**—Name in newsletter under sponsors heading.
Cost per term $10 or $40 per year. (Once only cost is $20).

**Bronze**—Business card size. Cost $50 per term or $200 per year. (Once only cost is $75)

**Silver**—1/4 page size. $100 per term or $400 per year. (Once only cost is $150)

**Gold**—1/2 page size. $250 per term or $1000 per year. (Once only cost is $300)

**Platinum**—Full page size. $500 per term or $2000 per year. (Once only cost is $750)

Once invoice is paid all advertisements will occur on a weekly basis (term time) unless you make contact with the school.

**CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER??**
**CHANGED YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS??**
**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??**
Please let the Office know.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE COMMUNITIES**

Our AASC program will begin again on Monday 29th July. Children will participate in the sport of **basketball** for term 3. Monday sessions will be for the 3-6 students and Wednesday sessions for student in P-2.

Sessions times for both nights are 3:30pm to 4:45pm

If your child participated last term, we will assume they are participating again unless told otherwise.

Permission forms are available from the office or Mr Saddlier.

**STEP INTO LIFE**

Grades 3-6 are welcome to participate in a morning exercise session at 8.30 am next Tuesday (July 23rd). This session is free and run for about 20 minutes.

**PET CHOOKS FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Please see Mrs Davey if you would like to adopt a chook.

**HOLIDAY GARDENING**

Thank you to our wonderful holiday gardening people – Jongebloued, Piotrowski and Fox families. The grounds and entrance looked fantastic on the first day back.

I will be sending keys home today to the Edwards, Everett and Feldbauer families.

**PARENT TECH TIME**

Yes we are having tech time for parents again next Wednesday 24th July at 3pm in the multi purpose room. This week we'll be learning about keeping your facebook private and safe. So I'm hoping to see many of our facebook users so we can make sure everyone has the correct privacy settings on so they aren't sharing to people they don't know or having their pictures stolen and then circulated by strangers.

Come to the multi purpose room at 3pm before pickup time and I'll be showing you easily how to update your security on facebook. Also its warmer in here than waiting outside.

Jenny Ashby ICT Specialist

**EMA**

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

If you lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year you do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013. Contact school office for an application form and further information. No late applications will be accepted.

**OPEN MIC SESSION**

This Friday 19th July the Junior School Council are hosting their second Open Mic session at lunchtime. Due to the popularity of this session last term, some councillors will be holding a sign up session at recess time. If you want to perform you need to sign up at recess.

There is no cost.

Thank-you

Jnr School Council
Do your children have asthma or allergies?  
Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club?  
Do you worry about your children’s asthma when they are not at home?  
Learn practical strategies for helping your children to live well with asthma each day from people who know.  Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below.

forum.asthma.org.au

Tuning in to Kids

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 helps them to be able to calm themselves down, manage feelings such as fear and anger, build better relationships with others and deal with conflict.

When: Thursdays, 8th August to 12th September (6 consecutive weeks)
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Cost: $20 for program
Facilitators: Prue and Marlene

The program is held in the CentaCare Function Room at 176 McCrae Street Bendigo

Co-Operative Parenting

The Co-Operative Parenting program is for parents who are parenting separately as a result of family separation or other life events. Kate is available to provide individual support with challenges such as parental conflict, implementing and managing co-operative parenting arrangements, and negotiating the separation process.

The program also offers regular three-hour Building Connections workshops. These focus on the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of children and young people who are exposed to conflict between adults they care about, and provide strategies for parents and carers. We will also discuss ways to support co-operative relationships, improve communication, and assist parents and carers set their own future goals.

For further information or referrals please contact Kate on 5438 1300 or kate.kerlin@ccds.org.au.

The program is held in the CentaCare Function Room at 176 McCrae Street Bendigo