Dear Parents,

It's very pleasing to see so many parents/guardians taking the opportunity to talk to their child's teacher at our parent/student/teacher interviews. Education is a partnership between teachers and parents so keeping communication open and two way is vital. If you have missed making an appointment through the website you can always see Deanne or your classroom teacher to arrange a time. Phone interviews and skype interviews can also be arranged if coming to the school presents some problems.

Our wood supplies are dwindling but there is still wood available for purchase of $80 per 4x6 trailer load. Keeping warm in winter is an ongoing chore. I've noticed some children coming to school without jumpers recently as they are coming from warm houses. At school we do like the students to be outside for fresh air and exercise so a jumper is necessary. I have had to find jumpers for students in recent days when I've found them to be shivering and trying to keep warm in T-shirts. Remember you can always take off a jumper but can't put on one that's not here. Please guide your child in their selection of clothes for school as the weather can be very changeable.

On Tuesday morning the children took the opportunity to train as a group before school with Step into Life (Outdoor group trainers). It was a great start to the day and may have had a positive effect on assembly as we had a very well behaved group of students at assembly on Tuesday morning.

On Monday our school hosted and ran a professional development day for teachers in our region. It was well supported and covered the use of iPads and students creating. Thanks to our student techsperts Lachlan H, Bree, Asher and Maddy for their help. I'm sure they have been chirping about it. Also thanks to Deanne for organising the catering. Learning does make you hungry.

Thank you,
Jenny Ashby
Acting Principal

WOOD FOR SALE

$80 FOR A 6X4 TRAILER LOAD.
PLEASE SEE DEANNE

IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME WOOD

FUNDRAISING MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday August 12th straight after Assembly. The meeting is being held to discuss the Fathers Day stall, Soup day and the very popular Footy Day (held on the last day of term). There will be a raffle held for Fathers Day with some fantastic prizes to be won.

New faces are needed and very welcome! Please consider helping out with fundraising for your child’s school.

JUNIOR EXCURSION

The Junior Unit Excursion will be on Friday November 8th. We will be visiting Scienceworks in Melbourne. The cost will be $25. The excursion is a part of our curriculum and will follow up the Science and Technology that we have been focussing on in our Inquiry Unit. There will be more information to follow.

Alex, Isabelle, Campbell, Julia, Chloe, Emily W, Cassie, Maddie L., Shawn, Nelson, Broden, Darcy T.
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 3  15TH JULY—20TH SEPTEMBER

Thurs 18th July—  Gym Program (6 Thursdays)
Thurs 22nd Aug
Thurs 25th July  1/2 F Parent Teacher Interviews

WEEK 3  NEXT WEEK  July 29th—August 2nd
Mon 29th July  AASC starts for grades 3-6
Wed 31st July  AASC starts for Prep—2

WEEK 4  August 5th—August 9th
Wed 7th August  Techtime for parents 3pm in MPR

WEEK 5  August 12th—August 16th
Mon 12th August  Fundraising Meeting @ 9.30am
Wed 14th August  Senior Excursion to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement (Proposed date)
Thurs 15th August  Soup Day (BYO cup and bread)

WEEK 6  August 19th—August 23rd
Mon 19th August  School Council Meeting
Wed 21st August  Techtime for parents 3pm in MPR
Thurs 22nd August  Last Gym Session

WEEK 7  August 26th—August 30th
Fri 30th August  Fathers Day Stall

WEEK 8  September 2nd—September 6th
Wed 4th September  Techtime for parents 3pm in MPR

WEEK 9  September 9th—September 13th

WEEK 10  September 16th—September 20th
Mon 16th September  School Council Meeting
Fri 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
Fri 8th November  Junior Excursion to ScienceWorks, Melbourne ($25)
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.

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.

GARDENING FAMILIES
Thank you to our families who tidy up the school grounds. This duty doesn’t have to be done on weekends, any day after school or even while you’re waiting to pick up your children is ok. There’s always something to pick up or sweep. It doesn’t take much. This week keys will be going home to the Garner, Gray and Gutteridge families.

PARENT TECH TIME
Every fortnight I'm running techtime for parents. This is your opportunity to come and learn some tech skills. I need to know what you would like to learn so I can schedule it into our program. Please fill in the attached form with your ideas for future learning in techtime and return it to the office.
Your sincerely
Jenny Ashby
ICT specialist

TECHTIME FOR PARENTS

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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.

A big thank you to Tanya Willie for donating 120 brand new exercise books to the grade 5/6 area. These are very much appreciated and will be well used.
Kate FitzGerald 5/6

SENIOR EXCURSION TO SWAN HILL
A reminder that expressions of interest along with a $5 deposit need to be returned by tomorrow. The senior department are hoping that families will support this exciting excursion which supports their inquiry unit this term. Part payments can be made weekly in the lead up to excursion.
ON THURSDAY 18/7/13 THE ZONE NETBALL TEAM LEFT AT 8.30 IN THE MORNING AND WALKED DOWN TO THE HUNTLY BUS STOP. WE SHARED A BUS WITH HUNTLY TO GO TO THE GOLDEN CITY NETBALL COURTS. WE PLAYED 8 GAMES BUT WE SADLY LOST THREE GAMES AND DREW ONE. BUT ON THE HAPPY SIDE WE WON FOUR. THE GIRLS AND THE BOYS THAT REPRESENTED THE EPSOM ZONE NETBALL CAME THIRD ON THE LADDER. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT REPRESENTED THE ZONE NETBALL.

SAFFRON H
EMILY M
CHANTELL D
ELLA K
JESSICA T
ELLI V
DAMON R
JACK B
ZOE G
PRUE H
COACH (BRIDGET)

BY SAFFRON H AND JESSICA T

Football Day- Rhys & Seeton

On Wednesday we played football for Epsom at Catholic College Bendigo. We have new jumpers. We got there by bus with Huntly. We were in division 5.

We played Quarry Hill first. The first quarter was even then we came back and won 6 to 18. After we played Kennington we beat them 24 to 45. Then we had a break.

Then we played Kangaroo Flat we lost 32 to 0. Then we had another break. Then we played Lockington we won 6 to 45.

FOOTY DAY

On Wednesday we had footy day for Epsom Primary School. We played Quarry Hill, Kangaroo Flat, Campbell’s Creek, Saint Peters, Kennington and Lockington. We came third because we ended up in second place with Kangaroo Flat. So Kangaroo Flat had to lose against Lockington so we could set into the finals. They were 95 won 5 and lost 3.

BY RYAN T AND LACHLAN M