Dear Parents,

Over the last three days I have been attending a conference organised by the Asian Education Foundation (Melbourne University) in Melbourne. This was a national conference with almost five hundred participants, including, twelve principals from Bendigo. A key message from the conference was the importance of preparing our children for the future.

In October, we will once again be hosting two students, both girls, from Suzhou in China. They will be accompanied by a teacher and will be here for eight weeks. We are really looking forward to this experience again. The children in the Senior Department are working hard on their Chinese Language and cultural understanding with our Chinese teacher Hui Guo in preparation for this visit.

The gym program comes to a conclusion next Thursday 22nd August. Parents are most welcome to attend this session to observe what the children have been learning over the last few weeks. Please come along if you are able.

Thank you to our fundraising group who met on Monday morning after assembly. This group of parents do a great job supporting the school with their efforts. Please feel free to attend the next meeting as new members are always welcome.

We also have a range of activities planned where we rely on parents helpers to assist. Thank you to those parents who are able to support us with these activities as well.

Kind Regards
Kerry McGuffie

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

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK
A reminder that all volunteers are required to have a valid Working with Children’s Check to help on excursions or in the classrooms.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Scholastic Book Club is being sent home with this newsletter. Any orders should be returned to the Office before Friday August 30th.

Senior Department Excursion

Henry, Jemma, Trent, Thomas, Tahni, Lily, Madison, Aidan, Liam W, Kayla B, Maddi H, Jessica L, Riley A, Meg, Sam W, Lachlan K, Jesse T, Milly B, Rhys E, Chantell, Shube
## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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### TERM 3

**15TH JULY—20TH SEPTEMBER**

**WEEK 5**

- **August 12th—August 16th**
  - Wed 14th August: Senior Excursion to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement
  - Friday 16th August: Grade 5/6—Talk from Chiropractor @ 2.30

- **After School Care Expressions of Interest due back**

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### TERM 4

**7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER**

- Tues 8th October: Hockey Victoria Clinic (free at school) Gr 2 and 3 Students
- Mon 21st October: School Council Meeting
- Wed 30th October: BENDIGO CUP
- Thurs 7th November: Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm
- Friday 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

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.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE COMMUNITIES
Our AASC program has begun. 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. Permission forms are available from the office or Mr Saddlier. If your child is enrolled in the program and will not be in attendance on a particular day please let the school know.

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 Hart, Hart, and Harvey families.

FINAL GYM SESSION - AUGUST 22ND
Parents are invited to attend our final gym session on Thursday 22nd August – P/1S and 1/2F 10-11am, 1/2O and P/1H 11am-12 noon, 3/4D and 3/4S 12-1pm 5/6F and 5/6B 1-2pm No pre-schoolers are allowed to attend this session.

JUNIOR EXCURSION TO SCIENCEWORKS
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
The Junior school will be heading off to Scienceworks on Friday 8th November. The children will need to be at school before 8am (when the busses leave) and will return to school at 4pm. The cost will be $25 and can be paid at the Office or deposited into the schools bank account with your child’s name as a reference.

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

POSSIBLE AFTER SCHOOL CARE
As we are investigating the viability of offering after school care in the future we are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would utilise this service.
As you would understand, a service like this relies on a consistent enrolment and so we need an indication of what the need would be. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren into After School Care please complete the form on the back page and return it to the office by tomorrow, Friday 16th August.

Daffodil Day - Friday 23rd August
The Junior School Council are currently selling merchandise to raise money for Daffodil Day before school. Items range from $3 (wristband) to $6 for a footy. Next Friday 23rd August will be an out of school uniform day where students are requested to wear something yellow. This is not compulsory. There will be no gold coin required on this day.
Mrs Davey

2. White Hills Cricket Club
Our junior registration night will be held on Friday 23rd August at the Scott St clubrooms from 4pm - 6pm. New and past players very welcome and a deposit for fees would be much appreciated. Any questions can be answered by: Tim Knapman 0409 073 798/ tim@knapmanwebdevelopment.com.au or Rob Lowes 0439 063 348/ roblowes35@bigpond.com

3. Upper School Excursion
A very hands-on, enjoyable and safe learning experience was had by the 86 students who attended the excursion to the Pioneer Settlement yesterday. The weather was sunny in the morning and a late shower came just as we were finishing our activities. The staff are very grateful for the assistance provided by our parent helpers: Bree, Lisa.W, Jodie and Lisa.H. We look forward to reading some student stories in next week's newsletter but here are a couple of photos till then:

WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT—FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST
Scott Street Oval Clubrooms 4pm-6pm
All age divisions. For more information contact Rob on 0439063348 or Tim 0409073798
RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE
Envelopes are being sent home with this newsletter for the recycling of mobile phones. As you can see this recycling program is to save the mountain gorillas. Please do not send your phones to school, just pop them in the mail in the plastic bag provided. More available from the Office.

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

FATHER’S DAY STALL—
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST
Gifts for Dad from $1 to $10
Donations of new or handmade gifts appreciated and can be left at the office.
Samples of gifts will be on display in office.

We need 6 helpers from 9 – 11 to sell gifts.

YES I can help with the Father’s Day Stall
Name _________________________________

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Tickets are being sent home with today’s newsletter.
50c per ticket /$5 book
Prizes include a knife block set & a handmade quilt made especially for a DAD.
The raffle will be drawn on Friday August 30th.

SOUP DAY - Thursday 29th August
Free Soup Day BYO own mug and bread.

We need 4 helpers from 1.30 – 2.15 to help serve soup

YES I can help with Soup Day
Name _________________________________

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Saturday 7th September
EPS is the polling booth for our area and we are in the process of organising a BBQ from 10am – 2pm.
Again we are looking for helpers. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help raise funds for our school.

This fundraiser will only go ahead if we have enough volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Footy day and Coin line fundraiser - Friday 20th September look out for more information in coming weeks.
Fundraising Committee

ELECTION DAY BBQ VOLUNTEERS
I can help on Saturday 7th September……

10am-11am
1. _________________________________
2. _________________________________
3. _________________________________

11am-12noon
1. _________________________________
2. _________________________________
3. _________________________________

12pm-1pm
1. _________________________________
2. _________________________________
3. _________________________________

After School Care Expression of Interest

Parents Name: _________________________________
Child’s Name: _________________________________
(Please circle and return by 16th August)
I would be interested in After School Care Yes / No

Full time (5days a week)
Part time
Occasional
Not sure

No not interested