Dear Parents,

As you know our school is a very busy one with lots of activities happening each week. We really appreciate the assistance we get from our volunteers so that we can maximise these opportunities for our students. If you are able to help out at any time please see your child’s classroom teacher or the office. All assistance counts and it doesn't need to be on a regular basis. As you know it is school council policy that all volunteers have a Working with Children’s check.

This week we have met with the director of Camps Australia, who run after school care programs in 500 schools nationally. In the near future we will be requesting that interested parents go online to complete a detailed expression of interest that they will provide. Please look out for more information soon.

Each week at assembly we give out You Can Do It awards for each of the foundations. In order to ensure that this continues to be a valued award, from next week we will be awarding for one foundation only. This week’s focus is ‘Organisation’.

Please look out for the award winners next week.

Thank you to the parents who organised soup for lunch today. The children really enjoy it and we appreciate that the parents give up their time to provide this service.

Don’t forget it is the Father’s Day stall tomorrow. Thank you to the fundraising group in advance for their work on this activity.

From time to time I hear about misconceptions or inaccuracies that are out in the community that are difficult to address if they are not raised with us directly. At Epsom we value the partnership that we have with our community and are happy to discuss any queries or concerns you may have so please feel to contact us anytime if there is ever anything you would like to discuss.

Kind Regards
Kerry McGuffie

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CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER??
CHANGED YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS??
CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS??

Please let the Office know.

NEWSLETTER

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please let Deanne know. The newsletter can also be accessed via our website or an app for iPhones or androids. Please see Jenny Ashby for information regarding the app or tweets.

TWILIGHT NETBALL

If anyone is interested in playing Twilight netball (Wednesday’s) please attend a brief meeting this Friday after school.

BREAKFAST TOMORROW FROM 8.30AM

Thanks to the Foodbank I have been able to get enough Egg and Bacon pies for the children tomorrow. Breakfast will be served from 8.30am. Each Friday until the end of term we will be hosting a breakfast of toast and vegemite. With the help of Foodbank this breakfast could continue next term, we know how much the kids love it. Sarah and Michelle are our usual trusty volunteers but if anyone else would like to help you are most welcome.

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Statements of amounts outstanding are being sent home today. Any queries please visit the Office. Subject contributions cover your child/ren’s requisites for the whole year.

The ICT voluntary contribution covers maintenance of ipads, netbooks and laptops that your children use throughout the course of each day.

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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

WEEK 7  August 26th—August 30th
Thurs 29th August  Soup Day (BYO cup and bread)
Friday 30th August  Fathers Day Stall
Book Club orders due back at school

WEEK 8  September 2nd—September 6th
Wed 4th September  Volunteers will do a nit check
Wed 4th September  Techtime for parents 3pm in MPR

WEEK 9  September 9th—September 13th
Monday 9th September  LAST AASC SESSION FOR GR 3-6
Wed 11th September  Upper School Athletics @ Bendigo Aths Centre (Grade 4-6)
Wed 11th September  Junior School Sports Day @ school (Prep-3)
Wed 11th September  LAST AASC SESSION FOR P-2

WEEK 10  September 16th—September 20th
Mon 16th September  School Council Meeting
Friday 20th Sept  Footy Colours Day/Human Graph/Coin Line

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—P/1S, 1/2F, 3/4S and 5/6F)
Mon 18th November  Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm
November 18th—22nd  Swimming program (5 sessions—P/1H, 1/2O, 3/4D and 5/6B)
Mon 25th November  Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm
Tues 3rd December  Orientation Day
Thur 12th December  Grade 6 Graduation ??
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.

WOOD FOR SALE
$80 FOR A 6X4 TRAILER LOAD
PLEASE SEE DEANNE
IN THE OFFICE

Please be sure to check the calendar each week…..dates may change and new activities are always being added. We try and keep this calendar as up to date as possible.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE COMMUNITIES
Monday sessions are 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
Gardening duty doesn’t have to be done on weekends. Any hour during the week is great……..during school hours or after school or any suitable time.
This week keys will be going home to the Jones, Jones and Jongebloed families.

ATHLETIC SPORTS
10,11 and 12 year old students will participate in Cluster athletics at Bendigo Athletics Centre on September 11th.
The age groups are based on the age students turn in 2013.
Once again we are running the sprints and high jump and rely on parent helpers to assist on the day. If you can be of assistance please contact the school.
Thank you
Jan Brunswick

Grade 5/6 Transition to Eaglehawk
On Wednesday 28th of August the grade 5/6 went to Eaglehawk secondary college to see what it is like there. At Eaglehawk we were in the gym and we had some fun with the students. We had to pick up Lightning Reef P.S on the way. We split up into 4 groups. We played all sorts of games like we had to pick up the mat over our heads and get to the other side of the room, so that needed some team work. We played a game of tag with a partner and we had partners with the secondary students and the people from Lightning Reef. We learnt each others names by playing games. But it had to end because we had to go home. As we went out the door we had a lolly pop.
by Riley A

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
Any orders should be returned to the Office tomorrow morning.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
On the last day of term, September 20th, children are asked to wear their footy colours. After recess, we will have our human graph of AFL footy teams, followed by a coin line. Which grade will raise the most money this year?
Start saving your 5c pieces now!

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
This year for the first time, the Junior School will have their own sports day, September 11th. This will include the annual football match. Children will be able to sign up for the sport they would like to play on the day:
12.00 – 1.15pm
P/1 Football, netball or soccer match
2/3 Football, netball or soccer match
2.30 – 3.15pm
Children will participate in a variety of games such as tunnel ball, relays etc
Parents are invited to come along and cheer for their child!
More details to come.

SOUP DAY—Thank you to our volunteers. Here is Alison getting everything ready to serve soup to the children.

HUNTLY NORTH EPSOM CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION NIGHT
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST, 2013
At Strauch Reserve Huntly - 4.30pm to 6.00pm
For Under 9, 11, 13 and 15 year old age groups.
Registration Fees $60 (discount if paid on night)
For further information please contact Dallas on 0400 957 525
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.

Please remember to send some money along with your child to do some Fathers Day shopping tomorrow. The children love picking their own gifts for dad…..although sometimes they may eat the gift before it gets to dad!! :)

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Prizes include a knife block set & a handmade quilt made especially for a DAD.
Tickets due back tomorrow, Friday August 30th, as the raffle will be drawn.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Saturday 7th September
Thank you to all the volunteers…..all we need now is for a couple more helpers in the 11-12noon time slot.

Fundraising Committee

BUPA VISITS
Some of our Junior School Council members have been visiting Bupa to read with the residents there.

ELECTION DAY BBQ VOLUNTEERS
I can help on Saturday 7th September……
10am-11am
1. ____ Coad Family
2. ____ Cam McGibbon
3. ____ Doug Willie

11am-12noon
1. ____ D’Arcy family
2. ___________________________________
3. ___________________________________

12pm-1pm
1. ____ Jenny Ashby
2. ____ Rob Grant
3. ____ Karl & Kim Harrison

1pm-2pm
1. ____ Jake Saddlier/Michelle Stone
2. ____ Rebecca Kempster
3. ____ Tim Knapman