Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for the year. This term, once again, is going to be very busy. Next week the Activated Group are beginning to work with our students on Hip Hop Dance in preparation for the school concert on 26th November. We are really looking forward to this event.

Next Monday, our Chinese students, Jenny and Lucy are arriving with their teacher Cherry. We really look forward to having them at our school for the next eight weeks. Thanks to our host families, the Harrison, Geddes, Allen and Stone families for hosting these children.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are planning classes and staff for next year. It is important that if your child won’t be attending Epsom next year that you let us know as soon as possible. Also if you know of new children who are not yet enrolled please encourage their parents to do so as soon as possible. Prep orientation is coming up very soon and parents will receive information in the mail.

Thank you to the parents who did gardening over the holidays. The school and car park were very neat and tidy on our return.

Over the next few weeks a large shade sail will be erected over part of the playground. This sail was donated by the Willie family—a sincere thank you. The installation costs for the sail (over $4000) is being funded by money raised by our terrific Fundraising group. The fundraising group’s efforts are also allowing us to replace the kitchen in the multi-purpose room. Thank you again for your efforts. The children and staff really appreciate it.

From next Monday Mrs Leanne O’Connor will be on long service leave for three weeks. Her class will be taken by Mrs Lorraine Campbell. Lorraine has worked at the school over this year and knows the students well. We wish Mrs O’Connor a great break. She will be returning on Monday 4th November.

Kind Regards
Kerry McGuffie
Principal

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As you know we are very interested in providing an after school care service at Epsom and asked all interested families to complete a short survey online.

At the moment we do not have enough responses to make a program viable even though we know there is a need.

The survey is still open and I would strongly encourage you to complete it if you would like to access this service at any time. The log in details are on the front page of the newsletter or type:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/epsomprimaryschoolbeforeaftercare

If you would like assistance with this or a hard copy of the survey to complete please contact the school office.

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

FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family statements will be sent home early next week. Instalments can be paid directly into the schools account (details on next page) or to the Office. Please settle accounts before the end of November. If you have any enquiries please come and see me in the Office.

This week’s focus is Resilience. Look out for the awards in next week’s newsletter.
## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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**TERM 4**

**7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER**

### WEEK 1
- **October 7th – October 11th**
  - Tues 8th October: Hockey Victoria Clinic (free at school) Gr 2 and 3 Students

### WEEK 2
- **October 14th – October 18th**
  - Tues 15th October: Hook in2 Hockey Registration Day @ 4pm at Epsom PS

### WEEK 3
- **October 21st – October 25th**
  - Mon 21st October: AASC Starts—Grades 3-6– GOLF
  - Mon 21st October: School Council Meeting
  - Wed 23rd October: AASC Starts—Prep-2—TENNIS

### WEEK 4
- **October 28th – November 1st**
  - Wed 30th October: BENDIGO CUP—NO AASC FOR PREP—2
  - Friday 1st November: Festival of Tennis for Gr 3-6 @ Tennis Complex

### WEEK 5
- **November 7th**
  - 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 26th November: Whole School Extravaganza
  - Mon 2nd December: LAST AASC for Term 4—Gr. 3-6
  - Tues 3rd December: Orientation Day
  - Wed 11th December: LAST AASC for Term 4—Prep-2
  - Thur 12th December: Grade 6 Graduation at White Hills Cricket Club Rooms
  - Mon 16th December: School Council Meeting
  - Friday 20th December: Last day of Term 4

### 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.

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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.

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The difference between a successful person and others is not lack of strength not a lack of knowledge but rather a lack of will.
—Vince Lombardi

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NAPLAN REPORTS
Years 3 & 5 student Naplan reports are available for collection from the office. If you would like them sent home with your child please let the office know. Please contact the class teacher if you have any queries or concerns about your child’s report.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE—AMBULANCE COVER
Parents are reminded that DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Jussy C, Jess A, Ebony W and Elli V for qualifying for the Regional Athletics on Monday October 14th.
Jussy 10 Years Long Jump and 100m Sprint Jess 10 Years Hurdles Ebony 12 Years 100m Sprint Elli 12 Years Triple Jump.
We wish them well.

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECKS
We no longer have application forms available from the Office. Upon requesting a bulk order of applications this was the reply:- We now encourage applicants to fill the application form online at https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.doj

Alternatively, applicants can order a single application form to be mailed out to them.

Applicants can request the application form online at https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/reqprintapp.doj or by calling 1300 652 879 8:30am – 5:00pm weekdays.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
This fun filled free after school activity begins again in week 3. Grades 3-6 will be enjoying a golf clinic and Preps-2 will be getting into some tennis action. If your child is not continuing in the program this term please let Mr. Saddlier know so as he can update his paperwork. If your child would like to attend AASC in term 4 please fill in an AASC form available from the Office. Forms must be filled in to attend and Mr Saddlier or the Office need to be notified if your child is not attending on a particular night.

Jake Saddlier
Coordinator

POETRY FROM 5/6F
Our creative writers in Grade 5/6 have been reading traditional stories from Asia. We read a story called Tian and the Cranes, a tale that teaches a lesson about life. Tian lives in Tibet on top of a huge mountain. These are some of the poems about Tian’s home from grade 5/6F.

**Tian’s Mountain Home**
Tian’s mountain home,
was as high as the light blue sky,
as tall as my little eyes could see,
as white as a swan,
as pointy as an ice cream cone,
and as chilly as a cold breeze.
*BY Rachel*

**Tian’s mountain home**
Was higher than the moon,
as cold as the North Pole,
as quiet as heaven,
as white as fresh snow,
as lonely as a pug in the dessert
and as old as the dragon Sun Loong.
*By Seeton*

**Tian’s Mountain Home**
Tian’s mountain home,
is as high as the sky,
as quiet and lonely as the clouds,
as cold as the snow,
as tall as the pyramid’s of Giza,
and as white as paper.
*By Tyroune*

**Tian’s Mountain Home**
Tian’s mountain home
Was as high as the sky,
as cold as ice can be,
as white as snow,
as lonely as a pony,
as peaceful as a lake,
and as windy as a cold winters day.
*By Chantell*

**Tian’s Mountain Home**
Tian’s mountain home
Was as high as the heavens above,
as silent as a gentle breeze,
as white as the snow,
as cold as the winter months,
it shined like a saffire in the sun.
Bendigo Little Athletics Season begins this Friday & Saturday
The Bendigo Little Athletics Season gets underway this weekend with a split program.

**Friday October 11th**  Day 1 of Season starts for Under 9 through to Under 15 at 5pm

**Saturday October 12th**  Day 1 of Season starts for Under 6 through to Under 8 at 8.30am

**Saturday October 19th**  Day 2 of Season for all athletes – Under 6 through to Under 15

*Where* – Athletics Track, Retreat Rd, Flora Hill

*Cost* - $120.00 for the season. Register online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au) or register in person at one of our competition days.

Come and try days available. These cost $5 per visit with a maximum of two visits for the season.

For more detailed information email bendigo@lavic.com.au.

For registration enquiries registrarblac@hotmail.com or visit [www.bendigolac.org.au](http://www.bendigolac.org.au).

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**OPEN DAY—WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2013**

**11.30AM-2.30PM**

Weeroona College would like to invite all past and future students, parents, staff and community members to join them as they celebrate fifty plus years of education and the opening of their fabulous new school.

Activities will include live music, jumping castle, photo-booth, memorabilia display, high tea, sausage sizzle, tour of new $24 million facilities, classroom activities, soccer game and new updated history book (to purchase)

*Please see notice board for more information*

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

(Please check notice board for more information)

1. **Hook in 2 Hockey**—Registration Night/Come and Try—Tuesday 15th October @ 4pm
   Epsom Primary School  Cost $50 for Program.
   6 weeks Hookin2 Hockey Skills Session + 1 Hockey Victoria Gala Day at Bendigo Hockey Centre on Sunday 1st December.
   Contact Kylie Evans – 0438584664

2. **GOLF** for boys and girls aged 5-16 years.
   Beginners and experienced are welcome.
   Wednesdays from 16th October 4-5.30pm. Meet at Neangar Park Club House, $3 per session.

3. **FUNLOONG FUN DAY**—Free Community Event on Saturday October 19th 11am-2pm

4. **BUNNINGS THANK YOU BBQ**
   Tuesday 22nd October 6-8pm in the timber yard at Bunnings. BBQ Tea will be supplied.
   Short info session on sausage sizzles and cake Stalls for 2014. Please RSVP by 14th October for Catering purposes by email (bendigoactivitiesorganiser@bunnings.com.au) Or phone Kirsty or Dani on 5444 8555.

5. **GREAT STRIDES FOR SYSTIC FIBROSIS MELBOURNE & BENDIGO**
   Sunday 27th October.

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**Talking About Childhood Asthma Live From The Airways**

Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

**Sunday 27th October 2013**

4pm - 6pm

FREE!

Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:

A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Prof Colin Robertson
Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.

Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online

Register at [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au) or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)