Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Bendigo Cup Day holiday and was able to get out into the sunshine.

The weeks seem to be flying by as we continue our planning for coming events and 2014. Term 4 is always a very busy time and currently the children are busy rehearsing for the school concert. So don't forget to purchase your tickets.

Regardless of how busy it is, the students are continuing to work conscientiously on their learning. This work ethic is admirable and I never cease to be amazed by all of their achievements. The tone in all the classrooms is to be commended. I would particularly like to congratulate the Prep children who have made great strides in reading and writing this year. It is really pleasing to have them visit the office with their work wanting to share. It is also terrific to see the relationships the older children have formed with the Juniors and the activities they plan for their buddies. Epsom has a wonderful communal atmosphere that can only be achieved by a school of our size and we need to celebrate this.

Please continue to encourage anyone who hasn't enrolled for 2014 as yet to contact the office as soon as possible as planning for grades and teachers will be finalised in the next few weeks.

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.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT INTERESTED PARENTS COMPLETE THE SURVEY

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.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

We will be having a bit of fun on Melbourne Cup Day with a “hat/fascinator” parade.

All children are welcome to wear a special piece of head gear. A parade will be held at the beginning of the day.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB REQUEST

If you paid for your last book club order by credit card, could you please contact Deanne. I’ve made a booboo with the payment of the account!! :( 

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

Please let the Office know.
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 4  
7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER

WEEK 4  
October 28th– November 1st  WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Friday 1st November  
Festival of Tennis for Gr 3-6 @ Tennis Complex

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH BEGINS

WEEK 5  
November 4th—November 8th

Thurs 7th November  
Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm

Friday 8th November  
Junior Excursion to ScienceWorks, Melbourne ($25)

T20 Cricket 2 Gr 5/6 teams going

WEEK 6  
November 11th—November 15th

November 11th-15th
Swimming program (5 sessions—P/1S, 1/2F, 3/4S and 5/6F)

Thurs 14th November  
Prep Orientation Program 9.15am-12pm

WEEK 7  
November 18th—November 22nd

Mon 18th November  
School Council Meeting

Mon 18th November  
Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm

November 18th—22nd  
Swimming program (5 sessions—P/1H, 1/2O, 3/4D and 5/6B)

WEEK 8  
November 25th—November 29th

Mon 25th November  
Prep Orientation Program 12pm-3pm

Tues 26th November  
Whole School Extravaganza

WEEK 9  
December 2nd—December 6th

Mon 2nd December  
CURRICULUM DAY—NO STUDENTS REQUIRED (NO AASC Gr3-6)

Tues 3rd December  
Orientation Day

Friday 6th December  
T20 Cricket 4 Gr 3/4 teams going

WEEK 10  
December 9th—December 13th

Mon 9th December  
LAST AASC for Term 4—Gr. 3-6

Wed 11th December  
LAST AASC for Term 4—Prep-2

Thur 12th December  
Grade 6 Graduation at White Hills Cricket Club Rooms

WEEK 11  
December 16th—December 20th

Mon 16th December  
School Council Meeting

Tues 17th December  
Christmas Carol’s @ Epsom P.S.

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.

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.  
John Maxwell

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GARDENING DUTIES FOR OUR SCHOOL
Thank you to our gardening families. I could tell immediately that someone had been in yesterday.....the paths were all swept and the school looked very tidy. Gardening families this week are Matthews, McGavock and McGibbon. Thank you

OFFICE NEWS

Grades 3-6 students will need to pay $3 to the Office for the Festival of tennis, which is being held tomorrow.

Remembrance day goods are for sale at the Office. Items range from 50c to $5.

MAYORAL WELCOME
Our Chinese students, Lucy and Jenny, and their host families were invited to the Town Hall last week to be welcomed by the Mayor.

JUNIOR EXCURSION TO SCIENCE WORKS
Our Junior department will be going to Science Works next Friday. This excursion costs $25 and will need to be paid before this event. Notes have been sent home and should be returned to your child’s teacher a.s.a.p.

ART REQUEST
The Art Room kindly requests a couple of items: We are looking for tins with lids such as (empty) Milo tins, coffee tins, baby formula tins or any other tins that students could use. Tins need to be washed if possible. Also, any other art/craft items that could be useful such as ribbon, scrap booking paper, lidded containers (plastic), clean egg cartons, misc craft items that students could use. Please note we cannot except toilet rolls for hygiene reasons. Thank you, Alice Dennis

EPSOM DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26th
7.30 START

ADULTS @ $7
CHILDREN (U13)@ $3

TICKETS ON SALE NOW.......MONEY CAN BE SENT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT.

ESMART
In order to gain our eSmart accreditation we need to have a cyber safety committee. The committee has to have members from all parts of our community including students, parents teachers and community members. The role of the committee is to have input into our cyber safety programs and policies at Epsom PS. We welcome anyone who would like to join this committee and have put it on our calendar for Wednesday 27th November at 3:00pm. Afternoon tea will be served. It is also a chance for you to learn more about cybersafety, keeping safe on the internet, for yourself and your children. I have previously asked for interested parents but we have never had a meeting. So if you already expressed your interest can you please return the form also so you can be added to the new list as current.

Please return this form if you are interested in joining the cyber safety committee.

Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortourn

Name.................................................................................................
Child/ren is/are in grade/s........................................
Is Wed Nov 27th at 3:00pm suitable? Yes/No
FESTIVAL OF TENNIS
The Grade 3-6 classes have been invited to attend the Festival Of Tennis in Bendigo on Friday November 1st. The details and permission forms have been sent home. Please ensure forms are returned with the payment of $3.00 tomorrow.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Our swimming program is not far away. To assist the YMCA swimming teachers to group the students any child new to the school should fill in the appropriate form. They will be sent home with all Prep children and new students. Please return them promptly to the class teacher.

T20 CRICKET BLAST
Our school is sending two Grade 5/6 teams to the competition in Bendigo on Friday November 8th and four Grade 3/4 teams on Friday December 6th. Teams are in the process of being finalised and permission forms will be sent home as required.

Jan Brunswick
PE Coordinator

2014 SCHOOL DATES
TERM 1 29th January—4th April
(Teachers start on 28th January)
TERM 2 22nd April—27th June
TERM 3 14th July—19th September
TERM 4 6TH October—19th December

The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

WALK TO SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER
Epsom Primary School has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment and their confidence.

Walk to School is free, it’s fun and there are fantastic prizes for schools up for grabs.

Grades Prep to 6 are all participating in Walk to School.


Each class has a chart in their classroom that has every name listed. If the children walk to and from school they put a tick next to their name. If your child is driven to school you may like to park around the corner and walk with them. This is not compulsory but the more participation the better the chance of winning some great prizes.