Dear Parents,

As I move around the classrooms I am very impressed with the work ethic of the students. The tone in the classrooms is also excellent and the work the children are producing is terrific. Congratulations everyone.

Yesterday Mrs Davey took the leadership team to a conference in Bendigo. Everyone had a great time and learnt lots. It is very gratifying that our student leaders are a great example to others and are having the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a fun way.

Please continue to take your Marketplace receipts to the Epsom box as we are currently winning and the $10,000 prize would be a welcome addition to our budget.

Next week is another busy week with the school cross country and the Mothers Day Stall on Friday 10th May. More information to follow.

Take care
Kerry McGuffie

HAS YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?
If any of your contact details or emergency contact people have changed, the school needs to be informed.

BOOK FAIR—$643.20
Thankyou to all the families who supported our Book Fair. We will get to choose $64.30 worth of books for our library.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE
Raffle books are being sent home today for a Mothers Day Raffle—PAMPER PACK. Tickets are 50c each. A book is $5. The raffle will be drawn on Friday May 10th at the conclusion of the Mothers Day Stall.

MOTHERS DAY STALL FRI 10TH MAY
Get something special this Mothers Day. All gifts are new or handmade priced from 50c to $10. There is a display of gifts in the Office. Help is required from 9am—11am on the day of the stall. Please return the slip at the end of this newsletter to the Office if you are available. (Below the Bunnings BBQ slip.)

MOTHERS DAY DONATIONS
Donations of gifts or craft are welcomed for the Mothers Day Stall. Please drop items into the Office.

SIGNING CHILDREN IN AND/OR OUT
Parents or emergency contacts are required to sign their children in and/or out by first visiting the Office to fill in a “Sign out/in” form. This form is then taken to the teacher and they will mark their roll accordingly.

VISITORS
All visitors are required to sign in at the Office before going to any part of the school.

U-TURNS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
It is illegal (and very dangerous) to do a u-turn over double lines. Please do not do this in front of the school.

NETBALL ON SATURDAY
Our Under 13’s are playing at 9am on Court 4.

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

**TERM 2**
**15TH APRIL—28TH JUNE**

**WEEK 3**
*Gardening families Anderson, Armstrong, Baldwin*

**WEEK 4**
*Gardening families Bell, Bellis, Bertuch*

**Tues 7th May**
Fundraising Meeting @ 2.30pm

**Friday 10th May**
Mothers Day Stall. Mothers Day Raffle will be drawn today.

**Friday 10th May**
Upper School Cross Country @ 2pm

**WEEK 5**
*Gardening families Bolding, Boyle, Bromham*

**WEEK 6**
**EDUCATION WEEK**

*Gardening families Brown, Bullen, Burdon*

**Mon 20th May**
School Council Meeting

**Tues 21st May**
2014 Prep Information Evening @ 7pm

**Wed 22nd May**
Night School/Community Activities

**Thurs 23rd May**
Open morning 9.30-11am

**Thurs 23rd May**
2014 Prep Information Session @ 10am

**Thurs 23rd May**
Soup Day

**Friday 24th May**
Walk Safely to School Day

**Sunday 26th May**
Market Place Competition Finishes

**WEEK 7**
*Gardening families Callanan, Clark, Copeland*

**Friday 31st May**
Curriculum Day

**Saturday 1st June**
Bunnings BBQ (Fundraiser—BBQ’ers required)

**WEEK 8**
*Gardening families Crossman, Crossman, Cullen*

**WEEK 9**
*Gardening families Dangerfield, Darcy, Davey*

**WEEK 10**
*Gardening families Whittaker, Drummond, Honeyman*

**WEEK 11**
*Gardening families for holidays*

**TERM 3**
**15TH JULY—20TH SEPTEMBER**

**July**
Gym Program—dates TBA

**Wed July 17th**
Football Carnival

**Thurs July 18th**
Netball Carnival

**Mon 12th August**
Fundraising Meeting @ 9.30am

**Thurs 15th August**
Soup Day

**Mon 19th August**
School Council Meeting

**Friday 30th August**
Fathers Day Stall

**Mon 16th September**
School Council Meeting

**Friday 20th Sept**
Footy/Pie Day

**TERM 4**
**7TH OCTOBER-20TH DECEMBER**

**Mon 21st October**
School Council Meeting

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

**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
GARDENING ROSTER
I have put the roster for the garden duties on the calendar for the whole term. This is the only time you will be asked to do one hour of gardening for the year. It’s not just gardening…..it can be as simple as sweeping paths, de-cobwebbing, painting, weeding….there is always something small (or big) to be done.

Deanne Hendy – Environmental Coordinator

OFFICE NEWS
Subject Contributions $80 per student-
Please remember that instalments can be made at the Office. If you would like to deposit the money directly into the schools bank account, please see me for details.

VARIOUS CARDS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE— 50c EACH

PERMISSION NOTES
Follow up phone calls will not be made if your child has forgotten to return their permission note.

TONY BONES INCURSION
Last week all students attended an incursion. The cost was $8 per student. If you haven’t paid could you please forward the money as soon as possible.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
Yesterday the Junior School Councillors and School Captains went to the Capital theatre in Bendigo. We got little booklets and pens when we got to the seats. We did fun activities. There was a loud noises program and it was like a rock concert. The conference was called Grip Leadership Conference where we learned how to be great leaders. We learnt about working in a team. There was a Fire fighter leader - they do the task. A Police officer leader gives good instructions to people and last but not least an Ambulance officer leader. They lead by caring for others. These are 3 very important things to be a successful leader.

From Lach H. Junior School Council Treasurer.

Grip leadership conference

EPSOM SINGLETS
Thank you to the children who have returned their Epsom singlet that they wore on the day of the Zone Cross Country. There are still some not returned and we would appreciate a quick return so they can be packed away.
Thank you
Jan Brunswick
PE Coordinator

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Our Upper School Cross Country Run is set for Friday May 10th commencing at 2.00pm. There are many jobs (none too hard) and as yet I don’t have any volunteers to assist. If you can assist please let the school know.

Jan Brunswick

Missing Laptop
We are missing a white laptop (No. 32)so please can everyone keep their eyes open for it. As we lease our laptops we are required to pay for any missing ones at the end of the lease.
Thanks for your help,
Jenny Ashby ICT specialist

BUNNING BBQ—SATURDAY JUNE 1ST
I CAN HELP AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

| 8.30-9.30 | BISHOP AND |
| 9.30-10.30 |
| 10.30-11.30 |
| 11.30-12.30 |
| 12.30-1.30 |
| 1.30-2.30 |
| 2.30-3.30 |
| 3.30-4.30 |

I’D LOVE TO HELP AT THE MOTHERS DAY STALL FROM 9-11 ON FRIDAY MAY 10TH

NAME

Thank you to the children who have returned their Epsom singlet that they wore on the day of the Zone Cross Country. There are still some not returned and we would appreciate a quick return so they can be packed away.
Thank you
Jan Brunswick
PE Coordinator

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Our Upper School Cross Country Run is set for Friday May 10th commencing at 2.00pm. There are many jobs (none too hard) and as yet I don’t have any volunteers to assist. If you can assist please let the school know.

Jan Brunswick

Missing Laptop
We are missing a white laptop (No. 32)so please can everyone keep their eyes open for it. As we lease our laptops we are required to pay for any missing ones at the end of the lease.
Thanks for your help,
Jenny Ashby ICT specialist

BUNNING BBQ—SATURDAY JUNE 1ST
I CAN HELP AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

| 8.30-9.30 | BISHOP AND |
| 9.30-10.30 |
| 10.30-11.30 |
| 11.30-12.30 |
| 12.30-1.30 |
| 1.30-2.30 |
| 2.30-3.30 |
| 3.30-4.30 |

I’D LOVE TO HELP AT THE MOTHERS DAY STALL FROM 9-11 ON FRIDAY MAY 10TH

NAME
WE’RE STILL WINNING!!
Bendigo Marketplace Shopping Centre’s
RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA 2013

See how your school is tracking against others in your local community at any time by visiting the interactive map on the www.runaroundaustralia.com.au website.

NEW UNIFORMS AT THE OFFICE
2 x Size 6 tracksuit pants @ $10 each
1 x Size 6 Epsom T-shirt @ $9
1 x Size 16 shorts @ $7
1 x Size 14 Epsom Polo shirt @ $20

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Open after Assembly every Monday, in the Welfare Room

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Dear Parents,

As a teacher at this great school, we are extremely grateful for your efforts to collect Earn & Learn stickers in 2012. The school community collected 64,000 points, which gave Mr Saddlier and I 16,000 points to spend in the Grade 3/4 community.

We made a decision to spend these points on maths resources to share between our two grades. This enabled us to buy Lego, dome dice, LED dice, dominoes, fraction Bingo, mini whiteboards, teaching aides for multiplication and division, playing cards and much, much more. We have so many modern and valuable items to choose from on the website. We know the rest of the teaching staff are as equally grateful for this boost to our teaching resources.

So as the competition is now underway again for 2013 I encourage you and your family members to save as many stickers as you can and drop them into the office. They do make a very big difference at the coal face - your child's classroom.

Many thanks,

Mrs Gill Davey

P.S. If you happen to buy items from Woolies Marketplace then you can legally double dip and obtain the Earn & Learn stickers as well as enter The Run Around Australia competition!

The Bendigo Chaplaincy Committee invites you to the School Chaplaincy AGM & Annual Dinner ($25) on Friday 31 May 2013, 6pm for 6.30 pm: at Kangaroo Flat Sports Centre, Mackenzie St. West Kangaroo Flat. Bookings with payment by 24 May & inquiries: Ray Harvey Ph:5442 1732 9 Samuel Court Spring Gully 3550

GARAGE SALE
ALL PROCEEDS TO ANGLICAN PARISH OF BENDIGO NORTH
ALL GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES - CAKES, CLOTHES, COLLECTABLES, PLANTS, TOYS, KITCHENWARE, SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DRINKS
SAT. MAY 4TH, 8.30 AM – 2.30 PM
494 NAPIER STREET WHITE HILLS

City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Councillors Peter Cox, Mayor Lisa Ruffell and James Williams invite all interested members of the community to attend the Whipstick Ward meeting in Epsom on Monday May 6. The meeting will run from 7pm – 8.30pm at Epsom Primary School and will be an opportunity for residents to discuss a range of issues.