Welcome!

Last week we welcomed Lucindah B to EPS! Lucindah comes to us from Melbourne and has thoroughly enjoyed her first week at our school—participating in PJ Day and swimming lessons! What a great start! Welcome to Lucindah and her family.

**PJ Day**

Our Student Representative Council held a ‘Pyjama Day’ last week in order to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This was a great opportunity for our students to have a dress-up day, but also for our SRC Representatives to practise their leadership skills. Particular mention goes to Symantha B and Hermione B who independently ran our ‘PJ Parade’ in the EPEE Centre on Thursday that was thoroughly enjoyable! Well done girls! It was fantastic to see our families embrace the day and I’m very proud to announce that from our gold coin donations we raised $322 which will be donated directly to the Good Friday Appeal next week! Well done everyone—a fantastic effort!

**Swimming lessons**

Aquatics are a key component of the Physical Education and Health curriculum right throughout the primary school years. Our Year 1/2 students are currently enjoying their swimming lessons with the last one (the pool party!) scheduled for this Friday. Our Prep students are scheduled for their lessons in Term 4. Lessons for students in Years 3-6 were put on hold a few years ago with the closure of the Bluewater Leisure Centre for redevelopment. Now that the centre is operational again, we are able to consider reinstating these lessons. At this stage, it is estimated that a series of 6-8 lessons (depending on term/availability) would cost between $70 and $85 per child, including bus transport to the pool, instructors and entry (entry fee would be waived for families with memberships). Notes will be sent home today with all students in Years 3-6 to determine interest in this program. Without enough interest, it will not run.

Please return these slips, indicating your interest level, before the end of term.

On a competitive swimming note we have two students heading off to the Regional Swimming Championships this Friday to compete for the Colac region—best of luck to Grace H and Eliza W! Swim hard girls, aim for a personal best!

**Religious Education**

We have been offered a teacher to run a Christian education session once a week through ACCESS Ministries for our students at a cost of $10 for the year. The sessions will be run at lunchtime, in line with recent legislative changes that restrict RE to sessions before or after school, or at breaks. As this is an ‘opt-in’ arrangement I’m seeking expressions of interest from families who would like their child/ren to participate. A small return form is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this program, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

**End of Term 1**

Unbelievable, but Term 1 comes to an end next week! The last scheduled day is Thursday 24th of March, due to Good Friday falling on Friday 25th. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. Pop it in the calendar!

Our Parents and Friends group will be drawing the winners of our Easter Raffle at assembly next week (Monday 21st at 9am), so please get your tickets back by Friday 18th and keep the donations coming! Don’t forget the Hot Cross Buns too! Last day for orders today!

*Angela Hall*

*Principal*
**Canteen**
Friday 18th March, 2016
Morning Supervisor: Renee Hall
9:00am:
Rebecca Graham, Olivia Theodore, Kelly Backhouse
Afternoon Supervisor: Janet Walters
12:30pm:
Karly Shaw, Heidi Van Es

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**Easter raffle**— Books and money are due back this Friday 18th March with the raffle being drawn on Monday 21st at Assembly.

**Hot Cross Bun Orders**— orders due yesterday all late orders must be handed into the office by end of school tomorrow.

**Volunteers still needed**— we still require volunteers to knead, measure, shape, mop brows, chat, bake, glaze and package the buns at Colac Secondary College on Sunday 20th March from 7:00am till 10:00pm, even if for just one hour, every little bit helps.

Kerrin Irvine
(President)

**KANA INFORMATION**
We still have a number of glow worm costumes available—small sizes 4-8. Please check Fridays Colac Herald for our float position.
We have a Wettenhall’s truck and will be in the street behind McDonalds with a big dinosaur.
Children to meet there at 12.30pm.
Parent helpers required to be there at 10.30 to assemble trees on float, screws provided but BYO drills.
If you can help please let the school office know.

**EPS NETBALL 2016**
At our meeting last night, unfortunately we were unable to elect a new committee. If the positions are not filled, EPS Netball may not go ahead. I will be in the school canteen straight after school until 4.30pm this Friday 18th March, to collect payments/forms. Payments must be made by this date.
If anyone is interested in filling the committee positions, please come and see me on Friday.
Nicole Walter 0433 717 244

**CHAMPS OSHC COLAC VIC**

**Open Night**
All grade six students and their families are invited to our Open Night on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016.
Presentations will be held at: 5.00pm and 6.00pm.
In the Performing Arts Theatre.
Enquiries 5231 9800

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
I would like my child/ren ……………………………………………………………………..… to participate in the Christian Religious Instruction program at Elliminyt Primary School in 2016, held during lunch breaks.
I am prepared to pay $10 per child for this program.

Signed: …………………………………………………………..

Parent name: ………………………………………………….
VALUES CORNER

Our School values of Honesty, Responsibility, Respect and Personal Best are core to what we do here at EPS. This week we will look at Honesty in more detail....

At school, we define honesty as— “speaking the truth. Lying is not honest (also called dishonest) because you are saying something that isn’t true. Honesty includes not hiding the truth (deceiving), not breaking rules to gain an advantage (cheating) and not taking something that isn’t yours (stealing) as well as any other action that you would hide because it is against what you consider morally right. Being honest with yourself means you really know why you are acting in a certain way or whether what you tell yourself is true”.

Next week we’ll present some examples of honesty in our school. Mrs Hall

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Come along and support your local Scout Group with a night of fun and trivia at the Colac Austral Hotel on Wednesday 23rd of March.

Tables of 6, $10 per person.

Bookings - Kathy 52 348 376 or 0407 348 376.

See the Otway Plains District Scouts Facebook page for more information.

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INDOOR CRICKET

**Competition:**
Grades 2 to 6

Monday & Thursday after school.

Teams or individual registrations open now.

**Coaching Program:**
Grades 2 to 6

Wednesday after school

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**TENNIS**

Hot Shots is a progression program and a fun way to learn how to play tennis. Coaching Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

**TENNIS COMPETITION**

8 week junior competition. Grades 4 and up.

Call Paul to enquire on 52314788

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**PYJAMA DAY**

**FUN AT EPS**

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**INDOOR TENNIS & SPORTS CENTRE**
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