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From the Principal’s desk…..

Well, two more sleeps and the last day of Term 3 2014 will be upon us! I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and restful break!

End of term events

Friday, the 19th of September is the final day of Term 3. To celebrate this our Junior School Council are running a ‘Footy Colours’ dress up day. Students are invited to wear their footy colours (but no football boots please) and will be involved in a number of footy-themed activities throughout the day. A gold coin donation for this day is requested, which will go towards the purchase of sports uniforms for our students to wear with pride when they represent EPS in interschool sport competitions.

Don’t forget—last day of term is a 2:30pm dismissal.

Junior Congress

As stated in the newsletter last week, we were most fortunate this year to be selected to participate in the 2014 State Junior School Council Congress held at Parliament House in Melbourne! Our School Captains, Tilly and Talon attended on the day, sitting in Parliament and voting on ideas that affect young people all around the state.

A huge thank you must go to Talon’s mum, Casey, for accompanying both students on the day.

Walktober

Next month is Walktober! Walktober is an event sponsored by Vic Health and promoted within our local council that encourages kids to find an active way to get to school. This may mean getting dropped off a block before school and walking, walking to the bus stop instead of driving, or riding or scooting to school—anything that encourages physical activity! Stay tuned next term for a couple of extra special events that will be occurring!

EMA—Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the EMA program will cease to exist and our government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money that was previously used for this purpose will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

In response to this, in order to maximise the support we are able to provide our families, in early Term 4 we will be surveying all parents regarding their occupational group. This information is required on enrolment, but considering circumstances can change within the 7 years of primary schooling, we will be reviewing this data. The classification of these occupational groups is what determines the level of funding we receive to assist our families. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Long Service Leave

As you may already be aware, I am taking a pre-planned break for the first 3 weeks of Term 4. During this time Mrs Denise Hulonce will fill the role of Acting Principal and will be able to assist with any concerns you may have.

Holidays

As a lot of our families live in close proximity to the school, we are asking for your assistance by reporting any suspicious or unlawful activity you see taking place on our school grounds during the holiday break. You can make a report to either Colac Police directly on 52300 000 or in an emergency or life threatening situation to 000. Remember, do not place yourself in danger—your safety comes first—any action must be handled by the local Police, or the Education Department Security personnel.

Angela Hall
Principal
This week’s Principal’s Award goes to Emily R.

Emily is a kind, caring student who displays excellent manners and good citizenship qualities.

Keep up the good work Em!
Friday 19th September, 2014

Morning Supervisor: Sallee Sell
9:00am: Claire Suares, Debra Reynolds, Natasha Hay

Afternoon Supervisor: Kerrin Irvine
12:30pm: Emma Warton, Leonie Walton

**BIKE ED PROGRAM—GRADE 3 TO 6**

The schools Bike Ed Program commences on Monday 13th October and continues for everyday through to Friday 24th October (2 weeks). There will be a bike and helmet check completed on Thursday 18th, September (just before the end of Term 3) from 9.00am until 11.00am.

All students in Grades 3 to 6 will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school on that day.

Thanks,
Greg Brauer,
Bike Ed Co-ordinator

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**SPELLING BEE**

On Thursday 18th September (TOMORROW) we are having our Spelling Bee in the EPEE Centre. We hope all of our 3-6 kids are practising their words so they are well prepared for this event.

To encourage house spirit, you may dress up in house colours and make encouraging signs to support your house.

Let's all help each other to do our very best.

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