From the Principal’s desk…..

**Working Bee**
This Friday is our ‘Spring Clean’ working bee! We’re hoping to have as many families as possible come along and pitch in whatever they can to complete a list of jobs around our yard anytime from 3:30pm onwards.
If you’re planning on coming, can you please let the office, or your child’s classroom teacher know so that we can efficiently plan for this event. It would be much appreciated if you can bring any equipment that would help, ie. wheelbarrows, whipper snippers, gloves, spades/shovels for mulching and planting. Let’s hope for some sunshine and lots of hands on deck!

**Disco**
Last Thursday evening we had the annual P&F Disco, with a ‘Country Boot Scooting’ theme. Congratulations must go to our P&F for the fantastic experience they gave our kids with lots of fun had on the night. Thanks also to Mr Graham for his expertise and equipment with the music, and Ms Sell for her attendance.

**Show entries**
It was fantastic to see soooo many of our students entering work in the Colac Show on the weekend! Lots of excellent contributions were on display, with some winners in there too! We’ll await official results from Mrs McCallum, but in the meantime, well done to everyone who entered a piece, and many thanks to Mrs McCallum for her efforts in coordinating this.

**National Teaching Excellence Award**
On Monday of this week I had the pleasure of presenting our own Miss Testa with a trophy and certificate in recognition of her selection as a State/Territory recipient of the National Teaching Excellence Award! This is a huge achievement for Hollie and fantastic recognition of the amazing job she does every day with our students. Well done Miss Testa—we are all very proud of you!

**Bike Ed**
Last week we wrapped up two weeks of Bike Ed! This is an exciting component of our senior school curriculum and a great opportunity for our children. The program requires very small ratios of students to staff which means we need a lot of additional assistance. Huge thanks must go to Mr Brauer who volunteered his time EVERY DAY of our Bike Ed program and contributed substantially to the success of the program. Mr Murray Howard was another volunteer who gave up a lot of his own time to assist, along with Bev Vesey and Leanne Mayer. Well done to Mrs Hulonce on her time and effort in coordinating the program.
There are a small number of bikes which are yet to be collected and currently taking up space in our Conference Room. If one of these belongs to your family, please arrange to collect it as soon as possible.

**2016 Planning**
As the term progresses we begin to work on plans for the following academic year. We have a transition day planned for Tuesday December 8th, when our current Year 6 students will head off to their secondary school of choice, and our 2016 Preps will attend for a day. Part of this day also includes our current Year Prep to 5 students spending an hour with their 2016 teacher and classmates in their 2016 classroom. At the end of this day, children will be provided with a letter stating their allocation for 2016. We look forward to sharing this information with you in time.

**Remembrance Day**
Today we marked Remembrance Day by our School Captains, Trent B, Jordan B and Lucas M reading a piece over our PA system about the importance of Remembrance Day. We ended this with a minute silence to remember our fallen soldiers.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Angela Hall
Principal
COLAC SHOW RESULTS
The 152nd Colac Show has been and gone. The EPS students were well represented among the prize winners this year. Congratulations to everyone who entered into the spirit of the occasion. All of the winning entries are on display in the Art Gallery area outside the Art room. Prizes were awarded for handwriting, collage, painting and drawing, articles of craft and article of sewing.

First prizes were won by Ayisha B (x4), Faith K, Zainab B, Eliza W, Annalise L, Harrison H, Tahlia S, Emily M (x2), Ella M, Liam V, Sami A and Makayla O.

Second prizes were awarded to Archie W (x2), Hudson A, Mitchell H (x2), Rory W, Ella W, Matilda B, Spencer H, Clare H, Lily S, Tiffia H, Hudson D, Toby S, Adriana S, Tilly F, Lori P, Emily McC and Eliza W.


Other students had work that was Highly Commended - Ashlee S, Sarsha J-F, Mikhaela R, Matilda B, Ebony H, Zach Q, Isaac H, Kiera K, Xzania H, Anna B, Freya B, Troy M, Mitchell H and Jacob K.


BIKE ED
Thank you to Mr Hollick for taking Year 5/6 Bike Ed and Ms Roesler (now Mrs Slater) for taking Year 3/4. We want to say a BIG THANKS to Mr Greg Brauer and Mr Murray Howard for helping out most days. Thanks also to Bev Vesey and Leanne Mayer for helping out with Years 5/6. Well done to the students they definitely improved their bike ed skills over the time.
Thank you,
Denise Hulonce

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
Disco— A big thank you to Marjella Brown and Elizabeth Borsos for making our boot scootin disco really special. They have been in every Monday lunch time for about 10 weeks showing the kids how to boot scoot. The disco was great fun and we raised around $600. Thank you to the mums who came and decorated the EPEE Centre and volunteered on the night. With out the volunteers we would not be able to put on these events. Thank you again.

Christmas Raffle— We are now looking for volunteers to help sell the raffle tickets outside Woolworths in December. Please let us know if you have a few hours spare. The prizes are fantastic, especially now Bimbi park have donated a luxury cabin and rock climbing to our list and Otway fly have donated a zip line experience. Keep the Christmas items coming for our hampers too!

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2015 is next MONDAY NOVEMBER 16th at 9:30am.

Thank you.
Kerrin Irvine—President
STUDENT AWARDS

Prep  Rhys Cooper for his excellent ‘Y chart’ about ‘The Colac Show’.
P/1C  Riley G for using amazing manners and producing excellent work in Maths and Writing.
1T   Kiera K for being a quiet achiever and always trying her personal best!
2G   Harrison H for outstanding role model behaviour and striving for excellence.
3/4T  Camron P for concentrating well and doing his personal best in his testing. Great results!
5H   Mikinley O for unselfish behaviour, a bright happy smile and preparedness to keep her room and school yard tidy.
6H   Troy M for a mature, sensible and responsible approach to the Bike Ed program.
Indonesian  Penny M for her enthusiastic attitude and vast knowledge.
School Value  Kiahna M for persistence in getting ‘back on the bike.’ Well done!

Principal’s Award

This week the Principal’s Award goes to Brayden O for an incredible effort during Week 1 of Bike Ed.
Brayden challenged himself to do things he hasn’t done before and not only stepped up to the challenge, but thrived within it and thoroughly enjoyed his success!
Well done Brayden—we are very proud of you, and you should be very proud of yourself.
Prep - 2 Aussie Picnic Evening

In the morning all the students participated in an Aussie Fashion Parade to share their costumes. In the afternoon students shared an afternoon picnic of lamingtons, meringues, Granny Smith apples, sausage rolls and Cottee’s cordial. We read about the ‘Man from Snowy River’, competed in a Thong Toss, Aussie Trivia and Aussie Animal Relay. Andrew Beale and the RRRTAG singers performed bush poetry and Aussie folk songs.
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