HERB & VEGIE GARDEN AT EPPING
As part of Hornsby Council and Northern Health’s “Ready, Set, Grow” Program, we have set up and planted a herb and vegetable garden at school. We used a layered approach, incorporating materials such as lucerne, soil and manure.

STEP 1: We put wet newspaper in the base of the garden. This will help kill the weeds and nourish the soil.

STEP 2: We poured in the soil using our donated gloves, trowels and buckets.

STEP 3: Then we are added a layer of wet lucerne hay, some more soil and manure. We spread the materials carefully so it was an even level for planting.

COMING EVENTS
Friday 21 October
P&C Disco

Tuesday 25 October
Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Session

Monday 31 October
Music Festival

Tuesday 1 November
P&C Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea 2pm

Wednesday 2 November
Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Session

Wednesday 9 November
Channel 7 Studios - Selected Year 6 students

Thursday 10 November
Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Session

Monday 14 November
Mind Marathon – Six Year 6 students

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at this week’s assembly.

Bronze Award
Jack KB

Silver Award
Julia 6P

ASSEMBLY ITEM
Assembly is held in the hall on Wednesday at 2pm.

This week the assembly item is by 1W.

Next week the assembly item will be by KB.
STEP 4: Here you can see us planting, staking and watering our plants. We put in strawberries, lettuce, zucchini, parsley, thyme, basil, beans and tomatoes and much more!

Our Principals Message
GREEN TEAM PLANTS VEGETABLES
As our lead story shows, our Green Team is continuing to explore ways that Epping Public School can contribute to supporting the environment. The team, along with Mrs Citer and Mrs Bailey, planted our first vegetable garden along the back fence. It is hoped that these vegetables will eventually be used by our canteen. Well done team.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS HITS EPPING
Last Thursday, Epping Public School welcomed the Korean Table Tennis Team. Students were entertained by the skill and ability of the team. During the session, teachers and students got the opportunity to play the Koreans. It was a great experience for all of us.

MATHEMATICAL SUPERSTAR
I would like to congratulate Justin in 5S who is to receive a medal for his efforts in the Mathematics Paper in the UNSW Competitions. He will receive his medal at a Presentation Assembly next month. Well done Justin.

AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY
Once again, I have received a report from a concerned citizen about students putting themselves in dangerous situations. Some of our students meet at Epping Library after school and it appears that around 5pm last week some of these students were seen dashing across Oxford St against the lights. Students should go straight home after school and never cross against the lights. The last thing I want to have to do is to report a serious injury or even a death in the newsletter.

SPORT PHOTOS
Order forms for sport photos are now available from the office. The photos can be viewed in the foyer area of the office. All orders and payment need to be placed in the collection box outside the office by Friday 28 October.

MUSIC FESTIVAL TICKETS
Parents who wish to purchase tickets for the Music Festival on 31 October, can now do so from the office. The cost of all tickets this year is $20. The program is the ticket so you need to bring it with you on the evening.

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR TICKETS
During last term students were asked to express interest in attending the Schools Spectacular in Sydney. We received a huge response. Unfortunately we only have 92 tickets. These tickets will be offered to the first 92 students who returned their expression of interest. They will have until Tuesday 8 November to pay for the ticket. After this date any tickets unpaid for will be offered to students in order of the return of their expression of interest.

TERM 4 INVOICES
This week you will receive your term 4 invoice. As always we ask if you can pay when you get the opportunity. If anyone has any concerns, please contact the school office to arrange an interview.
with me. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

CLICK PENS
Many of our students bring click pens to school. These are pens that you click to use. Unfortunately many students habitually click pens on and off throughout lessons. This proves very annoying to teachers and students. I ask that from now on when you purchase pens for your child that you do not purchase this type of pen. From 2012 I will not be allowing this type of pen at school.

By Mr John Ford
Principal.

NEWS FROM THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
Towards the end of last term I experienced some software problems in the Library which could have affected the children’s borrowing records. If your child receives an Overdue Notice this week and you have an issue with it, would you please ask your child to see me in order to resolve any matters arising from the technical glitches.
Many of the 2012 Almanacs purchased with the commission from the Book Fair last term are now in circulation. Because of the demand for these books, they can only be borrowed as an overnight loan at this stage. I want to make access to these books fair for all library users.
Fresh copies of Asterix books have been catalogued to replace the old ones and new Tintin books are on display in order to promote the upcoming Tintin movie, due for release in the summer holidays.
Mrs Lyn Campbell.
Teacher-Librarian.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Last Wednesday, your child brought home a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child charity appeal. This is a wonderful, practical way for your child to assist a child living in poverty in south-east Asia.
The box also came with a brochure detailing the sort of gifts that would be useful and appropriate, as well as donation details.
The Operation Christmas Child boxes will be due back at school on Friday, 28 October.

EBASCA
Have your contact details changed?
Please keep us updated with any change of address or phone numbers. It is especially important that we can reach you in case of emergency, so it is essential that we have your current home, work & mobile numbers. Please contact Brigitte at the centre to advise of any changes. (9868 2201)

BOOK CLUB
There will be another edition of book club going out this week. There is a change to the ordering process. All orders are now to be placed in the office collection box rather than in the book club box in your child’s classroom.

Woolworths Earn & Learn.
1 Day to go.....
Last Day to earn points is Tuesday 18 October.
Current tally is 7,448
(The points information is found near end of woolies docket)
Please bring all points to school by this Friday.
Woolies collection boxes are located outside School Office (next to Coles one) and at EBASCA.
Thanks to all our Woolies shoppers!

CALLING ALL COLES SHOPPERS!
We are doing well Epping! – great effort made so far. Our current school tally is at: 21,300 vouchers. Remember the Coles Sports for Schools continues until 18 October. The collection box is located at the front office and you can bring the vouchers in for the rest of this week.

Opportunities for All
P&C CALENDAR - TERM 4
- Spooky Disco – Friday 21st October (Week 2)
- Tuesday 1st November – Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea (2:00pm – 3:20pm)
- P&C Meeting – Tuesday 8th November

SPOOKY DISCO – JOIN US...IF YOU DARE!
Don’t forget to return your order form for THIS Friday’s Spooky Disco by Wednesday. This is the last social function of the year for our students so we hope to see you all there in your best spooky fancy dress!
For your convenience you can pre-pay your dinner and fingerlights as well. Sausage sizzle and fingerlights can also be purchased on the night. Sushi however will need to be pre-ordered.
**NEW** you can now pre-order samosas with mint yogurt. Only $4 for a serve of 4 samosas. Fifty (50) serves will be available so get in quick!
Once again, we will need parent helpers on the night to ensure another wonderful and successful event. If you are able to help, please provide your details on the Order Form. Confirmed volunteers will be contacted by email.

MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON TEA
On Tuesday 1st November, watch the race that stops the nation, live on our big screen! Wear your finest race-day clothes or national dress. Dress up the little ones as well for the “Junior Fashions on the Field”. All babies and toddlers will receive a certification of participation.
Coffee, tea and drinks provided. Bring a plate of food to share. Just gold-coin entry fee.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP
Many thanks to Ros Ahtee and Sue Bailey who have kindly offered to help organise the event. More details will be provided closer to the date.

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PRESESENTATION TO 2011 TRAINING BAND MEMBERS
The 2011 Training Band students have now joined the Concert Band and will be presented with their band badge, report and service ribbon at this Wednesday’s 2pm assembly. Parents are invited to attend.
Have you considered taking French classes at Epping Public School? French classes are available for students in Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday and Friday mornings before school, and are offered at the discounted rate of $6.50 per lesson thanks to support from the school P & C.

The French classes run for half an hour and are a fun introduction to learning a language. Learn French songs, play French games and have Petit Dejeuner (French breakfast of croissants and hot chocolate). Students will also learn essential French vocabulary and basic grammar.

Our French teacher, Mademoiselle Claire Rey, is bilingual. To speak another language with a correct accent is much easier if children are introduced to the sounds of that language at a young age. Give your children a head start for high school by giving them an introduction to French.

Please contact Alison Fraser on 9876 3278 or by email at alison.fraser1@bigpond.com if you are interested in joining.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Community News and accompanying advertising are a community service only and not endorsed by Epping Public School or its staff.

Details for the following activities and clubs can be found in our community noticeboard:

- **Child & Adolescent Parenting (Northern Sydney Health) present a High School Transition workshop.** This will be held on Tuesday 18 October from 7pm till 9.30pm in North Epping. Cost: $10 per family. Enrolment forms are available from Epping Public School Office.

- **The Annual Epping Christmas Market is on 11 November 2011 from 5-9pm** with family fun, face painting, craft, international cuisine, quality Christmas gifts and fresh fruit and veggies. Visit www.eppingmarkets.com.au. The markets are in the grounds of Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School, Epping:

- **Mobile Blood Service** – Epping Baptist Church Cnr Ray & Carlingford Rd
  - Monday 7 Nov 2pm – 7pm
  - Tuesday 8 Nov 2pm – 7pm
  - Wednesday 9 Nov 10am – 3pm

- **Hornsby Shire Festival of the Arts**
  - Saturday 22 October to Sunday 27 November
  - Be Creative! Be Involved!
  - 280 events throughout Hornsby Shire – Music, Film, Dance, Art, Craft, Theatre and more!
  - Download your free program at www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/culture or call 9847 6893.
  - ‘A Feast of the Festival’ Opening Event Celebration! at Hornsby Mall Saturday 22 October 10am – 2pm

- **John McPhillips** – a Kindergarten Parent at Epping Public School is participating in the Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride to help people with MS. See flyer on this page for more details.

- **Australian Girls Choir & junior @ agc - Sydney Open Day** – Sunday 30 October. More information is available by phoning 9922 6733 or www.aspagroup.com.au
Opportunities for All

**SPooky Disco!**

**Friday 21st October**

Come to our annual Spooky Disco ... ... if you dare!

**Cost:** $8.00 per child
(includes drink, licks stick and snack)

Also for sale on the night or pre-order overleaf: **NEW** Samosas with Mint Yoghurt (serve of 4) $4, Sausage Sizzle $2, Sushi $3, Fingerlights (pack of 4) $2

**Kinder to Year 2 Disco** 5:00 – 6:15 PM

**Sausage Sizzle & Sushi** 6:15 – 7:00 PM

**Year 3 to Year 6 Disco** 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Hey DJ**

DJ Andy of Hey DJ promises to deliver the best school disco show in Australia! Not to be missed! Join in the fun!

Great prizes to be won! Wear spooky fancy dress!
# Opportunities for All

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**WILL BE ATTENDING THE SPOOKY DISCO ON FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER**

**Pre-order total:** $________

**Ticket Total ($8 per child):** $________

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** $________

**MUMS & DADS** – your help on the night would be truly appreciated. Please tick what you’d like to do:

- [ ] 4:45 to 5:15pm Checking in Kindergarten to Year 2 arrivals
- [ ] 5:00 to 6:15pm Help in the canteen serving refreshments
- [ ] 6:15 to 7:00pm Sausage Sizzle – BBQ’ing or serving
- [ ] 6:15 to 7:00pm Serving on the sushi stall
- [ ] 6:15 to 6:45pm Clean up before next session
- [ ] 6:45 to 7:15pm Checking in Year 3 to Year 6 arrivals
- [ ] 7:00 to 8:30pm Help in the canteen serving refreshments
- [ ] 8:30 to 9:00pm Clean up

**Name:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

Confirmed parent helpers will be contacted by email

Please put your payment along with the completed form in an envelope entitled SPOOKY DISCO and place in the fundraising letterbox by Wednesday 19th October.

Cheques made out to Epping Public School P&C.

For any questions please call the Fundraising Coordinators:

Marissa Kelly (0408 088 449)
Jacqui Pitcher (0409 325 424)
Deb Darley (0402 107 278)

Please remember that every child must be picked up from the hall.
No child will be allowed to walk home or to a waiting car.