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## AWARD WINNERS

Last week’s award winners were:-

- P/1 – Evie – For doing an excellent job picking up rubbish on Schools Clean Up Australia Day.
- 2/3 – Jesse – For concentrating on his work and not getting distracted by others.
- 4/5/6 – Nathan – For starting all learning tasks quickly and achieving excellent results.

## HOUSE POINTS

Campaspe won the House Point Award for the week.

## GOLDEN BRUSH

The Golden Brush for last week was won by the 2/3 room. Well done.
SPELLING AND READING AWARDS
Lots of students are continuing to work their way through the various high frequency word levels in both spelling and word recognition (reading). Lots of practice at school and home is making a big difference.
Well done this week to Lincoln, Blair, Ava, Jaeyln, Alex, Haylee and Brydie.

A busy last couple of days has seen our students completing their last gym session, enjoying some reading time at the great new Bendigo Library and our School Choir performing at the CWA International Women’s Day get together in Axedale this morning. Congratulations to the Choir on an excellent performance and to Keely who spoke glowingly about why Axedale is a great place to live.
On Friday February 28th, all students from the Axedale Primary School took part in Clean Up Australia Day. The students worked in groups to clean up the school, the church grounds, around the shop and the Tavern, the Axedale Park and also worked all the way along the revitalised River Reserve collecting 18kg of rubbish and recycling.

We were pleased to note that much less rubbish was found than last year—a good sign! Congratulations to all the students for their efforts in making our town look clean and tidy. Three champion cleaners were rewarded with Clean Up Australia Day hats for their outstanding efforts. Well done to Evie Aurisch–McGrath, Skyla Cairney and Adam McKay.

WORKING BEE
Many thanks to the families who came along and helped out at the Working Bee last weekend. Our shed is wonderfully tidy and organised, our front gardens are looking cared for, our McIvor Rd nature strip is neat and tidy and work has continued on the new mosaic area near the Principals Office.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
National Ride to School Day is on Wednesday 19th March. Due to a clash, we will be holding our Ride to School Day on Friday 21st March. More details in next week’s Newsletter.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE
On Wednesday 19th March we will be combining with Eppalock PS for an Indigenous Cultural Performance. More details in next week’s Newsletter.

FRRR
The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal has recently provided some support to families within our school community. We thank them for their support.

NETBOOK PAYMENTS
Thank you to those families who are up to date with payments for Gr 5/6 netbooks.

BULB ORDERS
Just a reminder that final bulb orders need to be in tomorrow morning so that orders can be collated and sent away.

EASTER RAFFLE
The School and Community Group is co-ordinating an Easter Raffle this year. We are asking all families to donate an Easter item that will form part of the prizes that will be bundled up. Donations can be left at the Office.
PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE
The 2014 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is on again this year and officially ends on 12 September 2014. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or 'experience' 30 books during this period. Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period. A consent form is attached if your child/ren are interested in participating.

EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week is on from May 18th-24th in all Victorian schools. We will be holding a number of events during Education Week. You may wish to pencil in some of these dates.

Education Week Activities & Dates
Tuesday May 20th – Grandparents & Special Visitor Day & Mosaic Tile Area Opening – 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday May 21st - BSESC Concert Band
Friday May 23rd – Bright Clothes Day/Walk Safely to School Day - activities with Axedale Pre-School

Prep Orientation Program Dates
State wide Orientation Day – Tuesday 9th December 9.00am-12 noon
Extra preparation sessions - Thursdays from 1.45-3.00pm – Nov. 20th, 27th and Dec. 4th

EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL RELAY
Axedale PS students are invited to attend this event on Saturday 15th March. Students will take part in a relay race (200m or 400m) in teams of 4. I currently have 3 Grade 4/5/6 students interested who are looking for a 4th teammate. Interested students would need to meet Mr C and their Axedale teammates at the Eaglehawk Town Hall at 11am on the Saturday morning. The racing will be finished by approximately 12.15pm. Please see Mr C if you are interested. (All grade 3-6 welcome!)

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE RESTRAINT OF CHILDREN TRAVELLING IN MOTOR VEHICLES
Schools have been requested by DEECD to inform the School Community of the new guidelines regarding child restraints in cars.
Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.
A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.
The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.
  o Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
  o Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
  o Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
  o Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
  o Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?
To access the Child Restraint Guidelines, see: www.kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
We have been requested by DEECD to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

SCHOOL FEES
I encourage all families to finalise the payment of School Fees as soon as possible.
The school is happy to put a fortnightly payment plan into place if that is a more suitable arrangement for your family. Please contact the Office.
Yearly School Fees are $50 for the first child, $30 for the second child and $20 for the third or fourth child.
PERSONAL PROPERTY
Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. If bus travellers have things at school they must be stored in the Day Safe in the office. Please remind your children of this.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cut up fruit on Fridays.
A roster is attached for these volunteers.
Friday 7th March – Jocelyn Davies
Friday 14th March – Danielle Burnside
Friday 21st March – Susie McGrath

TERM DATES 2014
Term 1: 28th January to 4th April
Term 2: Tuesday 22nd April to 27th June
Term 3: 14th July to 19th September
Term 4: 6th October to 19th December

GUITAR LESSONS
Jo Woodward will be taking Guitar Lessons again this year. This will occur each Friday and costs $10/lesson. Interested new students please contact the school.

DRINK COOLERS FOR SALE
There are some drink coolers left over from the Quick Shear available at school for $8 each. Call into the office if you would like to purchase one.

Lex Johnstone
Principal

CLASSROOMS

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
At young leaders day my favourite guest speaker was Daniel Flynn because he talked about helping people in need and making the world that little bit better. We also learnt how to start a business and make lots of money.
By Josh Gersbach

On the 24th of February the grade sixes, Mr C and Corrine hopped on the train to Melbourne to the Young Leaders Day.
Jess fox, Kevin Sheedy, Daniel Flynn, John Marsden, Mike Martin and a couple of others spoke. My favourite person was Daniel Flynn because he made a water company called ‘Thank You Water’. It was to raise money so other countries can have clean water instead of dirty water.
Jess Fox was an Australian summer Olympian in the 2012 Olympics. She won silver in white water rapids.
She said “dream big and never give up”. She brought her silver medal.
After we hopped back on the train to Bendigo and went home.
By Ryan Strawbridge

On Monday last week grade six pupils, Mr C and Corrine went down to Melbourne. We went to the train station and went to Melbourne. We listened to the best guest speakers and their names were John Marsden, Daniel Flynn, Mike Martin, Jess Fox and Kevin Sheedy. My favourite speaker was Kevin Sheedy because he was an AFL legend and he was really good at talking to us and he said that if someone says something negative to him he makes it a positive. My favourite activity of the day was the Giant beach ball being hit around the big centre. We had Hungry Jack’s at the Southern Cross station. Then we hopped on the train to go to Bendigo station. That was it for the day.
By Ed Caburnay
Last Monday Ed, Jack, Keely, Josh, Ryan and I went to Melbourne for Young Leader’s Day with Corrine and Mr C. Speaker 1 was Mike Martin. He said life is safe and fair and awesome, put yourself in their shoes. Speaker 2 was John Marsden. He is a good author and he said ‘Umm’ is a word. Speaker 3, Dan Flyn, made Thank You water and products. It is in Woolworths and Coles. Speaker 4, Jess Fox, won a silver medal. She said “What is your dream? Keep dreaming, train and train every day.” Speaker 5, Kevin Sheedy, said “Work, happiness and dreaming big are important.”

I am somebody you are somebody we are somebody!!!!

By Maliqua Pearce

On Monday all the grade sixers, mum and M.C went to the National Young Leader’s day. The speakers were Mike Martin, John Marsden, Daniel Flynn, Jess Fox and Kevin Sheedy. My favourite was by far Daniel Flynn who started a bottled water company called thank you. At the age of 19 he started this whole thing just so Africa could have clean water because he was watching a video on the internet of this boy called Niee that had to walk 4 miles to get dirty water to drink for his family and his family got very sick from it and died from the water he got them. So Daniel decided to get clean water over to Africa by making Thank You Water but most of his speech encouraged us and said never let age and experience stop you from pursuing your dream. And because he inspired me so much Maliqua and I started our own dog walking business and 60% of the profit goes to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

The one thing all the speakers had in common was dream, big never give up, you can do anything if you believe in yourself.

By Keely Van Wynen

On Monday of last week the grade Sixers, Mr. C and Corrine went down to Melbourne on the train to go to the Young Leader’s Conference. John Marsden, Mike Martin, Daniel Flynn, Jess Fox and the greatest of all people talked Kevin Sheedy!!! My favourite speaker of course was Kevin Sheedy he said he is a big ‘Dreamer’ and it’s not about winning. There were so many schools there, it was amazing… it was awesome.

At the end of the day we had Hungry Jacks and at Hungry Jacks this random guy walked up to Ed and gave him $5.

By Jack Di Valentine

COMMUNITY

Women’s night out

Loddon Bendigo Rural Women’s Network is seeking ideas on what types of activities, support and events women in Loddon Shire would like to see. To that end, the network has organised a series of three evenings of conversation led by Wendy Holland, of Bendigo-based consultancy Community Vibe.

The evenings, which include a free meal, are planned for Serpentine Bowling Club on 5 March, Marong Family Hotel on 12 March and Axedale Tavern on 19 March, all at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

The deadlines for registrations are this Friday (28 Feb.) for Serpentine, 7 March for Marong and 14 March for Axedale.

For more details, or to add your name to the list, please phone Christine Coombes on 5494 1251 or email ccoombes@loddon.vic.gov.au

Indonesian Gamelan orchestra and dancers will be performing in Bendigo on Sunday March 16th and March 23rd at part of the Bendigo Festival of cultures. (See program)

This is a great opportunity for all students and families to experience the many local rich and diverse cultures that enrich our Bendigo Region.

Bendigo Festival of Cultures. March 16th to 23rd celebrating Cultural Diversity Week March 16 to 23rd and Harmony Day March 21st.

GRAND OPENING EXTRAVAGANZA Sun Mar 16th. Capital theatre 1-00 to 4-00. Not to be missed. FREE EVENT.

Multi –Faith Dinner/Forum. Wed. March 19th, Bendigo TAFE. 6-30 to 9-30pm

HARMONY DAY Celebrations in the Hargreaves Mall. Friday March 21st 1-00 to 4-00. FREE EVENT

Multicultural Dinner Dance. The Foundry Hotel. Saturday March 22nd

FAMILY FUN DAY Sydney Myer Place. Sunday March 23rd 10am – 4pm. FRE EVENT includes Multicultural market, Multicultural youth talent contest, live performers, craft &cultural workshops, and food.

Full program visit online at bendigofestivalofcultures.org.au OR Call LCMS 03 54416644
Baby & Kids Market – Saturday 10th May 2014
The Bendigo Community Toy Library's annual Huge Baby & Kids Market is being held on Saturday 10th May from 9am till 1pm at Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street and is proudly sponsored by Jacinta Allan, the State Member for Bendigo East. With a great mix of new and quality pre-loved goods, it’s bargain-central for new and not-so-new parents. Prams, cots, high chairs, clothing, toys, and much much more. Cash only, entry by gold coin donation.
Stalls are available from only $30, so why not boost your bank account by cleaning out the cupboards and toy boxes.
For more information contact Anne Marie on 0466 641 213 or toys@bendigotoylibrary.org.au

EAGLEHAWK SOCCER CLUB
The Eaglehawk Soccer Club is calling for all junior players, current and new to attend a sign up day at Rebel Sports Kangaroo Flat on Friday 7th March from 4.30-7pm.
Fees for 2014
Under 6 to Under 9 $120
Under 10 & 11 $150
Under 12 to 16 $165
Youth Under 18 $280
Rebel Sports are offering 20% off all soccer gear for those that sign up on the night.

DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL
Sunday Family Day
Sunday March 16th
10am-3pm
Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk
The Eaglehawk Soccer Club will be having a come and try day. Come and join in on the FREE fun skills clinics for all the family.
Junior Co-ordinator:
Michael McKechnie 0421 327 157
Email: eaglehawksoccerclub@bigpond.com

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FREE MUSIC LESSONS

Bendigo Youth Brass along with City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band (CoGBBB) would like to offer Grade 4-6 students free group music lessons. The L Platers group formed at the beginning of 2012 has been a huge success. The group will be conducted by Mr Trevor Trewartha who is an experienced Conductor and Music Teacher.

The ensemble will be starting on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm – 6.15pm at the CoGBBB Band Room – Tom Flood Sports Centre, Water St.

There will be a tryout and information evening held Wednesday 12th March 5.00pm at the above venue.

Instruments available:
Cornet, (Trumpet), Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Trombone & Tuba

*There will be limited places and conditions will apply.

For more information please contact Trevor Trewartha – 0432 140 633 OR treford1@optusnet.com.au

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Seniors to show what they got at the State Championships

The Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria State Championships have officially started. With the Urban Junior Championships a huge success, the Seniors will show off their skills in Bendigo during the Urban Senior Championships over the Labour Day long weekend (March 8 – 10) bringing together members from across the state.

The Senior Championships are for urban brigade members 17 years and older. More than 70 teams are expected to compete in firefighting skills based events.

A special element of the Urban championships is the discipline section, whereby members are judged on their uniform, appearance and marching skills, as well as the special torchlight parade through the town on the Saturday evening of the event. A special sight, each member carries a historic kerosene lamp throughout the parade and is again judged on their marching.

The final event will be the combined Rural Junior and Senior Championships, held in Geelong on April 4 - 5, where more than 40 teams are expected to compete in firefighting skills events, different to those offered in the Urban Championships.

‘CFA on display’ will be a highlight at each of the events, showcasing new projects, providing recruitment information, activities and fire safety messages. These displays include:

- Member classification
- Brigade sustainability
- Volunteerism
- Home Bushfire advice service
- Member Engagement
- Training
- The Captain Koala Show

Come and support your local men, women, girls and boys during the 2014 State Championships:

- Senior Urban Championships: March 8, 9, 10 at Weeroona Oval, North Bendigo.
- Rural Senior and Junior Championships: April 4, 5 at Geelong Showgrounds, East Geelong.