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EASTER PARADE & DRAGON MILE
What an amazing effort by the students of our school. We had 20 students take part and put in a determined and impressive effort. In the coming weeks, we will be proudly presented with an award for the highest number of entries per school. Many thanks to the parents for supporting their children’s involvement. A big thank you to Mr. C for co-ordinating our participation.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Tomorrow our Junior School Council will be holding their first meeting for the year. Grades have had meetings to discuss ideas to be taken to the JSC for discussion. JSC is aiming to put a ‘calendar of events’ in place for the remainder of the year, outlining some of their plans and projects.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Our Mother’s Day Stall this year will be held on Thursday May 5th from 12 noon onwards. Items will be priced from $1 - $5. We are hoping that our friends from the Axedale Pre-School will be joining us again for the stall and an activity and lunch while here. For younger siblings aged 0-4, items will be available for purchase from 3.00 – 3.40pm.

THANKS
A big thank you to Mandy, Adam, Kathryn, Helen and John for their work last week in sprucing up the school ready for the start of Term Two. It looked great. They also kept our newly grassed area watered and healthy over the holidays. Thanks
SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
On Friday 22 April, our Grade 6 group will be attending the Victorian schools ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.
The day is organised through Bendigo Legacy and provides the students with a great learning opportunity. Students will need to be in full school uniform. Our leaders will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school.
We can take a parent with us. If you a keen to be involved, please see Mr. C or Mr. J

ANZAC DAY
An ANZAC Day Ceremony will again be held at the Axedale Park on Monday 25 April from 9.00am. Our School Choir and School Captains will have a role in the ceremony.
Choir members will need to be at the Park from 8.45am in full school uniform.
Please contact Miss Blume if your child is not able to attend.
I encourage families to attend this local and important service that is being organised through Axedale Our Town Our Future.

PREP SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM
All Prep students have an envelope today with a questionnaire from the School Nursing Program. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and return to school by Friday 29 April. The School Nurse will visit our school following this date.

PREP – STATE SCHOOLS’ RELIEF CSEF UNIFORM PACKAGE
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Eligibility for CSEF is for those parents who hold a current Health Care Card.
State Schools’ Relief will provide a voucher for $57 which can be used at our school for a basic windcheater, or bomber jacket, or rugby top and tracksuit pants.
Once approved, a $57 voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school. The parents are responsible for any shortfall of the total cost.
Please come to the office and see Katrina to organise your uniform voucher. A flyer is attached to the newsletter today for Prep families.
If you are ineligible for the CSEF or you have children in other year levels and are having financial difficulties please take the time to see Ricky or Lex who can organise assistance for you.

LEARNING DIARIES
We hope you have enjoyed looking through your child’s Learning Diary. Please return them to school so we can start adding this term’s work.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
At this stage, school photos will be delivered back to the school early next week.

LOST PENCIL CASE
Cameron in Grade 4/5/6 is missing his Hot Wheels black pencil case from the end of last term. Can we ask parents to check bags and at home in case it has been picked up. Thanks for your assistance with this.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Axedale Primary School is excited to be participating.
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge.
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.
If you would like your child to participate, please return the privacy and consent form which was attached to the newsletter at the end of last term or see Katrina in the office for a copy.
All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.
For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
BREAKFAST CLUB
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with Breakfast Club.
Thanks also to our sponsors.
Tuesday 19th April – Emma Carmody & Hannelie Schutte
Thursday 21st April – Melinda Pengelly & Tanya Czuczman
Tuesday 26th April – Liz Harrington & Samantha Gilbertson
Thursday 28th April – Claire Noyce & Melinda Pengelly

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 15th April – Jocelyn Davies & HELP NEEDED
Friday 22nd April – Kelly Gwin & Liz Harrington

MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES
Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit www.parentingideas.com.au
This week’s attached article is “When kids bend the truth”

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
A real friend is one who walks in when everyone else walks out.
Walter Winchell

Lex Johnstone
Principal

CLASSROOMS

GRADE 1 HOLIDAY RECOUNT WRITING
This week the students in Grade 1 completed a recount of their school holidays. As part of this they planned, wrote a draft and then published their recount on the computer. Students were encouraged to use a “sizzling start” for their piece of writing. Below are some examples:

I slept it was Easter. We went to Tim’s. Tim blew up my boat. I hopped in my bathers. Tim took me to a special spot. I hopped in the boat. I went down the river.
By Cooper

When I woke up I didn’t see the chocolate then I did. We collected Easter eggs outside. We found lots and lots of Easter eggs. Ella came on Easter. We all went to the beach.
By Danielle

I found a bunny in my boot and little eggs.
I rode my motorbike with Max.
Easter bunny put one egg in the shed.
Holidays were fun.
By Hugh

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
I couldn’t sleep because it was going to be Easter Sunday. When I got out of bed there were boxes of chocolate. I for me and 1 for my friend. There were two Easter hunts. I found lots of Easter eggs. There were chocolate coins to. We had a very big lunch. I jumped on the trampoline with my cousins. I love Easter.
By Emily J

When I woke up there was Easter eggs in my basket. Josh went to Nan and Pop’s. We played the Xbox.
By Steffi

I rode the motorbike and I got into second gear. I rode the motorbike on the holidays. I got a splinter. It was a bad one.
By Will
EARTH SCIENCE – ‘Wominjeka’
Wominjeka means welcome or hello in the language of the Jaara people, the traditional owners of the land our school is on.
Today the students in grades 2 - 6 learned about the plants used in ceremonies in our Region as part of an Indigenous Connections unit of work.
Silver Wattle is used because all parts of the plant are used by the Jaara people.
Red gum is used because it represents the wisdom of the elders.
Cherry Ballarat represents the young people and the support they need to grow.
If any families have any information about Indigenous Culture they would like to share during this term, it would be much appreciated. Contact Lydia Thursday mornings or via email fehring.lydia.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)

TROLLEY TOKEN KEYRINGS – ORDER FORM
Are you often stuck at the shops without a coin for the trolley? We have your solution.
Attached to the newsletter this week is an order form for trolley token key rings. We have a limited quantity of trolley tokens available in each design so get your order in quick to ensure you receive the design you are after.
The cost is $3 each or 2 for $5. Please return your order with payment to the office.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thanks again to those families who supported our Easter Raffle at the end of last term by either selling or buying tickets and providing items to be included in the Easter Baskets. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle. A total of $771.00 was raised.

FOOTY TIPPING
Round 1 - $13.50 JACKPOT
Round 2 - $25.50 JACKPOT
Round 3 - $33.00 JACKPOT
Footy tipping sheets for Round 4 were sent home earlier this week and need to be in by tomorrow or to the Axedale General Store 1 hour before the first game of the round.
FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Forms to be returned for those students wishing to participate.

TROLLEY TOKEN KEYRING ORDER FORM

PREP SCHOOL NURSE QUESTIONNAIRE – due by Friday 29th April

FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS – Round 4 due in by Friday 15th April

COMMUNITY

BENDIGO GOAT EXPO
This Saturday 16th April the Bendigo Goat Expo will be on at the Exhibition Centre. See the flyer in this Community Section for more details.

We have colouring competition sheets at the office for students to enter. Take the colouring sheet to the Expo for free child entry.
**Happy 3rd Birthday FunLoong**

Saturday, April 16
10.30am to 1.30pm
Hergreaves Mall

Featuring:
- Bing Bong Hat Band
- Traditional Chinese Dancing performed by the Central Victorian Lion Team
- Festival Photo Booth
- Make Hands Happy Heart Play dough play area
- Face painting by Alternate Designs
- Looney Tunes 5-in-1 inflatable jumping castle
- and of course balloon

For more information please call 5404 6500

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**Looking to play female football with your local club in 2016**

2016 Age Groups
- Auskick
- U12 Junior Girls
- U18 Youth Girls
- Open Age Women

Looking for under 12 girls to play in a GIRLS ONLY football team.

Contact
Tom Nicholson on 0417 308 490
or Nicole Logan on 0414 594 157

Contact AFL Central Vic to register on 5434 5400
www.aflcentralvictoria.com.au
or Contact your local club to enter a team

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**The O’Keefe Rail Trail Mile**

**Interschool Challenge**

Win the teams event for your school!

Date: Sunday May 1st, 2016
Time: 9.55am
Where: O’Keefe Trail, off Herriot St. Heathcote
Enter: www.theokefeef.com.au
Please ensure you enter your school name when prompted.
Enter by 25th April for ‘Early Bird’ entry rates.
Enquiries: to gm.athsbendigo@gmail.com

Conditions: Race conditions are included on the entry form.
The winning school will be decided by points scored by the first three finishers, both male and female for both grades 3/4 or below and grade 5/6 from the school. Bonus points for the school with the most enrols. The winning school will receive an individual trophy, and be named on the perpetual trophy. The distance is a mile - 1609 metres.

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**Bendigo Futsal**

**5 weeks only**

**COME & TRY FUTSAL**
Starting Friday April 15th at 5.30pm

Friday Night at Flora Hill Stadium

Bookings Essential

$10 a session

30 minutes skills

30 minutes of mini games

Learn how to play and have fun.

Skills and games run by our Junior Local State Players

For bookings please email Bendigo@australiafutsal.com
Tuning in to Kids
Bendigo

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

- Children with emotional intelligence...
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- have better concentration at school

In this six session program you’ll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

Term 2, 2016
When: Monday 3rd May - 6th June 2016
Time: Arrival and registration 6.15pm
Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Ivel Daly Room, 176 McCrae Street Bendigo
Cost: $40 for the whole course or $20 concession
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Megan Simpson and Ky Gregg
Parking: On site parking available - enter via 119 Magarey Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.

WHY BECOME A BENDIGO SPIRIT MEMBER?

Becoming a member of the Bendigo Spirit is the perfect way to show your passion and support for your local hometown champions. You will also receive complimentary entry to all regular season home games, priority access to home finals, a weekly newsletter and invitations to Bendigo Spirit member events.

TO SIGN UP TODAY!

Please visit the link below to sign up today for your 2016/2017 Bendigo Spirit Membership and save with last season’s prices.

www.trybooking.com/KGX0
When kids bend the truth
As a rule of thumb, step back and try to identify the purpose of a child’s untruths. This indicates to parents how they should deal with the behaviour.

A matter of trust
Thirteen-year-old Britta was refused permission to visit an older friend after school, as her mother thought the friend unsuitable company for her daughter. Resenting her mother’s interference Britta frequently visited her older friend. When her mother asked her where she was going after school she would lie and tell her that she was visiting a friend that her mother approved of. Eventually her mother found out through an acquaintance that Britta had been lying to her about her visits. She confronted her daughter with the truth. Her mother dealt with the matter of the illicit visits. She was not permitted to go out after school for two weeks. This was an appropriate consequence that matched the misbehaviour. She dealt with the matter of lying separately; pointing out that it was difficult to trust her daughter when she didn’t tell the truth.

Fantasising
Some children continually exaggerate to make everything appear bigger or better than in real life. In this way they appear more exciting or interesting than they think they are. This is a sign of discouragement. It is best to go along with these children’s tales, although you should let them know that you are aware of the truth without bursting their bubble. It is fine to exaggerate, but they should never be too far away from reality. Persistent fantasisers often need plenty of encouragement. Let them know that they are OK as they are. Fantasising and telling tall tales may be fun but they don’t need to fantasise to build themselves up. Younger children in the family often tell whoppers in an effort to make themselves seem important in the eyes of older siblings.

Imaginary friends
Some children will use imaginary friends to avoid doing things they don’t want to do. ‘Mr. Bear says I don’t have to go bed,’ if it only happens once in a while then it’s a bit of fun. It can become wearing if it’s a continuous avoidance strategy. If that’s the case, try the direct approach. ‘Mr. Bear could be right. But I’m your mum and I know it’s bedtime. Mr. Bear can join you if he likes.’

Don’t overreact
Be careful not to overreact when children tell lies. It is better to recognise the child’s goal and act in a way that prevents the behaviour from achieving its purpose. There is little point moralising about the evils of lying. Children know that they should be good; they don’t need to be reminded all the time. Children will continue behaviours that serve a purpose, regardless of whether the actions are morally good or bad. It is more useful to ensure that lying doesn’t achieve its goal and to encourage children at every conceivable occasion.

Escaping negative consequences
Eight-year-old Pamela spilt a container of milk on the kitchen floor. She panicked, replaced the empty container in the refrigerator and went off to her bedroom to read. When her mother saw the mess, she asked Pamela if she knew what had happened. The child denied any knowledge of it. ‘What milk do you mean, Mum?’ said Pamela, with an innocent look on her face. Her mother, knowing immediately that her daughter was responsible, asked her to help to clean up the mess. Avoiding a scene, she made sure that her daughter didn’t escape the consequence of cleaning up the mess that she had made.