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**CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS**

- **Molly** – For doing lots of work during reading time and making sure that she reads her books, goes over her words and revises the Jolly Phonics sounds and actions.
- **Sydney** – For being a quiet and hardworking student and always trying to do her best.
- **Belle** – For working hard on her Numeracy and showing great improvements.
- **Callum** – For striving hard to do his personal best work with all learning tasks.
- **William** – For working hard in numeracy and achieving 19 Mathletics certificates.

**SCHOOL VALUES AWARD WINNERS**

- **Bonnie** - For being very organised and responsible when completing jobs for Miss Saunders.
- **Paddy** – For encouraging others to always achieve their best
- **Thomas H** - For always showing respect to teachers and peers.
- **Campbell** – For attending the peer mediation sessions with Ricky where he will be teaching others in the yard about the Axedale PS school values.

**GOLDEN BRUSH**

The winners of the Golden Brush last week were the Gr. 1’s. Well done!

**HOUSE COMPETITION**

The winners of the House Competition for the week were McIvor. Vice-Captains Jaeyln and Della proudly showing the House Trophy.
MAGIC WORDS
Well done to our students who have moved up some levels with the Magic and Oxford Words.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
Tomorrow 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. Mr. C and Tanya Czuczman will be travelling with the students.

ANZAC DAY
An ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held at the Axedale Park on Monday 25th 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 school choir top and school uniform pants. 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.

FOSTERVILLE COMMUNITY GRANT
We have received notification this week that the school has been successful in its application for a Fosterville Gold Mine Community Grant. Our $2,000 grant will be used to engage a Landscape Architect to assist School Council and our Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee develop a whole school Grounds Master Plan. The aim of the having the plan professionally developed is to strategically guide our spending and construction over the next five years, a time when continued growth in numbers is expected. Work on developing the plan will begin shortly and will involve a chance for school community input.

BUFS
I was pleased last night to attend the annual BUFS Healthy Communities Presentation Ceremony. Each year, BUFS distribute funds across the Bendigo Community to foster healthy lifestyles. We received a cheque for $1,338 from BUFS. We will be having some discussions about where these funds could be directed.

GASTRO
We have had numerous cases of gastro through the school. Please talk to your children about hygiene, especially washing of hands. It might be a good idea to wash hands thoroughly at home before coming to school. We have hand sanitiser available at school.

HEAD LICE
Headlice checks will be conducted next Tuesday. We are also looking for some new volunteers to be trained with checks. If you are able to help please contact Lex.

COMMUNITY MARKET BBQ HELPERS
The Axedale Community Market is on Saturday 28th May. We are looking for volunteers to help run the BBQ. If you are able to help please contact the school.
CAR PARKING
We have recently made some changes to our car parking and crossing areas on Raglan St. Parent help in supporting these safety measures would be appreciated.

- Our aim is that no students are walking behind cars at any time.
- No students or pre-schoolers should be crossing the road unsupervised.
- When crossing Raglan St., only use the crossing designated by the white poles.
- When you’ve crossed Raglan St., follow the fence line to the car.
- If you park on the school side of the Raglan St, it would be safest to leave by going around past the CFA
- If you park on the paddock side of Raglan St. please leave by going up to Axedale-Goornong Rd.
- Please avoid reverse U-turning across the road to leave in the other direction

Thanks to Mandy for clearing many more car spaces.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Junior School Council met last week to discuss ideas taken to the JSC by each of the grade reps for discussion. The students have come up with a range of great ideas – big and small. These ideas are being grouped into ones the JSC can co-ordinate, ones for School Council consideration and ones that may not be suitable for a school setting. Eg. Indoor pool
JSC are collating a ‘calendar of events’ for the remainder of the year, outlining some of their plans and projects.

MOTHER’S & SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY STALL
Our Mother’s & Special Person’s Day Stall this year will be held on Thursday May 5th from 12 noon onwards. Items will be priced from $1 - $5.
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 to Julie, Joce and Kellie for co-ordinating the gifts.
Thanks to Ricky for running a BBQ at Coles McIvor during the school holidays to raise some funds for the High Tea. We trust the funds will help to make the High Tea enjoyable for all.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
If anyone is interested in providing a service (not items) for the raffle please contact the school.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
This week Mr. C, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Tenace and Mrs. Jacobs all completed their Level 2 First Aid training, meaning we now have four trained first aid staff at the school.

PREP SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM
All Prep students took home an envelope last week with a questionnaire from the School Nursing Program. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and return to school by next Friday 29th 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.
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.

BOOK FAIR
The annual Book Fair is on again from Monday 2nd – Friday 6th May. Books will be displayed in the foyer area all through the week, with time set aside for students to compile a wish list. Julie Liersch will be available from 3-4pm daily for the purchase of items.

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.

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.

CBA STUDENT BANKING
We are holding a Consistent Saver competition starting next Tuesday 26th April through to Tuesday 7th June. During this time any child who banks 5 times will go in the draw for the chance to win one of 2 prizes. The prizes are on display at the office.
Please see Katrina for further details or to register your child for Commonwealth Dollarmites Banking.

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, 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 26th April – Liz Harrington & Samantha Gilbertson
Thursday 28th April – Claire Noyce & Melinda Pengelly
Tuesday 3rd May – Casey Reid & HELP NEEDED
Thursday 5th May – Hannelie Schutte & Tanya Czuczman

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 22nd April – Kelly Gwin & Liz Harrington
Friday 29th April – Hannelie Schutte & Marli Meerman

MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES
Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit www.parentingideas.com.au
This week’s attached article is “Ten common discipline mistakes”
QUOTE OF THE WEEK
Time decides who you meet in your life, your heart decides who you want in your life and your behaviour decides who stays in your life.

Lex Johnstone
Principal

CLASSROOMS

EARTH SCIENCE
The Prep/1 students have been learning about fruits and veggies, conducting some growing experiments and doing some printing work using paint, onions and apples.

COMPOST CAPERS
The compost heaps are enjoying the cooler weather and their new ‘blankets’ (carpet) to keep the moisture in. We were also lucky enough to get a compost turner during the school holidays which makes it easier for small hands to turn the big heaps! We have had some very dedicated volunteers working with Lydia at the compost – Della, Lilly, Emma and Abi. If you are adding anything to the compost please be aware that it needs to:
• be chopped (as small as your thumb)
• it should be watered in
• it should be turned to incorporate the new material.
Please no sticks or gum leaves as they take too long to break down. Any green material is greatly appreciated (e.g. Lawn clippings).

CROSS COUNTRY
On Friday 13th May, all of our Grade 3 – 6 students will be attending the Bendigo District Cross Country event. Details and a travel permission form will be sent home in the next few weeks.

SPORTING SCHOOLS
Thanks to our Sporting Schools funding students will be attending Tennis (P-6) and Softball (2-6) clinics at school starting in the next few weeks.
FRUIT TREE & BARE ROOTED TREE DRIVE
Order forms will come home with next week’s newsletter. Trees will be priced from $9.50 to $37. Plants will be delivered in July (Term 3).

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 last week was 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.

FOOTY TIPPING
Round 4 - $57.00 JACKPOT
Footy tipping sheets for Round 5 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 next Friday 29th April

FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS – Round 5 due tomorrow.

COMMUNITY

Hi everyone,
Weather is getting cooler but for those wishing to have a fun hit of cricket in a different version then it’s not too late.

We are looking for anyone in particular of Grade 5 & 6 wishing to have a game of Indoor Cricket on a Monday night at 4pm. Played at Bendigo Indoor Sports, it’s an hour of fun & you don’t have to be a registered play of the Club to participate.

For anyone interested please email brent.yates@bendigoadelaide.com.au.

Thank you & GO JETS!!!

Brent Yates
www.strathfieldsayejets.com.au
School Banking is improving your kid’s ‘Common Cents’

It’s been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year’s Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin. Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward items are available this term. After making 10 School Banking deposits, students can redeem the Mud Sprint Handball or the Outback Rat Bag Tag.

Learning about your child’s ‘Common Cents’

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how close-up money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the ‘Common Cents’ Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation’s kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have a higher income have recorded higher ‘Common Cents’ scores. Here are some of the statistics we’ve uncovered:

- 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
- 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
- Only 50% know what a budget is, with over five years on the money side.
- Over 60% of children surveyed would take $5 now, over larger money sums if they had to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 52% of these are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you’re curious about your child’s ‘Common Cents’, we encourage you to take them through the simple quiz that’s available at elearnBank.com.au/commoncentsquiz.

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child’s interest in money skills, head to The Mumask at elearnBank.com.au/youth/answer.

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Strathfieldsaye Junior Football Club

Positions Available

Under 9
Under 10
Under 14
U12 Junior Girls
U18 Youth Girls

Training Nights
Mon – Under 9 & Under 10
Tue – Under 14 & Under 10
Wed – Under 12, Junior Girls & Youth Girls
Thu – Under 14 & Under 15

For registration enquiries please contact SJFC Registrar Angela Gamble

sjfcregistrar@bigpond.com
Phone: 0409 304 654
Parenting ideas INSIGHTS
Building parent-school partnerships

Ten common discipline mistakes

Here are 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting easy street.

1. Setting no limits
   Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what’s expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them, so you need a firm backbone.

2. Failing to follow through.
   Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

3. Making consequences too harsh
   “You’re grounded for a month, Mr 6-year-old” is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment, not to mention confusion. Stick to the 3 Rs – respectful, reasonable and related to the behaviour – when setting consequences and you can’t go too far wrong.

4. Applying consequences when you, or they, are angry
   When anger is in the air kids will become mad at you … if they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

5. Mixing discipline with counselling
   Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time.

6. Deferring discipline
   Deferring discipline to a child care centre, preschool or school is a bit out of the way and teaches kids that you don’t have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take a lead.

7. One parent is always the bad guy
   This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two-parent situation take discipline in turns. If you are parenting solo, bring spares into the act.

We’ve all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline. But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

For better, more sophisticated and more effective discipline techniques visit my online parenting manual – the Parenting Ideas Club. There are 1,000s of strategies waiting to be used. Take your FREE trial now at parentingideasclub.com.au

Axedale Our Town Our Future have been asked to provide some support when the run comes through the town between 9-11am. Please contact Lex if you are able to help.