

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Important dates:

April	24 th ANZAC School Serv. –1.30pm	May	12 th NAPLAN
_	25 th Axedale Park ANZAC Service		13 th NAPLAN
April	27 th MARC Van		14 th NAPLAN
	28 th MARC Van		18 th -22 nd Education Week & Book Fair
May	1 st Sausage Sizzle Heart Foundation		19 th Grandparents and Special Visitors
	3 rd Working Bee 9am-12noon		Day
	7 th Mother's Day High Tea 10-11am		19th School Council 6.30pm
	7 th Finance Meeting 5pm		21 st 2016 Prep Information Session 9.30
	8 th Mother's Day Stall		22 nd Bright Colours – Walk Safely to
	11 th PVF Meeting 9.30am		School Day

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to last week's award winners:

Prep – Abigail –For bringing along interesting items and sharing them with us at News time.

Gr. 1/2 – Rachel -For writing a sentence using fantastic 'best ever' handwriting

Gr. 3 – Tahlia –For putting 100% effort in to everything she does.

Gr. 4/5/6 – Kathryn - For coming up with a fantastic idea for an ANZAC Day art activity.

GOLDEN BRUSH

Congratulations to Grade 1/2 for winning the Golden Brush this week.

HOUSE COMPETITION

Last week's House Competition winners were Campaspe.

SPELLING & READING AWARDS

Well done to the students who advanced another level with their spelling and reading words this week







PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is on again this year from Monday 18th – 22nd May.

Education Week Activities

Tuesday May 19th – Grandparents & Special Visitor Day

- 1.40 Choir and Prep singing performance
- 1.45 Afternoon Tea/Recess
- 2.15 -3.15 Classroom activities
- 3.25 Dismissal

Thursday May 21st

• 9.30am 2016 Prep Information Session – Staffroom

Friday May 22nd

- Wear Bright Colours Walk to School Day
- Whole school multi-age maths group rotations theme 'Cracking the Code'

Do you know anyone who might be bringing their children to Axedale PS next year? Please let them know

our 2016 Information Session is on Thursday May 21st.

LEGACY EXCURSION

Today our Grade 6's have travelled to Melbourne with many other students from the Bendigo region to take part in the ANZAC Day Ceremony for schools at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. Our students will lay a wreath on our behalf.

SCHOOL ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Tomorrow, Friday 24th, we will be conducting our own ANZAC Day Ceremony from 1.30 at our flagpole area. Our Grade 6's will assist in the presentation, using some of what they learnt today at the Shrine.

Graham Davis and David Patterson from Bendigo Legacy will be a part of the ceremony and will have some medals to show the students. ANZAC Day badges (\$1-\$5) are available at the school.



ANZAC DAY SERVICE – AXEDALE PARK

Axedale Our Town Our Future is conducting an ANZAC Day Service for the local community on ANZAC Day – Saturday April 25th in the Axedale Park.

There will be a sausage sizzle available from 8.45am, prior to the ceremony beginning at 9.30am. Our School Choir will be a part of the ceremony. The School Choir will be combining with the Axedale in Harmony group to sing the National Anthem and 'In Flanders Fields'. The School Choir will also be performing 'Lest We Forget'.

Points to note

- Choir members will need to be in school uniform and wearing the new choir tops that have been recently purchased.
- School Captains Josh and Zara will also be laying a wreath on behalf of the school.
- Families are encouraged to come along and be a part of this new event.
- Choir members need to be beside the stage by 9.15am ready for the ceremony to begin at 9.30am. Parents are asked to collect their child/ren from this same meeting point at the end of the ceremony.
- The ceremony will be held outdoors. If the weather is poor, the Axedale Hall will be used.
- Children are the responsibility of parents during, before and after the ceremony.
- The Committee has specifically asked that if the ceremony is held outside, that children not use the playground during the service due to the respectful nature of the event. Your help is appreciated.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 & 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) tests on May 12/13/14. It would be appreciated if parents don't book any doctors, dentist, specialist etc appointments during these days. More information will be provided about NAPLAN testing in the coming weeks. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



SCHOOL CROSSING

Just a reminder to all families that students should not be crossing the school crossing on the highway without supervision. Officially, Robyn is on duty from 8.30, but is usually there from 8.25.

WORKING BEES

Our first major Working Bee will be held on Sunday May 3rd. The Buildings, Grounds and Facilities Committee have identified a handful of important tasks that need to be completed. To allow for proper planning and preparation of materials and equipment to complete these tasks, we need an indication of how many helpers we will have on the day.

If you are intending to come along, please complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter.

With next week Newsletter, we will let people know what is going to be completed and what to bring along. The Working Bee will run from 9.00 - 12 noon with a break for Morning Tea.

SCHOOL MAINTAINENCE ROSTER

Thanks to those who have put their hand up to help out on the Garden Maintenance Roster.

	May 23/24	July 10/11	August 8/9	Sept. 6/7	Oct. 3/4	Oct 31/1	Nov 14/15
Family	S & W White	Liersch	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba
Family	Black	Meekings	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba

If the dates don't suit, contact the school or your partner family to make alternative arrangements. Please let us know if you can help out.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Zara Smith is organising a sausage sizzle for Friday May 1st. All funds raised will go towards Zara's aim of raising \$20,000 for the National Heart Foundation this year. It will be an out of uniform day and students will be encouraged to wear something red (Heart Foundation colours).

There is no set cost for the sausages, however students are encouraged to make a gold coin donation. Money will be collected at the table near the entrance door.

To order a sausage, please complete an order form at the end of the Newsletter and return to school by next Monday. Students may still need to bring drinks and snacks for recess as per normal. Fresh Fruit Friday will operate as normal – but with red fruit & veges!

Zara also has sausages for sale at \$2/dozen. If you wish to order sausages, please indicate on the form at the end of the Newsletter. Orders for sausages also need to be returned by Monday.

Zara has been running a raffle over the last few weeks. Prizes total into the thousands of dollars. This raffle will be drawn at the Sausage Sizzle next Friday. One of the raffle draws will be just for Axedale school families to say thanks from Zara to the local community for helping out.

PARENT FEEDBACK

Prep parents are encouraged to return their pink 'Parent Feedback' sheets. Thanks to those that have and those who have already met with me this week.

BOOKFAIR

The annual Book Fair will run again during Education Week, $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$ May. Books will be displayed in the foyer area all through the week, with time set aside for students to compile a wish list. Deb Tuohey will be available from 3-4pm daily for the purchase of items.

NEW SMOKING GUIDELINES

The Department of Education and Training has put in place new guidelines about smoking in and around schools. Similar guidelines will also be in place for hospitals.

People are currently prohibited from smoking completely within any school grounds. In addition to this, from April 13th (start of Term Two), people are not permitted to smoke within four metres of the school grounds. While this measurement of four metres is quite specific, in the interests of promoting a healthy message to our students, it would be preferred if there were no smoking within the general proximity of the school.

HEADLICE CHECKS

We will be conducting further head lice checks on Thursday 30th April.

PRE-SCHOOL REQUEST

Axedale Pre-School are requesting the donation of any unwanted kinder uniforms for a second hand uniform stall. Donations can be left in the plastic crate located inside the school entrance doors. The Pre-School will put monies raise toward a new playground – all donations gratefully received.

ART ON A PLATE - KINDER

Order forms for the Kinder's Art on a Plate fundraiser were attached to the newsletter last week & spare copies are available. Large plates are \$25, Small plates \$19 and Drink bottles \$22.

Art on a plate transforms your children's art, into colourful plates made of melamine and aluminium drink bottles. Orders are due back by tomorrow, Friday 24th April with payment.

AXEDALE TAVERN

During Terms 3 & 4, the Axedale Tavern is running a promotion that can help to raise some funds for the school. On Tuesday nights, kids eat for \$5, all of which goes to a school of your choice. At the end of each term, the school will be provided with all of the funds allocated to it. So if you're planning a night out with the family, Tuesday is the perfect night and the Tavern is the perfect place.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

Attached to the newsletter today is an invitation to our Mother's Day High Tea on Thursday 7th May.



BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

Thanks to those who have offered some help with Breakfast Club.

The Roster is as follows:

Tuesday 28th April – Melissa Doak & Julie Liersch

Thursday 30th April – Jocelyn Davies & Sharon Hipwell

Tuesday 5th May – Emma Carmody & Corrine Cummins

Thursday 7th May – Stella Lountzis & Jocelyn Davies

We are happy to continue to add names if others are keen to help out.

BREKKY CLUB

Just a couple of Brekky Club notes.

- If you are listed as a helper, arrive at around 8.15 to help set up.
- Brekky Club for students runs from 8.30 8.50.
- If students are using the school crossing to get to school on time for Brekky Club, they will need to wait for Robyn our Crossing Supervisor, to be in attendance before they cross the highway.
- If you need to swap or can't make it, please contact the school.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.

Friday 24th April – Julie Liersch & Donna Brandt

Friday 1st May – Corrine Cummins & Julie Allen

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

There have been some queries about what time the fruit needs to be cut by on Fridays. From a school perspective as long as it is done by 11.00am, that is fine. We suggest those on Fresh Fruit Friday duty contact each other prior to the day to organise if they cut the fruit up before 9.00, at 9.30 after reading or before 11.00.

If you swap days with someone, please contact the school so that we know who is on.

TERM DATES 2015

Term 2: Monday 13th April – Friday 26th June

Term 3: Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September

Term 4: Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES

Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit www.parentingideas.com.au

This week's attached article is "Resiliency Robbers".

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. Denis Waitley

Lex Johnstone Principal

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

PREP TOWNSHIP WALK

Next week the Prep students will be going for a walk around the Axedale township to observe the buildings old and new.

GRADE 4/5/6 HOMEWORK FOLDERS

All Grade 4/5/6 homework folders need to be returned tomorrow. Thank you to those families who have already returned these.

EARTH SCIENCE

Grade 4/5/6 prepared the veggie patch on Wednesday morning during their Earth Science class.

ART ROOM

Miss Mannes is looking for donations of clean cans, paper rolls (eg. Gladwrap, paper towel) and usable recycling for the Art room. If you have any items please bring them into school.

GRADE 3-6 GIRLS ART

During specialist Art this week the Grade 3-6 girls decorated the initial of their name.

ANZAC TALK

As part of our work around ANZAC Day, Ian Ralston, a helper

who comes in to hear reading in the 4/5/6 room, spent some time talking with the students. Ian had a number of medals from his family members that he showed to the students and shared the history behind the medals. Georgia Smith also showed some of her family's medals and shared their history.

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again this year. We have 15 students who have registered and they have read 55 books.

A consent form is available from the office. Children are encouraged to participate. Students will be given a challenge checklist and books that have been read are to be listed on this.

The list of books on the Challenge book list for each year level can be found at:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx

- 1. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
- 2. Your online books must be verified as read on the website by the Challenge coordinator.
- 3. All your information must be completed online before 14th September 2015.



PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)

Dates to add to your calendar include:-

- The Axedale School *Masquerade Ball* will be held on Saturday June 20th at the Axedale Hall.
- The annual Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday August 22nd.
- The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday May 8th.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

Our next PVF meeting is on Monday 11th of May at 9.30am in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome.

AXEDALE BALL

Plans are well underway for the Axedale School Masquerade Ball to be held on June 20th. It looks like being a great night with Bendigo band 'The Grinners' providing the entertainment. They are a fabulous band who will have everyone up and about.

Families are encouraged to get a group of 8-10 friends organised to make up a table.

The school will also be making up a table so if you are keen to come along and you have 2/4/6 people organised, contact the school and we can make up a full tables.

Looking forward to seeing lots of parents there.

FOOTY TIPPING

Round 3 - \$63.00 - Congratulations to Angus, Cameron & Callum joint winners who took home \$21 each. Footy tipping sheets for Round 4 were sent home earlier this week and need to be in by today or to the Axedale General Store 1 hour before the first game of the round.

Just a reminder that if you are entering the school Footy Tipping, you can put more than one entry in per week.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Consent forms for the Premier's Reading Challenge are to be returned ASAP for those students wishing to participate.

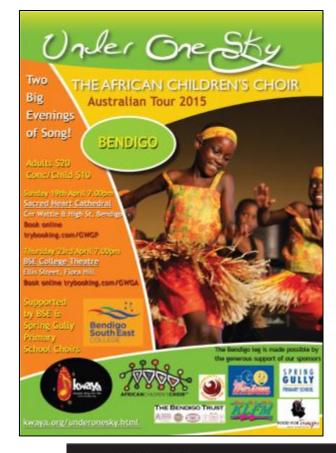
FOOTY TIPPING

Footy tipping sheets are due back at school by tomorrow.

SCHOUNDS MAINTENANCE ROSTER						
Family Name						
We will be able to help out with monthly grounds maintenance Yes / No (please circle)						
Signed	Date					
WORKING BEE – MAY 3 RD						
Family name						
Adults attending	Children attending					
SAUSAGE ORDER – MAY 1 ST						
Child's Name	No. of sausages in bread					
Child's Name	No. of sausages in bread					
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COMMUNITY







All Bendigo Secondary Colleges have their Information Evening on Wednesday 6th May @ 7.00pm. If you are unable to attend on this date, and would like to see what Weeroona College Bendigo can offer, you are more than welcome to attend for a tour and Information Session:

Monday 27th April @ 2.15 - 3.00pm

Car parking is available onsite, Napier Street (at the front of the Gym).

Please meet at the General Office.

For more information, please contact our Office on 5443 2133.



The McIvor Times is currently running a special Anzac Tribute competition with a prize pool worth \$250 of Anzac Centenary collectable memorabilia.

The competition involves entrants taking a photo or 'selfie' with a person, place or thing in their local area (e.g. Heathcote, Tooborac, etc.) that they believe represents the Anzac Spirit, along with a brief description or story about their photo and what the Anzac Spirit means to them (there is no word limit).

All entries will be published in the McIvor Times and on our website, and can be submitted directly to The McIvor Times, via email or to our Facebook page (details below).

The prizes up for grabs include a limited edition Anzac Centenary Bear wearing a traditional WWI digger's uniform and kit worth \$90, a Anzac Centenary Bronze Figurine (certified, one of 10,000 released) worth \$98, and a limited edition Anzac Centenary Medallion set worth \$60.

The competition closes midday Monday April 27 with the winners announced in the April 29 edition of the McIvor Times.

Entries can be submitted to:

Direct: The McIvor Times 170 High Street, Heathcote

Email: editor@mcivortimes.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mcivortimes



Thursday May 7th 2015 9.30am - 12.30pm

757 McIvor Road, Junortoun (Baptist Church Complex)

FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Eisenmajer

Understanding Autism and Asperger's Syndrome



This presentation will include:

- -The common difficulties that people with ASD face at school, work and at home
- Insights into what it would be like to have ASD
- Understanding of behaviour
- Behavioural strategies to help with challenging behaviour
- -Tips on making the school, work, and home environments more "ASD friendly"
- Morning Tea and time to meet and talk to others
- Question and Answer Session

Richard Eisenmajer (PhD) is a Clinical Psychologist with over 20 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Richard is Director of The ASD Clinic in Kew East and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.

All welcome - presentation suitable for adults with ASD, partners. friends, parents, relatives, teachers, support staff, carers, allied health workers and anyone who is interested in learning more about autism.

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Dr Jo Harrison Respiratory Physician, Royal Children's Hospital

Prof Jo Douglass Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dr Joanne Smart Clinical Alleraist & Immunologist, Royal Children's Hospital

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015 Time: 4pm - 6pm Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children's Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088

Asthma Foundation

FANTASTIC FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE NEW ULUMBARRA THEATRE, BENDIGO

Book you tickets at GoTix.com.au or call 5434 6100

Tuesday 28 April 7pm Only \$20 per ticket

The circus has been reinvented as this show takes all the energy and artistry from urban culture and puts it in one performance. See a two time world champion BMX Flatlander, a world champion break dancer, a Roue Cyr artist, a looping beat boxer, a basketball freestyler a virtuoso percussionist all together in one massive show.

Tuesday 5 May 7pm

Direct from South Africa, this one of a kind show provides everyone in the audience with a drum to play along with the performers on stage. Drumstruck is now a world wide phenomenon! Pure interactive fun and entertainment that is perfect for the whole family.









Aussie Hoops provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Basketball experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. In addition to promoting healthy and active lifestyles, the program serves as a platform for social development and inclusion - fostering stronger and more vibrant communities and individuals.



Aussie Hoops has been developed for 5 to 7 year olds as an introductory program that ensures all participants develop the fundamental skills to participate in and draw satisfaction from Basketball.



Register at:

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IIINSIGHTSII

by Michael Grose - Australia's leading parenting educator

Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children's) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children's resilience.

Robber # 1:

Fight all their battles for them

Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2:

Make their problem, your problem

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3:

Give kids too much voice

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4:

Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform

Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience arxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children's abilities and don't put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5:

Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don't give up because they don't like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don't bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren't perfect.

Robber # 6:

Neglect to develop independence

Don't wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6: Don't routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves

Robber # 7:

Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life's curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.

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