CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS
Emme – For being a leader during our planting work in the veggie patch and showing us how to plant seeds and seedlings.
Sadie – For concentrating and persisting to improve her handwriting.
Sam L – For displaying a positive attitude towards all learning tasks.
Alex – For showing great general knowledge during the weekly quiz.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD WINNERS
Zaithan – For looking after his friends and caring about their well-being.
Lincoln M – For always being co-operative in the classroom and outside in the yard.
Emily O – For including others in her classroom and school yard activities.
Zayne P – For showing top resilience in completing complex fractions work

GOLDEN BRUSH
The winners of the Golden Brush last week were the Gr 4/5/6. Third week in a row -well done!

HOUSE COMPETITION
The winners of the House Competition for the week were Campaspe.
**MAGIC WORDS**
Well done to our students who have moved up some levels with the Magic and Oxford Words.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**CROSS COUNTRY**
On Friday May 13th our Grade 3-6 students took part in the Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country Championships. Our students competed with great determination and many were successful in completing a personal best. The day involves approximately 4,000 students from as far afield as Maryborough, Kerang, Echuca and Kyneton.

Congratulations to Tahlia, Zayne P & William who competed admirably in the blue section against the Regions best runners.

Congratulations to Georgia and Abbi who were successful in winning their races and to the many others who placed in their events.

Thanks to Mr. C for co-ordinating the day and to parents who came along to support the runners.
WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS – WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you for everybody who attended Walk to School Day. We had a lot of people who were wearing bright colours and also people who wore red for 65 Roses Day which was also on that day. From the day we raised $124.50.

Rachael Burnside
Junior School Council President

NEW STUDENTS

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed new students and families to our school. Nadia Peebles has joined our Grade 4/5/6 classroom. We welcome Nadia and her mum Caroline to our school community.

BRENDAN BARTLETT – LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

School Council and interested parents meet with local Landscape Architect Brendan Bartlett on Tuesday night to develop a ‘School Grounds Masterplan’. It was a great chance for the school community to contribute ideas and thoughts to aspect such as High St. entrance design, location of future buildings, tree planting, screenings, pathways, covered areas, irrigation and water capture, creation of new play and quiet spaces and the development of memorial spaces.

We anticipate Brendan’s design coming back to the school in the coming weeks. School Council’s role will then be to involve the school community in evaluating the draft plan, to adopt or discuss alterations on a path to an agreed plan. Costings will then be completed and aspects of the plan will most likely be put in to stages, depending on the level of priority and the availability of funds.

The School Community will be consulted continually as part of the process. If you have thoughts and ideas to put forward, please discuss these with your School Council Parent Representatives – Neil Aurisch, Julie Liersch, Lara Bathurst, Garry Van Wynen, Sharon Hipwell and Kristen Harrison.

ULUMBARRA THEATRE & ART GALLERY EXCURSION

Next Tuesday, all of our Grade 4/5/6 students will be attending an excursion to the Bendigo Art Gallery and the Ulumbarra Theatre as part of Reconciliation Week activities. Students will take part in activities based around creating dot painting art pieces at the Gallery in the morning and then after lunch will watch a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony on the steps of the theatre before going in to watch a concert celebrating indigenous culture.

The day is coordinated by the City of Greater Bendigo. There is no charge to families for the event. Travel will be by school bus.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS

Unfortunately the ‘Connecting With Kids’ session which was scheduled for next Thursday night, has been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

If you are interested in attending please speak to Ricky who can pass on dates of other sessions being held in Bendigo.

PHOTOCOPIER AVAILABLE

The school has entered into a new photocopier lease contract this week. Our current photocopier, which the school owns, is available free of charge to any local group or individual. There would be some printer cartridge and service costs involved for the new owner. Contact the school if interested.
SKYLA  Good luck to Skyla who is competing in the Follow Your Dreams Dancing Competition in Bendigo this weekend.

SCHOOL CAMPS
GR 1/2
Our Grade 1/2 Camp to the Axedale Rotary Camp will take place on September 8th & 9th. Our aim is for Grade 2’s to attend the camp, including an overnight stay. Grade 1 students will join us for both days, taking part in a range of activities with the Grade 2’s. An overnight stay is optional for Grade 1’s. The students will take part in a range of bush and camping activities, tasks that build teamwork as well as some environmental activities. Cost will be $50 which will cover food, accommodation, transport and equipment. Axedale Rotary Camp is a Department of Education accredited camp.

GRADE 3-6
Our Grade 3-6 School Camp will be taking place in the last week of Term Three, from September 13th – 16th, and will be based at Sunnystones Camp near Bacchus Marsh. Students will take part in a range of bush, adventure and environmental activities. Sunnystones Camp is a Department of Education accredited camp. The cost for the camp will be approximately $300. A camp notice form was sent home yesterday with a payment voucher book. Deposit of $50 is due next Friday 3rd June.
Please contact the school with any queries.

SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM - Expression of interest
Ricky Cawley (Student Wellbeing Worker) is hoping to implement a meals program at Axedale Primary. This program will help provide meals for families who face difficulty in their lives due to unforeseen circumstances. If you could like to be part of this program or would like to know more, please contact Ricky on 0354397232 or you can catch him on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

NEW SCHOOL APP
We’re very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a new phone app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more convenient. This will replace our previous school app.
To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. Search for Updat-ed and from the menu select our school. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.
So what will the app do?
The app’s great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar and send us absence notes.
If you are experiencing difficulty with your app please take a look at our Trouble Shooting Guide. Any further queries should be directed to: helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au
Please state the following in your email to helpdesk:
- Your school
- Name and email address
- Model phone/tablet
- Software version
We hope you enjoy being Updat-ed. Please let your extended family know they are also welcome to download this app.

EXCURSION LEVY
The excursion levy for each year level is a set amount based on excursions and programs offered at school. There are some items included within this levy which are due at the beginning of the year. For families who have been at our school in previous years these amounts used to be a separate line on your family account. These following amounts are now due per student:
- MARC Van $22
- Computer Programs $20 (Prep, Grade 1 & 2) Reading Eggs & Mathletics
- Computer Programs $30 (Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6) Reading Eggs, Mathletics & Mangahigh
Those families who have paid their Excursion Levy upfront will have already paid these amounts. If you are unsure please see Katrina.
MISSING JUMPERS
Shania Schutte in Prep is missing her Bomber Jacket – size 6. It has her name on the tag.
Killeen Monti in Grade 3 is also missing her Bomber Jacket. We think it ended up in the wrong bag while at Cross Country last week. Can parents please check their child’s bag and at home in case it has made its way there. Thanks

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Can we please ask those families who committed at the end of last year to paying a voluntary contribution for 2016 to arrange payment so we can use the funds to put towards our recent purchase of new literacy books. The suggested amounts are:

- $50 1st Child
- $30 2nd Child
- $20 3rd + Child

There is also a grounds maintenance and beautification contribution of $20 per family.
Please see Katrina if you are unsure the amount you committed or for payment options. Remember we now have BPay available.
Attached to the newsletter last week were statements for those families with outstanding amounts owing to the school. **Prompt payment would be appreciated.** Please note if you have a CSEF amount on your family statement this can only be used for Camp or Excursions.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Axedale Primary School is excited to be participating. 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.
We currently have 41 students who have registered. They have read 124 books so far.
For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://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 31st May – Liz Harrington & Susie McGrath
Thursday 2nd June – Tanya Czuczman & Claire Noyce
Tuesday 7th June – Melinda Pengelley & Emma Carmody
Thursday 9th June – Hannelie Schutte & Liz Harrington

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 27th May – Kelly Gwin & HELP NEEDED
Friday 3rd June – Liz Harrington & Hannelie Schutte

MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES
This week’s attached article is “Do less, not more, for your kids”

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Thanks to Thomas Harvey for this classic.
Q: Why did Darth Vader go to the guitar shop?
A. To find the rebel ‘base’
Great one Thomas 😊

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
*I have learned that to be with those I love is enough.*
-Walt Whitman

Lex Johnstone
Principal
Today is National Sorry Day which commemorates apologising to Australia’s Stolen Generations. We made a sea of hands with messages of reconciliation to acknowledge the mistakes of the past and positive action into the future. National Sorry Day is the start of Reconciliation Week and our 4/5/6s will be participating in an excursion next Tuesday to learn more about reconciliation.

**MATHS/SCIENCE – BUOYANCY**

*Purpose:* We did this to show what kind of ship floated the longest.

*Hypothesis:* We think it will float and we don’t think we are going to win.

*MATERIALS:* We used plasticine, water, a tub and some 5c coins.

*Procedure:* We started by shaping our boat and talking to our group members and decided if they liked it. Then we got a photo by the paparazzi and started the experiment.

*Results:* Only 2 people’s boats held to a draw and those groups were the School Captain boat and my group the Purple Floating Boat.

*Conclusion:* Our boat floated and Alex, Emily and I won. Our boat was shaped like a bowl.

By Emily W, Nadia & Alex

**ART – GR 2-6 GIRLS**

This term in Art, the girls will be doing some scrapbooking. Students are able to make their scrapbooks about anything they wish. Eg. a holiday, their family, their pet. Please spend some time with your daughter at home to select photos of a common theme, to include in this project. Photos will be photocopied and the original will be sent back home.

I know the girls are really looking forward to this project, as I am looking forward to seeing their work.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Michelle Mannes – Art Teacher

**PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)**

**FATHER’S & SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY RAFFLE & BREKKY**

Call out to all Dad’s to keep Thursday 1st September free for our Father’s & Special Person’s Day Breakfast from 7.30am. We will also be running a Father’s Day Raffle if anyone has goods or services that could be offered or knows a business owner who might wish to contribute please contact the school.

**FOOTY TIPPING**

Just a quick reminder that anyone can enter the Footy Tips on any weekend. You don’t have to have played previous rounds to join in the fun.

Round 9 - $163.50 JACKPOT

Footy tipping sheets for Round 10 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

**GR 3-6 CAMP** – Camp attendance note & $50 deposit due by Friday 3rd June.

**GR 4-6 SOCCER** – Permission note & $5 due by Monday 30th May

**GR 4-6 RECONCILIATION WEEK EXC** – Permission note due by Monday 30th May

**FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS** – Round 10 due tomorrow.

COMMUNITY

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**Help support our school by becoming a UFS member**

When you join, we receive half of your membership fee!

**Building a Healthier Community**

UFS Membership supports over 50 local organisations, clubs and schools, plus look after your health with professional advice, low-cost gyms and member discounts and promotions too.

To join, call 1800 544 599 or visit bendigoufs.com.au/membership

(and don’t forget to mention our school!)

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

**Tertiary Enabling Program**

**BENDIGO 2016**

Have you thought about a change?

Have you thought about study?

Not sure where to start?

The Tertiary Enabling Program at La Trobe University might be the place for you.

NO course or enrollment fees.

Centrelink approved.

14 week program.

Commencing 26th of July.

This program provides students with a supportive environment to develop specific academic skills and knowledge, and to enhance confidence to help them successfully complete university or TAFE study. It equips students to make decisions about their learning, to develop pathways to continue their education, and to become independent learners.

How to Apply

Complete an Application Form and Personal Information Statement. Available from:

www.latrobe.edu.au/tsp

Forward it directly to the TEP team at your preferred La Trobe campus.

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES**

We are very happy to answer any questions you have. Please contact:

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Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 2
for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.


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