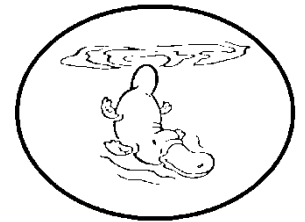


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NEWSLETTER No. 16 May 28th 2015

Important dates:

May	28 th Gr 3-6 Camp deposit due	June	15 th PVF Meeting 9.30am
	29 th Australia's Biggest Morning Lunch		18 th Kinder/Prep Picnic in the Park 12-1
June	7 th Working Bee 10.00am – 12 noon		19 th Student Reports sent home
	8 th Queen's Birthday Long Weekend – Open buildings for equipment		22 nd MARC Van
	9 th MARC Van (all students)		23 rd MARC Van
	9 th Finance Meeting 5pm		23 rd Parent Teacher Interviews
	12 th Choir Competition – Ulumbarra Theatre		23 rd School Council Meeting 6.30pm
			26 th Last day of Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to last week's award winners:

Prep – Will for working really hard to earn his Red Word certificate.

Gr 1/2 – Killeen for working with a positive and focussed attitude in the classroom and achieving good results because of this.

Gr 1/2 - showing his improved writing ability with his piece about his Xbox 360

Gr 3 – Katya for showing good leadership in the Education Week Maths

rotations

Gr 4/5/6 – Josh for achieving a personal best of 6.7 on the OnDemand Number Test

Gr 4/5/6 – Zara for achieving a personal best of 7.6 on the OnDemand Reading Test



GOLDEN BRUSH

Congratulations to Grade 4/5/6 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.





WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday we had a really enjoyable Walk Safely to School Day. Thank you to many students and parents who came along for the walk. We didn't spot a platypus this year (we did last year) but we did get to pat Lottie and Mia's horses.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

BENDIGO DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

On Wednesday 27th May, all of our Grade 3-6 students attended the Bendigo District Cross Country event. The students had an extremely successful day. Mr. C was very proud of the effort all of the students put in, every child competing to their absolute best. While some students managed a place in their age and colour division, all students can be proud of their efforts yesterday.

The excellent behaviour and teamwork **of all students** was very pleasing to hear about.

Congratulations to these place getters:

- 1st – Georgia (10 year old Green)
- 1st – Rachael B (11 year old Green)
- 2nd – William (9 year old Red)
- 2nd – Tahlia (9 year old Red)
- 2nd – Emma (10 year old Gold)
- 2nd – Laura Hip (11 year old Red)
- 2nd – Kathryn (12 year old Gold)
- 3rd – Skyla (9 year old Gold)



BUILDING DEMOLITION

We have had some further information in the last couple of days regarding the demolition of the old timber buildings at school.

At this stage

- safety fencing will be erected in the week June 9th -12th
- the areas around the two buildings will be fenced off –there will be no access through the front gate. Another pedestrian gate is available near the long shed
- hazardous materials will be removed during the school holidays
- the buildings will be demolished by the end of August
- use of the buildings (Art, Music, drums, Brekky Club, Playgroup)will finish at the end of next week

A large skip bin will be on site over coming weeks to assist the clean out.

Attached to the Newsletter today is some pages of photos of items that we anticipate being available to school families.

Most items are 'free to a good home'. In regard to some more significant items eg gas heaters and hot water services, we are not able to sell them, but families wishing to collect them may choose to make an appropriate donation to the school.

Items will include sliding doors, louvre windows, ceiling fans, internal doors (solid & glass panel), steps, hand railings, blinds (solid & vertical panel), exterior lights, carpet, cupboards, sinks, blackboards, stove, gas heaters (suit bottled gas only), small hot water systems, refrigerated air cons etc, shelving

There will be a Working Bee on Sunday 7th June from 10.00 am -12.00 noon to do a final clear out of buildings. I know this is the long weekend so some may not be available.

At this stage (subject to change) we are planning to have the timber buildings open on Monday 8th June (Queen's Birthday holiday) from 12 noon – 4.00pm for school families to come and any collect items (as per photos) they wish from the buildings. Once the fences are up, we probably won't have access available to us.

Please contact the Mr. Johnstone with any enquiries or to look at items before this time.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) has been very recently introduced by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards your expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be \$125 for primary students.

Come to the office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

A copy of your valid Health Care Card is also required on application. The card must be valid as at 13th April, 2015.

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26th June 2015.

SCHOOL CAMP

Our School Camp will be taking place in the last week of Term Three, from September 15th – 18th. The camp is for all Grade 3-6 students and will be based in Melbourne.

The cost for the camp will be approximately \$320 with \$100 of this being covered by the Pam Gunn Trust. While in Melbourne students will visit lots of interesting places including Old Melbourne Gaol, MCG, the Museum and Library just to name a few.

A camp notice form and payment voucher book was sent home a few weeks ago. **Deposit of \$50 was due today, Thursday 28th May.** Please contact the school with any queries.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please note the change of date for next school Council Meeting. It will now be on Tuesday 23rd from 6.30pm

CHOIR

With the choir competition fast approaching we are looking for a parent/s to iron the choir gowns. If you are able to help please see Michelle B.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 23rd June from 12.00 – 5.30pm. Information regarding times etc will come home on the June 11 Newsletter.

BOOKFAIR

The annual Book Fair has been on during Education Week. Thanks to all the families who supported the Book Fair, we hope it has encouraged all of the students to do some extra reading. Thanks to Deb for all of the work she has put in over the last week. We sold \$1,500 worth of books which allowed the school to choose \$450 worth of books for our classrooms and library.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA LUNCH

Axedale Primary School has supported the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea for the past five years by holding a sausage sizzle lunch. This year it will be held on Friday 29th May @ 11am \$5 lunch will include a sausage (or 2) in bread, fruit box & a treat. Fresh Fruit Friday will also run as normal.

AXEDALE BALL

The Axedale PS Masquerade Ball is coming up quickly. On June 20th, we hope lots of families can come along and enjoy a night of great company, music, fun and friendship. The Grinners will keep the Hall jumping!

If you are keen to come along as a single, couple or small group, contact the school and we will find a table to join.

SCHOOL MAINTAINENCE ROSTER

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

	July 10/11	August 8/9	Sept. 6/7	Oct. 3/4	Oct 31/1	Nov 14/15
Family	Liersch	Vanis	Splatt	Noyce	Allen	Lennox
Family	Meekings	Doak	Hipwell	Bathurst	Aurisch-McGrath	Van Wynen

The dates set are pretty flexible. If they don't suit, contact the school or your partner family to make alternative arrangements.

FIREWOOD

Firewood that was cut from the school last year is available free of charge. It is stored in a paddock in Axedale township. Please contact the school if interested. Wood will need to be collected by the end of this term.

THANK YOU

Anna Johnson (Emily Johnson's mum) and her mum Elsa would like to say a big thankyou to all those people who assisted when Elsa fell over on Grandparents Day. Elsa recovered, with just a stiff shoulder, thankfully. We were very impressed by the support she was given, especially by Claire and her mum, and Wendy and her mum. Thankyou!

BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

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

The Roster is as follows:

Tuesday 2nd June – Stella Lountzis & Julie Liersch

Thursday 4th June – Sharon Hipwell & Jocelyn Davies

Tuesday 9th June – Julie Liersch & Emma Carmody

Thursday 11th June – Corrine Cummins & Stella Lountzis

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

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

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

Friday 29th May – Julie Allen & Julie Liersch

Friday 5th June – Melissa Doak & Corrine Cummins

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 "Why finishing 4th beats winning".

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Learn from yesterday

Love today

Live for tomorrow

Lex Johnstone
Principal

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

EDUCATION WEEK

Last Friday all P-6 students took part in some mixed gender and ability maths rotations based on the 'Cracking the Code' theme of Education Week.

Here the P-2 students are playing 3D Noughts and Crosses and working on a number code to decipher the riddles.



PREP-2 OLDEN DAYS

On Wednesday Prep, 1 & 2 were immersed in the olden days. They read stories, played games both inside and out, danced and had a competition of who could tear the best map of Australia. Meg, Olly and Lincoln H were our winners.



PREP & KINDER PICNIC

On Thursday 18th June the Preps will meet the Kinder children in the park for a picnic from 12 – 1pm. Children are asked to dress up as pirates. Students will need a cut lunch and drink on this day.

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

It's not too late to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge which is on again this year. We have 15 students who have registered and they have read 153 books.

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.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

Our next PVF meeting is on Monday 15th June 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 8 - \$142.50 Jackpot

Footy tipping sheets for Round 9 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.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

Application forms are due by Friday 26th June, 2015.

GRADE 3-6 CAMP

Deposit of \$50 and initial permission form to be returned today **Thursday 28th May.**

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.

COMMUNITY



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Community Yoga starting Tuesday 16 June at 9.30am.
Kids welcome. Percentage donated to Kinder & Primary School \$12 per class.

General Adults Yoga starting Wednesday 17 June at 6pm.
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Patron: Mrs Elizabeth Chernov

The Country Women's Association of Victoria is in Bendigo for their State Conference and they are sharing their great knowledge and secrets through a range of masterclasses.

When **Saturday 30 May 2015**

Where **Bendigo TAFE City Campus 23 Mundy St Bendigo**

Bookings **Bendigo Visitor Centre** Booking your place by phoning [Free call 1800 813 153](tel:1800813153) or email tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au

CWA of Victoria Masterclass-Sponges, Scones and Jams (Preserves)

Books can't teach us everything. The CWA sponge, scones and preserves master makers are in town for a conference and they will show you how to be success in cooking across these three areas. They will share their hints and secrets handed down through generations. They are masters and qualified judges of cooking and here to share their knowledge, hints and practices with you.

One demonstration 9.30-12.30

Cost per person \$100.00 with tastings, tea and coffee and a show bag

Cheese making with Anna Kate Pizzini Anna Kate completed her first cheese making course 15 years ago and has been making cheese from home since. She is passionate about home cheese making and helping others get started on their cheese making journey

Discover the wonder of making your own cheese.

Saturday 30 May Bendigo Tafe Demonstration Kitchen

A hands on demonstration workshop that will teach you the basics of making Camembert Cheese – you will learn to learn making techniques, moulding, tasting and learn to taste test the ripening of the cheese and take home a sample of the camembert.

Two demonstrations: Cost \$55.00 per person Limited numbers apply.

10.30am – 12.00 noon

1.00pm – 2.30pm

Questions?



SchoolMate – the easy way to know more about what your child is learning at school.

Now there's a fast and easy way to find out more about what your child is learning at school from Prep to Year 10. Download the free SchoolMate app for loads of information about their studies as well as tips on what you can do at home.

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Generations In Jazz Revisited Concert

11 June

Generations in Jazz Revisited Concert

To celebrate and fundraise for the awesome experience that Generations in Jazz provides but more importantly, to celebrate the current, former and future 'Generations of Musicians' that are part of the journey of music at BSE.

This Jazz Spectacular will be held in the BSE Theatre on the 11th of June.

Ticket Sales through: <http://www.trybooking.com/HWXS> or <http://www.trybooking.com/138520>

Tickets also available at door.

For further information please contact **Mr Steve Briggs on 54 434 522**



Axedale Primary School

Masquerade

Ball

Saturday

20th June

Axedale Public Hall

Doors open @ 6pm. Dinner @ 7pm

*Tickets \$50pp includes 2 course meal &
commemorative wine glass or stubby holder*

Table bookings available. Drinks @ bar prices.

Purchase tickets from Corrine-0438 090 871

Band - The Grinners

Handmade Masks by Axedale PS students available

to purchase at door for \$5.00

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Why finishing 4th beats winning

We all love to see our kids be successful. But maybe it's their struggles rather than their wins that will set them up for future success.

Everyone wants to win. We want it for ourselves.
We want it even more for our kids.

It's great to see the smile of satisfaction on a child's face after winning a game, a race or finishing on top of the pile in any endeavour.

Winning feels good. It means they're doing well.
It's equated with *success*.

It's a good habit to develop ... *or so the theory goes.*

But winning is just one part of the story.

Not finishing first carries emotion too, though it's not necessarily positive.

It's good for kids to experience disappointment, annoyance and frustration just as it's good for them to experience positive emotions.

It's good to learn when you are young that *bad feelings happen, but they don't last*. This is a valuable life lesson.

Not winning also teaches kids that there is a link between success and effort. It teaches them that perseverance pays off eventually.

Helping kids to accept setbacks and unpleasant emotions, rather than blocking them out, *is the key to building their resilience.*

What about the child who never wins?

Some children seem to never win, or hardly ever do. A friend has a child who always seems to have 4th place sewn up in any race – just missing a ribbon – unless he is trying to get into a four person relay team, in which case he finishes 5th.

As a caring parent my friend works hard keeping her son's chin up year after year. And that's what she has to do. I suspect her son will learn the value of struggle. But it will pay off in his adult life when he understands that persistence is a fabulous asset.



So if you have a child who continually comes 4th (figuratively as well as literally) here are some strategies you can focus on:

- 1. Encourage liberally:** Stanford University professor Carol Dweck (who has written a great deal on this very topic) encourages parents to use process praises: "You used smart strategies", "You worked hard on that one", "You thought long and hard to work that problem out". She says this helps kids value effort and work for longer-term results.
- 2. Focus on struggles, not just on victories:** Your focus as a parent reveals your values. If you value effort and struggle then you need to be on the lookout for these so you can applaud them. If winning is all you value, then you'll only focus on that. There is a choice here.
- 3. Share stories of struggle and overcoming adversity:** Whether it's stories from your own life (kids love to hear about when their parents struggled) or stories from public news and sport, inspire and encourage your kids with the narratives of the struggles of others.

It's easy as a parent to get caught in the winning trap. We sometimes just get carried along with the hype.

But maybe, just maybe, finishing 4th is better for kids in the long term than always being a winner.

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