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REGIONAL NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our Gr. 5/6’s who took part in the Sandhurst Zone Regional Netball Championships yesterday in Bendigo. We entered a girls team and a boys team, with both teams competing successfully on the day.

Our girls won 4 ½ /7 and the boys won 3/5 with all players improving their skills and teamwork as the day went on.

Many thanks to Mr. C for co-ordinating our teams and to Deb Tuohy, Michelle Mannes and Georgie Gibbs (past Student Teacher) for their coaching and umpiring.

Girls Netball

“Contact goal defence” “Oh! Not again, Laura get the rebound, yes, yeah pass to me I’m free.”

Yesterday Grades 4/5/6s travelled by bus to netball. We had a girls team and a boys team. I was the captain of the girls team and Adam was the captain of the boys team.

In each game there were 2x5 minute quarters. In the first game the girls won! But the boys came too late for their game so the game was missed. The girls won 4 games lost 2 and drew 1, my favourite position was centre and goal defence.

Thanks to Miss Mannes for coaching us and to Mr C for organising.

By Emily

Boys Netball

Obstruction! GK too close. Ahh! The other team takes the shot… he misses and it goes behind. YES! My throw out. Zayne is free. I pass, we get it down to the other end… Jaidyn scores! Back to the middle the other team starts with the ball.

It’s 13/7/16 and we’re playing netball and winning by 3 points the scores are 4-3. Time! Yes we won! The boys team was Zane, Zayne, Will, Kodi, Adam, Jaidyn and me. We played Eaglehawk, Inglewood, Bridgewater and Huntly. My favourite position was goal keeper. We won 3 games and lost 2. We won our last games so we left the stadium on a high!

By Max
BENDIGO COMPETITIONS
Congratulations to Skyla and Danielle who both won a host of medals in the Bendigo Competitions over the holidays. Great job girls.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NEW STAFF
We have a number of new staff who joined us from the start of Term Three.
We welcome Anne Webb to our school. Anne will be in the Office over the next five weeks while Katrina is on Long Service Leave.
Anne will be working full days from Monday – Thursday.
With the support of the Pam Gunn Memorial Axedale Trust, we have been able to employ three Education Support Staff to work in our Gr. 1, Gr. 2/3/4 and Gr. 4/5/6 classrooms. Their role will involve working with both groups and individual students. We welcome Millie Hughes to our Gr. 1 room, Scott Nicholls to our Gr. 2/3/4 room and Melaie Webb to our Gr. 4/5/6 room.
We also welcome David Rouse to our staff. David will be working in a ‘Grounds and Maintenance’ role for the remainder of this year. David has made a great start this week mowing, raking, mulching and completing a general tidy up.

FRUIT TREE DRIVE
All of our ordered fruit trees arrived yesterday. With our soil so wet, it is probably the best planting conditions we’ve had for a number of years – so great timing. Thanks to all the school and community families that have supported this fundraiser.
The school has also ordered nine fruit trees which were planted today. Thanks to Sarah for coordinating this project and to Julie, Kellie, Joce and Sam for their work unloading and sorting for pick up.

NAME EMBROIDERY ON UNIFORMS
Many thanks to Sharon Hipwell for coordinating the uniform embroidery over the holidays. Many families took the chance to have jumpers, shirts and pants labelled.

FUNDRAISING BBQ
On the weekend Ricky coordinated a fundraising BBQ at Coles to raise funds for programs within the school. Thanks to Ricky and parent helpers – Julie, Shane and Donna (and sausage testers Will and Ted) who helped to raise $313.00 for our school.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Only six weeks until our famous Progressive Dinner fundraiser is on again. Lock in Saturday night, August 20th into the calendar, $60 per person. More details in coming weeks.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Every two years we take part in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the National Heart Foundation. Our Jump Off this year will take place on Friday September 2nd.
Students will be practising their skipping and developing lots of new skills and fitness over the next few weeks in their Phys. Ed classes.
Keep an eye out for further details.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY
On Thursday July 28th, all of our students will be taking part in National Tree Day planting activities. In the morning, our Prep/1 students will be planting 80 native shrubs and bushes along our western boundary and in the afternoon, our Gr 2-6 students will be working with staff from the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) to plant hundreds of trees on the Campaspe River Reserve, on the north side of the bridge.
AXEDALE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY
It’s National Tree Day on Sunday 31 July 2016 and Axedale Our Town - Our Future is joining the Longlea & District Landcare Group to take part in a National Tree Day event, which will incorporate an O’Keefe Rail Trail rubbish clean up at the Axedale River Reserve. We invite all friends, family and visitors to join us and pitch in to continue making our town beautiful. The event will commence at 10am for the tree planting on the northern section (accessed by Campaspe Drive) of the Axedale River Reserve. Bring your gloves and a hand tool and be rewarded with a free BBQ provided by the Landcare group beside the Campaspe River.
After lunch from 12.30pm-2pm we will be cleaning up a section of the nearby O’Keefe Rail Trail. Meet us at BBQ site and we’ll follow the Trail across the river together to target the 800m section along Ingham Rd. Hope to see many of you there!

SCHOOL CAMPS
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.

DEDICATION OF THE BATTLE OF LONE PINE
6th --- 9th August 1915
Axedale Our Town Our Future, President and Committee, with the support of the Remembrance Parks and the Bendigo and District R.S.L. Sub-Branch, have agreed that the Lone Pine Memorial in the Axedale General Cemetery should have an official unveiling and a commemorative service.
AOTOF extend an open invitation to community members, any serving members and ex-service members of the A.D.F., also the communities of Axedale and Districts who wish to take part in these proceedings. The ceremony will commence at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 6th. August 2016 at the Axedale General Cemetery, Cemetery Road Axedale. (The service will be a short one and should be concluded by 11.00 a.m.)
This date is significant in that it marks 101 years since the commencement of the Battle of Lone Pine. This battle ran from 6-9th August 1915 and resulted in over 2,000 Australian casualties.
For further information see: https://www.awm.gov.au/military-event/E71/
Any enquiries regarding this event or any committee or organisations who wish to lay floral arrangements or wreaths during the ceremony, would you please contact Phil Hughes on 5439 7259 or e-mail trixie3805@gmail.com

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 03 5439 7232 or you can catch him on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

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 273 books so far.
Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Reading Challenge:
- Shania Schutte
For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc
NEW SCHOOL APP
Thank you to those families who have already subscribed to our new school app. We are sure you will find it very useful when communicating with school and keeping updated.
Our old school app is no longer being kept up to date.
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 us to send out alerts and reminders, and for parents you can use the app to access our school newsletter online, send absence notes and one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar.
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 also – we just need to know what child they are attached to.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with Breakfast Club during Term Two. Thanks also to our sponsors.
- Tuesday 19th July  Melinda Pengelly & Hannelie Schutte
- Thursday 21st July  Liz Harrington & Tanya Czuczman
- Tuesday 26th July  Hannelie Schutte & Samantha Gilbertson
- Thursday 28th July  Claire Noyce & Tanya Czuczman

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
- Friday 15th July – Jocelyn Davies & Susie McGrath
- Friday 22nd July – 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 “How to talk more with your kids.”

JOKE OF THE WEEK
How do you get Pikachu on a bus?
You poke him on.
Thanks to Jaidyn for this one. A good week for a Pokemen joke!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Lex Johnstone
Principal

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.

Footy tipping sheets for Round 17 were sent home earlier this week and need to be in by tonight at 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 & 2nd payment of $50 is now due.

FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS – Round 17 due by 6pm tonight at the shop.