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CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS
Zaithan – For concentrating really well at school and at home to earn his Blue Colour Word Certificates.
Paddy – For always working to his very best in all areas of schooling
Jaeyln – For consistently displaying a ‘personal best; attitude with his learning
Lilly – For working hard in class and at home to complete her Book Review on time.

SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS
Ted – For being very honest, playing games fairly with his peers and being a good friend to all
Tianna – For being a fantastic friend to her peers
Abi – For being organised and showing respect to those around her
William H. – For demonstrating tolerance when sharing ideas during a group writing task.

GOLDEN BRUSH
Winners of the Golden Brush this week were the Preps.

HOUSE TROPHY
Winners of the House Trophy this week were McIvor.
SPELLING AND READING AWARD WINNERS
Well done to our spelling and reading award winners for this week.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

BUSH KINDER
Our Prep students enjoyed a fabulous afternoon with their friends from Kinder yesterday.
We attended their Bush Kinder Day at the Drake St. Church in Axedale.
The students talked with Veronica from the Koori Pre-School Association Group who had a beautiful possum skin cloak that she explained the origins of to the students. The students had a chance to put the cloak on and feel it’s warmth and smoothness.

After a yummy lunch together, it was time for action. The kids were busy building huts, fairy houses, gardens, animal traps, shaping bark, swinging on the rope swing and making roads. Everyone busy – everyone happy!

Pictured – Ted explaining to everyone his clever lizard trap. Molly, Mekayla, Matilda, Alizé & Kaiya building their fairy garden, kinder kids in the birds nest and Ada trying on the possum skin cloak.
**100 DAY CROWNS**
The Preps also marked their first 100 days of school by making Crowns in art. The proudly wore them on Wednesday.

**NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY**
Today we had a very busy day planting trees in our school and local environment.
Our Prep/1 students planted a range of natives along our western fence this morning. Plants included Callistemon, Melaleucas, Kunzeas, Tea Trees and Baekeas.

This afternoon, our Grade 2-6 students planted trees along the Campaspe River in the Axedale River Reserve. We thank Ange Gladman from the North Central Catchment Authority for organising our involvement at the river.

*If families are involved in Sunday’s tree planting, please take a photo and text it through to Mr. J for the Newsletter next week.*
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!

MUSIC IS FUN
Tomorrow our whole school will be travelling to Marong PS to take part in the Music is Fun concert.
We look forward to watching some of our students (P- Gr. 6) joining with the band to sing, dance and play the ukulele to entertain the crowd.
Thanks to our parent transport helpers.

HOT FOOD
With the cold weather recently, a number of students have brought along lunches to be heated up in the microwave.
As carrying hot food and liquids back to classrooms or out to the deck is not safe, we prefer these items not to be sent along. Thank you for your understanding.

DENTAL PROGRAM
The school is again partnering with Bendigo Health to facilitate Dental Screening Checks at the school.
This was a particularly successful program last year and provided a cost free way of ensuring good dental health.
The optional dental screening for the students will be on the Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of August.
A copy of the consent form and program flyer was attached to the Newsletter last week.
Forms need to be returned by Friday 5th of August for collection by Bendigo Health.
More forms are available at the Office if needed.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Only six weeks until our famous Progressive Dinner fundraiser is on again. Lock in Saturday night, August 20th into the calendar, $60pp. The bus will leave at approx. 6.00pm from the Tavern. Entée nibbles will be provided along the way to Tooboorac, where we will have our main course. A few games and swindles will take place on the trip back to the Tavern for dessert and the raffle draw.
Contact the school or Corrine to book a seat. A $10 deposit is required upon booking.

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.
Sponsorship forms will be sent out with the August 4th Newsletter. Our aim is for everyone to raise a little bit so that our school can make a healthy contribution to the National Heart Foundation.

GUITAR LESSONS
Just a reminder for the guitar students who went to Football yesterday to bring their guitars on Friday.
Guitar lessons are now held on Wednesday with the ukulele sessions on Fridays.
Any queries to Jo Woodward – 0417374834 or email jo.woodward@iinet.net.au
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 $300.

BOOK WEEK
Book Week is on during the week of August 22nd – 26th. On Tuesday 23rd, the MARC Van will be here and we will be having our annual ‘dress up as your favourite book character day’. Students are encouraged to start planning their outfit to come dressed as their favourite book character.

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](mailto:helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au). Any further queries should be directed to:

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.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help with Breakfast Club during Term Two. Thanks also to our sponsors.

- Tuesday 2nd August  
  Samantha Gilbertson  
  Melinda Pengelly
- Thursday 4th August  
  Hannelie Schutte  
  Samantha Gilbertson

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

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

- Friday 29th July  
  Hannalie Schutte & Marli Meerman
- Friday 5th August  
  Tanya Czuczman & Sam Gilbertson
- Friday 12th August  
  Melinda Pengelly & Donna Brandt

**MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES**


This week’s attached article is “Why consistency improves kids’ behaviour”

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Why are pirates pirates?
Because they ARRRRRR!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Luck is a point where hard work meets with opportunity” — Firoz Thairinil

Lex Johnstone  
Principal

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

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

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**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 19 were sent home earlier this week and need to be in by tomorrow 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. 4th Payment due Friday 5th August.

MUSIC IS FUN Permission form. Return tomorrow.

CONSENT TO ORAL HEALTH SCREENING. Return by the 5th August

FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS – Round 20 due by 6pm tomorrow night at the shop. Jackpot $67.50