**NEWSLETTER No. 26 August 18th 2016**

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**CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS**

**Mekayla** – For being a keen and enthusiastic student when doing her work and participating in group activities.

**Brianne** – For writing a great letter to her pen friend and being able to independently type it on the computer.

**Tahlia** – For having a positive attitude during Maths sessions.

**Emma** – For showing a strong commitment to improving her work presentation skills with home projects.

**SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS**

**Matilda** – For being very organised with her belongings and being ready to start all tasks promptly.

**Will B** – For working to improve his independence within the classroom.

**Evie** – For being organised and ready for all learning tasks.

**Rachael B** – For being a fair and trustworthy member of the class 100% of the time.

**GOLDEN BRUSH**

Well done to the Preps

**HOUSE TROPHY**

Well done McIvor

**SPELLING AND READING AWARD WINNERS**

Well done to our spelling and reading award winners for this week.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**ASSEMBLY**
Next Monday’s Assembly will be shortened to just Teacher Awards, Spelling and Reading Awards and messages for the week. At 9.30, Grade 1/2/3 students will be using the assembly area to take part in an online Book Week activity on our big screen with Alison Lester, the author of shortlisted book ‘My Dog Bigsy’.

There will be two other online activities during Book Week that our students will be taking part in. Ronojoy Ghosh author of Ollie and the Wind, and Tony Wilson, author of The Cow Tripped Over the Moon will be involved with interactive online Book Week activities.

**DRINK BOTTLES**
We are still looking for another ten 1.25L or 2L soft drink bottles for watering our plants if anyone has some empty ones at home. Thank you

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**
Only 2 more sleeps until our Progressive Dinner fundraiser is on. The bus will leave the Axedale Tavern at approx. 6.00pm. Entrée nibbles will be provided along the way to Tooborac, 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.

There are just a few seats left for anyone still keen to come along. Contact the school or Corrine to book a seat. Tickets are $60pp, covering a three course meal and travel.

**PVF BBQ**
Parents Friends and Volunteers are running a fundraising BBQ at the Epsom Bunnings on Saturday from 9.30am – 4.00pm. Thanks to those who have put their hands up to help out. PVF are still looking for another couple of volunteers. If you can help out, please contact Mr. J or Kelly Gwin (Travis’ mum – Gr. 3)
SCAVENGER HUNT
Next Thursday some of our Gr. 6’s will be heading to BSE to take part in a Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger Hunt is the first part of Year 6 to Year 7 transition and will involve the students working in groups and taking part in a hunt to locate various items and places in and around the BSE buildings and grounds. It will give the students a chance to learn their way around the college and become familiar with some of the Year 7 staff that they be working with next year.

The students will be travelling in with Mr. C and Ricky, leaving school at approximately 11.00am and returning just after 1.00pm.

SCHOOL CAMPS
Grade 3-6 students met for a camp meeting on Wednesday. They will have brought home yellow medical forms. We ask that these be filled out asap and returned to school. Please contact the school with any queries.

GOLF DAY
The bi-annual Axedale School and Axedale Kinder Golf Day is on again this year on October 30th.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers from our school community to be on the organising committee. If you are keen and available, please contact Lex Johnstone.

THE BIG GIVE
There are two Axedale Projects on the go as part of the Community Foundation for Central Victoria Big Give Project.

Axedale community members may wish to donate to the funds to grass and irrigate the Axedale Park and also to contribute to the Pam Gunn Axedale Memorial Trust.

Information can be found at https://chuffed.org/biggive/prelaunch

What is the Big Give?
From the website

Big Give is a fundraising campaign, for everyone in Central Victoria: from the Murray to the Macedon Ranges. It’s a free online platform to support fundraising, in an infectious environment of giving – so that great stuff can happen, in our community!

Campaigns open August 1st: the earlier you start the more time you have to raise funds.

Donations can be collected each day in August or on Big Give Day September 1st when you can play BIG (for 24 hours), compete and win cash rewards and prizes.

The Community Foundation for Central Victoria is a not for profit organisation dedicated to strengthening the communities of Central Victoria. We help individuals, businesses and organisations to give where we live in order to promote change by focusing on innovative and collaborative solutions to critical issues impacting the community.

FATHER’S AND SPECIAL PERSON’S BREAKFAST
Our annual Father’s and Special Person’s Breakfast is on Thursday 1st September from 7.30am - 8.30am. We are encouraging all dads and special people to pop in with their child/children for an egg and bacon roll and a coffee, catch up for a chat and be there for the drawing of our Father’s Day Raffle.

We are in need of helpers on the morning to assist with cooking. Please see Ricky if you can help.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Tickets for our Father’s Day Raffle were attached to the Newsletter last week. If every family could help out by selling their ten tickets, that would be great.

Tickets are due back Tuesday 30th August.

A big thank you to our sponsors as listed here.

Tickets are $1 each.

Axedale Primary School Father’s Day Raffle

Drawn Thursday 1st September

One Car Service courtesy of Greg Wait
$50 Pub Meal Voucher from the Axedale Tavern
$50 Boardwalk meals/drinks voucher, 2x $50 Bunnings Vouchers
2x Boxfit Class vouchers for one person and a friend from BYB Fitness
2 hours of Garden Care from Bromley Property Maintenance
Full Body Massage from Axedale Massage and Beauty.
PIE DRIVE ORDERS
Orders are due back in at school on August 24th and will be delivered on Wednesday August 31st.

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. Thanks to Bev Gwin (Kelly’s Mum and Travis’ Grandma) for offering to assist Mrs G with the judging.

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 40 students who have registered. They have read 375 books so far.
Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Reading Challenge:
- Cameron Liersch
- Steffi Liersch
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 23rd August – Melinda Pengelly & Samantha Gilbertson
Thursday 25th August – Hannelie Schutte & Liz Harrington
Tuesday 30th August – Claire Noyce & Tanya Czuczman
Thursday 1st September – FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 19th August – Susie McGrath & Sarah Vanis
Friday 26th August – Jocelyn Davies & Kelly Gwin
MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES
Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit www.parentingideas.com.au
This week’s attached article is “Be careful what you wish for as a parent”

POCKET POSITIVES – Ricky Cawley
*Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances that we know to be desperate.*
G.K.Chesterton

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Campbell –*Hey Mr. J, I had a dream about mufflers last night.*
Mr. J – *That’s a strange thing to dream about!*
Campbell – *Yes – I woke up exhausted!!*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
This week’s quote has an Olympic flavour.

Lex Johnstone
Principal

CLASSROOMS

PREP ROOM
On Monday Laura, Jaidyn and Kodi talked to the Prep students about the sports they play in their leisure time. They dressed in their uniforms and spoke to the students passionately about netball, football, cricket and baseball. They told us about the rules, equipment needed, training required and the need for sportsmanship and obeying the umpire. We could tell from the way they spoke just how much they are dedicated and love their sports.

OLYMPIC TORCHES
The Prep students followed the step by step directions to make their own Olympic Torches. They decorated cardboard, rolled it into a cone then added ripped cardboard flames.
NEXT MEETING
Thursday October 6th 8.50am.

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 21 - $19.50 JACKPOT
Footy tipping sheets for Round 22 were sent home earlier this week and need to be in by tomorrow at the school or 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. 5th Payment due Friday 26th August.

Grade 3- Medical Forms for Camp.

PIE DRIVE ORDER FORMS – Due by Wednesday August 24th

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE – Tickets returned by Tuesday August 30th

FOOTY TIPPING SHEETS – Round 22 due by 6pm tomorrow night at the shop.

AXEDALE HAZARDS RESPONSE SHEET (sent with Newsletter last week)

COMMUNITY

BENDIGO BASKETBALL U/10 SUMMER COMP
Do you have a birth year of 2008 or 2009?
Are you looking to play in the Under 10’s Summer competition commencing in October 2016?
The Under 8’s competition provides a fun and enjoyable way of understanding the rules, giving children the perfect pathway into the Under 10’s competition.
Running each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm
at Bendigo Stadium, at $5 per child per session.
Please contact Kelly Dunn, Junior Development Coordinator
on 5440 6246 or at kelly.dunn@bendigostadium.com.au for information

KIDFEST
Each year in the September school holidays, Kidsfest is held at SPC KidsTown, a not-for-profit adventure playground (property of Greater Shepparton City Council). It is the largest outdoor adventure playground in Australia with facilities to suit every age group. Kidsfest draws in families from right across the state, whether it be for a day trip or weekend stay full of fun for everyone. In fact last year there were over 16,000 attendees!
KidsFest offers a wide range of entertainment and educational activities with special live shows, craft activities, sports programs and an outdoor beach volleyball court with a full program of activities. Add to this two huge sideshow alleys, trade stalls and display areas plus continuous roving entertainment and it’s an event kids of all ages will love!
Please visit www.sheppkidsfest.com.au for full details.
#Olympics #RIO! #Under Lights

**Start Date:** Tuesday 16th August  
**Duration:** 5 weeks  
**Time:** 5pm – 6pm  
**Location:** 14 Ashley Street, Ironbark  
**Cost:** $65  
(includes Stick, ball, shinpads, singlet, mouthguard)  
**Contact:** Katrina  
**Phone:** 0427 470494  
**Email:** hsv.h2h@gmail.com

To register visit: www.hockeycentralys.org.au

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**Passionate volunteers needed to support local families!**

"This program lets me know that I can rely and trust in someone to be there for guidance and support through life's journey."  
— A parent reflecting on support through Baptcare’s Home Start program.

Baptcare is currently seeking to encourage and support volunteers who have parenting skills or experience to assist leaves of young families in need of extra support.

As a Baptcare Home Start volunteer, you’ll have the chance to give practical and emotional support. Workshops and professional assistance will help parents build on their existing strengths and grow their confidence in managing life’s challenges.

You could visit the family once a week to their own home, for around two hours.

**Do you:**
- Have two hours a week to spare?
- Enjoy providing practical and meaningful help?
- Want to engage with young families in Bendigo?
- Really want to make a difference?

For more information, please contact Home Start Coordinator, Jane Warrington, 5441 8647  
www.baptcare.org.au

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**Junior Indoor Soccer**

**STARTS TERM 4 OCT 3RD**

**MON TUES AND WED NIGHTS:**
- **U6 U7 U9 U11 U13 U15**
- **GAMES TIMES 4.00, 4.40, 5.20, 6.00**
- **5 A SIDE GAMES WITH SUBS**
- **5 COURTS, 1 LOCATION**

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**
- Netball  
- Cricket  
- Soccer  
- Court Hire

**TO ENTER A TEAM CALL 5447 1077 OR GO TO**
www.bendigomajorleague.com.au  
WATSON COURT, GOLDEN SQUARE

indoorsportsvictoria.com.au

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**Bendigo Spirit School Holiday Camp**

**Come and join Bendigo’s WNBL stars**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH & WEDNESDAY 28TH**

**10AM – 3PM**

**OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 6 – 13**

All participants receive a Spirit basketball and 
ticket to the first Spirit home game of the season.  
Cost $80 per child  
To register or for more details please contact Adam Tarr at gm@bendigospirit.com.au
Be careful what you wish for as a parent

The focus on success and achievement doesn’t have to come at the expense of our children’s empathy and wellbeing.

What would you wish for? A caring child or a successful child?

If pressed to choose, which would you prefer?

If you were like the parents of kids in a recent study you’d go for successful rather than caring.

In a fascinating Harvard study referred to in a recent Age article, 10,000 kids were asked whether achievement and success, rather than caring for others, were their parents’ main priorities. The kids overwhelmingly said their parents opted for success rather than caring.

I suspect Australian kids would come up with a similar response if asked. In my work with parents and schools over nearly 40 years I’ve never seen the educational and parenting landscape so competitive as it is today. The standard belief of ‘everyone can get ahead and be successful’ has been replaced by ‘my child needs to get ahead and be successful’.

Parents rightfully will go to great lengths to make sure their kids don’t get left behind, but now academic success increasingly means achieving at any cost. Even at the expense of a child’s well-being, and in extreme cases, at the expense of other children’s success.

A sign of the times

This is very different from even a generation ago when caring and respect for others were drummed into kids. “Do the right thing by others”; “Respect your elders”; “Take good care of each other” were common mantras that many of today’s parents grew up hearing.

Now that these kids have become parents themselves they use achievement mantras rather than the empathetic statements they were raised on. “Always do your best”; “Think confident thoughts”; “Set your goals and work hard to achieve them” are typical of the comments that kids hear in today’s more competitive environment.

The price of success at all costs

Washington Post parenting writer Ashley Teixler argues that putting happiness and success before caring and empathy is raising a generation of bullies. She claims that parents unknowingly encourage bullying through their focus on success at all costs, as kids are being encouraged to pursue power at the expense of empathetic behaviour.

We can have both

This is a controversial view based on the assumption that you can have either successful kids or caring kids. I believe you can have both. Parents and teachers can encourage kids to achieve, but also emphasise the importance of looking out for your mates, and taking care of others. Individual success doesn’t have to come at the expense of well-being and the success of others. It does mean that we need to put caring for others firmly on our parenting agendas.

Here are five ways to do this:

1. Develop a language for caring

Parents invariably develop a deep language around the things they value. If caring is important then you need to develop language for caring (look after your brother; do the right thing; do unto others) just as you have probably developed a language around success (persist, work hard, do your best).
... Be careful what you wish for as a parent ...

3 Model caring behaviours
Parents need to model caring, relational behaviours if they want children to develop these behaviours. Positive displays of intimacy such as a kiss and a hug for every family member as they walk out the door each day is a great way to teach healthy caring behaviours. It’s the small acts of kindness and caring that happen on a consistent basis that has the most lasting impact on kids.

3 Focus on co-operation rather than competition
It’s easy to develop competition between kids. As a parent all you need to do is praise one child and criticise another and you’ve established the conditions for competition. It’s far harder to develop cooperative behaviours, but it’s worth the effort. Encourage kids to help each other; ask them to do jobs in pairs so they learn to work together; and teach older children to give way to younger children rather than always have their own way. Caring kids learn that not everything goes their way and that they need to compromise and give way to others in the name of being social and getting on.

3 Encourage nurturing behaviours
In the past families were larger than today and they had a natural advantage in developing caring and empathy. Elder kids would invariably have to look out for, or look after younger siblings, often at the expense of their own interests. In an era of small families kids have fewer natural opportunities to look after each other. However parents can develop nurturance by encouraging children to look out for younger friends and relatives; to care for pets and also to be respectful of older relatives and friends.

3 Pay attention to children’s emotions
Now more than ever it’s important for parents to be attentive to children’s emotional lives, and also to develop an awareness of their own feelings and the feelings of others. Empathetic kids rarely use power and bullying to get their own way. Empathy always starts with an awareness of a child’s own emotional state.

As parents we want our kids to grow up to be successful and achieve their full potential. It’s the default position for most parents. But that doesn’t have to come at the expense of caring for others. In these times of small families and a more competitive landscape parents need to work harder than ever to develop nurturance, caring and respect for others in kids.

Michael Grose


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