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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations last week’s award winners:
- Prep – Grace -For being an excellent listener and doing her very best when working at her table activities.
- Gr. 1/2 – Emily -For having a positive start at Axedale Primary School and fitting in fantastically with her classmates.
- Gr. 3 – Isabella -For enthusiastic involvement and great teamwork in the classroom and in sport.
- Gr. 4/5/6 – Molly -For trying her best and doing a fabulous job completing numeracy activities.

### GOLDEN BRUSH

Congratulations to Grade 4/5/6 for winning the Golden Brush this week.

### HOUSE COMPETITION

Last week’s House Competition winners were McIvor.

### SPELLING & READING AWARDS

Well done to the students who advanced another level with their spelling and reading words this week.
Great to see lots of parents helping out with reading each morning. Thanks for your help.

YARD TIDYING
A big thanks to Matthew, Cooper, Olly, Hugh, Jordi & Meg who have been busy this week raking up bark and leaves from around the school. They have done a fantastic job!

GYM
Students enjoyed their second visit to gym yesterday even with the hot weather.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Yesterday our Gr. 3-6 students had the opportunity to present a speech to their school mates as part of the process to elect House Captains and Vice-Captains. Each year we elect a boy and girl Captain from Grade 5/6 and a Vice Captain from Gr. 3/4. The results of the elections and the announcement of the School Captains for 2015 will be made at Assembly on Monday 23rd February.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
On Friday March 13th, our Gr. 6 students will be travelling to Melbourne to take part in the Young Leaders Conference at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre. They will be joining with around 2,000 other students to listen to guest speakers such as Andy Griffiths, Bindi Irwin and Winter Paralympian Jess Gallagher. The guest speakers will be sharing their thoughts on what makes a good leader, working as a team, encouraging others and taking on special projects. More information can be found at http://www.halogen.org.au/event/melbourne-primary

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Last week’s Newsletter contained a range of information about the upcoming School Council Elections. Nomination forms are available at the Office or on the Parent’s Noticeboard. You can have someone nominate you or you may choose to self-nominate. Nominations open on Friday 6th February and close on Friday 20th February at 3.45pm.

FAMILY BBQ & INFORMATION SESSIONS
Information sessions for each class will be held on Monday 23rd February from 5.30pm for Grade 4/5/6 (Netbook Information) and from 6pm for Prep-6. This will be an opportunity for parents to get to know the teachers and how their classes will operate through the year. Further information will be in next week’s Newsletter.
Following the Information Sessions, we will be holding a Family BBQ from approximately 6.30pm at the school to welcome both new and existing school families. School will provide meat, bread and salads.

PARENT TEACHER & GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
We will also be holding Parent /Teacher Interviews Thursday 26th February. It will be a chance to analyse the first few weeks of school and to make clear plans covering academic and social aspects. At these meetings, each student’s Individual Learning Plans will be negotiated and put into place for the remainder of Terms One and Two.
Requests for time slots for interviews will be sent home with next week’s Newsletter.

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE – LAKE EPPALOCK
Tomorrow, Friday February 13th, our Gr. 4/5/6 group will be travelling to Lake Eppalock to take part in a special Water Safety Day based around safety in an open water environment. The session will be run by trained staff from Life Saving Victoria. A permission form was sent home on Monday and needs to be returned by tomorrow morning.

AUNTY PEACH SHOW
On Tuesday March 10th, students will be heading over to the Axedale Hall with students from Eppalock PS to watch the highly acclaimed Aunty Peach Show. The Aunty Peach Show was the winner of the 2011-2014 Performers In Schools Excellence Award.
This school show provides children with a fun-filled learning experience that supports literacy, personal development & drama units, all in an enjoyable, interactive environment.
Centring around the magic of Roald Dahl’s wacky and humorous twisted fairy tales as published in the "Revolting Rhymes", this educational show is children's entertainment at its best.
Along with the animated storytelling, the magic, the visual spectacle and the humour, Aunty Peach also passes on to the students, stage terminology and useful tips for drama performance.
The cost of this performance is covered in our Excursion levy.
If you haven’t paid the excursion levy upfront the cost will be $6 per child. Please pay by Monday 9th March.
BREKKY CLUB ROSTER
Our Brekky Club runs each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30 – 8.50am. Students are welcome to come in and enjoy some cereal or toast while enjoying the company of classmates and friends. Parents are welcome to attend as well.
Ricky co-ordinates the Brekky Club. To share the load a little, we are asking parents who might be interested, to put their name down on a roster to help out. It would involve coming in from 8.20 – 9.00 to help set up, serve and tidy up afterwards. With sufficient help, you may only be rostered on once per term. Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter if you are keen to help out. Talk to Ricky for further information.

BOOKLISTS & SCHOOL FEES
We put some new plans into place to make this time of the year easier for families. Any feedback on payment options, booklists supplies/collections etc. would be helpful in planning for this time next year. Feedback can be shared with myself or Katrina.
School would like ALL supplies to be returned to school where they will be kept to replenish as required.

FISH TANK
We are looking for a volunteer to give our fish tank a clean. If someone has some time to spare we would really appreciate it (and the fish would too!)

GUITAR LESSONS
Our Guitar Teacher Jo Woodward began lessons last week. Parents of students taking lessons are asked to send along their $12 each week. Payments in advance are also possible. If your child is interested in guitar lessons please phone Jo on 0417 374 834 or email jo.woodward@iinet.net.au

DRUM LESSONS
David Dewar began drum lessons last Monday morning. Lessons are $20 for a 30 minute session. If your child is interested, please contact the school for further information.

STUDENT BANKING
Our school banking day is Tuesday.
The school banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will also have fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.
School banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the school banking program.
Taking part in school banking is easy
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account they can start banking straight away, they just need to bring in their deposit every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites wallet, they can request a new one from their local branch or contact the school banking Co-ordinator.

LUNCH ORDERS
A ‘Lunch Order List’ is available from the Office.
Lunch orders can be placed in the tub near the fish tank.

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

A roster is attached for these volunteers.
Friday 13th February – Jocelyn Davies & Sarah Vanis
Friday 20th February – Julie Liersch & Julie Allen
Friday 27th February – Corrine Cummins & Tracey Meekings
Students will be provided with a couple of plates of fresh fruit at the end of lunch time and recess to munch on.
PERSONAL PROPERTY
Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. If bus travellers have things at school they must be stored in the Day Safe in the office. Please remind your children of this.

TERM DATES 2015
Term 1: Thursday 29th January – Friday 27th March (Easter is in the middle of the school holidays)
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 www.parentingideas.com.au
This week’s attached article is “Make the most of this school year”.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.
Henry Ford

Lex Johnstone
Principal

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)
Our Parents, Volunteers and Friends Committee is our main fundraising group. They met last Monday to confirm fundraising options for this year as well as plan some upcoming events.
Points to note and some dates to add to your calendar from the meeting include:-
• Bulb orders have been sent out today with the newsletter and are due back on February 27th.
• Easter Raffle tickets will be sent out on March 12th. Closer to the end of term, families will be asked to donate an item to the Easter Raffle.
• 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.
• PVF will run a Family Fun Night at the Zone on Monday 23rd March. Keep an eye out for further details.
• Second hand uniforms will be available next Monday at 9.30am and 3.30pm in the Assembly area. Cost will be gold coin donation.
• The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday May 8th.

BREKKY CLUB
I am able to assist at the Brekky Club from 8.20am - 9am.
Please indicate below the day/s you are available.

Tuesday    Thursday

Name: ________________________________________________
FAMILY INFORMATION
Thank you to the families who have returned these forms. It is extremely important that the school has up to date information about your children and their contacts etc. Please look through the forms sent home in a separate envelope last week, correct/add anything that you think needs changing/adding and return them to school ASAP. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

PRIVACY INFORMATION CONSENT FORM
Attached to the newsletter today is a revised Privacy consent form for each student. Can these please be filled in and returned to school ASAP so our records can be updated.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN
At the beginning of each school year we require an updated Asthma Management Plan for those students who are diagnosed with asthma. Can these please be organised ASAP and the new plan dropped into the office so we can update our records? Parents are also asked to check the expiry date on any medication which is kept at school and supply the school with new Ventolin if required. Parents are reminded that we require each student to have their own spacer due to health regulations. Thanks for your assistance with this.

SCHOOL SUPPORT PAYMENT (replacing EMA)
Our school has introduced a School Support Payment as per 2014 EMA arrangements. To be eligible for receipt of the School Support Payment you must:
- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.
Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the School Support Payment if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 – 28th January 2015. Please come to the school office to complete the application. We need to sight your current card as part of the application process. Closing date for applications is 27th February 2015.
The School Support Payment provides an annual amount of $150 for students in Grades 1 – 6 and $200 for Prep students.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
A Conveyance Allowance is available for eligible students using private cars to attend school. To be eligible a student must live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school or bus stop. Please come into the office by the end of February to complete an application form if you are eligible.

GRADE 6 POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM
These order forms were sent home yesterday and are due back to school by tomorrow, Friday 13th February.

AUNTY PEACH SHOW
Payment of $6 due by Monday 9th March if Excursion Levy hasn’t been paid in full.
Help your kids manage their asthma

Checklist for Parents

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<td>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers? Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</td>
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<td>Do you listen to what your child says? They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly? Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</td>
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COMMUNITY

Colts United FC Inc
2015 Season – player's registration now open

If your child is U6 to U18 we will have a team for them, boys and girls!

Please go to www.myfootballclub.com.au. Click on the ‘Register Now’ link to register with Colts United FC.

Payment can also be made online or come to the Strathfieldsaye Sports Club on Friday 13 Feb 3:45-6:00pm or Saturday 14 Feb 10:00am-1pm and we will assist you with registrations/payments.

For further enquires please email – info.coltsunitedfc@gmail.com

Marg McDonald
Secretary, Colts United FC
HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES
Attached to the newsletter is a flyer about the upcoming Heathcote Community Games 21st & 22nd February.

Background Earlier in the year there was a Community Planning meeting attended by members of the community to discuss and put forward ideas on what they would like for our community. A 7 year old, at the time, Jess, said he would like to see a ‘Mini Olympic Games’.

At around the same time the Heathcote Health CEO saw, on Escape to the Country, a documentary on Much Weldon, the town known especially for inspiring the modern Olympic Games through the efforts of William Penny Brookes who was well known for his promotion of physical education and personal betterment during a time when sport was used to bring communities together.

A small group of community members met with the Heathcote Health CEO to discuss and explore the possibility of Heathcote having its own games.

As the countdown continues to the inaugural event in Heathcote the hope grows that the Heathcote Community Games will bring the community together with a program celebrating health and exercise and the importance of community.
Sabelle Calisthenics
www.sabellecalisthenics.com
0438 879 361
Looking for a fantastic sport in 2015? Why not try Sabelle Calisthenics?
With a combination of dance, gymnastics, apparatus, simplified ballet, acting, singing and
more all in one class a week. We have something for everyone!
Contact Taneka on 0438 879 361 or sabellecalisthenics@gmail.com for more information
and for Two Free Come & Try Classes.
Classes commence February, held in Golden Square.

Timings: 7 years & under
Monday’s 4:30-5:30

Subbies: 10 years & under
Wednesday’s 4:15-6:15

Juniors: 13 years & under
Tuesday’s 4:30-6:30

Inter’s: 16 years & under
Tuesday’s 6:30-8:30

Seniors: 17 years & over
Monday’s 6:30-8:30

Sabelle Calisthenics
www.sabellecalisthenics.com

Come along and join the fun...
South Bendigo Football Netball Club Inc.
Junior Football/Netball
Registration Day

& Family Fun Day
Sunday 15th Feb
10am-2pm
Football & Netball Clinics
FREE JUMPING CASTLE
Sausages & Drinks Available *FREE ENTRY*
Games
Present the Coaches@1pm
RAFFLE ALL WELCOME !!
At Harry Trott Oval (Neale Street, Bendigo)

ON HOT DAYS, NEVER
LEAVE KIDS ALONE IN CARS.
NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.
The temperature inside
a parked car can double
within minutes.

For more details, please email Bogga at: bogaski@hotmail.com

kidsafevic.com.au

TODAY'S FORECAST
68°
Do you love a bargain? Are you environmentally friendly? Do you need more, or spare school uniforms? Tired of replacing lost items? If yes, we have the sale for you!

We have pre loved, school uniforms, in good condition, that have been sorted and washed, ready for you to take home, for only a fraction of the cost of buying new!

MONDAY 16th FEB
9:30am & 3:30pm
In the Main School Building

Jumpers, polo shirts, dresses, shorts & pants. Lots of sizes. Come & check it out.

Every item = Gold Coin.
Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

- **Consult with your child’s teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

- **Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

- **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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