**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

At Monday’s Assembly, we were able to announce our student leadership positions for 2016. I would like to take this chance to congratulate all students who presented speeches for captain and vice captain positions. Their preparation, confidence and enthusiasm was very pleasing to watch and hear.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS** – Zayne Pearce & Laura Higgins

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT** – Rachael Burnside

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL TREASURERS** – Nathan Strawbridge and Max Downing

**MCIVOR CAPTAINS**  
Jaidyn Taylor  
Georgia Smith

**MCIVOR VICE CAPTAINS**  
Callum Cairney  
Tahlia Kendall

**CAMPASPE CAPTAINS**  
Kodi Czuczaman  
Piper Wright

**CAMPASPE VICE CAPTAINS**  
Della Czuczaman  
Jaeyln Kelson
CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS
Kaiya - For doing a beautiful job on her work sheets and making them bright and colourful.
Emily J - For showing neat and clear handwriting in all her writing pieces
Mollie Al. – For showing confidence when presenting her Vice Captain’s speech.
Kodi - For always participating enthusiastically in class discussions.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD WINNERS
Darcy S - For having beautiful manners and using them consistently at school.
Daniel - For being very responsible while completing his classroom job to ensure that it was completed correctly
Jodi – For being organised and ready for all learning tasks
Emily W – For showing responsibility in completing all class tasks to a high standard

GOLDEN BRUSH
The winners of the Golden Brush last week were Grade 1. Well done!

MAGIC WORDS
Well done to our students who have moved up some levels in the first week of school.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
CURRICULUM DAY
Just a reminder that there is no school next Thursday as it is a Curriculum Day.
The teachers will be attending the Seven Steps to Writing Success PD in Doncaster, Melbourne.
The Newsletter next week will be sent home on Friday.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE – Wednesday 2nd March
Each year our Grade 6 students head off to Melbourne for the Young Leaders Conference. They will join approximately 5,000 other students at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre to listen to guest speakers that include Nathan “Dubsy” Want, Kate Austin, Dylan Parker, Harry Baker, Elliot Costello and Dr Alan Duffy.
Aspects around leadership, determination, goal setting and responsibility are covered.
Students will be travelling by train with Mr. C, leaving from the Bendigo station. There is no cost to parents for this excursion. Notes and information will be sent home next week.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES
This Saturday, February 20th, part of the Heathcote Community Games will be happening here in Axedale. From 9.30-11.30am, families are encouraged to take part in walking the Axedale Historical Loop, taking the chance to collect items and information along the way as part of a competition.
Briefing for the event is at 9.00am in the Axedale Park with the event starting at 9.30am. Events end at the school at approximately 11.30am. Younger children are encouraged to ride with walking parents.
Some interesting local characters may be dotted along the route – never know who you might see!
HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES
On Friday 26th February, our Grade 2-6 students will be heading to Heathcote to take part in some activities and coaching from SEDA students as part of the Heathcote Games. Students will be leaving at 9.30 and returning at returning at 12.30pm. There is no cost for this activity. Students will need to bring lunch and playlunch from home. A permission form is attached to the Newsletter today.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS
A great session for parents titled ‘Connecting With Kids’ is taking place at the school on Thursday March 3rd from 6.00 – 8.00pm. Come along to this 2 hour workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings. Emotional Intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

FAMILY BBQ & INFORMATION SESSIONS
Thank you to the families that attended the Family Information Night last Thursday. We trust the evening was informative and gave an overview to the year ahead and the expectations of each of the classroom teachers. It was pleasing to see families stay and enjoy some yummy tea and the company of others from the school community. A big thanks to chefs Ricky Cawley and Rachel & Connor Smith. It was great to have our 2015 Gr. 6 students in Josh, Ben and Zara back to help us out.

PARENT TEACHER & GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
We will be holding Parent /Teacher Interviews next Tuesday 23rd of February. It will be a chance to discuss content covered at the Information Night as well as analyse the first few weeks of school for your child/children and to make clear plans covering academic and social aspects. At these meetings, each student’s Individual Learning Plans will be discussed and put into place for the remainder of Terms One and Two.

READING TIME
We are very fortunate to enjoy great support from lots of parents during our reading time from 9.00 – 9.30 each morning. Some of this help occurs in the classrooms and some in our assembly space. We appreciate and encourage parents to be involved in this time and encourage pre-schoolers and toddlers to be a part of this book time. We are seeking parent support to ensure that pre-schoolers are quietly occupied during this reading /book time (possibly looking through books or playing quietly with blocks, magnets, dolls etc.) to allow all students to concentrate fully. For students reading in the assembly space, this is particularly important. Inside our buildings is a quiet, walking and talking area. If your pre-school children have been using equipment, it is a great chance to encourage them to learn to pack up when they have finished. Your help, support and guidance is appreciated.

SCHOOL DRESSES
Can we ask parents to make sure their daughter is wearing basketball knicks under their school dress. This makes it more comfortable for them to be able to sit on the floor and play in the yard without the worry of showing their underwear. Thanks for your support with this.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Richard Gibbs Photography will again be taking the school photos this year. School Photos will be taken on Tuesday March 1st. Correct money needs to be placed in the photo envelope and returned to school by photo day.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS (PVF)
At Monday’s PVF Meeting, it was great to see lots of new faces. A range of ideas for fundraising were discussed and will be finalised at the next meeting. Corrine Cummins was elected as Co-ordinator and Kelly Gwin as Secretary.
Our next meeting will be an evening one, to provide the opportunity for parents who can’t make it through the day to come along. The next meeting will be on Monday March 7th from 7.00pm.
A list of all fundraising activities will be provided for families once confirmed.

**ZONE FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
A Family Fun Night at the Zone is planned for Monday March 21st from 5-7.30pm. This night, organised by the PVF, provides a BBQ tea for the family, and the children (and parents) an opportunity to play laser tag. Laser Tag is on from 5.30-7.30pm. Families are asked to BYO drinks. In past years, it has been a very pleasant evening and another opportunity to meet up with others in our school community.
A charge of $10/family covers entry, BBQ tea and laser tag.

**WEEK 5 GYM TRANSPORT**
Thanks to the families who have offered assistance with Gym transport for March 2nd. We are not seeking further helpers.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
From February 18th – March 4th, nominations will be open for parents wishing to be a part of School Council. We have six Parent Representatives positions in total, with three up for re-election each year. This year, three positions are available, with Garry Van Wynen, Claire Turner and Julie Liersch all completing their two year positions at the next School Council Meeting. Garry, Claire and Julie do have the option of re-nominating.

**What does School Council do?**
For further information, an information page from DET is attached to the Newsletter, or you could speak with Garry, Claire, Julie or our other three Parent Reps, Sharon Hipwell, Lara Bathurst and Neil Aurisch. I am also happy to speak with anyone interested in nominating.
The three elected representatives will complete a two year role form March 2016 to March 2018. Nomination forms will be available at the Office from February 18th.

**BUDDY SESSIONS**
All students in Prep have been teamed with older buddies in Grade 4/5/6. We started our sessions on Tuesday afternoon which involved the students getting to know each other, preparing a profile on the netbooks and playing some ball games. These sessions will be held every second Tuesday on the off week to MARC. The Buddy Program helps the younger students get to know others across the school and gives them contacts to use in the yard.

**STUDENT BANKING – CBA**
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.
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.
A representative from the Commonwealth Bank visited school on Tuesday to help any new families sign up to the school banking program.
We were pleased that seven families signed up, bringing the total number of Axedale students involved in school banking to 40.
FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION
Thank you to those families who have already returned their student update form. 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 last week in your family envelope, correct/add anything that you think needs changing/adding and return them to school ASAP. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

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
Please note – students will be bringing guitars home for practice each week and will need to be returned to school each Friday.

DRUM LESSONS
David Dewar began drum lessons last Monday morning. He was extremely pleased with the effort and skills shown by Zayne, Darcy and Killeen.
There will be no Drum Lessons this coming Monday 22nd February.
Lessons are $20 for a 30 minute session. Parents need to pay for each lesson either in advance or on the day for their child to attend.
If your child is interested, please contact the school for further information.

BREAKFAST CLUB
All students are welcome to come along and share breakfast with some of their school mates from 8.30-8.50am Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Thanks to those who’ve been helping out, the support has been wonderful.
Thanks also to our sponsors:
Tuesday 23rd February – Marli Meerman & Samantha Gilbertson
Thursday 25th February – NO BREAKFAST CLUB
Tuesday 1st March – Emma Carmody & Casey Reid
Thursday 3rd March – Hannelie Schutte & Tanya Czuczman

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 19th February – Hannelie Schutte & Kelly Gwin
Friday 26th February – Samantha Gilbertson & Tanya Czuczman

ART SMOCK
All students are asked to bring along a named art smock to protect their school uniform. An old oversize cotton shirt usually does the job.

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.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
On Monday March 7th at 7.00pm, there will be a City of Greater Bendigo Ward Councillors Meeting at the Axedale Hall. This is a great chance for residents to speak with Councillors and COGB staff about a range of local issues. In recent years, a number of items have been instigated and actioned through this process.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
We have been requested by DET to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.
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.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
Primary school student rate is $125 per year.
The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursions costs for your child.
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian must:
- on the first day of Term One, or first day of Term Two:
  - a) be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) submit an application to the school by the due date – 29th February 2016.

CAR SEAT
The Monti family have a baby car seat that is no longer required. It is available at school to look at if your family is interested. Please contact Lex, Katrina, Alan or Kellie.

MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES
Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit www.parentingideas.com.au
This week’s attached article is “The Power of the Kitchen Table”
Lex Johnstone
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

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CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSION FUND
The Camps, Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families with a Health Care Card. Please come to the office to complete a form.
The payment is $125 and is paid directly to the school to be put towards the child’s excursion or camp costs.
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HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES – Grade 2-6 
Permission forms are due back at school by Wednesday 24th February.
COMMUNITY

Parent and Carer Information Session

Guardianship & Administration Information

Thursday 10th March

Jodie-Anna Comfort Inc 268 Napier St, Bendigo

Presented by

lodge campaign
community legal centre

Speaker: Jessica McCartney, Health Justice Partnership Lawyer &
Chew Sisters Legal Practice Manager

Time: 10am - 12pm

What is Guardianship or Administration Order?

What is a Guardianship Order?

What is an Administration Order?

Meaning: The Process Begins

Speaker: Jackie Faccio NDIS Advocate

Time: 10am - 12pm

Previews: 3 hours of information for the NDIS

RSVP: contact us before to register on Monday 7th March 1046 3109.

This information session has been kindly supported by Carers Support Services Bendigo.

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Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at Axedale Town Hall

beginning 3rd February

Bookings & Enquiries: aligninghealth@gmail.com 0407288760

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Tea with Eleanor

Celebrate International Women’s Day

on Thursday March 10th 2016

at the Axedale Tavern at 10am.

“A woman is like a teabag - you never know how strong she is
until she gets in hot water.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Come dressed as a woman of note who has opened the door for
women to achieve their dreams. Entry $6

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**Lens on Nature: Nature Photography Workshop**

SUNDAY 21 February
10am - 12pm

Sharpen up your child's visual literacy by coming along to our nature photography workshop - opportunity to study and photograph marvellous old trees, or anything else they find in the landscape.

There is running water in the Campaspe and the opportunity after the photography workshop for parents to bring a picnic and kids to enjoy a paddle/swim.

For families or children and minors accompanied by a responsible adult. No Cost.

The Bendigo Library will host a display of our kids photos and we ask for parents to send in children's work. Please register at to get full details at:

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

- Do you often wonder why children do what they do?
- Would you like to learn how to help children manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

Come along to this 2 hour workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings.

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**Term 1, 2016**

**When:** Thursday 3rd March 2016

**Time:** Arrival and registration 5.45pm
- Sessions 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Where:** Axedale Primary School, High Street Axedale

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** Jo Rodrigueuz and Linda Lynch (CatholicCare Sandhurst)

Please advise at time of booking if you require childcare

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For bookings and enquiries contact Ricky Cawley (Student Wellbeing) on 0354397232

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged
The power of the kitchen table

“It’s no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can’t help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair.”

The kitchen table is a parent’s best friend. It’s where conversations occur. It’s where thoughts are aired, compliments are given and food is shared.

If you want to get a window into a child’s world then you need to sit around the kitchen table with him or her.

When I was a kid mum always made sure there’d be some food on the table when I came home from school. As soon as I came through the back door I’d throw my school bag in my room and come and sit down at the kitchen table to eat.

Mum used to sit at the kitchen table and have a cuppa at the same time. She always did,... or it’s seems like she did. My most vivid memories are sitting around the kitchen table with her.

It’s no coincidence that those countries with strong food cultures also have strong families. When people eat together they talk. You can’t help but talk when your behind is anchored to a chair.

People attach emotions to locations.

People attach feelings to different places. I’d like to think my family links happy, joyous feelings to our kitchen table. After all we’ve had plenty of birthdays, Christmases, fantastic dinners, big breakfasts and countless other gatherings around our kitchen table.

The kitchen table anchors my now adult kids back to their childhoods and gives them a sense of belonging. That’s why the kitchen table is the first place they go to when they come home for a visit. They feel at home again.

On my trips to England I’ve noticed that the English don’t use the kitchen table like Aussies do. In fact, about a third of English homes don’t have a kitchen table at all. Many families eat in shifts and in front of the television.

English educators are concerned. They want their parents to talk to their kids more. They know when parents talk with their kids they enrich their vocabularies, and better still, influence their thinking.

They know that the kitchen table is a powerful ally in creating talk between the generations. That’s why they are encouraging people to sit at the kitchen table more.

Making mealtimes memorable

1. Turn your evening meal into a night out at home. Once a week dust off the best knives and forks and set the table in style complete with serviettes and candlesticks. Try waiting on your family restaurant style and impress on kids that they can use their best manners.

2. Serve from the table. Turn a simple meal into a communal activity by putting serving plates on the table, and plating up from the kitchen table. Kids usually stay longer when food is served this way.

3. Any excuse for a celebration. Look for reasons to celebrate with a sit down meal where everyone is expected to join in. Birthdays, term break-up days or a great school report are worth recognizing in this way.