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Well done to our Classroom and School Value award winners for this week.

CLASSROOM AWARD
WINNERS
Logan – For being a quiet and hard-working contributor to our classroom. Logan always sets an excellent example for others.

Tianna – For correctly spelling and identifying tricky words in her personal writing.

Tahlia – For consistently showing respect top teachers and peers.

Angus – For showing excellent motivation to complete his homework tasks on time.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD
WINNERS
Riley – For being responsible and completing important jobs for Mr. J every day.

Sam D – For looking out for his classmates and caring about their feelings.

Amelia – For doing her personal best with all learning tasks.

Lilly – For demonstrating all of the Axedale values 100% of the time.

GOLDEN BRUSH
The winners of the Golden Brush last week were the Gr. 2/3/4’s. Well done!

HOUSE COMPETITION
The House Competition last week was a draw.

MAGIC WORDS
Well done to our students who have moved up some levels with the Magic and Oxford Words.
MARCH BIRTHDAYS
In March we said Happy Birthday to Skyla, Meg, Campbell, Jaidyn, Thomas, Lincoln, Shania, Molly, Belle, Darcy, Kileen and Daniel.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

BENDIGO KIWANIS
Our school has recently developed a partnership with the Bendigo Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis have offered to sponsor an award each term called the Terrific Kids Award. Teachers have nominated one student from each room who they think has worked really hard, looked out for classmates, contributed positively to the classroom and has made the most of everyday.

Our nominations this term included Shania Schutte (Prep), Daniel White (Gr. 1), Tahlia Kendall (Gr. 2/3/4) and Thomas Apostolopolous-White (Gr. 4/5/6).

At yesterday’s whole school assembly, John Reid from Kiwanis proudly presented Tahlia with the award for Term One. Congratulations Tahlia and our thanks go to the Kiwanis Club.

BENDIGO MAYOR – ROD FYFFE
Last Monday we had a visit from City of Greater Bendigo Mayor Rod Fyffe. Rod was able to speak with Gr. 4-6 students about local government and the responsibilities of COGB. The students had prepared some really thoughtful questions to find out more about his role.

LISA CHESTERS
Yesterday our local Federal Member Lisa Chesters came out to Axedale to present the school with a new Australian flag. Lisa spent some time with our Grade 4-6 students discussing her role and responsibilities and answering questions from the students.

It was really interesting to hear the student responses to Lisa’s question of - If you were me (Lisa Chesters) what would be the one thing you would change or bring to Axedale?

Lisa has also generously offered to match the student gold coin total donation for today’s ‘Casual Clothes Day’ to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital.

We are pleased that people such as Rod Fyffe and Lisa Chesters are more than happy to come and talk to the children of Axedale and take the time and care to thoughtfully answer a range of questions.
During this week, we have conducted elections for Junior School Council. The following students will make up School Council for 2016.
President – Rachael B
Treasurers – Nathan and Max
All Grade 6 students
Grade 5 Reps – Lilly & Emma (changing with Campbell, Skyla and Montana in September)
Grade 4 Reps – Angus and Katya (until September)
Grade 3 Rep – Jodie (until September)
Grade 2 Rep – Evie (until September)
Grade 1 Rep – Sadie (until September)

EASTER RAFFLE
Many thanks to the families who have contributed to the Easter Raffle Hampers. Your great support is appreciated. Thanks to our PVF group for co-ordinating the raffle. We have raised over $700 for the school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
At this stage, school photos will be delivered back to the school the first week of next Term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
At the School Council AGM on Tuesday night the Annual report was presented for discussion. The Annual Report covers Student Achievement, Student Engagement, Student Well-being, Productivity and a Financial Report. This is a public document and is available to parents if required.

Following the presentation of the Annual Report, Office Bearers for 2016 were elected.
President – Neil Aurisch
Vice President – Garry Van Wynen
Secretary – Michelle Blume
PVF Rep – Sharon Hipwell
Executive Officer – Lex Johnstone
Treasurer – Lex Johnstone

Council have also moved to engage the services of a qualified Landscape and Design Architect to assist Council to create a Grounds Master Plan to guide the development of the grounds over the next five years.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE
Our Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee met last Friday to begin discussions about the development of the front entrance of the school. A very productive meeting saw a lot of ideas tabled and discussed and we gradually identified what the key elements of the area are and how they might be incorporated into the space available.
The Sub Committee will meet again early next term to further this process.

ZONE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
A great turn out on Monday night saw 30 families attend our annual Zone Family Fun Night. It was lovely to see the kids busy and happy and many parents taking the chance to catch up for a chat and a catch up. A big thanks to Dutchy and Corrine for organising the night and cooking the BBQ and to the families who helped by bringing along some salads to share.

EASTER PARADE & DRAGON MILE
The 30th Annual Bendigo Bank Dragon Mile is on again this Sunday 27th March (Easter Sunday). We have an amazing 20 entries for the Dragon Mile on Sunday – a great effort Axedale and thanks Mr. C for co-ordinating our competitors.
We wish our competitors well and hope that all can complete a ‘PB’.
Students participating can meet Mr C in Pall Mall at 10am near the Taxi Rank toilets, ready for an 11am start. Grade Prep-4 complete the mini mile while Grade 5 & 6 complete the mile (1.6km).

If you are watching the parade, keep a keen eye out for Jordi who is part of the Chinese Lions parade team. He will be wearing a yellow top, blue pants and a red belt. Good luck Jordi.
Also – keep a keen eye out for Miss Blume and Mrs. Baldwin who are also involved in the parade.
HOT CROSS BUNS
A big thanks to Sam Gilbertson for co-ordinating our Hot Cross Bunraiser. Getting order forms out, collecting and collating orders and then picking up and distributing orders all takes time. Thanks Sam. We hope that families enjoy their Hot Cross Buns over Easter …. If they last that long! We raised $140.

THANKS TIM HARRINGTON
A big thanks also to Tim Harrington who put the poles in our car park area this week. Our car park plans will be finalised over the holidays and we will be working with students early next term to explain how and where we cross the road in the car park area.

INTERNET SAFETY
The school is part of the ESmart program through the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Attached to the Newsletter today is some useful internet information and a thought provoking letter. Thinking of buying your children a phone? A letter well worth reading.

LEARNING DIARIES & DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS
Learning Diaries have been sent home today and Digital Portfolios during the week. Please take some time to look through these items with your child and discuss the work included. Learning Diaries need to be returned week one next term.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Axedale Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge. 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. If you would like your child to participate, please return the privacy and consent form which was attached to last week’s newsletter.
All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

BREAKFAST CLUB
Thank you to all the parents who have helped with Breakfast Club through the term. A new roster for Term 2 is attached today.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Thank you also to all the parents who have helped with cutting up fresh fruit each Friday during the Term. A roster for Term 2 is attached today.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL APPEAL
Thank you to those families who have donated towards the Good Friday Appeal. We raised $151.60 from our Out of Uniform day today. We will be forwarding our school donation, including Lisa Chester’s $151.60 donation and family donations totalling $568.20 to the Appeal.
STUDENT SPORTS
Well done to Noah, Anthony, Matthew, Sam and Brianne on completing their season in the Heathcote Basketball Association, to Grace and Will for achieving their Participation Award at Swimming and to all the Juniors at the Axedale Tennis Club for completing a fantastic season of skill development and good sportsmanship.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
It is better to travel well than to just arrive.
Buddha

HAPPY EASTER
A big thank you to all of our school families for your continued support of our school. The term has been a short and very busy one, squeezing into seven weeks what we normally do in a ten week term.
I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope that it brings some nice family time together.

Lex Johnstone
Principal

CLASSROOMS

GRADE 1
Grade 1 have been learning about their families this term. Here are some of the posters they created about “What I Love About My Family”.

SADIE

BRIANNE
The Prep children have been working really hard this term to learn our school routines and rules and begin their initial skill learning in English and Maths.

This week they learnt two new Jolly Phonics sounds and actions (e & h) with Emily our speech pathologist, played Bingo and a sound matching game.

We did some work about Easter making bird nests using noodles and chocolate and designing Easter baskets and cards for our families. The children helped to write a recount of the work they had completed.

Prep students have settled very well and are keen to learn.
In Numeracy, Preps have completed lots of work this week in ordering numbers, finding out what number comes before, after or two more than. Students have been playing Numeracy games that involve taking turns, sharing equipment, waiting for your partner to have their turn and following numbers to 30 eg snakes and ladders.

**FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
Forms to be returned for those students wishing to participate.

**COMMUNITY**

Any children and parents of children interested in registering or re-registering for Strathfieldsaye Auskick in 2016 should register now!!

All you need to do is go online and register at: [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

Use the centre locator in the top right hand corner of the site. Type in your post code (3061) to find Strathfieldsaye Auskick. Enter and payment online $50 per child.

Sessions will run on Sunday’s 9.00am for 10 weeks starting Sun April 17th 2016. Flight Centre park Strathfieldsaye.
Contact strathfieldsayeauskick@gmail.com

**HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY FunLoong**

- **Saturday, April 16**
- **10.30am to 1.30pm**
- **Hargreaves Mall**

**FREE**

- Bong Bong Hat Band
- Traditional Chinese Dancing performed by the Central Victorian Lion Team
- Leahs photo booth
- Happy Hands Happy Hearts pill bar dough slideshow
- face painting by alternative designs
- Looney Tunes 3-n-1 inflatable jumping castle...
and of course balloons!

For more information please call 5434 6000
**WHY BECOME A BENDIGO SPIRIT MEMBER?**

Becoming a member of the Bendigo Spirit is the perfect way to show your passion and support for your local hometown champions. You will also receive complimentary entry to all regular season home games, priority access to home finals, a weekly newsletter and invitations to Bendigo Spirit member events.

**TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

Please visit the link below to sign up today for your 2016/2017 Bendigo Spirit Membership and save with last season’s prices.

www.trybooking.com/KGXD

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**North Bendigo Junior Football Club**

Registrations are now open online.

We have under 9's, 10’s, 12’s, 12girls, 14’s, 16’s and 18girls.

You can register yourself, either as a player or as a volunteer.

Visit - Foxsportspulse.com

And searching for **North Bendigo JUNIOR**

If you have any questions please email

nbjftreas@hotmail.com

or telephone Tom Nicholson 0417308490, Elisha Dingfelder 0497645007 or Nicole Logan 0414594157

We are also looking for under 9 and under 12 **Coaches**

If you are interested in Coaching our club will assist with training, you will just need a Working with Children’s Check.

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**Looking to play female football with your local club in 2016**

**2016 Age Groups**

Auskick  U12 Junior Girls  U18 Youth Girls  Open Age Women's

**Looking for under 12 girls to play in a GIRLS ONLY football team.**

Contact

Tom Nicholson on 0417 308 490 or Nicole Logan on 0414 594 157

Contact

AFL-Central Vic
to register/
on 54249400
www.aflcentralvictoria.com.au
or
Contact your local club to enter a team