

# AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

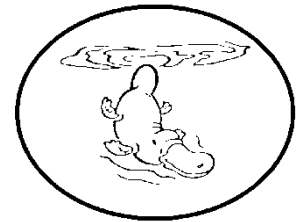
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## NEWSLETTER No. 37 November 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Important dates:

Nov	25 <sup>th</sup> Farm Animals Incurion - \$20/child 26 <sup>th</sup> Prep 2016 Transition 2.15-3.25pm 30 <sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day – Report Writing	Dec	8 <sup>th</sup> School Council 6.30pm 8 <sup>th</sup> State wide Orientation Day 9-12 11 <sup>th</sup> Prep Hot Dog Night 13 <sup>th</sup> Axedale Park Carols 15 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Graduation Night 17 <sup>th</sup> School Concert 18 <sup>th</sup> Last day of school 1.30pm finish
Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> PVF Meeting 8.30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prep 2016 Transition 2.15-3.25pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Living Fundraiser due		

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to last week's award winners:

**Prep** – Emily B – For working very hard during our Friday rotation sessions and using the iPads with confidence.

**Gr 1/2** – Abi – For always working hard on her spelling and progressing beyond the Oxford Words.

**Gr 3** – Isabella – For working hard to make easy to follow instructions for her unifix model in Maths.

**Gr 4/5/6** – Josh – For doing such a great job scoring highly on his weekly quiz tasks.

**Gr 4/5/6** – Max – For showing amazing determination on the Bike Hike.

### GOLDEN BRUSH

The Golden Brush was won by the Prep room this week.

### HOUSE COMPETITION

Last week's House Competition was won by McIvor.

### SPELLING & READING AWARDS

Well done to the students who advanced another level with their spelling and reading words this week.



## **MUSIC CONCERT NIGHT**

Congratulations to all of our Choir, Drum and Guitar students who put on a fantastic performance last night. It was great to see the development in their skills and confidence over the last twelve months. I know their performances made many parents extremely proud. Thanks to families for supplying supper, it was a pleasant end to the evening.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Michelle Blume, David Dewar and Jo Woodward for their passion, guidance and support for the students during the year.

Guitar and Drum Lessons will continue until the end of the year.



## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **COMMUNITY DRIVE IN**

A cool but pleasant evening prevailed for the Community Drive In last Saturday night. Around 250 people enjoyed a chance to mingle, catch up with old friends, enjoy a yummy hamburger or baked potato and watch the classic Aussie film, 'The Man From Snowy River'.

Many thanks to school families who contributed cakes, slices or labour to help make the night a success. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of Corrine and Kelly for their work coordinating the Drive In Committee and Garry Van Wynen, Clint Pearce and Jarrod White for their work on the day preparing for the Drive In.

A big thanks you to our raffle sponsors for supporting the event. The major raffle was drawn with the winners being:-



1<sup>st</sup> - Hanson Quarry Crushed Rock - Steve Christensen

2<sup>nd</sup> - Axedale Tavern Vouchers - Heather Lee

3<sup>rd</sup> - Axedale Hairdressing - Sue George

4<sup>th</sup> - First Choice Wines - T Holden

5<sup>th</sup> - Axedale Golf Club - Carrie Peters



## **BIKE HIKE**

The Grade 4/5/6 Bike Hike was conducted last Thursday and Friday. We were extremely lucky with the weather, dodging heavy rain by a matter of minutes.

The students were amazing in their efforts and determination with all students putting in a 100% effort. The total distance of 60km was a major achievement for all, with many surprising themselves of just what they can achieve.

We hope that this experience has helped the students to set their personal goals higher, knowing that with a focussed and determined effort, a lot can be achieved.

A big thanks you to Miss Mannes, Ricky, Sharon Hipwell and Dave Liersch for their great work as our on raid support crew and to our parent riders Trent Anglin, Dave Ticehurst, Fran Shaw, Julie Liersch, Tanya Czuczman, Derek Cairney, Gareth Higgins and Craig Turner.

We would especially like to thank Garry, Lindsay, Peter, Lawrie and Judy from the Rail Trail group for their support and mechanical expertise and the Yea Primary School for riding with us on Day 2 and helping with lunch and tea.

### *Photos*

*The group lining up for the climb to the Cheviot Tunnel.*

*Georgia entering the tunnel.*

*The group gathering at the start of day two.*



## **TRANSITION PROGRAM**

We will be welcoming our 2016 Preps to school for three one hour sessions from 2.15 – 3.25pm today, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We are looking forward to the start of their school journey and hope today that they start to build strong friendships within our school.

State wide Orientation Day is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 9 - 12.30.

2016 Prep Information Sessions will run from 11.45am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

A BBQ lunch will follow from 12.30 for all students. All parents are welcome to come along to this BBQ.

## **PARKING**

In regard to parent parking in Raglan St., the bus will now be picking up students at the end of the day in the formal bus stop at the McIvor Rd entrance to the school. The area where the bus used to park, (near the skip bins) will now be free for increased parent parking on the school side of Raglan St., ensuring no students need to cross Raglan St.,

In the mornings, bus students will still be dropped off on the Raglan St. side of the school.

## **ORAL HEALTH CHECKS**

The Dental Health Checks were completed today and will continue tomorrow.

Students had a 5 minute check-up and a talk with the Dental Nurse about plaque, healthy eating and how to clean their teeth. A report will be sent home to parents. Families can then choose to take advantage of bulk billed follow up appointments with Bendigo Health. Bendigo Health have indicated they will be endeavouring to complete follow up appointments quite quickly.

## **ENTRANCE AREA DESIGN**

School Council is keen to establish the cleared area at the front of the school and are thinking that it lends itself nicely to the development of a new entrance area to the school from McIvor Rd.

We are keen to collect thoughts from students and families about how this area might look. As an entrance area and quiet space for children to meet with parent at the end of the day, aspects to be considered may include: paths, trees, garden beds, student art, surfaces (concrete, bricks, gravel, grass etc), gates, features signage etc.

Attached to the Newsletter recently was an A3 page with photos of the area, as well as a grid (1 sq = 1m) to help get your thoughts down in scale. We welcome everyone's input with the aim of using plans/features/ideas from a range of family plans to come up with a great overall long term design. More copies are available if needed or you are free to design a plan on a blank piece of paper.

## **BOOK FAIR**

Due to the success of our Book Fair earlier this year we have been given the opportunity to hold another Book Fair week as a thank you. During this week all books will be available at a special offer of buy one book and receive another one to the same value FREE.

We are holding this bonus Book Fair this week Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November through until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. This is an excellent opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents.

## **BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR**

Deb has been our volunteer Book Club coordinator over the last few years but as of next year she will no longer have a student at Axedale Primary. Deb is hoping to hand the Book Club orders over to another parent volunteer. Please let the school or Deb know if you are happy to help.

## **MARC Van Reminder!**

We are nearly at the end of the Marc Van year. **Last borrowing** will be from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of November so that all books can be returned during final classes (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dec 4<sup>th</sup>). Please have a look for any books that might be hiding in corners!!

Thank you for wonderful borrowing and returning in 2015, keep it up next year!

Mrs Gentry



## **NOVEMBER CURRICULUM DAY**

Staff will be having a Report Writing Day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is the last of our 4 School Council approved Curriculum Days for 2015. Please note this was not on the Term 4 calendar sent out at the end of last term.

## **GRADE SIX GRADUATION - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

As per previous years, our Grade 6 Graduation Evening will involve a friendly game of ten pin bowling at the Bendigo Dragon City Lanes venue before moving to La Porchetta for tea.

Parents are encouraged to be a part of the bowling as well as joining us for tea. School will cover the cost of all the bowling and the Gr. 6 student meals.

More details will be sent home closer to the date.

## **END OF YEAR EVENING**

Our end of year Christmas Concert will be held at school on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Please put this date into your calendar. From 6.15pm to start the evening, we will have a picnic basket tea or for those who wish to cook, the BBQ will be available.

Concert items will start from 7.00pm. Awards and acknowledgements will follow the concert from approximately 8.00pm.

School finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

## **CWA AWARD**

Students are encouraged to put in an application for the annual Axedale CWA Community Youth Award.

If your child is intending to put in an application, please let me know well before December 11<sup>th</sup> so I can complete the individual reference.



### **AXEDALE CWA COMMUNITY YOUTH AWARD**

The Axedale Branch of the CWA is once again inviting nominations for the 'Axedale CWA Community Youth Award'.

This on-going \$500 award is intended to assist a young child, or his/her family, with the educational, artistic or sporting endeavours of the child.

To be eligible the young person must:

1. Be continuing at school in 2016
2. Reside within 15km of the Axedale Post Office.

A written application must be provided indicating why the child is being nominated  
And a reference from the Principal of a school needs to be included.

The Award will be presented to the recipient at the Axedale Australia Day Breakfast on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Any enquiries please phone Suzanne Rich on 5439 7353 or 0414 877 888.

Entries need to be received by December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 and addressed to:  
The Secretary Axedale CWA  
PO Box 60  
Axedale 3551

## **PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FUNDRAISING**

### **LIVING FUNDRAISER**

A bag with seed packs was sent home yesterday with a mixture of herbs, vegies, fruits and flowers. They sell for \$6 per pack a total of \$60 for the bag. We have extra bags available at school or if you are needing a different seed pack we can do a swap. Top up your vegie patch, or use them for Christmas gifts. This fundraiser will finish on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Yes it is that time of year again. We are asking families to contribute a non-perishable item to our Christmas Hampers. Tickets for the raffle will be sent home later in the term.

The next meeting of the PVF will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8.30am.



## **CLASSROOMS**

### **3-6 TENNIS TOURNAMENT (SINGLES)**

Thanks to all the students who competed in this tournament over the last few weeks. Zayne and Ben played a ripping best of 3 set in the semi final with Zayne prevailing 2-1. Cody was waiting in the Grand Final after beating Laura Hig 2-0 in the other semi final. The final was a very high standard between Zayne and Cody with lots of long rallies. Congratulations to Cody who won 2-0 and is crowned Singles Champion! The Doubles Tournament will now commence.



### **4/5/6 SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT**

The Grade 4/5/6 students have started their final project for the year focussing on the topic of SUSTAINABILITY. Please check with your child that they understand their sustainable topic and are spending approximately 1-2 hours a week (at home) researching and collecting information for their presentation – we are providing class time as well so it is a good idea for students to get into the habit of bringing work to and from school/home. Students will present their work to the class on a poster or in a book.

The Sustainability Project is due at the end of the month.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club is operating again this term in our assembly area. **Thanks to our sponsors:**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Jocelyn Davies & Julie Liersch  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Mel White & Corrine Cummins  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Stella Lountzis & Emma Carmody  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Emma Carmody & Mel White



### **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Corrine Cummins & Susie McGrath  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Jodie Black & Melissa Doak

### **TERM DATES 2015**

**Term 4:** 5<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm finish

### **TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 1:** 27<sup>th</sup> January (Teachers resume), 28<sup>th</sup> January (Students) to 24<sup>th</sup> March  
**Term 2:** 11<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> June  
**Term 3:** 11<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> September  
**Term 4:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **MICHAEL GROSS PARENTING RESOURCES**

Our school is a member of Parenting Ideas. Visit [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)  
This week's attached article is "Do you let your kids amaze you?."

Lex Johnstone  
Principal

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

### **FARM ANIMALS INCURSION**

Payment of \$20 per child is due by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November for those families who haven't paid the Excursion levy upfront.

### **LIVING FUNDRAISER**

The bag of seed packs and/or money collected are due back at school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

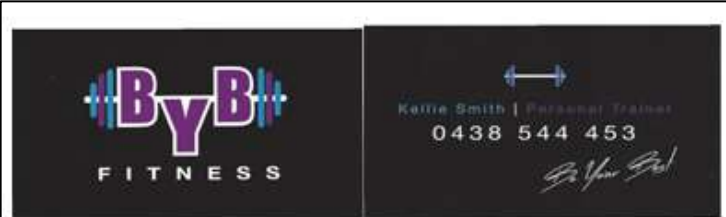
## FAMILY COMMUNICATION UPDATE SHEET

This update form was sent home a few weeks ago. Our computing software program has been updated to allow the school and teachers to send emails and SMS notifications directly to parents. Updated information and permission is required. Please fill in the form and return to school ASAP.

### ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER TODAY

- \* Farm Animals Incurion permission note
- \* Choir commitments for Term 4 note
- \* Team Holiday – Holiday Program flyer

## COMMUNITY



I have recently become a qualified Personal Trainer with a Certificate III & Certificate IV in Fitness and I will be looking at running boot-camps at the Axedale Park commencing Wednesday 18th November.

I will be beginning with sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9.30am (allowing time for school/kinder drop off). Depending on interest, weather conditions or any suggestions, I may look at increasing the days or even changing the times.

I'm also available for one-on-one personal training sessions.

If you have any questions or you're interested in getting fit, having some fun & want to "Be your Best", please do not hesitate to contact me.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

Kellie

## LIFEGUARD POSITION – GOORNONG SWIMMING POOL

The Goornong Swimming Pool Committee services the Goornong, Raywood and Elmore pools providing lifeguarding services. We are seeking applicants for this year's season starting in early December and finishing the long weekend in March.

If you are already a trained lifeguard or like swimming and working outdoors then we can provide you with training. Successful applicants will receive \$27.50 per hour plus travel allowances to Raywood.

To express your interest and receive a position description please contact Sharon Hipwell on 0409 246 539.



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## CONCERT ON HIGH

Featuring Fr Rob Galea & his band  
Saturday 12 December 2015 - 6pm to 9pm



### JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SONG

From his performance on the 5 Factor, The Aspire Cultural and Charitable Foundation presents Fr Rob Galea and his band performing a unique Concert on High on Saturday 12 December 2015 in the magnificent open space at the foot of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Fr Rob wants his music to spread love and hope from Bendigo to the world.

This event will showcase the site of the future Aspire Precinct and will give families an opportunity to share an evening of music with Bendigo's own singing priest, an internationally renowned singer and songwriter.

GATES OPEN 6 PM - CONCERT CONCLUDES 9 PM

Children 16 years and under	\$10 each
Adults	\$15
Family tickets	\$40

Tickets available from the Capital box office,  
50 View Street, by phoning 5434 6100 or  
online at [www.gotix.com.au](http://www.gotix.com.au).

Bring your picnic rug or chairs. Delicious food will be available on site from a variety of Bendigo's best food vendors.  
This is not a licensed venue so no alcohol is permitted on site.



Do you know of a person with a disability?



### Interchange Loddon-Mallee Region

Is running **FREE Information Sessions** on the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** to be rolled out in Victoria from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm or 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Bendigo Bank Theatre, Capital Theatre  
View Street, Bendigo

More info or to RSVP please contact:  
[info@interchangelm.org.au](mailto:info@interchangelm.org.au) **03 5441 1599**

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Women's Information

# PURSE PROJECT



What are you carrying

in your purse?

*"I have hardly enough money to manage."*

*"I don't like to think about my finances as I know I'm spending more than I have. It's actually a little bit embarrassing."*

*"My ex-partner was the money manager. I have no idea where to start now that we're not together."*

*"I'd like to create budget but not sure how to get started."*

Experienced any family violence such as financial abuse in your life?

The Purse Project offers women **FREE workshops to empower you to take steps toward a stronger financial future** by understanding your relationship with money.

In this two-hour workshop you will

- Explore and understand your feelings about spending, saving, budgeting and managing your finances.
- Identify your own strengths that can help you to achieve your short, medium and long-term financial goals.

**FREE Workshops held in Melbourne and regional Victoria from November 2015 to February 2016.**

Workshop resources and tools will be provided to help you move forward with confidence. After the session, you will receive ongoing individual support to achieve your goals.

**INTERESTED?** Call Sherri at WIRE Women's Information (03) 9348 9416 (Option 9) or email [project2@wire.org.au](mailto:project2@wire.org.au)

[www.wire.org.au/purseproject](http://www.wire.org.au/purseproject)

Book your **FREE** place now!

**BENDIGO WORKSHOP**

**Wed 9 December 2015**

**1pm – 3pm**

Centre for Non-Violence, Bendigo

**BOOK ONLINE**

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# Parenting *ideas*

## INSIGHTS



### Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

## Do you let your kids amaze you?

"I'm amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/ pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: "What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children's independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I've long believed that *adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence.*

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with **real responsibility** (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to

school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It's a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children's abilities to the detriment of their development.

#### Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children's independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves

**redundant** from the earliest possible age of a child's life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (Don't we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), **emotionally** (with support, of course) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It's those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won't happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

*If the idea of promoting real independence in kids enthralls you then join me at Parentingideas Club where week in and week out I'll show you how to raise kids that will amaze you. Find out more.*

Michael Grose 



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