Year 7 - 10 Axedale/Axe Creek Walking Trail and Bush Picnic Lunch; Prep - Gr 4 At the Farm.

FINISHING STRONG

The Bible Book of Acts is filled with messages about finishing well; Paul describes in Chapter 20 verse 24, “But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God.” When runners in ancient Greece would compete, there was a reward of laurel leaves waiting for the winners. They were running for the reward - going for gold, so to speak.

As Christians, we are also running a race - and we should run in such a way as to win. As we run, Hebrews tells us, “Let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2) This is the life transforming message of Easter that God sent His very own Son, Jesus Christ, perfect as He is, to live on this Earth 2000 years ago and to be nailed to the Cross to die the death that we should have died as penalty for our sins. God then raised Jesus up as we celebrate Easter Sunday, to show that He has conquered death, and is alive forever.

God’s Spirit is now available to all who truly love Him to dwell within them and to live through them, empowering people to live with Christ at the centre of their lives. This is the victorious message of Easter.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the THOMAS THORPE TOLLEY TOLLEY-TOLLEY and WILSON families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March
Fri 27 Last day of Term 1

April
Mon 13 & Tues 14 Staff Educators’ Conference at Mt Carmel Christian School in Wodonga
Fri 17 Staff Update of First Aid Training in Level 2

Mon 20 First day for students Term 2
Sat 25 Anzac Day (100 years since Gallipoli landing)
Tues 28 April - Fri 1 May
Secondary Outdoor Education
Trip to Wilsons Promontory

Tues 12 - Thurs 14 May
Naplan Testing Grades 3, 5, 7, 9
Mon 25 - Thurs 28
Grade 5 - 6 Trip to Canberra
Fri 26 June Last day of Term 2

PRAYER AND PRAISE
- Pray for safety of all the College community and families over the school holidays.
- Praise God for the safety for all students and drivers on the buses each day.
- Pray for refreshment for students to be ready for consistent and effective work in Term 2.
- Pray for those who are not well - in particular pray for healing for Dawn Williamson, former student who is suffering from the effects of a tumour near her spine.

PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS TUESDAY
It was a terrific day for Staff and Parents to get together and to talk over the achievements of students during Term 1.
It is so beneficial to staff to have this opportunity to reaffirm the call of staff and parents to work together to improve student learning outcomes and we do appreciate all the encouragement that happens in the home before the students even get to school each day.

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER
A total of $46 was raised - thank you to the families who bought hot cross buns.

WINTER UNIFORMS
If you have not checked with Mrs Revell for uniforms for next term, tomorrow is your last chance to have them earlier in the term.

WEDDING BELLS FOR MISS BOX!!!!
On Saturday Miss Box will marry Justin Morcos and we pray a special blessing for their Wedding Day and especially for their marriage together.
All students and staff are welcome to view the ceremony @ 1.30pm on Saturday 28th March at MacGillivray Hall, 136 McRae Street Bendigo.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 TOMORROW
Students will work for a shorter time tomorrow, and will be getting the classrooms ready for the break.
Lunch will be taken at 12.30 and the Afternoon Presentation will commence at 1.15pm and should conclude by approx. 2.30pm.
We encourage as many parents and family members to be here to support their students as they present items and as they receive their awards and character certificates.
There has been a change to the names of the awards since last year.
Academic Awards are to be awarded according to the 8 Learning areas in the following way to all 5 classes:
MATHS/SCIENCE
ENGLISH/HUMANITIES
TECHNOLOGY (including ICT, Wood, Food)
LANGUAGE (Auslan & Indonesian)
SPORTSMANSHIP/SPORTWOMANSHIP
THE ARTS (eg Drawing, Painting, Prints, Drama, Public Speaking, Music)

SUPERCOACH DETAILS
The AFL season is almost upon us with the opening game between Carlton and Richmond on Easter Thursday. That means there isn’t much time left to create your Herald Sun Super Coach team for 2015.
Currently the Olivet Supercoach Football League has 6 teams including Mr Chapman but there is room for 18! So if you are interested please see Mr Chris or Mr Chapman before the end of term who will give you the league’s CODE.
The way it works is as follows. Firstly you register at heraldsun.com.au/supercoach Once you have registered you will then be asked to choose a name for your team and your teams colours. Once this is done using your $10 million salary cap you fill in your team by choosing players in all positions from all over the league. If you want you can choose to AUTO FILL your team, which will fill your positions for you.
Once you have filled and saved your team you will be ready for the season proper. The season proper works as follows. As the players in your team play in the AFL they will earn Supercoach Points, through marks, kicks, handballs, goals etc. These points all go towards your teams total. Now as in the AFL, Supercoach has a fixture where you will play against other teams, and the idea is to beat the other teams. Each week you will play against a different team, so you will be playing against Mr Chapman!
Throughout the season you can trade and sub players, and even change your captain if you so desire. Supercoach is a lot of fun, but even more enjoyable if you are playing with and against your friends. So get your team together and lets have a very exciting footy season.
Mr CHRIS (Strath Bus Driver)

WEEKLY PUZZLE
Can you change the word HAND to DIET by changing one letter at a time and still forming proper words?
Last Week’s Answer
How many British monarchs have reigned since Australia gained independence? Who are they?
6 - Victoria Edward VII George V Edward VIII George VI Elizabeth II