

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Excellence Through Endeavour”

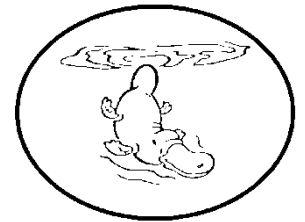
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Important dates:

May	5 th Mother’s & Special Women’s Day High Tea 5 th School Captains & Vice Captains ANZAC Service Melbourne 5 th MARC Van 7 th Year 6-7 Applications due 7 th Mother’s & Special Women’s Day Stall	May	7 th Book Club orders due 8 th Whole School Athletics Sports Day 15 th Do It For Dolly Day 18 th Grandparent’s & Special Person’s Open Morning 19 th CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day
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CWA AWARD

Congratulations to the term 1 CWA award winners.

- Grade Prep Chloe O’D
- Grade 1/2 Trae T
- Grade 2/3 Jaeger R
- Grade 3/4 Lexi D
- Grade 5/6 Chloe McK

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of CWA Axedale Branch. Each term, CWA will donate Book Club vouchers to students who display the school values across all facets of their school life.



S.H.I.N.I.N.G KIDS

Thank you to Agnico Eagle Fosterville for their S.H.I.N.I.N.G. Kids Award. The award is presented each term to a child who is:

- S**upportive
- H**onest
- I**nclusive
- N**ever Gives Up
- I**nquisitive
- N**urturing
- G**reat Attitude

All teachers nominate a student for the term and the recipient is then chosen.

Congratulations to Emma B who was chosen as the recipient for Term One.

Congratulations also to our other nominees from each classroom.

- Grade Prep Ellie H
- Grade 1/2 Louis C
- Grade 2/3 Adele A
- Grade 3/4 Sunny McC
- Grade 5/6 Emma B



HIGH TEA – RSVP required by next Thursday 1st May

An invitation to the High Tea was sent home on Monday. The High Tea is an annual event which brings the ladies of our community together. Mums, Grandmothers and special friends are invited to come together to celebrate Mother’s Day. Students, in family groups, walk across to the hall to visit their special visitors. This year, the High Tea will be held on the Tuesday 5th May. **To assist with organisation and catering, we ask that you RSVP by Thursday 30th April.** Unfortunately, we may be unable to accept late RSVPs.

FRESH FRUIT PROGRAM

We are very excited to announce that we have been included in the McKearn Foundation Fresh Fruit Program, of which Fosterville Gold Mine is a funding partner. The program involves weekly fresh fruit deliveries, along with the opportunity to have Fresh Fruit Ambassadors, from Bendigo Braves, Bendigo Spirit and other organisations come visit our school to chat with students about healthy eating and active lifestyles. The program focuses on spreading the message of being healthy, active, and the benefits that come with that. We are organising a roster to help cut up fruit on Friday mornings, ready to distribute to students at the first break. If you have 10 minutes available and would like to be added to the roster, please contact the office.

TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 IN 2027

Year 6 students received their Secondary School Transition Pack on Monday. This pack contains information and an application form for your child's transition to Year 7 in 2027. **All application forms must be returned to Axedale PS by Thursday 7th May.**

ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY & PARENT HELPERS

Students are bringing home today an information page about our Athletic sports day.

On Friday, 8th of May, we will hold our annual Athletics Sports Day. We will be joining with Eppalock Primary School to participate in a range of athletic events. The day will take place at the Lar Birpa (La Trobe) Athletics Track in Bendigo. Parents and carers are asked to transport their children to and from the track. We require volunteers on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact the office. Thanks for your support.

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

Each year, Australians across the country unite to Go Blue to End Bullying in memory of Dolly Everett. Do It For Dolly Day is a national day of action that raises awareness of the impacts of bullying and helps fund Dolly's Dream programs that support young people, families, and schools across Australia - especially in regional and remote areas where help can be harder to find.

We are holding our day on Friday the 15th of May as we have our Athletic Sports Day on the national day which is Friday the 8th of May. On Friday the 15th of May, students are encouraged to wear blue and to donate a gold coin. We will also be selling Zooper Doopers, with funds raised donated to the Do It For Dolly 2026 campaign.

2027 PREP PARENT INFORMATION & GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSON'S MORNING

Education Week is from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May. This year's theme is, 'Showcase your school' which encourages school communities to celebrate their unique strengths, achievements and programs. We are planning various celebrations across the week.

On Monday 18th May we will hold a **Grandparents and Special Person's Morning**.

Visitors are encouraged to come along and spend some time in the classroom working with their special student(s). Visitors new to the school may also be given a tour of the school by their special student(s). Morning tea for adults will be provided from 11.00am onwards.

On Thursday 21st May at 9.30am, a **2027 Prep Parent Information** session will be held along with a guided tour of the school.

Enrolments for 2027 Prep are due by Friday 25th July 2025.

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

COOLER WEATHER

As we head towards cooler weather, it is important that students dress appropriately for the changing conditions. Mornings are often chilly, with the afternoons a little warmer. Families are asked to check the labels on jumpers and jackets, ensuring that family names are easy to read.

AXEDALE ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Axedale Our Town Our Future (AoToF) are holding the annual ANZAC Service this Saturday morning, starting at 8.30am in the Axedale Park. All community members are invited to attend this service.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out to Shannon and Ed, our cleaners, and Tim, our groundsman, for their work over the holidays. We have received many positive comments about how clean and fresh the buildings feel, as well as how fantastic the school grounds are looking.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Students are bringing home our Term 2 calendar today. Please place this on your fridge so you can refer to it through the term.

2026 CAMPS PROGRAM

We would like to share an important update regarding our school's camps program following a recent review. After careful consideration, the review examined several key factors, including the rising costs for both families and the school, the increasing emotional challenges experienced by some students, and the minimum participant numbers required by many camp venues. These considerations have guided adjustments to ensure the program remains inclusive, sustainable, and beneficial for all students.

What will stay the same?

Our early years experiences will continue as usual:

- Prep students will still enjoy their special tea experience at school.
- Year 1/2 students will continue to visit Camp Getaway, with Year 2 students participating in the overnight stay.

What is changing?

For students in Years 3–6, the camps program will move to a biennial (every second year) model:

- In the even years, students will participate in a major excursion.
- In the odd years, students will have the opportunity to attend camp.

What does this mean for this year?

In 2026, students in Years 3–6 will take part in a **major excursion** rather than attending camp.

We believe these changes strike a balance between maintaining valuable camp experiences and learning opportunities while responding thoughtfully to the challenges identified in the review. Further details about this year's major excursions will be shared soon.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part! **If you have been writing your books onto your tally sheet make sure you bring the sheet into the office and Mrs Baldwin can enter them for you. Students have read 61 books so far.** Congratulations to Oscar S who has completed the challenge.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Happy reading!

Corrina Hartland
Principal



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2027 YEAR 6-7 Applications due by Thursday 7th May.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Issue 3 orders due by Thursday 7th May.

FRUIT TREE DRIVE Orders due by Friday 12th June.

2027 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 31st July.

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 2 payment is now due.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Easter raffle winners and thank you to families who supported by providing items and buying tickets. The raffle was drawn at our end of term assembly. We raised \$851.00.

- Winners:
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| 1. | Charlotte T | 8. Pritchard Family |
| 2. | Charlie R | 9. Kaylan W |
| 3. | Mikki A | 10. Austin Pocock |
| 4. | Witt Family | 11. Peter Walsh |
| 5. | Terry Hoctor | 12. Dodson Family |
| 6. | Mikki A | 13. Dodson Family |
| 7. | Mrs Baldwin | 14. Baylee Lampard |

Family Prize – Valente Family



FRUIT TREE DRIVE

Today students are bringing home our annual fruit tree drive order form. Orders are placed through Valley Trees Nursery with delivery early in Term 3. Please share with family and friends. Extra order forms are available from the office. Orders are due by Friday 12th June. Thanks for your support.

2026 GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 4TH MAY

Grade 6 Information Sessions at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium

5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Global Learning Centre

5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Grieve Building

5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: BSE Gymnasium

5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au



Department
of Education

Chappy's Corner



FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is to keep a daily journal of all that you did in your day and share it with the family at the end of the week. There are so many things we do in the day and a journal helps us reflect on what the day has brought to us. Maybe you want to add something that you are thankful for, or a reflection on something you learnt that day. Everyday is a gift, even if it's not easy, we can still be thankful for life itself!



QUOTE: "I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." Jimmy Dean

RIDDLE: What has 13 hearts, but no lungs, feet, or bellybuttons?

BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATE!

Breakfast Club has been a wonderful addition to our Tuesday mornings this term. It's been fantastic to see so many students enjoying a healthy breakfast and starting their day together in such a positive way.

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers for their ongoing support—this program simply wouldn't run without you. We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our amazing Grade 5/6 helpers who assist each week with enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to next term, we're excited to mix things up on the menu, with occasional treats like spaghetti jaffles and banana smoothies joining our usual offerings.

Thank you again to everyone involved in making Breakfast Club such a success!



Breakfast Club Roster TERM 2 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 28 April	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 5 May	NO BREAKFAST CLUB - MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA	
Tuesday 12 May	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 19 May	NO BREAKFAST CLUB - CURRICULUM DAY	
Tuesday 26 May	Brooke Andrews	Ali
Tuesday 2 June	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 9 June	NO BREAKFAST CLUB - CURRICULUM DAY	
Tuesday 16 June	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 23 June	Brooke Andrews	Ali

Ali Gillett
Chaplain

FROM THE CLASSROOMS



AFL Footy Clinics

On Wednesday, all the students participated in AFL Footy Clinics. Darcy helped us to learn about handballing and kicking the football. We played games and practised our handballing and kicking skills. We all enjoyed the clinics and tried our best.




COMMUNITY

MAD RIDE 5

Katherine to Broome 2026

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser | \$15pp
16th May | 7pm start
Bendigo Baptist Church



For more info visit
www.madcow.org.au

Tennis FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS!

Fun, active programs for children 5 & Under

Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club

PLAY PARK

A joyful introduction to tennis for ages 5 & Under

3-Week Series
9-10am SUNDAY
3, 10 & 17 May
Cost: \$60

- Movement-based play
- Basic tennis skills
- Build coordination & confidence
- Fun, safe, supportive setting

Only 1 series this year! Don't miss out!



MINI HITTERS

MONDAY'S
9.30-10.30AM
\$20/Session

A playful on-court session for little movers learning early tennis skills.

Runs during school terms - in conjunction with an Adult Cardio Tennis session.

Casual - turn up when it suits!

gianttennis.com.au

CONTACT: casey@gianttennis.com.au

Stepfamilies - through your children's eyes



"Through the eyes of children: - being part of a stepfamily"

This workshop covers:

- Stepfamily myths
- Stepfamilies through the eyes of children - the good and the tricky bits
- Supporting children with adjusting to new family relationships
- Transitioning between homes
- Ways to support and strengthen your relationship with your child/ren
- Parenting approach
- Common difficulties for couples

This free 3 hour workshop aims to assist parents in developing a greater understanding of what their children need and how they can best support them.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops





www.catholiccarevic.org.au




An Australian Government Initiative

Bendigo Community Health Services

Navigating Puberty for Parents & Caregivers

Bendigo Community Health Services invites parents and caregivers to a puberty education evening to talk about:


- LGBTIQA+ information
- Changes in puberty (physical, emotional, social)
- Conception & pregnancy
- Consent
- Online safety & pornography

Wednesday May 13

7pm

Online

For more information or to register your attendance, scan the QR code.



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HEATHCOTE PANTHERS WINTER SEASON

Term 2 & Term 3 2026

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our Junior Basketball Winter Season

- Under 10 Boys born 2017-2018
- Under 12 Boys born 2015-2016
- Under 14 Boys born 2013-2014
- Under 16 Boys born 2011-2012

TRAINING SCHEDULE:

- Under 10 & Under 12 - Monday 4pm - 5pm
- Under 14 - Monday 5pm - 6pm
- Under 16 - Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Training times may vary depending on participant numbers ++

- All welcome. Training is free of charge.
- Competition games are played at Red Energy Arena, Bendigo.
- Please contact Alan 0418 589 020 or Kristyn 0418 852 339

www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball

LOCATION: Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

AXEDALE AUSKICK CENTRE

FRIDAY | 4PM - 5PM

STARTING 1ST MAY | AXEDALE PRIMARY OVAL

Auskick Coordinator | Brenton Pattison



REGISTER NOW

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE