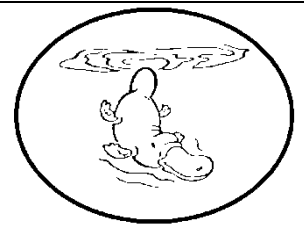


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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

NEWSLETTER No. 22 JULY 23rd 2026

Important dates:

July	24th National Tree Planting Day – Gr 3/4 & 5/6 28th MARC Van 29th District Netball 29th Book Club Issue 5 orders due 29th School Council meeting	July	30th 100 Days of School – Prep 31st 2027 Prep enrolments due 13th Parent / Carer Teacher Chats
		August	

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Kaylan W – For demonstrating the school value of respect by making a great start to Term 3 and displaying our classroom values from the first day back.

Grade 1/2

Evaliah A – For demonstrating the value of Respect by taking care of belongings and helping look after shared classroom resources. You keep your space neat and tidy and always return what you are using to its correct place. Thankyou for being a Respectful class member.

Grade 2/3

Indi M – For consistently demonstrating respect towards her peers and teachers through her positive attitude, attentive listening, and active participation in classroom learning.

Grade 3/4

Logan McN – For showing RESPECT out in the yard by caring for our equipment. Logan is often seen collecting sports equipment at the end of break times and returning to the sports box. Thanks Logan!

Grade 5/6

Indi G – For always demonstrating a respectful attitude in the classroom. She consistently shows kindness, consideration and respect towards others. Well done.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Ellie H – For making a fabulous start to Term 3. Ellie has been working hard to complete her work to her personal best.

Grade 1/2

Trae T – For using your mathematical knowledge to describe and sort two-dimensional shapes. You have shown a strong understanding of sides, vertices and parallel lines. You have demonstrated this by explaining concepts and helping others.

Grade 2/3

Gallagher M – For making a fantastic start to Term 3. He has approached his learning with a positive attitude, and a willingness to participate in all classroom activities. He has shown effort, focus, and commitment during his first week back at school.

Grade 3/4

Colton L – For achieving excellence in Mathematics. Colton can calculate fractions and convert to mixed numbers. He achieved an excellent result during testing. Congratulations!

Grade 5/6



Aidan B – For working hard when learning about fractions during the numeracy sessions. He can now use related denominators to find equivalent fractions with confidence. Well done.

HOUSE AWARD

Congratulations to Campaspe, winners of this week's House Award.

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 5/6 and Ms Bingham for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have recorded 50, 75, 100, 125 and 150 nights of reading.

PASSPORT

Congratulations to who was presented his certificate for achieving 25 Celebration stickers.



DISTRICT FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, the Grade 5/6 boys and girls and some of the 3-4 girls travelled by bus to Catherine McAuley College to compete in the AFL tournament. We combined with Eppalock Primary School to form the 'Eppadale' team.

The boys played four games throughout the day, winning one game and narrowly losing the other three. The main goal kickers were Murray, Kirby and Eli.



The girls' team played four games throughout the day, winning their first match before also narrowly losing the remaining three. The main goal kickers for the day were Jarni, Lexie, Emma, Vada and Audrey. Despite being players short and with many of our students playing AFL for the very first time, we gave each game our personal best. We all had a fun day out together.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week our gratitude call out goes to our girls and boys football teams, Ms Bingham and Mrs Balic. Our teams played in the district football competition at CMC yesterday and consistently displayed the school values throughout the day. A big thank you to Ms Bingham and Mrs Balic for stepping into the coaching roles at short notice.



PARENT /CARER TEACHER CHATS

Parent / Carer Teacher Chats have been rescheduled for Thursday the 13th of August. Booking will open Monday morning via Compass. Students are required at school on this day, with CRTs taking classes.

2027 ENROLMENT

Our 2027 Prep Parent Information session was held last term. If you were unable to attend the session but would like a guided tour of the school and have questions to ask, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Enrolments for 2027 Prep are due by next Friday 31st July 2026.

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

SUPER 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL & BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION DAY

Next Thursday the 30th of July marks 100 days of school for our 2026 Prep students. All students are invited to participate in a dress up day to help celebrate this milestone. Students can choose to dress up as something representing the number 100 or as their favourite superhero. A whole school parade will be held at 9am, with parents, carers and special people invited to attend. Younger siblings are welcome to dress up and participate in the parade.

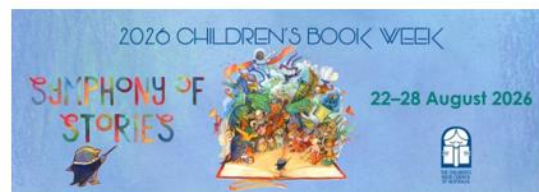
On Tuesday the 25th of August we will hold our Book Week Celebration Day. On this day, students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character or something inspired by the theme "Symphony of Stories" and will be involved in lots of activities based on books shared by Mrs Gentry.

THE BLURBS

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are excited to announce that students will participate in a performance by The Blurbs on Wednesday the 19th August. The performance will be held in the Axedale Hall, with students walking over to the hall, leaving school at 9am and returning by 11.30am. Cost of this performance will be covered by funds raised through fundraising activities, with no cost to families. This excursion is covered by the Local Excursion Permission form completed at the start of the year

"The Blurbs" are a band of book enthusiasts who encourage children to read through the power of performance and music. The Blurbs venture out from the library rarely, but when they do, they put on a spectacular show for primary schools during 'Book Week'. The show contains original songs about books that have been short listed by the CBCA for the 'Book of the Year' awards.

GRADES 1 & 2 CAMP EXPERIENCE



CBCA Book Week Celebrations at **Axedale PS** are on

Tuesday August 25th

We will have a parade in the morning followed by a day of book fun! Dig through the dress up box and come as your favourite character 😊



Planning is underway for the Grades 1 and 2 Camp Experience, which will held on Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th of September. The camp experience involves students walking to Camp Getaway and participating in various activities on Thursday. Students eat dinner together, enjoy a disco, with grade 1 students going home to sleep and grade 2 students encouraged to stay the night. Grade 1 students return early Friday morning, with all students again participating in activities. Specific details will be provided in the coming weeks.

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 199 books so far.

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!



SMILE SQUAD RETURN

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school.

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health is coming to our school in August. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program. This means *all* students can receive a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code below:



Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make this happen.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take a moment to read the brochure—it is full of useful tips to help your family eat well, drink well, and clean well for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard-strength fluoride toothpaste, which is generally recommended for ages six and over unless advised otherwise by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please speak with a dental or trained health professional to determine whether this toothpaste is suitable. Alternatively, you may choose to put the toothpaste aside until they turn six or give it to another family member.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You are welcome to attend if you wish, and you can choose to take your child to a community dental clinic if that suits your family better.

Corrina Hartland
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

NETBALL EXCURSION Consent and payment required by Tuesday 28th July.

2027 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 31st July.

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 3 payment is now due.

2027 YEAR 7 PLACEMENT Acceptance Slip due by Tuesday 11th August.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Our Breakfast Club is back for another term, and we're looking for volunteers to help make it a success! By giving just a little of your time, you'll help provide students with a healthy breakfast and a positive start to their school day. It's a rewarding way to connect with our school community and make a real difference.

If you're able to lend a hand, in particular the dates free below, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the front office, and Ali Gillett will be in touch to arrange a date that suits you. Thank you for supporting our students!



Ali Gillett
Chaplain

Breakfast Club Roster - TERM 3 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 28 July	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 4 August	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 11 August	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 18 August	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 25 August	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 1 September	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	Ali
Tuesday 8 September	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 15 September	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 22 September	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali

GRADE 3/4 NEWS

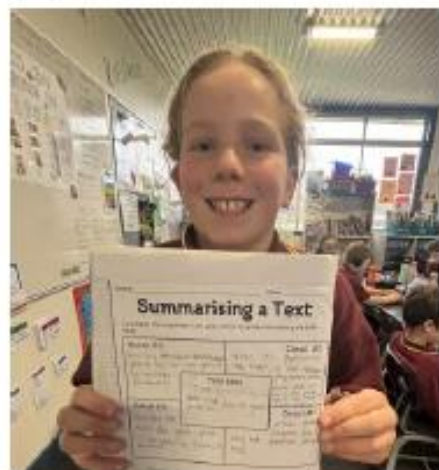
Commonwealth Games

Recently students have been researching the Commonwealth Games are about to get underway in Scotland. We chose a country to study and investigated the values of The Games such as humanity, equality and fairness.



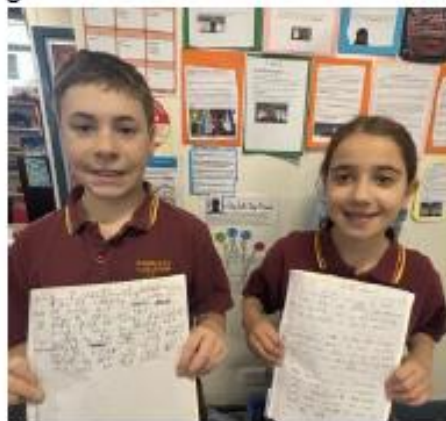
Summarising our Reading!

During reading this term we have started to summarise our texts. We have summarised both fiction and nonfiction texts by looking for the most important aspects of the books we are reading. With the Soccer World Cup happening this week we even got to study the Argentinian player Lionel Messi!



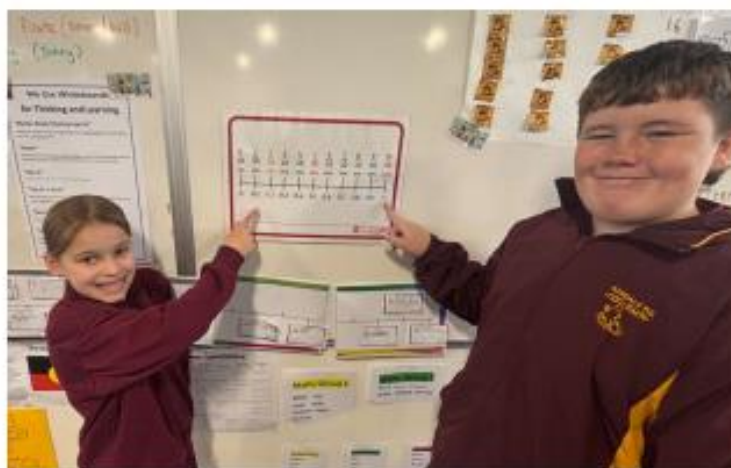
Holidays with a TWIST!

Last week we wrote about our recent school holidays...with a TWIST! Students were challenged to 'fool' the teacher by writing some truths about their holiday but to also include a few little 'white lies' to enhance their writing and make it FUN! I was fooled a couple of times but not when one student wrote they had broken their leg!



Fractions are FUN!

Students have been learning about Fractions in Maths this term. We have been using our whiteboards to show our understanding of a quarters, halves and thirds. We know the difference between a numerator and denominator and are starting to add and subtract fractions.



MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AUSALERT AND THE NATIONAL TEST

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm. AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in the device tub in the office during the school day.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

For more information, please refer to the [Staying safe with AusAlert page](#).

COMMUNITY

Puggles Playgroup Axedale



Axedale Hall
Tuesdays 9am - 10.30am - Beginning July
21st
Free and no booking required - come along
and have some fun!

National
Tree Day
PLANET ARK

Join us for National Tree Day at Axedale River Reserve

Bring your family and friends for a fun morning of planting! Contribute to improving the health of our river!

All holes will be pre-dug for easy planting. Drinks and lunch will be provided.

**Sausage
Sizzle!**

Register at <https://nationaltreeday.org.au/site/10032209>
or email longlealandcare@gmail.com



Sunday, 26th of July 2026
10am to 12pm



Hannon Place,
Axedale



Longlea
and District
Landcare
Group



STEM CLUB

ADVENTURE STARTS
AFTER SCHOOL!

PREP - GRADE 6

8 WEEK PROGRAM

Weekly STEM sessions that spark
imagination and build real skills.

\$100 PER TERM THURSDAYS | 4-5PM



DISCOVERY
CENTRE

Curious minds, this is for you! Discovery's after-school **STEM Club** is designed for primary school students who love to explore, experiment and create. Each session is packed with hands-on STEM activities; encouraging problem-solving, creativity and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment.

DATES: Thursdays starting 30th July – 17th September
TIME: 4pm-5pm

LOCATION: Discovery Centre - 7 Railway Place, Bendigo
Spaces are limited, so early enrolment is recommended.

To learn more or register, visit discovery.asn.au/programs

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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



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FREE WORKSHOP FOR SPORTS COACHES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

Are you involved in supporting junior sport in Greater Bendigo?

Have you ever wished you had a few more strategies up your sleeve to help you connect with and support every child?

This workshop will help you understand autism, ADHD and other neurodivergent experiences, and give you practical strategies to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment for all children in your club.

2-4.30PM ON SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON OPTIONS

Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWV>

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au





4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

Register to go in the draw to win a Richmond AFLW Guernsey!



Looking towards 2027 Term 1

PROPS THEATRE

@propstheatre

Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

LOCATION

82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME



Which public holiday would you prefer for 2027 and beyond?

The City of Greater Bendigo wants to hear from you.

Choose **ONE** from the following:

- Keep Bendigo Cup Day
- Change to Bendigo Show Day
- Change to Melbourne Cup Day



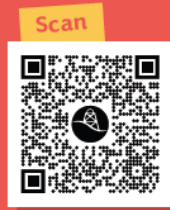
Greater Bendigo residents, businesses, schools and community organisations are encouraged to participate.

Complete the survey today:

Scan or visit Let's Talk Greater Bendigo.

No internet access? Call **1300 002 642** and we can help you complete the survey.

Your feedback will help shape public holiday arrangements from 2027.



*Important: This survey applies only to the part of Greater Bendigo west of the Campaspe River where Melbourne Cup Day has traditionally been replaced by a local public holiday (Bendigo Cup).

