

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

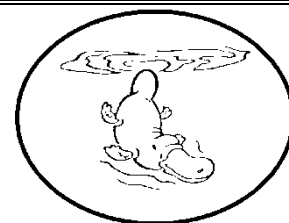
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 10 APRIL 2nd 2026

Important dates:

Apr	20th First day Term 2	May	7th Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall
May	5th Mother's & Special Person's Day High Tea		8th Whole School Athletics Sports Day
	5th School Captains & Vice Captains ANZAC Service Melbourne		15th Do It For Dolly Day
			18th Grandparent's & Special Person's Open Morning

END OF TERM 1

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support throughout the term. It has certainly been a busy term, with students and staff looking forward to the well earned break. Thank you to our parents of prep students who have assisted in helping to settle our youngest students into the beginning of their educational journey. Thank you to our staff who work hard to provide a safe, caring environment for students to learn in, academically, emotionally and socially. The biggest thanks go to the students who have worked so hard to further develop their skills across so many curriculum areas. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing Easter and holiday break. I hope Easter Bunny finds you! We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 20th of April. We won't have an assembly on the first day as we will focus on settling students back in.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Josh – For demonstrating the school value of personal best when learning the letters and their sounds. He applies his understanding to complete our spelling tasks.

Grade 1/2

Dash – For always demonstrating your personal best when completing work. You make sure that you complete tasks to a high standard, demonstrating what you know and what you have learnt. Well done, Dash.

Grade 2/3

Charlee – For giving 100% to all gym sessions and following all instructions. Charlee has shown great enthusiasm and shown all of our school values during our gym lessons

Grade 3/4

Jarni – For showing her PERSONAL BEST in writing. Jarni uses her time in class wisely and has handwritten both persuasive and narrative pieces this term and then efficiently typed using her computer. Great job Jarni.

Grade 5/6

Lily – For giving her personal best when completing weekly homework tasks. She demonstrates a willingness to challenge herself and completes tasks to an excellent standard.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Kaylan – For striving to do his best and approaching all learning tasks and our Gym Program with a positive attitude.

Grade 1/2

Chelsea S – For demonstrating a strong understanding of place value. You have been able to complete all two-digit tasks successfully and have shown a good understanding of three-digit place value tasks. Keep up the great work.



Grade 2/3

Jaeger – For working hard in both Maths and Writing this term. He has stayed focused, given 100% to his learning, and shown great effort every day. It's been fantastic to see his improvement in both areas. Well done – keep it up!

Grade 3/4

Logan – For working hard to improve his performance in maths. Logan is having success with subtraction when re grouping 3 and 4 digit numbers. Well done Logan.

Grade 5/6

Oscar – For working hard to write a concise definition for his persuasive piece about the negative aspects of screen time.

HOUSE AWARD

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

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade Prep and Mrs Roberts and Ms Hall for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

It was fantastic to present so many 25 night and 50 night reading certificates this week. Congratulations to these students who have made such a positive start to their reading in 2026.



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.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with mixed feelings we announce that Mrs Shannon Leed has made the tough decision to resign her position at Axedale PS. Shannon has been a valued staff member for more than 7 years and has provided such a high quality program. Shannon has decided to take some time to work on her own pieces of art. While we will miss Shannon being here weekly, we look forward to seeing her own pieces of art shared in the future.



QUICK SHEAR ART AWARDS

We have had such positive feedback from the art displayed at this year's Quick Shear. Congratulations to these students who were some of the winners of the Axedale Quick Shear Art Competition.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to families who donated Easter items and sold raffle tickets. Congratulations to prize winners today. Winners and the amount raised will be shared in the first newsletter of next term. A big thank you to PVF members for giving up their time to package up our prizes.



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have been notified that our school crossing supervisor is being moved to a service in Bendigo. The position has been advertised but unfortunately, Bendigo Council haven't been able to appoint a new supervisor. We are at risk of starting Term 2 without a crossing supervisor. I continue to work with Council but please feel free to share the information below with anyone you think might be interested.

The City of Greater Bendigo is seeking a School Crossing Supervisor for Axedale Primary School. This important role helps ensure the safety of children and other crossing users.

Shifts are 8.15–9.00am and 3.15–4.00pm (45 minutes each). Training, uniform and equipment are provided, and no prior experience is required. A small daily travel allowance is also paid.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dionne Lynch on 4408 6569 or email d.lynch@bendigo.vic.gov.au

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.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All students have been given a checklist with login details and a letter.

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!



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

We raised \$331 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Thanks to families for their support.



Corrina Hartland
Principal

Chappy's Corner



FAMILY CHALLENGE: Easter is nearly here and there are so many celebrations that happen for families. Some go camping, some go to the Bendigo Easter parade and some go to church. It's a fun time of lots of food including lots of chocolate! A lot of families have an Easter Egg Hunt. This week's challenge is to do a hunt. Maybe you can do a 'find the toy bunny' hunt or a 'glow in the dark' easter hunt where you could put some glow sticks in the back yard. There are alternatives to easter eggs hunts that can be fun!



QUOTE: 'Keep your face always toward the sun and the shadows will fall behind you.' Walt Whitman

JOKE: Why did the math book look sad? Because it had too many problems.

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; special mention of **Oscar Speers** and **Archer Strohfeldt** who regularly assist without any prompting!

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 21 April		Ali
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

BASKETBALL FINAL

On Tuesday afternoon I completed in my Basketball Grand Final for Victory Christian College. We played the Aztec Tigers. It was very close game, and we won by 1 point. I'm looking forward to the next season of Basketball.

By Chelsea K



FROM THE CLASSROOMS – AUSLAN

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Preps

This term the Prep students have been introduced to the Auslan (Australian Sign Language). They have been learning how to sign the colours and numbers 1-20 in Auslan.



Grades 1/2's and 2/3's

Students have learnt the signs for farm animals and have practiced these through a variety of games and activities. They have also been introduced to family related signs including mum, dad, brother and sister.




Grades 4/5's and 5/6's

This term our focus in Auslan has been on Foods and Drinks. By building on their known signs students have been able to engage in conversations in particularly ordering a meal.




COMMUNITY



PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS


AGED 7 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?



Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 5pm until Easter to register!
Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information!

JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!



AGE 16+


MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME

Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo, every Tuesday from 4 pm - 6 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm - 5 pm until Easter to register!
Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information or if you aren't local to Bendigo!


EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

SANDEMAN BUILD

NEIL MACDONALD DRAGON MILE






MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE



WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
TIME: 10:00AM START
Scan the QR code for more information on pricing, age groups, registration and live results or visit:
<https://my.raceresult.com/377219/>

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LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!



LA TROBE SPORT

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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.



In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.





4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.







7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

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

BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 13TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM
WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO
\$55 PER PERSON




TAVERN AXEDALE

Music 2026

12:30-15:00

March

Sunday 1st

Louise MacGregor

Sunday 8th

Hey Mister

Sunday 15th

Nathan Jenkins

Sunday 22nd

Bec & Paul

Sunday 29th

TBA



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DISCOUNT

5% discount
of meals if
you book 24
hours in
advance

High Tea first

Saturday

Every Month

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What's on

WEDNESDAY'S

Parma Night \$23

THURSDAY'S

\$25 Steak

Kids eat Free starting

12th March

FRIDAY'S

Joker Jackpot

\$90 Meat raffle

Easter Egg Hunt
5th April 11AM

Trading Hour's

Mon-Tue Closed - Wed-Friday 10am - Late

Sat - Sun 10am - 9PM



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