

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

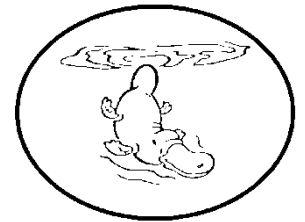
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



### NEWSLETTER No. 12 APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

<b>May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mother's &amp; Special Women's High Tea</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> School &amp; Vice Captains ANZAC Service Melbourne</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> MARC Van</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Year 6-7 Applications due</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Mother's &amp; Special Women's Day Stall</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Book Club orders due</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Whole School Athletics Sports</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Do It For Dolly Day</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Grandparent's &amp; Special Person's Open Morning</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day</b>
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#### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

##### Grade Prep

**Ted** – For demonstrating the school value of co-operation by being a welcoming friend to our new class member and helping him to settle into school.

##### Grade 1/2

**Japleen** – For showing the value of co-operation. You are willing to work with and include all members of our classroom. You happily invite others to play and work with you and use a kind voice all the time. Thankyou for being a wonderful student in our classroom.

##### Grade 2/3

**Aleena** – For consistently demonstrating the school value of cooperation. She is always helpful in the classroom, looks out for others, and works positively with both her peers and teachers.

##### Grade 3/4

**Lexi** – For showing the value of COOPERATION by always listening and following instructions. Well done Lexi.

##### Grade 5/6

**Emma** – For demonstrating the school value of cooperation by using her initiative to assist the teacher and classmates during lesson time by handing out and collecting equipment. She also helps to keep our classroom tidy and organised.



#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

##### Grade Prep

**Koby** – For joining in and trying his best to participate in the learning tasks in our classroom.

##### Grade 1/2

**Evaliah** – For showing improvement in your writing. You have demonstrated good planning, detailed information for the reader and presented your published copy with great supporting illustrations. Well done Evaliah.



##### Grade 2/3

**Vincent** – For making a positive start to Term 2 by showing great effort to engage in his learning and contribute to class discussions.

##### Grade 3/4

**Hazel** – For showing great progress in her ability to double numbers in maths. Keep up the great work Hazel!

##### Grade 5/6

**Chelsea K** – For working hard and maintaining focus when learning new multiplication strategies, particularly when using the lattice and area method when multiplying larger numbers.

## HOUSE AWARD

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

## GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 2/3 and Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Balic for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

## STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to Oscar who received a certificate for achieving the goal of 25 celebration stickers in his Student Passport. Students earn values stickers for their Passport and can trade them in for celebrations or can save them for bigger celebrations.



## NIGHTS OF READING

It was fantastic to present 25, 50 and 75 night reading certificates this week. Congratulations to these students who continue to show their personal best with their reading.



## SHINING AWARD

Congratulations to Adele who was the 2/3 recipient of the S.H.I.N.I.N.G KIDS Award at the end of Term 1.

## WHAT A BUSY WEEK WE HAVE AHEAD OF US

Next week (week 3) is certainly a busy one at APS. We have the much anticipated High Tea (Tuesday), our school student leaders attending the School's ANZAC Service (Tuesday), Kinder Mother's Day Stall (Wednesday at school), School and Kinder Mother's Day Stall (Thursday) and Athletic Sports Day (Friday).



## STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

In coming weeks, students in grades 4-6 will be asked to complete the Students Attitude to School Survey. Please see the parent / carer information sheet sent home with students today and contact the office if you like to withdraw your child(ren) from participating in the survey.

## TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 IN 2027

Year 6 students received their Secondary School Transition Pack recently. 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 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

## ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY & PARENT HELPERS

Students are brought home last week an information page about our Athletic sports day.

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 can 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 15<sup>th</sup> of May as we have our Athletic Sports Day on the national day which is Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

## AXEDALE PASSPORTS

Students have been busy earning values stickers for their individual passports. These stickers can be traded in at the 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 sticker mark, with each celebration increasing with the values of stickers traded. This year we have also introduced a whole class celebration chart. As students earn 10 values stickers, they get to a golden platypus to the class chart. When the class has achieved 20 golden platypus on their class chart they receive the celebration. Congratulations to the 3/4 class who have added 20 stickers to their class chart. They have decided to take an out of uniform day next Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Only students in the 3/4 class are allowed to come to school out of uniform on this day.



## AXEDALE ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Axedale Our Town Our Future (AoToF) held their annual ANZAC Service on Saturday morning. It was great to see many of our school community attend the service. A special thank you to our school leaders Irie, Ryan, Emma and Oscar for laying wreaths of behalf on AoToF and our school community.

Our leaders will now attend the School's ANZAC Service in Melbourne on Tuesday and lay a wreath on behalf of the Axedale school community.



## GRATITUDE CALL OUT

*This week I would like to give a gratitude call out the Rise & Grind staff for making the lunch order system so easy to manage. From last minute phone calls for late or forgotten orders to checking if a sibling's order is missing from the orders delivered to them and weekly milk shake vouchers for the grade 6 monitors, we appreciate the ease of having lunch orders. (Not to mention the staff lunch and coffee orders)*

## 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 74 books so far.** Congratulations to Soren P 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 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** Issue 3 orders due by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**FRUIT TREE DRIVE** Orders due by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**2027 PREP ENROLMENT** Enrolments due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**2026 PARENT PAYMENTS** Term 2 payment is now due.

## **MESSAGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAY WELL THIS WINTER**

[Influenza \(flu\)](#) can be serious, especially for children. Choose to protect yourself and your loved ones with an [annual flu vaccine](#). The earlier you and your family get vaccinated, the better your protection heading into winter.

#### ***Keeping our school community well***

We encourage parents and carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or [Nurse-on-Call](#) as needed
- stay up to date with your flu vaccinations.

#### ***Flu vaccinations***

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu, especially babies and toddlers. They can get a [free vaccination](#) as part of the National Immunisation Program. You can book a flu vaccine through your GP or pharmacy, or [find a flu vaccine near you](#).

#### ***RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies***

[RSV \(respiratory syncytial virus\)](#) is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illness like [bronchiolitis](#). The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Wednesday 30 September 2026. You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

#### ***Find out more***

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP, pharmacist or midwife
- the Better Health Channel – [Don't risk the flu](#) campaign, including information about flu and other vaccines. This information is available in different languages
- the Better Health Channel – [RSV vaccine for mothers and infants](#)
- the Raising Children Network – [influenza](#), [COVID-19](#), [bronchiolitis](#) and [helping your child prepare for vaccination](#).

### **FREE SWIM TEACHER TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

The department of education is providing free swim teacher training for interested parents and carers from our school.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming with your local school, or Australia wide. There are several things you will need to register for the training, including a current Working with Children Check. Please check the requirements when registering.



There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

# **PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)**

## **FRUIT TREE DRIVE**

Last week students brought 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 12<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks for your support.

## Chappy's Corner

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** Autumn is my favourite time of year, with the changing of leaves into bright and beautiful colours and the sunny days with cool nights. This week's family challenge is to go and collect as many different coloured leaves that are around in your area or even in an area that has lots of deciduous trees. It's just lovely to go outside, be calm and enjoy the beauty of the light on the colours of the trees. A calming activity for the family to enjoy.

**QUOTE:** When in doubt look intelligent.

**RIDDLE:** Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth? A: A gummy bear.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATE!**

Hi Families,

What is Breakfast Club?

Here at Axedale Primary our Breakfast Club enables all students at school to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that school offer.

Every Tuesday 8.15 - 9.00am we serve a range of cereal, fruit and toast for breakfast. Looking ahead this term, we're excited to mix things up on the menu, with occasional treats like spaghetti jaffles and banana smoothies joining our usual offerings.

If you would like to volunteer the only requirement is to have a Volunteer Working with Children's Check. We would love to have you volunteer and be part helping our students start of the day in a healthy way.

Ali Gillett

Chaplain





### MOTHER'S & SPECIAL WOMEN'S DAY

## HIGH TEA

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
AXEDALE TOWN HALL  
10AM TO 11:30AM

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE AMAZING MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTIES, AND SPECIAL WOMEN OF OUR AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE!

RSVP ON ATTACHED SLIP BY  
THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## **Breakfast Club Roster - TERM 2 2026**

Date	Helper	Helper
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



## Grade 5 & 6 NEWS

### READING AND WRITING

**OREO**  
Persuasive Writing

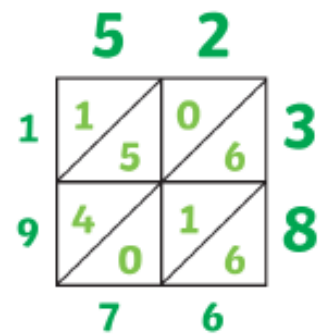
- O** **Opinion**  
State your opinion clearly.
- R** **Reason**  
Back up your opinion with a reason.
- E** **Evidence**  
Give evidence or facts to support your opinion.
- O** **Opinion**  
Restate your opinion.

Students have been focusing on persuasive reading and writing. They have been exploring mentor texts to identify how authors use persuasive techniques such as strong opinions, emotive language, and supporting reasons. Students are learning to analyse these strategies and discuss their effectiveness. They are also using the OREO paragraph structure (Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion restated) to help organise their ideas. Students are applying these techniques in their own writing to create convincing arguments and clearly express their point of view.

### NUMERACY

x	50	2
30	1500	60
8	400	16

Students have been developing their understanding of multiplication by exploring a range of strategies, including the lattice method, area model, and standard algorithm. They are learning to choose efficient approaches to solve larger problems and explain their thinking. A strong focus has also been placed on recalling multiplication fast facts, helping students build fluency and confidence when working with numbers.



### ANZAC DAY

Students learnt about the important role animals played during World War I. We explored how horses, dogs, pigeons and even donkeys supported soldiers by carrying supplies, delivering messages and providing comfort in difficult conditions. As part of this learning, students completed a small research project and were introduced to the Purple Poppy, which recognises and honours the animals that served and sacrificed during times of war. This learning helped students reflect on bravery, teamwork and the often-overlooked contributions of animals in history.



### INTEGRATED UNIT

As part of our integrated unit, students will be learning about the continents of Europe and North America. They will undertake a research project to explore countries, landmarks, cultures and geographical features, and will then present their findings to the class. This learning will help students build their research skills, deepen their understanding of the world, and develop confidence when sharing information with others.



**COMMUNITY**



# AXEDALE KINDER OPEN DAY

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY  
9AM - 11.30AM**



# 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](http://www.madcow.org.au)

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

*Mothers  
day* Event

*Friday  
08.05.2026  
4.30pm*

AXEDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN  
80 MCIVOR HWY AXEDALE

*\$95pp*

Or book for 2 or more \$90pp



*Let's celebrate  
together!*





## SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

**FREE WORKSHOP**  
**FOR SPORTS COACHES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO**

Monday 11th May, 6pm-8.30pm  
 @ Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

or

Sunday 21st June, 2pm-4.30pm  
 @ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

or

Wednesday 8th July, 6pm-8.30pm  
 @ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

Light refreshments provided



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

This FREE workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children. This interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or [joc@sportsfocus.com.au](mailto:joc@sportsfocus.com.au)



## 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.



[bchs.com.au](http://bchs.com.au)



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.

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## AXEDALE AUSKICK CENTRE

FRIDAY | 4PM - 5PM

STARTING 1ST MAY | AXEDALE PRIMARY OVAL

Auskick Coordinator | Brenton Pattison



REGISTER NOW

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

## 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](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops)



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