

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

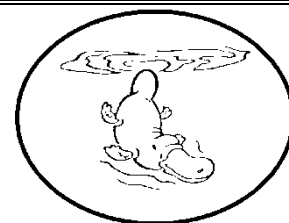
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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### ***Important dates:***

May	7 <sup>th</sup> Year 6-7 Applications due 7 <sup>th</sup> Book Club orders due 8 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Athletics Sports 15 <sup>th</sup> Do It For Dolly Day	May	18 <sup>th</sup> Grandparent's & Special Person's Open Morning 19 <sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day
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### **MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGES FROM OUR PREP STUDENTS**

We wish all Mums, Grandmothers and Special Friends a wonderful Mother's Day. Hopefully, our students will help to make the day special! Some thoughts from our Preps – the thing I love most about my Mum is.....

Archie – I love my Mum because she gives me tickles.

Ted - I love my Mum because she gives me big cuddles.

Audrey – I love my Mum because I read stories to her.

Josie – I love my Mum because gives me toys at the op shop.

Weston – I love my Mum because she takes me to places.

Colt – I love my Mum because she always gives me special treats after school.

Joshua – I love my Mum because she gives the best cuddles.

Ellie – I love my Mum because she goes to the op shop with me.

Charlotte H – I love my Mum because she plays with me.

Billie – I love my Mum because she bounces on the trampoline with me.

Jax – I love my Mum because she makes a very good lunch.

Remy – I love my Mum because she buys me things.

Everly – I love my Mum because she lets me get ice cream after school.

Chloe – I love my Mum because she helps me with everything.

Charlie – I love my Mum because she gives the biggest cuddles.

Tate – I love my Mum because she kicks the footy with me.

Brodie – I love my Mum because she tickles me so much.

Sadie – I love my Mum because takes me to the pool

Charlotte T– I love my Mum because she takes me to feed the chickens.

Kaylan - I love my Mum because she cooks me my favourite food.



On behalf of students and staff, we hope all our mums, nans, grandmothers and special friends have a wonderful day on Sunday, surrounded by lots of love and laughter!



## SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

### **Grade Prep**

**Chloe O** – For making good choices and working well with her classmates to help our classroom run smoothly.

### **Grade 1/2**

**Marlie** – For demonstrating co-operation during maths lessons. You were able to work well with your partner and showed encouragement towards them. Well done on including others.

### **Grade 2/3**

**Estelle** – For consistently demonstrating excellent cooperation at school. She is always looking for ways to help her peers and support her teachers, showing kindness and teamwork in everything, she does. Well done on being such a caring and cooperative student!

### **Grade 3/4**

**Duncan** – For showing cooperation in the classroom by assisting others. Duncan has been helping the organisation of the classroom by tidying up and showing initiative.

### **Grade 5/6**

**Stevie** – For showing the school value of cooperation by always being willing to help others and support her peers and teachers with kindness and positivity.



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### **Grade Prep**

**Tate** – For settling in well to school life and learning all of our classroom routines.

### **Grade 1/2**

**Lawson** – For always trying your best when completing classroom tasks. You are able to concentrate on the task at hand and give it your best effort each and every time.

### **Grade 2/3**

**Jax D**– For having a fantastic week at school. He has approached every activity with a big smile and given 100% effort to all of his tasks. It has been wonderful to see him asking for help when needed and showing a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done on such a positive and successful week!

### **Grade 3/4**

**Xavier** – For showing determination in his efforts to improve his fitness. Xavier is training strongly for the Cross Country event by running laps of the oval to the best of his ability.

### **Grade 5/6**

**Eli** – For working hard during the writing sessions to strengthen his persuasive writing. He effectively used rhetorical questions, the rule of three, and high-modality language to argue the benefits of team sports.



## 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

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.





### **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 refer to the parent / carer information sheet sent home with students last week and contact the office if you would 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 today, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY**

Tomorrow we are holding 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 continue to monitor weather forecasts, with a current forecast of 16°. Students will need to dress appropriately for the cooler day. If weather conditions look like impacting on the day we will inform families via text as soon as decisions are made.

Students are asked to pack a full lunch, including additional snacks. While the canteen will be available for adults, we ask that students have their home packed lunches and snacks throughout the day. If purchasing snacks for students, we ask that these are held by adults until the end of the day.

### **MOTHER'S & SPECIAL WOMEN'S HIGH TEA**

The Mother's and Special Women's High Tea was a wonderfully well-attended event, filled with warmth and community spirit. Families and other special guests gathered at the Axedale Hall to celebrate, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere that was enjoyed by all.

Guests were treated to a delicious spread of food generously provided by Rise and Grind, which was thoroughly appreciated. A highlight of the event was the student choir, who delighted the audience with two beautiful songs, adding a special touch to the celebration.

The students also enjoyed a tasty biscuit along with a fruit box, with the biscuits kindly made by Ellyse Sawatijw. A sincere thank you goes to our volunteers, Glenice Rayner and Laura Blyth, whose support helped make the event run smoothly. It was a fantastic morning, enjoyed by over 200 participants, with a great atmosphere, bringing our school community together to celebrate in a meaningful way. Thank you also to Fosterville Gold Mine for their support with our Wellbeing Program.



## MELBOURNE SCHOOL'S ANZAC SERVICE

On Tuesday our student leaders and Ms Bingham attended the School's ANZAC Service in Melbourne, laying a wreath on behalf of our school community. With over 1000 students and adults in attendance, it was a fantastic experience for our young leaders. Thank you to Bendigo Legacy who provided transportation.



## 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.

## GRATITUDE CALL OUT

*This week I would like to give a gratitude call out our student leaders who represented Axedale PS at the School's ANZAC Service in Melbourne.*

*I'd also like to give a call out to all students for showing our values on Tuesday when participating in the High Tea. We had over 210 people participate. A massive effort on behalf of students and staff!*

## 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 84 books so far.** 2 students have completed the challenge already.

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!



## **PASSPORT CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to grade 3/4 and Mr C, who reached their goal of collection 20 Golden Platypus stickers on their class chart. Students chose to celebrate their achievement with a whole class out of uniform day. I wonder which grade will be the next to reach their goal.



Corrina Hartland  
Principal

## **FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL**

**2027 YEAR 6-7** Applications due today Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** Issue 3 orders due today 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.

## **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.

## **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](#).

# Chappy's Corner



**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** This week's challenge is to do a random act of kindness for your Mum/Aunty/Nan/Special woman in your life! I used to love it when I would come home and the whole kitchen living area was beautifully cleaned and tidied (thanks to my daughter). You may want to make them a cup of tea, do the dishes, give them a head massage or take out the rubbish (without being asked) (they are just a few ideas). Sometimes all it takes to make someone happy, is that you do something kind for them. A great way to celebrate someone special in your life!

**QUOTE:** In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND 😊

**RIDDLE:** When the water comes down, I go up. What am I?



## **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



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

Date	Helper	Helper
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

**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)




## COME & TRY

### UNDER 10 GIRLS COMPETITION

The Bendigo Junior Football League are looking at creating an Under 10 Girls Competition in 2026

Gather some friends and join in some activities at Mercy Junortown Sporting Precinct Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4:15pm



*Girls born in 2016, 2017, 2018 or prior to 30 April 2019*

## 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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