

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

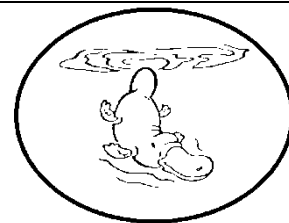
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NEWSLETTER No. 13 MAY 8th 2025

Important dates:

May	8 th Yr 7 2026 applications due 9 th Whole School Athletics Sports Day 12 th Grandparents & Special Person's Open Morning	May	12 th Scholastic Book Club orders due 12 th Finance Meeting 15 th 9.30am – 2026 Prep Parent Information Session
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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.....

Mabel – I love my Mum because she takes me to KFC.

Japleen – I love my Mum because she takes care of me when I am sick.

Levi D – I love my Mum because she gives me pyjamas at night.

Iylah – I love when my Mum plays with me.

Miles – I love my Mum because she plays with me when Dad isn't home.

Ivy – I love my Mum because we have a girls day and do stuff together.

Amelia- I love my Mum because we draw things together.

Louis – I love my Mum because she takes me for bush walks.

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

Ethan – I love playing with my Mum when Dad is at work.

Hamish – I love my Mum because she gives me cuddles.

Levi F – I love my Mum because she buys me a new bike when I need one.

Lyla – I love my Mum because she lets me sleep with LED lights on.

Dash – I love my Mum because she looks after me when I am sad.

Angus – I love my Mum because she takes me out for dinner.



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!

ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY

Tomorrow, Friday the 8th of May, we are holding our Athletics Day at the Bendigo Athletics Facility, Retreat Road in Flora Hill.

We ask parents and carers to arrange their child/ren's transport to and from the athletics venue. Staff will attend the oval from 8.30 am.

Students are asked to assemble at 9.15am ready for sports to commence at 10.00am. Our athletics day concludes at approximately 2.30 pm.

We ask parents and carers to please be there by 2.30pm to pick up your child.

Students will need a packed lunch and their own drink (water) bottle. Please make sure all items are labelled, especially clothing. Appropriate shoes are required.

The canteen will be available for parents to purchase food for themselves but students are unable to purchase food for themselves. If parents buy their children food from the canteen, please do so after the events have finished, not during the day.

HIGH TEA

Thank you to all who were able to attend the High Tea on Tuesday. Students certainly enjoyed visiting the hall to see their mums, nans, and special visitors. A massive thank you to Ali for organising the event and to Emma and Laura who helped Ali set up on Monday and worked tirelessly on Tuesday.



GRATITUDE CALL OUT

We are fortunate to have a community which supports us in so many ways. I'd like to acknowledge the support provided by Ben and Melanie Harris and their staff at Central Vic Welding and Fabrication, who supported APS with the safe removal of the tree in the middle of the deck, with the stump now carved into the platypus and goanna. More recently, Ben and Melanie responded to a call to help repair an old air conditioner protective cage.

Thank you also to the staff at Rise & Grind who make our lunch order system work so smoothly. Rise & Grind also donate a weekly milk shake voucher to our grade 6 shop monitors.

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Last Thursday our grade 5/6 students attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Bendigo. Students participated in several sessions aimed at developing leadership skills and strategies to use when working with others.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: NET SET GO & AUSKICK

It is great to see so many participants at the Net Set Go and Auskick sessions held after school. It is important for parents / carers to remember that students MUST be supervised between school finishing and the sessions begin. Students can not stay on site without full supervision.

TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 IN 2026

Last week Year 6 students received their Secondary School Transition Pack. This pack contains information and an application form for your child's transition to Year 7 in 2026. **All application forms must be returned to Axedale PS by TODAY Thursday 8th May.**

EDUCATION WEEK

2026 PREP PARENT INFORMATION & GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSON'S MORNING

* Please note: the Education Department has recently changed the previously advertised dates for Education Week. *

Due to plans already in place for Education Week and information recently distributed, APS will celebrate Education Week on the original dates, which are next Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May. This year's theme, 'Celebration of Cultures', highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school. We are planning various celebrations across the week.

On Monday 12th 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 11.00 onwards.

On Thursday 15th May at 9.30am, a **2026 Prep Parent Information** session will be held along with a guided tour of the school.

Enrolments for 2026 Prep are due by Friday 25th July 2025.

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have new discontinued uniform items for sale \$5 each, including Rugby jumpers, Bomber Jackets, Windcheaters, skorts, bootleg pants (cotton & fleece lined). Limited sizes available. Contact the office.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to those students who have been reading and adding their books on the Premiers' Reading Challenge website. **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 120 books so far.**

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5th September 2025.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

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

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2026 YEAR 7 APPLICATION Form to be returned by today, Thursday 8th May.

2026 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 25th July.

2025 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 2 payment is now due.



Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

The *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships* curriculum teaches positive relationship skills to students in primary and secondary schools. Promoting social and emotional skills and positive gender norms directly impacts students' physical and mental health, student-teacher relationships and classroom behaviour. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence.

Taking a whole-school approach is about embedding a culture of respect and gender equality throughout the entire school community. In Term 2, students in all classrooms across Axedale Primary School will be focussing on 'Positive Coping' and 'Problem Solving'. Below is a brief summary of each topic.

TOPIC 3: POSITIVE COPING

Students develop language around coping, reflect on their own coping strategies and extend their repertoire of positive coping strategies.

TOPIC 4: PROBLEM-SOLVING

Students learn a range of problem-solving techniques to apply when confronting personal, social and ethical dilemmas. They engage in scenario-based learning tasks to practise their problem-solving skills in relevant situations.

For further information on each topic, please click on the link below:

[Respectful Relationships: A Resource Kit for Victorian Schools | Resource | Arc](#)

Primary Sessions

DIGITAL WELLBEING

On the 19th May students will participate in sessions run by Cyber Safety Project Teachers, focused on Digital Wellbeing, covering the topics listed below. As part of these sessions we will be focusing on this topic in DigiTech sessions leading up to this day. Please feel free to access the website at the bottom of this page or contact me if you have any questions about these sessions.

- Ben Fiegert

FOUNDATION - YEAR 2

S.T.A.R.T. TO TAKE CONTROL

Our early years students will establish strategies to create a healthy digital balance.

Students will:

- Explore what their bodies and minds need to live a healthy lifestyle
- Be empowered to find ways to switch off
- Discover daily activities that promote movement and 'green time'
- Know the importance of resting their minds
- Learn to S.T.A.R.T. to take control and apply digital wellbeing practices.

YEAR 3 & 4

DIGITAL RESILIENCE: BUILDING STRENGTH & EMPATHY

Our middle years students will explore ways to self manage their screen time.

Students will:

- Tune into what is drawing them back to technology
- Identify techniques app and game developers use to capture and sustain their attention
- Know how to activate settings in their online profiles to help them take control of their technology use
- Recognise the important differences between banter and bullying
- Know the steps they can take to seek help and manage difficult situations online.



YEAR 5 & 6

RISE UP: SHOWING RESPONSIBILITY & INTEGRITY

Our upper years students will learn to navigate online social pressures.

Students will:

- Discover ways they can be responsible digital citizens.
- Learn how to keep themselves safe online through activating simple profile settings.
- Understand the need to show integrity online and have the strength to manage peer pressure.
- Be encouraged to use empathy to help others feel included online.
- Establish proactive strategies to seek help if things go wrong online.

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Chappy's Corner



Family Challenge: Teach your kids about giving, and have them bake something, or pick flowers to give to a neighbour. It's a great way to get to know the people who live near you, but also teach generosity too.



Quote: "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." Oprah Winfrey

Riddle: What has one head, one foot and four legs?

BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

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.

Breakfast Club Roster **TERM 2 2025**

Tuesday 13 May	Laraine Leask	Ali
Tuesday 20 May	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 27 May	Ellyse Sawatijw	Ali
Tuesday 3 June	Melissa Di Donato	Ali
Tuesday 10 June	Laraine Leask	Ali
Tuesday 17 June	Marie Haug	Ali
Tuesday 24 June	Ellyse Sawatijw	Ali
Tuesday 1 July	Angela Dodd	Ali

BAND SPONSORSHIP

The school band shirt design is finished and we're now looking for new sponsors for the band! After amazing support from Palmer's Gym over the years, we're looking for new sponsors to jump on board the music band wagon.

Included in your sponsorship package is your business logo on our shirt, regular advertising in our newsletter and your business mentioned during all band performances! Packages start at \$100 right up to \$400 (depending on what you're after or how generous you feel!).

Thank you to our first 2025 sponsor – Baluk Wellbeing.

Contact Mr Marsh on kaine.marsh@education.vic.gov.au for more details.

Keep singin', strummin', and swingin' those hips!!

Kaine Marsh

COMMUNITY



Every Day,
In Every Moment,
Every Child Matters

Open Day

Tuesday 13th May 2025
9:00 am to 11:30 am

This is a great opportunity to make an informed decision about your child's 2026 3YO or 4YO kindergarten enrolment.

For a full list of our Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres visit www.shinebright.org.au



BALUK WELLBEING

COUNSELLING

Counselling with Kristie Witt – Counsellor
Supporting your emotional, cultural, and mental wellbeing

Struggling with stress, relationships, identity, or parenting? I offer a safe and understanding space for:

- Anxiety, depression, grief & trauma
- ASD, ADHD & neurodivergence
- Women's wellbeing
- Parenting & family support
- Cultural identity and connection
- NDIS clients welcome

(self-managed & plan-managed)

Get in touch:

Ph. 0492 913 105

E. balukwellbeing@outlook.com

www.balukwellbeing.com



Sessions available:

Telehealth
(Australia-wide)

Face-to-face
in Bendigo



MAD RIDE⁴

Townsville to Katherine 2025

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser | \$15pp
14th June | 7pm start
Bendigo Baptist Church

For more info visit
www.madcow.org.au



FUNDRAISER FOR MADRIDE 4

MAD RIDE⁴
Townsville to Katherine 2025

BUSH DANCE

Fundraiser | \$20pp
| \$60 per family
10th May 2025 | 7pm
Strathdale
Community Centre
155 Crook Street



Light Supper provided,
and canteen available to
purchase snacks & drinks

A great night of
participation and fun to
raise awareness and funds
for Madride 4.



COME AND TRY

JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 7-18

FIRST TWO NIGHTS ARE FREE

SESSION TIMES WEDNESDAYS

SESSION 1: 7-10YRS 6:10PM TO 7:00PM

SESSION 2: 11-14YRS 7:10PM TO 8:00PM

SESSION 3: 15-18YRS 8:10PM TO 9:00PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

FRIDAYS

JUNIOR COMPETITION
6:45-8:30PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY



TEXT 0478 435 301 TO
ENQUIRE TODAY



KANGAROO FLAT FAMILY FUN DAY



FREE
ENTRY

SUNDAY
MAY 18, 2025

12PM
TO 3PM

INDIGENOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ▽ AIRBRUSH TATTOOS
ANIMAL FARM ▽ ART AND CRAFT ▽ JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTING ▽ BUBBLE ENTERTAINMENT ▽ GIVEAWAYS
ROVING CHARACTERS ▽ SPORTING ACTIVITIES
FREE FRESH FRUIT ▽ BBQ SAUSAGES, VEGGIE BURGERS,
HOT DOGS, CHICKEN STICKS AND DRINKS - ALL \$2 EACH

This is a smoke and vape free event and child safe event.

KANGAROO FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
60 OLYMPIC PARADE, KANGAROO FLAT



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Bendigo

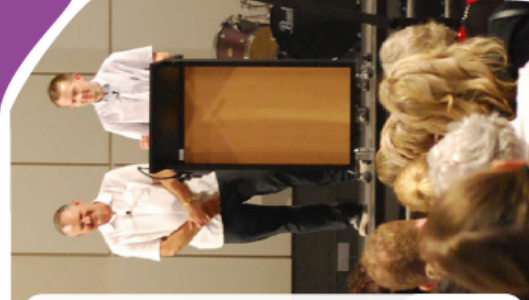
Thurs 29 May 2025, choice of 11am OR 6:30pm sessions
(3 hr seminar incl question time, doors open 10:30am & 6pm)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

Featuring Exhibitors click logos to find out more



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad



Leash Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



ABN: 11 945 440 100

Venue

The Bendigo Club – Naismith Room
22 Park St, Strathdale VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers:
\$35.50*

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.):
\$85.50*

trybooking.com/CZGNS (or scan QR code)

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Home Energy Empowerment Program

Learn how to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of your home, plan for the long term and save on your energy bills!



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Date	Event	Presented by
May TBC	Energy efficiency planning sessions – get advice to help you plan changes to suit your budget and house context	Lucinda Flynn and City of Greater Bendigo
Monday May 19	1. Energy efficiency for renters	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday June 2	2. A masterclass on draught proofing	Maurice Beinat, Ecomaster
Tuesday June 17	3. Efficient heating and cooling	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday July 7	4. Insulate for a truly comfortable home	Maurice Beinat, Ecomaster
Tuesday July 22	5. Intro to hot water heat pumps	Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop
Monday August 4	6. Maximising solar savings	Frank Forster, Newstead Enviroshop
Tuesday August 19	7. Windows and blinds for comfort and efficiency	Lucinda Flynn, Going Green Solutions
Monday September 1	8. Electric vehicles/bikes and novated leasing	Thijs - Sparque, Rohan - NALSPA
July and September	Sustainable house days	Bendigo Sustainability Group
Various	Review your energy bills drop-in sessions	City of Greater Bendigo
October	Hear from locals who have retrofitted, renovated or designed with energy in mind	Bendigo Sustainability Group
October	Celebrate and Q&A morning tea	You and your neighbours

*Register to attend live and ask questions, or receive the recording to watch later. Online sessions will be screened at the Bendigo library. Sign up links will be shared on the Environment Matters newsletter and City of Greater Bendigo Humanix page soon.

