

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

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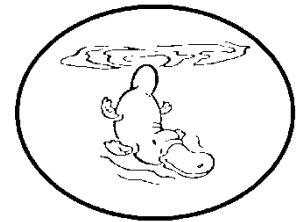
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

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### Important dates:

May	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Do It For Dolly Day</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Grandparent's & Special Person's Open Morning	May	<b>19<sup>th</sup> CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> 2027 Prep Information Session 22 <sup>nd</sup> Gr 3-6 District Cross Country
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### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

#### Grade Prep

**Weston** - For demonstrating the school value of co-operation by working well with his classmates when completing activities in pairs.

#### Grade 1/2

**Ethan** – For demonstrating the value of Co-operation by sharing your monster trucks with others at playtime. You are happy to include others in your game as well as letting each person select the car they want to play with. Well done on including others.

#### Grade 2/3

**Alfreida** – For consistently showing cooperation both in and outside of the classroom. Freida is a wonderful class member who is always looking for ways to help and support others.

#### Grade 3/4

**Louis J** – For showing COOPERATION in and out of the classroom by including others. Louis is demonstrating greater maturity by sharing equipment and making others feel included out in the yard. Well done.

#### Grade 5/6

**Chelsea K** – 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

**Remy H** – For taking his time to complete his work to his personal best and showing improvement in his cutting skills during letter craft.

#### Grade 1/2

**Jameson** – For always trying your best when completing phonics tasks. You are working hard to hear each sound and making good attempts when spelling words.

#### Grade 2/3

**Tilly** – For a fantastic effort in publishing her Information Report using Microsoft Word! Tilly showed persistence and dedication while typing and editing her work, which resulted in a wonderfully published piece of writing.

#### Grade 3/4

**Cooper** – For working hard at the Athletics Carnival on Friday. Cooper trained hard in the lead up to the carnival and had some wonderful results. Congratulations.

#### Grade 5/6

**Ivy T** – For working hard during writing sessions to strengthen her persuasive writing. She effectively used devices such as rhetorical questions to argue the benefits of digital learning. She confidently read her work to the class, using strong expression and an engaging voice.



## HOUSE AWARD

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

## GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 3/4 and Mr C for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

## NIGHTS OF READING

It was fantastic to present 50 and 75 night reading certificates this week. Congratulations to Adele who was presented with her 100 Nights of Reading Certificate.

## 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.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY

Our annual Athletic Sports Day was held last Friday in Bendigo. It was great to see so many students involved and showing our school values of respect, personal best, resilience and co-operation. Congratulations to Eppalock PS for winning the shield this year. Congratulations to Archie, Ivy, Amelie and Jarni for scoring 18 or more points on Friday.



## 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 tomorrow as we were involved in our Athletic Sports Day on the national day last Friday. Tomorrow 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

Next week we are celebrating Education Week. 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.

## **DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Next Friday students in grades 3-6 will travel into Bendigo to participate in the District Cross Country. Students in the 8-10 year old groups will leave school at 9am and return by 1pm. Students in the 11 – 12+ year old groups leave school at 12pm and return around 3.15pm. Please see Compass for details and to provide permission / payment.

## **GRATITUDE CALL OUT**

*This week I would like to give a gratitude call out to our PVF members who organised and ran the Mother's Day Stall, not only for our students but for the Kinder children who visited on Wednesday and Thursday. I'd also like to give a gratitude call out to our parent / carer helpers and supporters for their participation in the annual Athletics Day. Without parent / carer support, we would not be able to run the day.*

## **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 94 books so far.** 2 students have already 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**

**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**

Our annual fruit tree drive order forms have been sent home and are available from the office. 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.



**AGNICO EAGLE**  
FOSTERVILLE

# Chappy's Corner

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** This week's family challenge is to play a game of sport in the back garden or playground. I remember having a big game of footy with our extended family. It was lots of fun! You may want to play cricket, running races, table tennis or soccer. Any game for half hour out together is fun and will get you enjoying exercising together. Remember to play by the rules and have fun.



**QUOTE:** Sports not only build better athletes but also better people.

**RIDDLE:** Nobody empties me, but I never stay full for long. 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 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 2/3 News

### Information Reports



In Reading and Writing, students have been learning about non-fiction texts and how to write effective Information Reports. They have worked hard researching and writing reports about Kangaroos and Koalas, focusing on organising facts, using headings, and presenting clear information.

### Inquiry



We have been learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Peoples of Australia, and their rich cultures and deep connection to Country. We explored how storytelling is used to pass on knowledge and traditions through generations. We enjoyed learning about the Rainbow Serpent and its importance in explaining the creation of the land and teaching respect for nature.

### Athletics Sports



Over the past few weeks, students have been developing their athletics skills during PE lessons. Last Friday, we enjoyed competing against Eppalock Primary School at the Lar Birpa Athletics Track. Students participated in a variety of track and field events with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see everyone striving to achieve their personal best while enjoying the excitement of the competition.

### Angles & Length



We created "Right Angled Monsters" in maths and used them to help us identify other right angles around our classroom. We looked for right angles in objects such as tables, books, windows, doors, and whiteboards. The monsters helped us remember that a right angle is a square corner.

**COMMUNITY**



# AXEDALE KINDER OPEN DAY

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



## 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 Junortoun Sporting Precinct  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4:15pm



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

# 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)