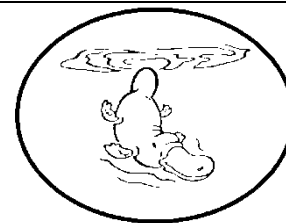


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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

NEWSLETTER No. 17 JUNE 5th 2025

Important dates:

Jun	6th Gr 3-6 Sovereign Hill Camp Note due 9th King's Birthday Public Holiday 11th Soccer Exc (Selected students) 12th Scholastic Book Club orders due	Jun	16th Finance Meeting 17th MARC Van 20th Valley Trees Nursery orders due
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I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Kate Ballantyne for her leadership and the work undertaken whilst I was on leave and attending the Statewide Principal's Conference in Melbourne.

Teachers have commenced their classroom assessments ready for our midyear report to families, from discussions with staff it has been pleasing to hear of student gains made during semester one. Well done to both students and teachers!

Great to see some of our students receiving '100 reading nights' certificates at assembly. Reading every day, for each of our students, is an important activity in developing a range of skills. Happy reading.

Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Dash – For demonstrating the school value of resilience by settling back into class showing a positive attitude after time away from school.

Grade 1/2

Trae – For showing resilience when completing his assessment tasks last week. Keep up the great attitude Trae!

Grade 2/3

Louis J – For consistently displaying our school value of Resilience in the classroom. Louis always tries his best at all tasks and when set a challenge in his learning he works hard to find a solution. Well done, Louis.

Grade 3/4

Evie – For demonstrating the value of RESILIENCE by always bouncing back in a positive manner. Evie has worked hard to gain a better understanding of division in maths with some pleasing results. Well done Evie!

Grade 5/6

Charlee – For showing resilience in all areas of her learning. She faces every challenge with determination, courage and always gives her best effort.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Japleen – For doing her personal best in all of her assessment tasks.

Grade 1/2

Lucy – For always giving all her schoolwork her personal best and persisting when she finds work challenging.

Grade 2/3

Amelie – For working hard in maths to develop different strategies to help her solve problems and find solutions to challenges that are set for her.



Grade 3/4

Sunny – For her dedication to learn new maths concepts. Sunny listens attentively and practices hard to achieve excellent results in Essential assessments. Congratulations on a great Measurement score Sunny!

Grade 5/6

Ellie – For her focus when drafting her persuasive piece about pet ownership. She has used the graphic organiser to plan her writing, developing three strong arguments and include supportive evidence, in an attempt to persuade her reader.



GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

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

HOUSE AWARD

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

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to these students for receiving their certificates for 25, 50, 75 and 100 nights of reading. It is fantastic to see so many students reading and recording the books they read.



STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received a certificate for achieving the goal of 25 celebration stickers in their Student Passport.

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 beginning. *Students cannot stay on site without full supervision.*

2026 ENROLMENT

We have held our 2026 Prep Parent Information session. If you were unable to attend the session but would like a guided tour of the school and have questions to ask, please don't hesitate to contact the office. **Enrolments for 2026 Prep are due by Friday 25th July 2025.**

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.



GRADITUDE CALL OUT

I would like to give a massive thank you to the Axedale Events Committee, our school community and the wider Axedale community. Last night I had the privilege of attending a beneficiary's presentation, where I was presented with a certificate announcing that we are the recipients of a \$10 000 donation. The Axedale Events Committee plan and run the catering for Fosterville Gold Mine Open Day and the Axedale Quick Shear. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support provided by the committee and look forward to sharing with you how this donation is used.

I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who assisted with making the Quick Shear event a success. Donations of goods, time and attending the event,, along with selling raffle tickets, all contributes to the success.



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.

THE SMILE SQUAD FREE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.



How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code:

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

GRADES 3-6 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

Thank you to families who have responded to the Grades 3-6 camp notice distributed recently. Numbers need to be confirmed in the coming week. If you haven't responded, we ask that you do so by tomorrow afternoon. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions regarding the camp.

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 reading checklist make sure you bring the sheet into the office and Mrs Baldwin can enter them for you. Students have read 147 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>



Corrina Hartland
Principal

Every day counts!

Did you know your child's best learning time is at the start of the school day?

My child is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes a day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour a day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

GRADES 3-6 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP Please return camp confirmation note by tomorrow, Friday 6th June

2026 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 25th July.

2025 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 2 payment is now due.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Axedale Primary School has raised \$315.00 for the Heart Foundation!

We now have 12 students registered online, this is a great start to their fundraising.

Yet to register your child, it's not too late: www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students have also been given a cash sponsorship form to collect any cash money.

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.



This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons and during breaks. You can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on Friday 4th July, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

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 Sound Strategies and APL Concreting for their sponsorship of our band program.

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

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

Kaine Marsh



WEALTH SOLUTIONS

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – GRADE 5/6



We're Kicking Goals in 2025

Grade 5 & 6 NEWS



This term the Grade 5 and 6 students have been completing a unit of work on Asia. They studied the cultural and geographical diversity of Asia, focusing on daily life, traditions and customs. Students completed an independent research project on a chosen Asian country and presented their information to the class. Student also brought along a Wow Factor to complement their presentation.



WOW FACTORS

We enjoyed Banana Kick from South Korea, Bubble Tea from Taiwan, Lomka dough balls from Qatar, dragonfruit, Indian treats, Turkish Delight, and we even had a Panda handing out Dim Sims. Students made Japanese, Pakistani and Filipino artworks, Hong Kong street art and a model of the Blue Mosque. We smelt Sri Lankan spices, touched money from Vietnam and looked at iron ore, coal, gold and oil.

What a treat!!





Special THANK YOU!

Thank you to our families for your help with our presentations. We greatly appreciate your support.

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to all the Grade 5 and 6 students for their very professional presentations. They all spoke very confidently about their chosen country in front of their peers.



Chappy's Corner



FOSTERVILLE
GOLD MINE

Family Challenge: Have you ever read a novel together? I remember reading the Narnia series to my kids. It was a great thing to do. If you don't like reading maybe think of listening to an audiobook together. A couple of recommendations are The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis or The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. These are classics that spark great imagination!



Quote: "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start to have positive results." Willie Nelson

Riddle: What building has the most stories?

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 10 June	Laraine Leask	Ali
Tuesday 17 June	Marie Haug	Ali
Tuesday 24 June	Ellyse Sawatijw	Ali
Tuesday 1 July	Angela Dodd	Ali

COMMUNITY

DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

2-Hour DV-aware Workshop



“
I appreciate the direct
approach you took, and
how we as professionals
can support survivors
of domestic and family
violence.”

— Past participant

Date:

Thursday, 12 June 2025

Time:

5:30 - 7:30pm

Location:

Axedale Primary School, High Street, Axedale

Click [here](#) to sign up

Free for members of the public and community to attend, this workshop offers a deeper understanding of the complexities of domestic and family violence. Attendees will learn about the impact of family violence and how to Recognise the signs, Respond safely and Refer effectively.

MAD RIDE 4
Townsville to Katherine 2025
TRIVIA NIGHT

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

For more info visit
www.madcow.org.au

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WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

Book now at theircare.com.au
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Activities include: Pass the Popcorn, PopArt Ninja Ted, Ultimate Ninja Quest, Superhero Showdown.

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ

<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



Strathfieldsaye PS TheirCare

Times 6:30am - 6:30pm

Location 9 Unbridge St, Strathfieldsaye VIC 3561

Call 0461 267 714



*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via myGov

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 JUL Superhero Showdown Calling all heroes and villains - adventure awaits! Get ready for an action-packed day of super fun! Create your own Superhero Mask, Paper Bag Superhero Puppets and a DIY Superhero Hideout! With the city in danger, can you defeat the villain and rescue the superheroes in our Superhero Escape Room challenge? From as low as \$5.70* Full fee \$57.00**	8 JUL Pass the Popcorn From the studio that brought you Inside Out 2, Disney and Pixar's 'Elio' is about an alien-obsessed boy who finds himself on a cosmic misadventure where he must form new bonds with eccentric alien lifeforms, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions, and somehow discover who he is truly meant to be. From as low as \$10.53* Full fee \$103.26**	9 JUL PopArt Ninja Ted Bring your own PopArt Ninja Ted to life! Using street art pens and a fabric ninja mask to transform your cuddly companion into a ninja legend, with colourful patterns and fierce style. Keep the creativity going by drawing your own Ninja, followed by some fun group games like Ninja Training and Spider Ball. From as low as \$15.00* Full fee \$150.00**	10 JUL Fun Zone Extravaganza Get ready for a jam-packed day of excitement, laughter and friendly competition! Lace up your skates and roll across the rink, and put your way to victory in a game of mini golf. It will be a day full of fun you won't want to miss! Have fun back at service playing Protect Ball's Nose. From as low as \$18.83* Full fee \$188.26**	11 JUL The Next Generation Join us for a vibrant day of fun culture and creativity as we celebrate NAIDOC Week! This year's theme, Next Generation: Strength, Vision, Legacy, celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead. Enjoy hands-on nature art, inspired Australian animal art, yarning circles, traditional Yulunga games. From as low as \$5.70* Full fee \$57.00**
14 JUL Commando Kids Get ready to become a real-life Ninja Warrior! Jump, balance and crawl through our epic obstacle course and team building games, building strength, agility and confidence along the way. Afterwards, get messy with our Fizzing Snow People Experiment, create a DIY Snowball Launcher and take part in a whacky Penguin Waddle Race! From as low as \$8.22* Full fee \$82.24**	15 JUL Winter Frosties Get ready for a frosty adventure! Today is packed with icy fun, wintry games and cool crafts. You will make Cotton Ball Snowmen, Sensory Ice Paintings and even get to take part in an Exploding Snowman Experiment! Then we complete with group games like Memory Game on the Move and Freeze Tag. From as low as \$5.70* Full fee \$57.00**	16 JUL Ultimate Ninja Quest Gear up for an action-packed adventure at the Ninja Gym! Get ready to test your ninja skills as you navigate through an array of thrilling obstacle course. Afterwards, keep the fun going with the Ninja Leader group game! Then create your very own DIY Ninja Street Ball and create some Pop up Penguins. From as low as \$10.53* Full fee \$103.26**	17 JUL Build-a-Beanie Create the coolest winter accessory! Everyone gets a fun woolly beanie, then you spend time making and attaching your very own colourful pom pom on top, a one-of-a-kind masterpiece! Continue the creativity with Finger Knitting and Frosty Que Shaved. Glass Window Craft. Then we complete in the Human Air Hockey group game. From as low as \$15.00* Full fee \$150.00**	18 JUL Pajama Party Get toasty at our Frosty Dreams PJ Party! Keep your favourite PJs on today and enjoy warm and cozy activities, from the Pajama Dice Game to a Pajama Dance Party and Mindfulness Moments! Then we get creative with Snow Fluff craft, making our very own fluffy snowmen followed by some Paper Plate Dreamcatchers. From as low as \$5.70* Full fee \$57.00**