

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

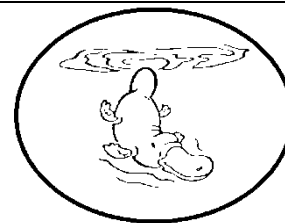
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### NEWSLETTER No. 18 JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

#### Important dates:

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| <b>Jun</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Club orders due</b><br><b>13<sup>th</sup> Soccer Exc (Selected students)</b><br><b>16<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting</b> | <b>Jun</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup> MARC Van</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Valley Trees Nursery orders due</b><br><b>25<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting 6pm</b> |
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Welcome to a short, but very busy week! I hope everyone had a fantastic long weekend and enjoyed the extra time with family and friends.

As the weather continues to change, it's become a little harder to get out of the house on these chilly mornings. I must admit it is certainly much chillier than the Noosa weather I experienced while on LSL!

We have 3 weeks of this 11 week term left. It is important to look after ourselves and those around us to ensure that everyone finishes the term on a positive note.

#### ATTENDANCE

It is great to visit classrooms daily and see students engaged in their learning. We know that being at school every day gives students the best opportunity to 'add value' to their learning and develop strong friendships. Current attendance data is extremely pleasing, with 46% of our students having an attendance rate between 95 – 100%, and a further 27% between 90 – 95%.

\* It is important to also acknowledge that unwell students are encouraged to stay at home until they are well again.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: NET SET GO & AUSKICK

It is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic students participating in the Net Set Go and Auskick sessions held after school. We'd like to remind parents and carers that, for safety reasons, students **must be supervised** between the time school finishes and the start of their sessions. Students cannot remain on school grounds without appropriate supervision.

If you have organised for your child to be supervised by other parents or friends, please ensure that you let Corrina or Katrina know. This helps us maintain the safety of all our students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our students safe!

#### 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 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 to our grade 5 and 6 students who keenly participate in the Buddy Program with our prep students. Our younger students look forward to the older students visiting their classroom to share books, complete letter craft activities and chat about the week's learning.*

### **Every day counts!**

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

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

## **STAFF LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Mr Christensen is taking Long Service Leave for the first 6 weeks of Term 3. We are pleased to announce that Ms Amanda Jane will step into the 3/4 class while Mr C is on leave. Amanda is very familiar with the students.

## **REPORTING AND PARENT TEACHER CHATS**

Staff are working through the reporting process, completing assessment tasks and writing Semester One student reports. These will be distributed via Compass on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Parent Teacher Chats for Mr Christensen and the grade 3/4 class will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Bookings for the chats can be made through Compass and open on Monday morning. Parent Teacher Chats for other classes will be held early in Term 3. Booking information will be provided early in the term.

## **LEARNING DIARIES**

**Please return student learning diaries ASAP. They are needed at school for us to put this term's work in ready to send home again in at the end of this term.**

## **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**

Today students will bring home a Smile Squad Kit consisting of toothpaste and a new toothbrush. The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school, starting their visit on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (Term 3).

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.

## **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 148 books so far.**

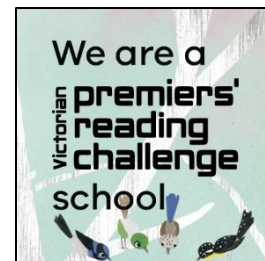
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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



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

**2026 PREP ENROLMENT** Enrolments due by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**2025 PARENT PAYMENTS** Term 2 payment is now due.

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**Axedale Primary School has raised \$383.00 for the Heart Foundation!**

We now have 20 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kaine.marsh@education.vic.gov.au) for more details.

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

**Kaine Marsh**





## FROM THE CLASSROOMS – ART

### Art News

We have been kept very busy this term, with a focus on painting and drawing techniques. Students have been learning about the amazing life of Frida Kahlo, to coincide with the current exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery entitled 'Frida Kahlo – In Her Own Image'.

Our older students created festive (fiesta) backgrounds, then used a more detailed stencil and black spray-paint to create their Frida's. Our younger students designed their own Frida's focusing on Mexican style clothing and Frida's iconic flowery hair.

We most recently have been working on Botanical drawings in cool 'explosion' books, and we about to have a go at the technique of 'Negative Painting' with our pre-prepared backgrounds from last week. Busy, busy, busy!

Ms Leed 😊



# Chappy's Corner



**Family Challenge:** A hug a day keeps the doctor away. Did you know studies show that hugging, particularly 20-second hugs, can positively impact physical and mental health. For example, hugging can help lower blood pressure, reduce stress hormones like cortisol, and boost oxytocin, which is associated with happiness and well-being. Additionally, hugging has been linked to improved sleep, reduced anxiety, and increased feelings of belonging. Your challenge is to give a family member a big hug each day.



**Quote:** We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

**Riddle:** What has a neck but no head?

## **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 17 June | Marie Haug      | Laraine Leask |
| Tuesday 24 June | Ellyse Sawatijw | Ali           |
| Tuesday 1 July  | Angela Dodd     | Ali           |



In the spirit of reconciliation, TheirCare acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



## What's been happening?

There have been some exciting changes in After School Care this Week.

We have implemented new routines that include washing our own dishes at afternoon tea to teach us life skills and promote independence (LO 1.2).

We were fortunate to have two volunteers from the SES come teach us the importance of keeping safe and being prepared (LO 2.1, 4.1).


Finally, students said their favourite activities were STEM activities (LO 4.3) including jumping rainbows and colour changing water using cabbages - who knew boiled cabbage would be so stinky!

We can't wait to keep improving the service every single week and would love to have some new faces come join us!



This week is WeCare week. We are earning stickers by being caring, respectful and helping. If we earn 100 stickers by the end of term, TheirCare will donate \$50 from our service to Bendigo Animal Welfare and Community Services!

If any families have any old towels or blankets you don't need anymore, we would be happy to take them to BAWCS to help support animals in need.

 **TIMES**  
**After School Care**  
**3:25pm - 6:00pm**

**CONTACT SERVICE**  
 **0499 556 149**  
 **axedale@theircare.com.au**

**CONTACT HEAD OFFICE**  
 **1300 072 410**  
 **info@theircare.com.au**

## COMMUNITY

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



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**MONDAY, JULY 7**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8**  
8.30am - 5.00pm

Venue:  
Tom Flood Sports Centre  
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# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

## WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

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Book now at [theircare.com.au](http://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 8:30am - 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 3551

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

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>7 JUL</b><br><b>Superhero Showdown</b><br>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?<br>From as low as \$5.70**<br>Full fee \$57.00**              | <b>8 JUL</b><br><b>Pass the Popcorn</b><br>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 alien friends, navigate a crisis of intergalactic proportions, and somehow discover who he is truly meant to be.<br>From as low as \$10.53*<br>Full fee \$103.26** | <b>9 JUL</b><br><b>PopArt Ninja Ted</b><br>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.<br>From as low as \$15.00*<br>Full fee \$15.00**  | <b>10 JUL</b><br><b>Fun Zone Extravaganza</b><br>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 Their Nose.<br>From as low as \$18.83*<br>Full fee \$18.26**                                  | <b>11 JUL</b><br><b>The Next Generation</b><br>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, painting circles, traditional Yulunga games.<br>From as low as \$5.70**<br>Full fee \$57.00** |
| <b>14 JUL</b><br><b>Commando Kids</b><br>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!<br>From as low as \$8.22*<br>Full fee \$82.24** | <b>15 JUL</b><br><b>Winter Frosties</b><br>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 compete with group games like Memory Game on the Move and Freeze Tag.<br>From as low as \$5.70*<br>Full fee \$57.00**      | <b>16 JUL</b><br><b>Ultimate Ninja Quest</b><br>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 courses. 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.<br>From as low as \$10.53*<br>Full fee \$103.26** | <b>17 JUL</b><br><b>Build-a-Beanie</b><br>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 Shoe Shaving. Glass Window Crafts. Then we compete in the Human Air Hockey group game.<br>From as low as \$15.00*<br>Full fee \$15.00** | <b>18 JUL</b><br><b>Pajama Party</b><br>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 Midlife Madness! Then we get creative with Snow Fluff craft, making our very own fluffy snowmen followed by some Paper Plate Dreamcatchers.<br>From as low as \$5.70*<br>Full fee \$57.00**                                |