

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

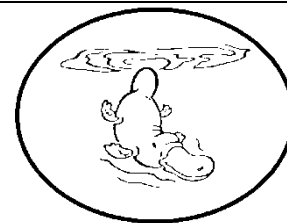
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



### NEWSLETTER No. 19 JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

<b>June</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Rescheduled district Soccer Comp.</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2 – 2.15pm assembly and 2.30pm dismissal</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Chats</b>
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#### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Charlotte T** – For demonstrating the school value of resilience by adapting to changes in our classroom with a positive attitude and being flexible when needed.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Lawson B** – For demonstrating Resilience during assessment tasks. You have worked hard and completed set assessment tasks to the best of your ability. Well done Lawson.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Jax D** – For showing excellent resilience this term in the way you approach challenges. You have worked hard to keep trying, even when things have been difficult, and have shown a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done Jax!

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Amelie** – For showing RESILIENCE when completing maths testing last week. Amelie was determined to finish all her tests to the best of her ability – a fantastic effort!

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Soren** – For demonstrating resilience when giving his presentation about Germany. He overcame some initial challenges, and went on to rehearse and then deliver a well-prepared and confident presentation Well done.



#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Sadie** – For beautiful reading during her reading assessment. Sadie tried her best and used the strategies she knows to do her best reading.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Japleen C** – For working hard to learn all your letters and sounds. You have demonstrated that you know each letter and the sound/s they make.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Adele** – For working hard throughout all assessment tasks and consistently trying your best. Your positive attitude towards learning and willingness to put effort into your work have been pleasing to see.

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Sunny** – For making a great start on her autobiography. Sunny was able to reflect on her life experiences and start drafting key moments of her life into paragraphs. Well done Sunny.

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Brodie** – For delivering a confident and well-prepared presentation about Scotland, which included sharing some of his family's keepsakes. He demonstrated a strong understanding and pride in the topic.



## **HOUSE AWARD**

Congratulations to McIvor, 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**

Congratulations to those students who have recorded 50, 75 or 100 nights of reading.



## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

This week we welcomed Wendy and Tess from Fosterville Goldmine to our Breakfast Club. Thank you to Ali and Mrs T for organising and cooking the delicious ham and cheese, cheese, and spaghetti jaffles, along side the usual cereals, toast and fruit cups. Thanks to Fosterville Gold Mine for their ongoing support of our Wellbeing Program.



## **GRATITUDE CALL OUT**

This week our gratitude call out goes to Peter, our bus driver. Known as Pete, he is responsible for getting many of our students to and from school safely each day and for transporting students to and from excursions. Pete's patience and reliability is greatly appreciated.

## **END OF TERM ORGANISATION**

It is hard to believe that next Friday is the last day of Term 2. Students are welcome to come to school in their casual clothing. An end of Term assembly will be held at 2.15pm, where termly awards will be presented to a student from each class. TheirCare will operate after school care from 2.30pm.

## **2027 PREP PARENT INFORMATION**

If you were unable to attend our 2027 information session, please don't hesitate to contact the office to organise a tour. **Enrolments for 2027 Prep are due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.** Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

## **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 160 books so far. Congratulations to Ewan who has now 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!



## **BUILDING WORKS**

We recently received notification that maintenance works would commence this week. Works include sanding and repainting the verandas around the main building, replacing the steps into the grade 5/6 room, painting the lower boards around the main building, fixing plumbing issues under the main building, painting the eaves and window sills on the brick building and painting the timber shade structures on the McIvor Highway side of the school. We are working closely with the contractors to ensure minimal interruptions to classes and general access to buildings. During the works, sections of the school will be temporarily fenced off to ensure student safety.

## **SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS**

As a result of industrial action taken earlier this term and in line with the in-principle agreement between the Department of Education (DE) and the Australian Education Union (AEU), full descriptive comments will not be included in Semester 1 reports. Reports will include progression points of the required curriculum areas, general work habits and attendance data. Reports will be distributed via Compass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Parent Teacher Chats will be scheduled for early in Term 3. Please feel free to contact Corrina if you have any questions regarding the changes to reports for this semester.

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

**2027 PREP ENROLMENT** Enrolments due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**2026 PARENT PAYMENTS** Term 2 payment is now due.

## FROM THE CLASSROOMS – MUSIC

### MUSIC NEWS!

This Term we've continued to enjoy regular singing together; the middle and older grades have particularly enjoyed belting out some of the ACDC classics! We've had a focus on learning ukulele and also on pitch. This has included exploring high and low pitch, forming a C scale and chord with boomwhackers, creating melodies on glockenspiels and an introduction to the staff. All grades have learnt some basic ukulele chords and are moving towards learning to sing and play simple songs.

Our Grade 5/6 band has gotten underway and are doing a great job of learning our first song, and we've also formed a grade 3/4 ukulele band which is a lot of fun! We'll organise a low key performance for them sometime in Term 3.

Thanks,

Tan



Pitch; learning the staff



Ukelele chords and glockenspiel melodies

## Chappy's Corner



**AGNICO EAGLE**  
FOSTERVILLE

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** Have you ever played the floor is lava? Now's your chance! You might want to put newspaper on the floor around your lounge and then see who can make it from one side of the room to the other. Then halve the size of the paper. Or maybe you have pillows you can scatter around to get from one side of the room to the other. See who is the last one standing without falling into the 'lava'!



**QUOTE:** "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." E.E. Cummings

**JOKE:** Why did the student throw her watch out of the school window? She wanted to see time fly.

## 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 23 June	Brooke Andrews	Ali

## COMMUNITY

Nature Network presents:

# Weed Control Information Evening

Bookings via link  
<https://events.humanitix.com/weed-control-information-evening>  
 Or Email  
[naturenetwork.projects@gmail.com](mailto:naturenetwork.projects@gmail.com)

**Thurs 18 June**

**Axedale Public Hall**  
 94 High St. Axedale

**From 6.00 - 8.00 PM**

- Learn to identify local
- Invasive plant weed species
- Best practice control methods
- Landholder management responsibilities.

This event is funded by the Victorian State Government through the Partnership Against Pests Program

Longlea and District Landcare Group

VICTORIA State Government

**Free Supper Provided**

Want a warmer home and lower energy bills this winter?

# Home Energy Empowerment Program 2026

**May - July**

Free events to help make your home more comfortable and cut energy bills.

Suitable for renters and homeowners

**Tuesday June 16**  
**Keep the Heat In: Low Cost DIY Window Upgrades for Your Home**  
 Presented by Lucinda Flynn from Going Green Solutions.  
 5.30pm to 7pm  
 Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub, 155 Crook Street, Strathdale  
 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

**Tuesday May 19**  
**Seal the Gaps: Easy Draught Proofing for a Warmer Home**  
 Learn and practise how to draught proof your home.  
 Presented by Arky Elston from Sapien.  
 5.30pm to 7pm  
 Sailors Gully Hall, 1A Growler Street, Eaglehawk  
 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

**Tuesday June 30**  
**Insulation 101: Where to Start and What Really Makes a Difference**  
 Presented by EcoHome.  
 5.30pm to 7pm  
 Long Gully Pavillion, 21 Cunneen Street, Long Gully  
 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

**Tuesday June 2**  
**Thinking About an EV? What You Need to Know in 2026**  
 Hear what's happening in the EV market.  
 Presented by Bryce Gatton from EV Choice.  
 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
 Online  
 Scan the QR code below to register

**Wednesday July 15**  
**Powering Your Home: Solar and Battery Options Explained**  
 Presented by Leah O'Shea from Midland Solar.  
 1pm to 2pm  
 Online  
 Scan the QR code below to register

For more information on upcoming events go to [go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/savingenergy](http://go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/savingenergy) or sign up to our Environment Matters e-newsletter.

EMPOWER YOUR HOME

GREATER BENDIGO CLIMATE COLLABORATION

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

# WINTER Wonderland

## ICE SKATING AT THE ZONE

**JUNE 27 - JULY 19**

### SENSORY SESSIONS

**9:30AM JULY 13-JULY 17**

SENSORY-FRIENDLY ICE SKATING WITH REDUCED NOISE, SOFTER LIGHTING AND CALMER ATMOSPHERE

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# NETSTARS

## NETBALL CLINIC

TRAIN. PLAY. IMPROVE. HAVE FUN!

**DATE:** THURSDAY 9th JULY 2026  
**TIME:** 9AM - 3PM  
**AGES:** 7 - 14 YEARS OLD  
**VENUE:** BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE, 56 ELLIS STREET, FLORA HILL  
**COST:** \$90 PER PARTICIPANT

HOSTED BY **JULIE PRENDERGAST**  
3 x WORLD CHAMPION AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES GOLD MEDALLIST

SKILLS  
GAMES  
FRIENDS  
CONFIDENCE

EVERY PARTICIPATE RECEIVES A NETSTARS T-SHIRT!

SPACES ARE LIMITED!  
BOOK NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT

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## ELECTRIC WONDERLAND

electricwonderland.com.au

**26 June - 12 July 2026**

Take advantage of our off-peak prices!

Off-Peak (Sun-Thu)	2 years & under	3-15 years	Adult +16	Senior Concession	Family (2A +2C)
ONLINE*	Free	\$16	\$24	\$21	\$68
AT GATE	Free	\$19	\$27	\$24	\$76
Peak (Fri & Sat)	2 years & under	3-15 years	Adult +16	Senior Concession	Family (2A +2C)
ONLINE*	Free	\$18	\$26	\$23	\$74
AT GATE	Free	\$21	\$29	\$26	\$82

\*Booking fees apply online

### School Holiday Fun!

Scan for more information or to purchase tickets online

Bendigo | CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

\*Images from 2025 show

### Nominate a Year 6 student who is following in Fred Hollows' footsteps

The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for principals, teachers, parents and community members to nominate students for the 2026 Fred Hollows Humanity Award.

The Humanity Award celebrates **Year 6 students** who lead by example in their everyday lives, reminding us that no act of kindness is too small to be acknowledged. Nominations are now open and close 11.59 pm, Friday 24 July 2026.

To nominate a student, go to [Fred Hollows Humanity Award | The Fred Hollows Foundation AU | The Fred Hollows Foundation AU](https://www.fredhollows.org.au).

Each year, one outstanding nominee from each state and territory is selected as a **Junior Ambassador** for The Foundation. And every nominated student will be recognised with a certificate.

Specsavers will generously donate \$50,000 on behalf of the Junior Ambassadors to help The Fred Hollows Foundation continue its work to end avoidable blindness globally.



# FRED HOLLOWES HUMANITY AWARD