

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

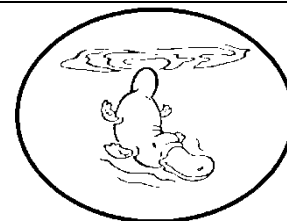
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 20 JUNE 25th 2026

Important dates:

June	26th Last day of Term 2 – 2.15pm assembly and 2.30pm dismissal	July	13th First day of Term 3 22nd District Girls & Boys Football 23rd Parent Teacher Chats 29th District Netball
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What a busy term! I'd like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing partnership, staff for their dedication to students, and of course, our students, who have worked hard throughout the term and displayed our school values. There has been a variety of extra curricula activities amongst a great deal of classroom learning. I wish everyone a restful and safe break and look forward to catching up and hearing about the holiday activities early in Term 3.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

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

Grade 1/2

Angus – For demonstrating the value of Resilience when completing classroom assessments. Well done on doing your best and persisting when answering challenging questions.

Grade 2/3

Avery – For demonstrating resilience during assessment tasks. You approached challenges with a positive attitude, persevered when work became difficult, and always tried your best.

Grade 3/4

Archer – For showing resilience when challenged in the room. Archer is showing great maturity by dealing with conflicts in a respectful manner and developing good leadership skills.

Grade 5/6

Cody - For demonstrating resilience when navigating friendship challenges while broadening his friendship circle, and for showing a greater willingness to try new experiences by participating in games with others.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Charlotte H – For using a clear and confident voice when sharing her ideas in our classroom.

Grade 1/2

Amelia – For working hard to stay focused and complete set tasks. You have done a great job doing this when completing reading tasks. Well done.

Grade 2/3

Jesse - For working hard to create a detailed draft when writing your narrative. You showed a positive attitude when receiving feedback and listened carefully to suggestions to improve your writing.



Grade 3/4

Whole Class - For their wonderful projects on a South American country of their choice. Students researched their country in detail, were able to answer a set of questions and presented their PowerPoints in the class. Congratulations Everyone!

Grade 5/6

Lenny - For demonstrating the ability to plan and organise his personal experiences when writing his autobiography. He showed the ability to include significant life events and separate his ideas into paragraphs.

HOUSE AWARD

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

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 1/2, Mr F and Mrs Haw for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have recorded 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 nights of reading.



PASSPORT

Congratulations to Jaeger who was presented his certificate for achieving 25 Celebration stickers.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week our gratitude call out goes to all students, parents / carers and staff for managing a very busy Term 2. Lots of learning has occurred, along with many different experiences.

END OF TERM ORGANISATION

It is hard to believe that tomorrow is the last day of Term 2. Students are welcome to come to school in their casual clothing. A gold coin donation is not required. 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 31st July 2026.** Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

SOCCER



On the 23rd of June 2026 my class of 5/6 went to the Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve to play soccer against other schools. The girls played 5 games. We played against St. Josephs, St. Liborius, Kangaroo Flat, Golden Square and Camp Hill. We won against St. Liborius and Kangaroo Flat. We all had a great day – Lily Torr

On Tuesday we went to a soccer tournament at Epsom. When we got there, we just had a play around while Ms. Bingham and Mr. C watched us. After a while, we watched the girls play their first game on the synthetic field. At half time the boys went and played our first game. We played Golden Square and we drew. Our second game we played Inglewood and we won by 5 goals. And on our last game we played Eppalock to qualify for the finals, but we lost. We didn't let that upset us from what was a very good day. – Kirby Black



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL & BOOK WEEK DRESS CELEBRATIONDAY

Thursday the 30th of July marks 100 days of school for our 2026 Prep students. All students are invited to participate in a dress up day to help celebrate this milestone. Students can choose to dress up as something representing the number 100 or as their favourite superhero. Specific details about the day's activities will be provided next term.

On Tuesday the 25th of August we will hold our Book Week Celebration Day. On this day, students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and will be involved in lots of activities based on books shared by Mrs Gentry.

These dates are provided early to support parents and carers in organising costumes / outfits for both events.

SCHOOL COUNCIL FACILITIES SUB COMMITTEE

School Council is seeking volunteers who would like to be part of a Facilities Committee. The committee will meet to discuss and plan for maintaining, managing and future planning of the school facilities. If you would like to be a committee member, please let Corrina know.

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.

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!



SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS

As a result of industrial action taken earlier this term and in line with an agreement between the Department of Education (DE) and the Australian Education Union (AEU), full descriptive comments have not been included in Semester 1 reports. Reports include progression points for the required curriculum areas, general work habits and attendance data. Reports were made available yesterday via Compass. Please feel free to contact Corrina if you have any questions regarding the changes to reports for this semester.

Parent Teacher Chats have been scheduled for Thursday 23rd of July in Term 3. Bookings can be made from tomorrow, Friday the 26th of June, via Compass.

TERM 3

While it has been a busy Term 2, looking at the calendar for Term 3 shows an equally busy term.

Some of the activities in Term 3 include:

District Football Competition	District Netball Competition	Parent / Teacher Chats
Book Fair	The Blurbs Incursion	Book Week Celebration Day
Grade 1/2 Camp Experience	Hot Lunch Orders	Footy Colours Day
Hot Dog Lunch Order Day	Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion	Bush Kinder Visits: Grades Prep and 5/6
Father's and Special Person's Stall	Father's and Special Person's Big Breakfast	Plus lots of learning!!!

BRAVES READING PROGRAM

A big thank you to the Brave's Basketball players who have visited for the last 4 weeks, hearing students read and running basketball clinics for the grade 1/2 and 2/3 classes. Students have certainly enjoyed participating in the program, with thanks to FGM for their sponsorship.

SMILE SQUAD RETURN

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school.

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health is coming to our school in August. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program. This means *all* students can receive 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 below:



Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like 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 this happen.

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 a moment to read the brochure—it is full of useful tips to help your family eat well, drink well, and clean well for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard-strength fluoride toothpaste, which is generally recommended for ages six and over unless advised otherwise by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please speak with a dental or trained health professional to determine whether this toothpaste is suitable. Alternatively, you may choose to put the toothpaste aside until they turn six or give it to another family member.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You are welcome to attend if you wish, and you can choose to take your child to a community dental clinic if that suits your family better.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2027 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 31st July.

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 2 payment is now due.

Chappy's Corner



FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is called 'Cookie Face'. I usually like to use a Mint Slice or a Tim Tam. This requires you placing a biscuit on your forehead and then through moving your face muscles to move the biscuit down to your mouth. Moving a cookie from forehead to mouth without using hands is a tricky skill. Enjoy the funny faces that you will all make. You could make it a race to see who can get the cookie in their mouth first 😊



QUOTE: "Your kindness is your superpower — use it every day."

JOKE: How does the ocean say hello? It waves!



MISS HALL'S ARTROOM NEWS



Term 2

Throughout Term 2, students enthusiastically completed three new artworks while exploring a range of important visual arts concepts and skills.

Across all year levels, students developed their understanding of **primary, secondary and tertiary colours** by investigating the **colour wheel**, and explored the differences between **warm and cool colours**.



Students also engaged in activities involving **shapes, patterns and designs**, using a variety of art materials and techniques to create unique and creative pieces. Through these experiences, students strengthened their colour-mixing skills, artistic decision-making, and confidence in expressing their ideas visually.

It has been wonderful to see students approach each task with enthusiasm and creativity. They demonstrated persistence, focus and a willingness to challenge themselves and consistently striving to achieve their personal best. Students should be proud of the effort they put into planning, creating and completing their artworks throughout the term.



MISS HALL :)

Drumbeat Program

This term, a group of 10 students participated in the Drumbeat Program. The program uses drumming as a tool to help students identify, express, and regulate their emotions, while also developing an understanding of others' feelings and learning how to work together in harmony.

On Monday, the students performed for the Prep class, demonstrating a variety of drumming techniques and leading the younger students through several warm-up games. They also presented the *Listening Song* and the *Affirmation Game*, showcasing the skills and confidence they had developed throughout the program.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements and share their learning with others. Thank you to all the students who participated and contributed to the success of the program.



BREAKFAST CLUB UPDATE!

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who have supported Breakfast Club this term. Thanks to your generosity and time, students have enjoyed a variety of delicious breakfast options, including toast, cereal, banana smoothies, and spaghetti jaffles. We look forward to continuing Breakfast Club next term and providing students with the same nutritious and tasty breakfasts to help them start each day positively and ready to learn.

If you would like to help out with Breakfast Club, please contact the front office and Ali Gillett will be in touch to arrange some dates for you to join our wonderful team of volunteers.

Ali Gillett
Chaplain



Breakfast Club Roster - TERM 3 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 14 July	NO BREAKFAST CLUB	
Tuesday 21 July	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 28 July	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 4 August	Brooke Andrews	Ali
Tuesday 11 August	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 18 August	Brooke Andrews	Ali
Tuesday 25 August	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 1 September	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	Ali
Tuesday 8 September	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 15 September	Brooke Andrews	Ali
Tuesday 22 September	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali

COMMUNITY

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**
3x 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

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.NETSTARSNETBALL.COM.AU

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

BOOK NOW

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Home Energy Empowerment Program 2026

May - July

Want a warmer home and lower energy bills this winter?

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

Suitable for renters and homeowners

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 Sapient.

- 5.30pm to 7pm
- Sailors Gully Hall, 1A Growler Street, Eaglehawk
- 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

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 June 30
Insulation 101: Where to Start and What Really Makes a Difference
Presented by EcoHome.

- 5.30pm to 7pm
- Long Gully Pavilion, 21 Cunneen Street, Long Gully
- Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

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 or sign up to our Environment Matters e-newsletter.

EMPOWER YOUR HOME

GREATER BENDIGO CLIMATE COLLABORATION | **CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO**

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



STEM CLUB

ADVENTURE STARTS AFTER SCHOOL!

PREP - GRADE 6

8 WEEK PROGRAM

Weekly STEM sessions that spark imagination and build real skills.

\$100 PER TERM THURSDAYS | 4-5PM




Curious minds, this is for you! Discovery's after-school **STEM Club** is designed for primary school students who love to explore, experiment and create. Each session is packed with hands-on STEM activities; encouraging problem-solving, creativity and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment.

DATES: Thursdays starting 30th July – 17th September

TIME: 4pm-5pm

LOCATION: Discovery Centre - 7 Railway Place, Bendigo
Spaces are limited, so early enrolment is recommended.

To learn more or register, visit discovery.asn.au/programs

BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

Wellness Day

FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre
FREE ENTRY – Gold Coin Donation Welcome

MOVE. BREATHE. CONNECT. PLAY.

Join us for a free morning of fun, fitness and community spirit during the school holidays. Whether you're 5 or 85, there's something for everyone.

- HOT SHOTS TENNIS**
Kids aged 5-12
All equipment provided
- QI GONG**
Gentle movement for all ages & abilities
- YOGA**
Stretching, breathing & mindfulness
- FUN GAMES**
Rally challenges & prizes to be won!
- COMMUNITY CONNECTION**
Meet, connect & celebrate together
- Qi Gong & Yoga**
- Games, Challenges & Prizes!**
- Fun for all ages!**

SUPPORTING BUSHFIRE RECOVERY
All gold coin donations collected on the day will be directed to families and communities affected by the 2026 bushfires.
Every dollar makes a difference – thank you for your generosity.

FREE ENTRY!
Gold coin donation welcome

OPEN TO EVERYONE – BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
School Kids 5-12 | Families | Seniors | Community

WHAT TO BRING
Comfortable clothing, water bottle, sunscreen & a smile.
Tennis equipment provided for HOT SHOTS.
Yoga mats available or BYO.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FIND OUT MORE
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✉ admin@bendigotennis.com.au
📍 Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre

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2026 O3K J125 GBS250

BENDIGO TOURNAMENT

Play 4 events
2 doubles and 2 singles.
New Orange ball event
Entries close 29th of June

ENTRIES OPEN NOW

9-12 JULY 2026

DIRECT QUESTIONS:
competitions@bendigotennis.com.au

OR CALL
Ben 0403 966 618



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