

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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July



Important dates:

1st Semester 1 Reports released 1st MARC Van 3rd Parent Teacher Chats: Mr C only 4th Jump Rope for Heart jump off day – gold coin wear touch of RED End of Term Assembly 2.10pm Last day of Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal

21st First day of Term 3 23rd Smile Squad on site complete registration online now or via paper copy available from the office.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

July

Levi D – For demonstrating the school value of resilience by using his strategies when reading a challenging book during our reading assessments.

Grade 1/2

Tilly – For showing her personal best when writing her narrative and showing resilience to continue working on her piece to make it even better.

Grade 2/3

Jessica – For displaying resilience when researching a country in Africa. When researching, Jessica was using new skills and technology and when she encountered difficulty always bounce back and gave it her best effort.

Grade 3/4

Xade – For demonstrating the value of **RESILIENCE** by completing testing last week. Xade was able to refocus and complete a range of maths tests showing greater independence. Well done Xade.

Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 – For demonstrating perseverance, determination, and a positive attitude during recent assessments.

They faced challenges with courage, stayed focused under pressure, and gave their best effort every step of the way.



Grade Prep

Louis C – For confidently learning how to use the new Bond Blocks resource to develop his mathematical understanding.

Grade 1/2

Mackenzie – For writing a fantastic beginning to her narrative and taking on feedback to continue writing to make her story even better.

Grade 2/3

Maya – For problem solving and working out a strategy to help her classify numbers as odd or even numbers.

Grade 3/4

William – For his ability to write a detailed persuasive text on the Olympic Games. William planned and drafted his arguments for more Olympic Games and typed for his Learning Diary – great effort!

Grade 5/6

Kaydin – For his concentration and curiosity when learning about data. He remained focused during lessons, asked thoughtful questions, and showed a strong desire to understand and explore the topic more deeply.





GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 5/6 and Ms Bingham for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

HOUSE AWARD

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

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to these students for receiving their certificates for 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 and 50 celebration stickers in their Student Passport.





FIDGET TOYS / BLU TAC

This term has seen a significant increase in the number of students coming to school with fidget toys or blu tac. While it is recognised that fidget toys can assist students with their engagement and ability to focus, the type of fidget toys can often have the opposite effect. While many fidget toys are marketed as being helpful for student's concentration, we have noticed an increase in students being significantly distracted when using them. Blu tac, or similar, can have the same distracting effect, if provided as a large 'blob'. These items are seen as learning tools, not toys. As a school, we support items that can be used as learning tools, assisting students to remain focussed and are of benefit to their learning. We can access sensory items that are recommended by Allied Health professionals and have been proven to assist students. Staff also work with students, enabling them to understand how and when to use them. If you believe your child requires a fidget toy / learning tool, please speak to classroom teachers before purchasing items to be used at school.

HOT LUNCHES

We could not have picked a better week to have yummy hot steamed dim sims. While the weather was a bit gloomy, students certainly enjoyed eating their hot dim sims. Over the week we will have steamed more than 250 dim sims.

Next term we are planning to have 2 hot lunch order days - a pie day and our traditional hot dog lunch for Footy Colours Day.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Next week we will hold our end of term assembly on Friday, starting at 2.10pm. All parents / carers are invited to join the end of term celebrations. Students will be dismissed from the assembly at 2.30pm. The school bus will run as normal.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART CELEBRATION

Next Friday we will celebrate our involvement in Jump Rope For Heart. Students have been practising their skipping, some learning to skip, while others have learnt new skipping 'tricks'. Weather permitting, all students will be involved in skipping activities, commencing at 11.40am. Specific details will be included in next week's newsletter. Students are encouraged to **wear a touch of red** next Friday on the day and donate a gold coin (out of uniform), with money going towards the Student Representative Council (SRC) Wish List.

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.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out to our grade 6 Shop Monitors, Mrs Tenace and Ali who collect lunch orders from Rise & Grind and our mail from the Axedale Store. It is great to see our students have the opportunity and responsibility to continue a long-standing tradition of picking up lunch orders and the mail.

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 1st of July. Parent Teacher Chats for Mr Christensen and the grade 3/4 class will be on Thursday 3rd of July. All families are encouraged to book a time to chat with Steve. Bookings for the chats can be made through Compass. Parent Teacher Chats for other classes will be held early in Term 3. Booking information will be provided early in the 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 23rd 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 OR 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 201 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.

We are a
premiers
reading
challenge
school

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

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Any cash sponsorship collected to be returned to school by Friday 4th July.

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 \$549.00 for the Heart Foundation!

We now have <u>24 students registered online</u>, this is a great start to their fundraising. Yet to register your child, it's not too late: <u>www.jumprope.org.au/parents</u>

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.



We're skipping through the term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces.

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on Friday 4th July so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details at

www.jumprope.org.au/parents

P.S. Don't forget our skipping goal of 40 hours! Currently, we've completed 6 hours online. Only 34 hours to go!

Soccer

Last Friday the Grade 5 and 6 students and a few <u>Grade</u> 4 girls participated in the soccer tournament in Epsom against other schools from around Bendigo. The girls played five games. They won two games, lost two and came a draw for the other. The boys played six games. They won 5 and lost one.

We were very lucky to not need our towels as we had lovely weather!

We would like to say a huge thanks to Mr C who coached the girls and Chris from Eppalock who coached the boys. Miss

Bingham for her support, Peter our lovely bus driver and Sonya Browne who allowed us to borrow the jerseys. A special thanks to all our players. We would not have been able to play without the other schools who participated and extra thanks for the Grade 4 girls who stepped up so we could have a team. We all had a fantastic day.

By Irie E and Oscar S.







Children's Book Week 16–23 August 2025



CBCA Book Week Celebrations at Axedale PS are on

Tuesday August 26th



Chappy's Corner



Family Challenge: Family talent show night! These winter days are great for staying indoors and instead of watching TV, plan a talent show.

Each member of the family has to bring a talent (or maybe you want to do a dance with a sibling). Enjoy watching family members show off!



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Quote: Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Riddle: What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?

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

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 Baluk Wellbeing, 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

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – AUSLAN

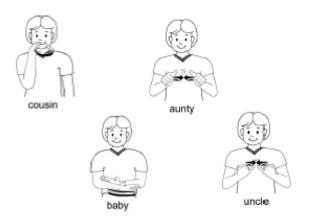


Preps & Grade 1/2's

This term students have learnt signs related to classroom instructions such as stand up, sit down, line up at the door, asking questions etc. The students have enjoyed playing a game called 'Teacher Asks'- like Simon Says to practise these signs.

Students have also been learning the signs for the letters of the alphabet.





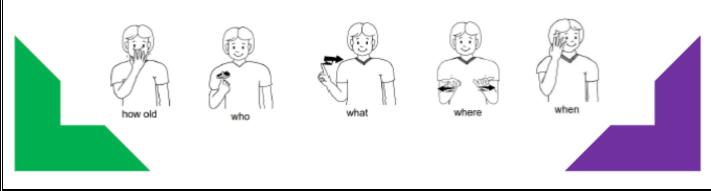
Grade 2/3's

Students have been learning new family related signs such as grandma, grandad, uncle, aunty and cousin. Students have also continued to practise signing the letters of the alphabet.

Grade 4/5's & Grade 6's

This term students have extended on their knowledge of family related signs to include cousin, uncle, aunty and half/step family members.

Students have learnt basic greetings and have used question signs such as who, what, when, where, why to engage in conversations with each other. They explored the variations in signs between different Australian states and territories.







WEEK 10

n 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 Abortoinal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



What's been happening?

We have been having an awesome time in After School Care recently!

We finger painted our own Up! inspired houses which were hands-on, creative, and definitely messy (LO 2.3).



Then, we spent lots of time playing outside, which is always a lovely way to spend the afternoon (LO 3.2, 3.3).

Finally, we have been mixing up the foods we eat during afternoon tea; our favourite food has been pancakes topped with fruit and maple syrup



We are hoping to get some new resources for TheirCare in the near future! If children or families have any suggestions of what they would like us to get for the service, please let us know. Also, if any families have any old toys, dress ups, or craft materials they no longer need, we would love to give them a second life!

♂ TIMESAfter School Care3:25pm - 6:00pm

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COMMUNITY

Author talk: Living with Wildlife

When: Sunday July 13th 2025 at 2pm

Where: St Andrews Church, Axedale

We are excited to host a talk by Tanya Loos on living

with wildlife. Tanya is a field naturalist, writer and science communicator based in central Victoria.

Her talk will cover a topic that is very relevant for our town, with the amazing animals that can be found in our area, but also the high incidence of vehicle collisions with kangaroos.

Based on her recent book "Living with Wildlife: a guide for our homes and backyards", Tanya will explore commonly asked questions and issues with encounters with wildlife. Taking a wildlife-friendly approach, Tanya Loos provides practical information, advice and solutions, based on current guidance from wildlife rescue organisations and the latest research.

If you'd like to attend, please email us at longlealandcare@gmail.com. Spots are limited, so it's important to get in quick!



DETAILS

When: Sunday July 13th 2025

Time: 2pm

Where: St Andrews Church, Axedale (80 McIvor Hwy,

Axedale VIC 3551)

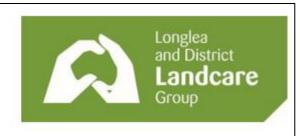
Cost: free!

Additional details: Includes light afternoon tea

Booking: limited spaces – please contact

longlealandcare@gmail.com to register your interest















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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

- 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.

Their Care 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.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan € Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medic condition including allergies, food/chemical intoler 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

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

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FA0 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.



WEDNESDAY

9 JUL

our own PopArt Ninja











Where Kids love to be!

TheirCare

Strathfieldsaye PS TheirCare

- Times 6:30am 6:30pm
- Location 9 Uxbridge St, Strathfieldsaye VIC 3551
 - Call 0461 267 714



😭 8 JUL













*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
- the type of childcare you use
- the age of your child 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:

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

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**









⑤ 15 JUL



Get ready for a frosty adventure! Today is packed with icy fun, wintery games and cool crafts. You will make lotton Ball Snowmen, Sensory

😭 16 JUL



Ultimate Ninja Quest

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



Join us for a vibrant day of fun culture and creativity as we celebrate NADOC Week!



accessory: Everyone gets a nut woodly beanie, then you spend time making and attaching your very own colourful porn porn on top, a one-of-a-kind

For more information, call Theircare on \$\int_{1300}\$ 072 410