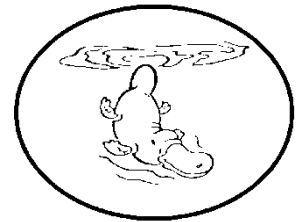


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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

NEWSLETTER No. 21 JULY 16th 2026

Important dates:

July	20th Finance Meeting 22nd District Girls & Boys Football 23rd Parent Teacher Chats 24th National Tree Planting Day – Gr 3/4 & 5/6 28th MARC Van	July	29th District Netball 29th Book Club Issue 5 orders due 29th School Council meeting 30th 100 Days of School – Prep 31st 2027 Prep enrolments due
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Welcome to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and had the opportunity to make some special memories with family and friends. We have a very busy term ahead, with lots of great learning and extra curricula activities planned.

TERM 2 CWA AWARD

Congratulations to the term 1 CWA award winners.

Grade Prep	Archie A
Grade 1/2	Lyla P
Grade 2/3	Ewan F
Grade 3/4	Harney T
Grade 5/6	Lenny A

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of CWA Axedale Branch. Each term, CWA donate Book Club vouchers to students who display the school values across all facets of their school life.



TERM 2 S.H.I.N.I.N.G KIDS

Thank you to Agnico Eagle Fosterville for their S.H.I.N.I.N.G. Kids Award. The award is presented each term to a child who is:

Supportive
Honest
Inclusive
Never Gives Up
Inquisitive
Nurturing
Great Attitude

All teachers nominate a student for the term and the recipient is then chosen. Congratulations to Amelie P who was chosen as the recipient for Term Two. Congratulations also to our other nominees from each classroom.

Grade Prep	Charlotte T
Grade 1/2	Ivy F
Grade 2/3	Indi M
Grade 3/4	Amelie P
Grade 5/6	Chelsea K



GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week our gratitude call out goes to Megan and her staff at Redgum Building Group. During the break, concertina doors were installed in the openings between the assembly space and the grade 1/2 and 2/3 classrooms. The doors allow the classrooms to be closed off when needed, supporting student learning. Thanks to Megan for managing all aspects of the work.

2027 ENROLMENT

Our 2027 Prep Parent Information session was held last term. 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.

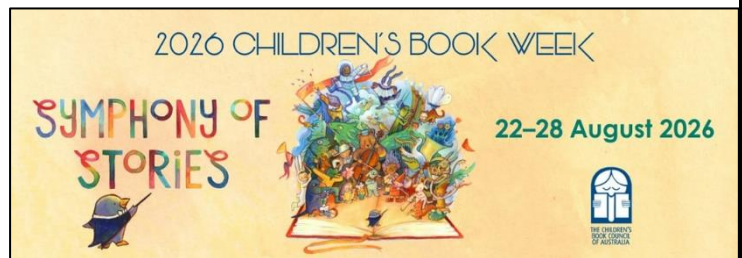
Enrolments for 2027 Prep are due by Friday 31st July 2026.

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL & BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION DAY

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.

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 or something inspired by the theme "Symphony of Stories" and will be involved in lots of activities based on books shared by Mrs Gentry.



THE BLURBS

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are excited to announce that students will participate in a performance by The Blurbs on Wednesday the 19th August. The performance will be held in the Axedale Hall, with students walking over to the hall, leaving school at 9am and returning by 11.30am. Cost of this performance will be covered by funds raised through fundraising activities, with no cost to families. This excursion is covered by the Local Excursion Permission form completed at the start of the year.

"The Blurbs" are a band of book enthusiasts who encourage children to read through the power of performance and music. The Blurbs venture out from the library rarely, but when they do, they put on a spectacular show for primary schools during 'Book Week'. The show contains original songs about books that have been short listed by the CBCA for the 'Book of the Year' awards.

GRADES 1 & 2 CAMP EXPERIENCE

Planning is underway for the Grades 1 and 2 Camp Experience, which will held on Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th of September. The camp experience involves students walking to Camp Getaway and participating in various activities on Thursday. Students eat dinner together, enjoy a disco, with grade 1 students going home to sleep and grade 2 students encouraged to stay the night. Grade 1 students return early Friday morning, with all students again participating in activities. Specific details will be provided in the coming weeks.

FIDGET TOYS / BLU TAC

Last term saw a significant increase in the number of students coming to school with fidget toys. While it is recognised that fidget toys can assist students with their engagement and ability to focus, the type of fidget toy 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.

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 199 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!



PARENT TEACHER CHATS

Parent Teacher Chats have been scheduled for Thursday 23rd of July. Bookings can be made via Compass.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Students have been given a copy of the Term 3 calendar today.

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.

Corrina Hartland
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

FOOTBALL CARNIVAL EXCURSION Consent and payment required by Tuesday 21st July.

2027 PREP ENROLMENT Enrolments due by Friday 31st July.

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 3 payment is now due.

2027 YEAR 7 PLACEMENT Acceptance Slip due by Tuesday 11th August.

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.

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 3 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
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

MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AUSALERT AND THE NATIONAL TEST

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm. AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in the device tub in the office during the school day.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

For more information, please refer to the [Staying safe with AusAlert page](#).

COMMUNITY

Puggles Playgroup Axedale



Axedale Hall

Tuesdays 9am - 10.30am - Beginning July
21st

Free and no booking required - come along
and have some fun!

Join us for 
**National Tree Day at
Axedale River Reserve**

Bring your family and friends for a
fun morning of planting! Contribute
to improving the health of our river!

All holes will be pre-dug for easy
planting. Drinks and lunch will be
provided.

**Sausage
Sizzle!**

Register at <https://nationaltreeday.org.au/site/10032209>
or email longleaandcare@gmail.com



Sunday, 26th of July 2026
10am to 12pm



**Hannon Place,
Axedale**



Longlea
and District
Landcare
Group



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



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Stepfamilies - through your children's eyes



This workshop covers:

- Stepfamily myths
- Stepfamilies through the eyes of children - the good and the tricky bits
- Supporting children with adjusting to new family relationships
- Transitioning between homes
- Ways to support and strengthen your relationship with your child/ren
- Parenting approach
- Common difficulties for couples

This free 3 hour workshop aims to assist parents in developing a greater understanding of what their children need and how they can best support them.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops



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Are you involved in supporting junior sport in Greater Bendigo?

Have you ever wished you had a few more strategies up your sleeve to help you connect with and support every child?

This workshop will help you understand autism, ADHD and other neurodivergent experiences, and give you practical strategies to create a more inclusive, welcoming environment for all children in your club.

2-4.30PM ON SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON OPTIONS

Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWW>

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au

