

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

High Street, Axedale 3551

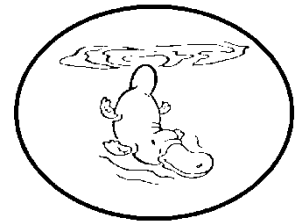
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

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Important dates:

July	31 st 2027 Prep enrolments due 31 st Hot Lunch Orders due	Aug	20 th Parent / Carer Teacher Chats 25 th Book Week Celebration Day
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SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Charlie - For demonstrating the school value of respect by following the teacher's instructions and doing his best to follow our classroom expectations.

Grade 1/2

Brock - For demonstrating the value of Respect by making sure you are listening when others are speaking and following teacher instructions. You have been trying hard and doing a great job at focusing.

Grade 2/3

Jaeger - For making a fantastic start to the term! He has consistently shown respect towards his teachers by listening carefully, following instructions, and always being ready to learn. Keep up the great work!

Grade 3/4

Georgia – For showing RESPECT both in and out of the classroom. Georgia is a respectful student to her peers and teachers. She consistently demonstrates all of the Axedale Primary School Values. She is developing into an excellent school leader.

Grade 5/6

Ivy - For always demonstrating a respectful attitude both in and outside the classroom. She consistently shows kindness, consideration and is always polite towards others. Well done.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Josh - For participating very well in our class discussions and whole class learning.

Grade 1/2

Hamish - For doing a great job at brainstorming ideas for your colour poem. You have created some interesting similes based on your senses for the colour red. Well done, Hamish.

Grade 2/3

Charlotte - For approaching her learning with a positive attitude, consistently working hard and actively engaging in her learning. Her positive commitment to doing her best has been excellent to see. Keep up the fantastic work!

Grade 3/4

Grade 3/4 Girls – For participating in the Grade 5/6 Football Carnival. Congratulations on being brave and showing all the Axedale Values throughout the day.

Grade 5/6

Lily - For approaching challenging maths concepts with positivity and determination. She now has a strong understanding of multiplying and dividing mixed number fractions. Well done.



HOUSE AWARD

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

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade Prep and Mrs Roberts and Ms Hall for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have recorded 50, 75, 100, 125 and 150 nights of reading.



GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week our gratitude call out goes to our netballers, Ms Hall and Rosie. Our team played in the district netball competition at Red Energy Arena yesterday and consistently displayed the school values throughout the day. Thank also to Evie Egan for helping to transport the girls to and from Red Energy Arena.

MRS BALDWIN AWAY

Mrs Baldwin is currently on personal leave. Whilst the office is covered at different times across the day, it is not always possible to answer questions or provide information straight away. We will respond and provide requested information as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

PARENT /CARER TEACHER CHATS

Parent / Carer Teacher Chats have been rescheduled for Thursday the 20th of August. Booking have opened via Compass. Students are required at school on this day, with CRTs taking classes.

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 TOMORROW.

Families who require an enrolment pack please contact the office.

NETBALL

Yesterday we braved the cold and passing showers to play netball in at Red Energy Arena (on the outdoor courts). The girls all played with fabulous teamwork and showed great sportsmanship towards the other teams. We won two out of our six games, and with this being the first time many of the girls have played netball and everyone playing in new positions, it was a very good effort. We had lots of fun and the girls displayed all of our school values.



HOT LUNCH ORDERS

Next week is our mid term hot lunch order week. An order form was distributed last Friday. All orders need to be in by **4pm TOMORROW** to enable sufficient pies, party pies and sausage rolls to be ordered from our supplier. **Unfortunately, late orders CAN'T be accepted.**

SUPER 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Today we celebrated 100 days of school for our prep students, and of course the first 100 school days of 2026 for all other students. It was fantastic to see students and staff across the whole school dressed up in a variety of costumes representing 100, whether it was as a 100 year old person, a superhero or wearing a decorated 100 T Shirt. We certainly have some very clever and creative students and parents / carers! We started the day with a whole school parade before students completed activities in classrooms. Thank you to our school community for supporting the celebrations.



INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The Australia Education Union (AEU) have requested members implement various bans across education settings whilst they negotiate a new agreement with the Education Department (DE). Recent information provided through media outlets has indicated there is a Stop Work action called for Tuesday the 4th of August. Please note – this action has not been called or supported by the AEU, therefore there is no impact on school operations at APS.

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!



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION DAY

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.

GUITAR LESSONS

Our guitar teacher Harry has some time slots available for lessons. Lessons are 30 minutes in length and are conducted during the day at school. These lessons are paid for by parents, directly to Harry. If you would like your child(ren) to have lessons, or want more information, please contact Corrina.

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:

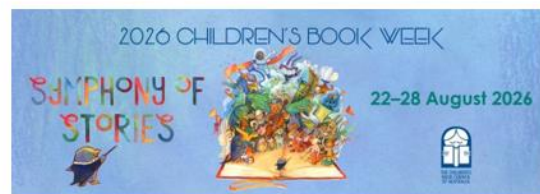


Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like one. The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

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.



CBCA Book Week Celebrations at **Axedale PS** are on

Tuesday August 25th

We will have a parade in the morning followed by a day of book fun! Dig through the dress up box and come as your favourite character 😊



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

NETBALL EXCURSION Consent and payment required by Tuesday 28th 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 NEEDS YOU!

Our Breakfast Club is back for another term, and we're looking for volunteers to help make it a success! By giving just a little of your time, you'll help provide students with a healthy breakfast and a positive start to their school day. It's a rewarding way to connect with our school community and make a real difference.

If you're able to lend a hand, in particular the dates free below, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the front office, and Ali Gillett will be in touch to arrange a date that suits you. Thank you for supporting our students!

Ali Gillett
Chaplain



Breakfast Club Roster - TERM 3 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 4 August	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 11 August	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 18 August	HELP NEEDED	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	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 22 September	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali

Chappy's Corner



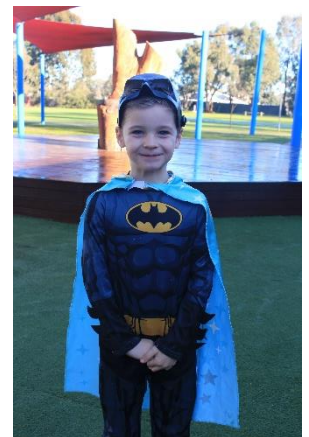
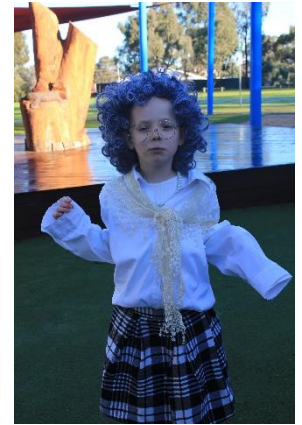
FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is a game of charades, it's a classic game where you make two teams and one player acts out a word, phrase, or title using physical gestures and mimes without speaking, while their team tries to guess the correct answer within a set time limit. Then the other team takes their turn.



QUOTE: 'Life is like a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving,' Albert Einstein

JOKE: Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.





NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

Grades 3/4 and 5/6 - Friday 24th July 2026



COMMUNITY



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



COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers**
in your area. Enquire now on how
you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

Which public holiday would you prefer for 2027 and beyond?

The City of Greater
Bendigo wants
to hear from you.

Choose **ONE** from the following:

- Keep Bendigo Cup Day
- Change to Bendigo Show Day
- Change to Melbourne Cup Day

Greater Bendigo residents, businesses, schools and
community organisations are encouraged to participate.

Complete the survey today:

Scan or visit Let's Talk Greater Bendigo.

No internet access? Call 1300 002 642
and we can help you complete the survey.

Your feedback will help shape public
holiday arrangements from 2027.

Scan



*Important: This survey applies only to the part of
Greater Bendigo west of the Campaspe River where
Melbourne Cup Day has traditionally been replaced
by a local public holiday (Bendigo Cup).



AXEDALE EVENTS COMMITTEE



AXEDALE
QUICKSHEAR

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Get involved. Have your say. Support our community.



TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST



6PM



AXEDALE PUBLIC HALL

Everyone welcome!

Together we make Axedale events great!

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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FREE WORKSHOP FOR SPORTS COACHES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

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/DKRWV>

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



Puggles Playgroup Axedale

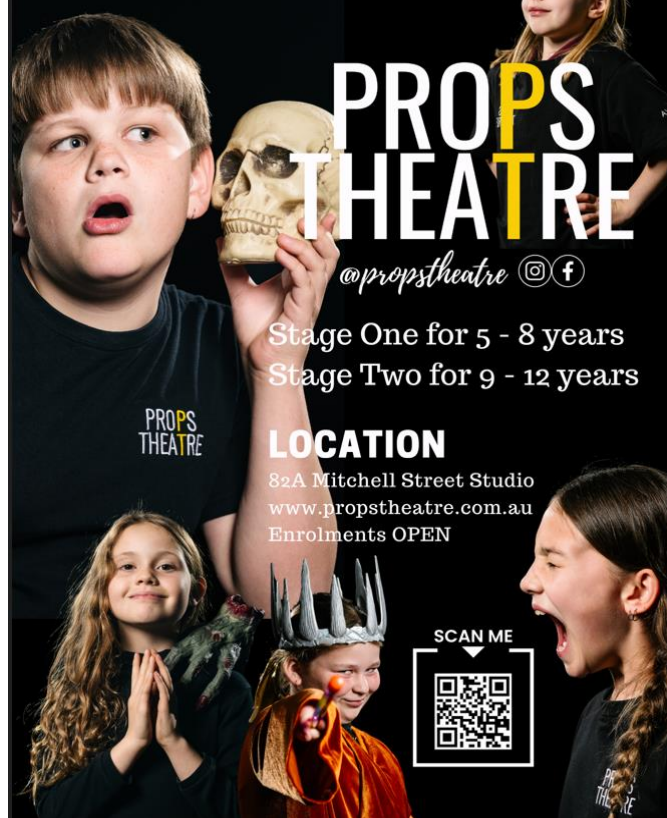


Axedale Hall

Tuesdays 9am - 10.30am - Beginning July
21st

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

Looking towards 2027 Term 1





4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



Register to go in the draw to win a Richmond AFLW Guernsey!