

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

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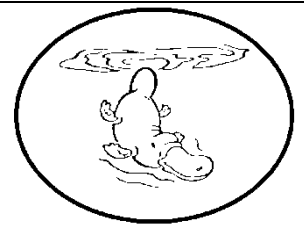
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

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Important dates:

Aug	10th Monash Teddy Hospital Incursion – Prep 12th Bush Kinder – Prep 13th Bush Kinder Grade 5/6 14th Responsible Pet Ownership Sessions	Aug	18th The Blurbs 20th Parent / Carer Teacher Chats 25th Book Week Celebration Day
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SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Colt - For demonstrating the school value of respect by following his morning routine and joining in with the rest of the class in the mornings.

Grade 1/2

Scott B – For demonstrating the value of Respect. You do this by listening carefully to teachers, following instructions and always trying your best when completing learning tasks. Well done.

Grade 2/3

Vincent - For demonstrating our school values of **Respect** and **Cooperation** through his excellent leadership during PMP. He led his activity with confidence and kindness, supported everyone involved, and made a point of congratulating all participants on their efforts and achievements. He was a positive role model who helped create an encouraging and inclusive environment.

Grade 3/4

Maya – For showing RESPECT towards her teachers. Maya listens to and follows instructions and is willing to accept and implement advice to improve on her learning. Well done, Maya!

Grade 5/6

Grade 5/6 Netballers – For your outstanding participation in the Grade 5/6 Netball Tournament. Your positive attitude, respect for others and excellent display of school values and sporting spirit were a credit to both yourself and our school. Well done!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Chloe - For her hard work in math and demonstrating a strong understanding of addition.

Grade 1/2

Angus W – For showing a strong understanding when completing “groups of” problems in maths, you have demonstrated that you can represent these in pictures and symbols as well as write the multiplication tables for groups of 2, also known as the 2 times tables.

Grade 2/3

Estelle – For showing wonderful perseverance and a fantastic attitude towards learning in Maths. She has worked hard to tackle a challenging topic, never giving up and always trying her very best.



Grade 3/4

Remi – For working hard in class to complete all tasks to Grade 3/4 standard. Remi is currently writing a nonfiction text about sharks that show a good understanding of the topic and a solid work ethic. Congratulations Remi!

Grade 5/6

Kirby – For being creative when using dialogue and action in his writing. He effectively used dialogue and action to make his characters and situations more engaging, realistic and meaningful for the reader.

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, 100, 125 and 150 nights of reading.



STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to these students who received a certificate for achieving the goal of 25 celebration stickers in their Student Passport. Students earn values stickers for their Passport and can trade them in for celebrations or can save them for bigger celebrations. Congratulations to grade 1/2 who collectively collected their Golden Platypus tokens, reaching their goal of being out of uniform on Tuesday.

MATHS SEED CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Dion who was presented with a Maths Seed Award.



GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week our gratitude call out goes to Mrs Tennace, Ruby and Rosie for their organisation and running of the Hot Lunch Order days. Organising over 30 pies, 45 sausage rolls and over 100 party pies as well as the drinks across the week is a massive task. Lots of grateful and happy students enjoyed their hot lunches!

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.

2027 ENROLMENTS / PLANNING

It is hard to believe that 2027 is 'just around the corner.' At this time in the year, while we are focused on the 2026 school year, we are also starting to plan for 2027. To assist with our planning, we ask that any families who are looking to transfer out of the area, please let the office know. Having this information greatly assists with forward planning in terms of staffing profile, class structures and general planning.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OHSC)

We have recently applied for the OHSC / After School Care grant for 2027. Without the grant, it isn't viable for us to offer After School Care.

For the service to be viable, participant numbers need to be consistent, with weekly averages factored into the success of the grant.

Early planning indicates there are 2 possible scenarios:

1. We are successful with the grant application, with after school care continuing to be offered.
2. We are unsuccessful with the grant application and can no longer offer an after school care service.

We see the provision of an OHSC service as being a valuable asset for our school community.

PARENT CARER GUARDIAN SURVEY

Each year, DE asks schools to facilitate 3 different surveys. Students in grades 4-6 completed the Student Attitudes to School Survey earlier in the year. The Parent, Carer and Guardian Survey opens on Monday the 17th of August. Specific information about the Survey will be provided via a Compass Newsfeed next week. The Staff Opinion Survey has been updated and will now be completed in Term 4.

PARENT /CARER TEACHER CHATS

Parent / Carer Teacher Chats have been rescheduled for Thursday the 20th of August. Thank you to parents and carers who have already booked their time to chat with classroom teachers. Booking can be made via Compass. Students are required at school on this day, with CRTs taking classes.

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). A Stop Work action has been called for Wednesday the 19th of August. We will know closer to the date whether the action will proceed, with timelines shared when we become aware of them.

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!



THE BLURBS

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are excited to announce that students will participate in a performance by The Blurbs. In anticipation of a possible Stop Work day, we have rescheduled the performance to Tuesday the 18th of August. The performance will be held in the Axedale Hall, with students walking over to the hall, leaving school at 1.40pm and returning by 3.15pm. 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.

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. We will start the celebrations with a whole school parade with younger siblings invited to dress up and participate. Parents, carers, grandparents and special visitors are welcome to attend.

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 has started their work at school. 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.

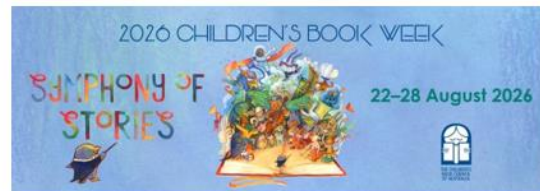
Standard strength toothpaste

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.



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 😊



Corrina Hartland
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

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 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 is a Trivia night where it's Parents verses Kids. Both sides have to work out 20 questions (40 in total) and see who knows what from each side. You can make your questions about anything: it might be about you or about your favourite show or about school or all of the above! Before you start you must make sure you work out what the prizes are going to be.



QUOTE: 'If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.' Dr Wayne Dyer

JOKE: When is a door not a door? When its ajar.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – GRADE 2/3

Poetry



This term, we have been exploring the wonderful world of poetry. We have been learning how poets use carefully chosen words to create pictures in our minds and help us imagine the ideas and feelings behind a poem. We have been identifying language features such as rhyme, rhythm, repetition and imagery, and discussing how these choices help poets create meaning and engage their readers.

Inquiry



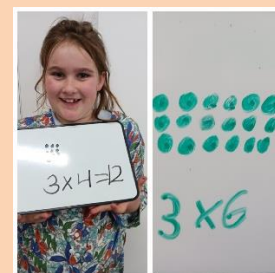
This term in Inquiry, our topic is Civics and Citizenship. We have been learning about the importance of rules in our communities, exploring why we have rules, how they are made, and how they help keep us safe and treat everyone fairly. We have also discussed the difference between written and unwritten rules, the consequences of not following them, and how people work together to make rules that benefit everyone.

100 Days of School Celebration



We had a wonderful time celebrating 100 Days of School with a special dress-up day! Students marked this exciting milestone by dressing up as something related to 100, or as their favourite superhero. The creativity and enthusiasm shown by everyone made the day a fun and memorable celebration.

Maths



In Maths, we have been exploring multiplication and division using arrays. We have been learning to write equations using the $\times$ and $\div$ symbols, identify number facts, and make connections between multiplication and division. We have also been practising our five times tables using skip counting, arrays, and equations to represent groups of five.

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



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Looking towards 2027 Term 1

PROPS THEATRE

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

LOCATION
82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME

AXEDALE EVENTS COMMITTEE

AXEDALE QUICKSHEAR

AGM

Get involved. Have your say. Support our community.

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

6PM

AXEDALE PUBLIC HALL

Everyone welcome!

Together we make Axedale events great!

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.



*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).



Stepfamilies - through your children's eyes



"Through the eyes of children: - being part of a stepfamily"

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



www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Puggles Playgroup Axedale



Axedale Hall

Tuesdays 9am - 10.30am - Beginning July 21st

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



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

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STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

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

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK

