

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

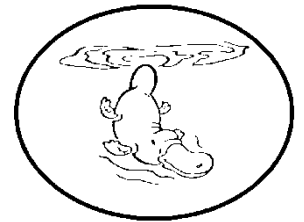
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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Important dates:

Aug	14th Responsible Pet Ownership Sessions 18th The Blurbs 20th Parent / Carer Teacher Chats 25th Book Week Celebration Day	Aug Sept	25th MARC Van 1st Father's/Special Person's Breakfast 2nd Book Club Issue 6 orders due
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SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

For demonstrating the school value of respect by consistently completing her morning jobs and following our classroom expectations.

Grade 1/2

Louis C – For demonstrating the value of Respect by being a S.T.A.R. student. A STAR student, sits up straight, tracks the speaker, asks and answers questions and respects those around them. Well done, Louis.

Grade 2/3

Ewan - For your continued growth in understanding the importance of showing respect. You take everyday as a new opportunity for you to show kindness, listen to others, and make positive choices. Well done, Ewan!

Grade 3/4

Vada – For showing RESPECT in the classroom. Vada is listening carefully to teacher instructions and starts learning tasks quickly and quietly, producing some fantastic work. Keep up the good work Vada.

Grade 5/6

Emma - For demonstrating the school value of respect during Friday sport. She consistently showed kindness and encouragement towards everyone, including the opposing team. She played fairly and demonstrated great sportsmanship.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Weston - For demonstrating a strong understanding of subtraction during our math lessons.

Grade 1/2

Dash S – For always demonstrating that he has a sound understanding of all topics. This is evident in your phonics work, including spelling, reading and writing as well as your understanding of multiplicative thinking.

Grade 2/3

Aleena - For your wonderful perseverance and positive attitude when in maths class. You consistently approach each lesson with determination, give your best effort, and make the most of learning opportunities.

Grade 3/4

Duncan – For concentrating hard in class to complete all writing tasks. Duncan is drafting a story titled 'The Footy Game' that he hopes to publish into a children's book!

Grade 5/6

Ryan - For his dedication and perseverance in improving his understanding of fractions. He worked hard to strengthen his skills and demonstrated outstanding growth in his recent assessment. Keep up the fantastic effort!



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 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 and 175 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.



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.

PARENT CARER GUARDIAN SURVEY

The Parent, Carer and Guardian Survey opens on Monday the 17th of August. Specific information about the Survey will be provided via a separate Compass Newsfeed.

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. DE and the AEU are currently in negotiations and have indicated that confirmation of whether the Stop Work action will proceed will be provided on Monday afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE: FATHER'S AND SPECIAL PERSON'S BREAKFAST

On Tuesday the 1st of September we will be holding our annual Father's and Special Person's breakfast. Breakfast will be available between 8am – 9am. Please RSVP by Thursday the 27th August. Invitations, including a RSVP slip have been sent home today.

BOOK FAIR

As part of the Book Week celebrations, we are holding a Scholastic's Book Fair. Students will have the opportunity to view books available at the fair and bring home a Wish List. Books will be available for purchase after school from Wednesday the 19th through to Thursday the 27th of August, between 3.15pm and 4pm. 50% of money raised through the sale of books will be donated to our school library.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all students who are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge ends on Friday the 4th, with certificates presented early in Term 4.

Students have read 209 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!



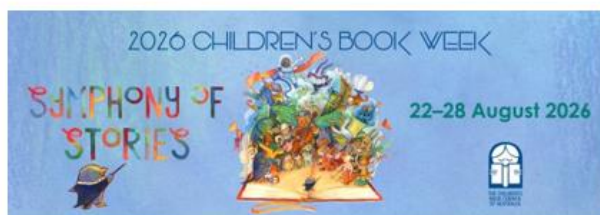
THE BLURBS

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.



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 😊



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:



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

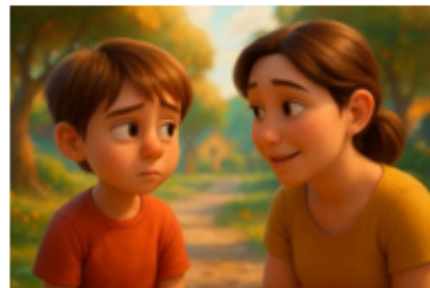
2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 3 payment is now due.

FATHER'S AND SPECIAL PERSON'S BREAKFAST RSVP Slip returned by Thursday 27th August

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Issue 6 orders due by Wednesday 2nd September

Chappy's Corner

FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is the four-minute eye-gazing science activity. Each family member is to spend 4mins looking into another family member's eyes. Maybe your children are struggling to be kind to each other. Why not sit them down across from each other and make them look into each other's eyes silently. See what happens! This is a social psychology experiment created by psychologist Arthur Aron. It shows that staring silently into another person's eyes for four uninterrupted minutes builds deep trust, slows your breathing, and releases bonding hormones like oxytocin. Give it a go and see what happens.



QUOTE: The struggle you are in today is making the strength you will need for tomorrow.

JOKE: Why did the math book look sad? It had too many problems.

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 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

THE TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL VISITS THE PREP ROOM

On Monday the 10th of August the Monash Teddy Bear Hospital visited the Prep Room. They came to teach us all about hospitals and the people who work in them.

Some things that we learnt about included surgery, doctor visits, feelings, healthy eating & allergies, hygiene & immunisation, asthma, x-rays & fractures, plastering and ambulances. We brought our own teddies from home to help us to learn,





COMMUNITY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SLEEP & WELLNESS

Workshop

26.08.26

10.30am - 12.30pm
&
1pm - 3pm

Supporting expecting parents and young families
through better sleep & natural wellness.

AXEDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING
ROOM
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(BEHIND ST ANDREWS BLUE STONE UNITING
CHURCH)

\$20PP

SLEEP & WELLNESS

Workshop

Supporting expecting parents and young
families through better sleep & natural
wellness.

Every attendee will complete a short
questionnaire upon booking so the sleep
session can be tailored to your little ones
age and the sleep challenges your
experiencing.

Come along, enjoy a wellness drink, nibbles,
meaningful conversation and leave feeling
supported, informed and empowered.

Bookings essential.

Axedale Community Garden Meeting Room
Wednesday 26th August
Session 1: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Session 2: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

\$20 per person

Limited places available.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DOSJF>



Puggles Playgroup Axedale



Axedale Hall

Tuesdays 9am - 10.30am - Beginning July
21st

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

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).



**STRATHFIELDSAYE
STRATH
BASKETBALL CLUB**

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

SUMMER SEASON

Born 2020-2017?
We'd love to hear from you!

Strong interest may help us form additional teams in these age groups.

Older juniors and adults welcome too
Team placement depends on player numbers and available vacancies.

REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES OPEN NOW
→ strathfieldsayebc@gmail.com

Strath Starts Here

**GIANT
TENNIS
PLAY PARK**




SUNDAY
1 HOUR OF FUN 9 - 10AM
5 YRS & UNDER

4 WEEKS - \$80
16 AUG - 23 AUG - 30 AUG - 6 SEP

gianttennis.com.au
STRATHFIELDSAYE TENNIS CLUB

nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS*

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

AFL Superkick
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

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

AUSKICK


SUPERKICK


**JETS ARE
GETTING
READY TO
BLAST OFF
THIS SUMMER**

JOIN ONE OF THE STRONGEST JUNIOR PATHWAY PROGRAMS IN REGIONAL VICTORIA. FUN ACTIVITIES WHILE LEARNING HOW TO PLAY CRICKET. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES. LET'S HAVE A BLAST!

GO JETS!!!!!!

 CRICKET BLAST	 JUNIOR COMP
Boys & girls aged 5 to 9 years	✓ We have spots available for players eligible for U11's, U12's, U14's and U16's
Programs offered in November, December and February	U11s & U16 Girls Comp Monday Evenings
Sundays 9:30 am for 5 to 7-year-olds	U11s Monday Evenings
Fridays 6:00 pm Approx 8-9 yrs old	★ U16s Wednesday evenings.
Junior Girls Comp For ages 12-15yrs	

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

 Junior.coordinator@strathjetscc.com.au
0434 730 711 (Brent Yates)