

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

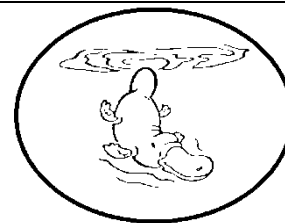
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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Important dates:

Aug	29th RSVP Father's & Special Person's Breakfast by 10am	Sept	9th DV-Aware training 5-7pm
Sept	2nd Father's & Special Person's Breakfast		9th MARC Van
	4th Book Club – Issue 6 orders due		11th-12th Gr 1 Camp Experience & Gr 2 Camp – Camp Getaway
	5th Premier's Reading Challenge finishes		15th Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
	5th Father's & Special Person's Day Stall		19th Footy Colours Day & Hot Dog Lunch
			19th Last Day of Term – 2.30pm finish

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Hamish – For demonstrating the school value of personal best when working on his understanding of Odd and Even numbers.

Grade 1/2

Chase – For showing his Personal Best during jobs time. Chase has worked hard all week to try to make sure our classroom was clean and tidy. He has made sure any jobs that needed doing were done and done well! Well Done, Chase!

Grade 2/3

Maya – For consistently demonstrating her Personal Best during our job time at the end of the day. Maya always does her classroom job respectfully and diligently and will help others to ensure that our classroom is organised and tidy at the end of the day.

Grade 3/4

Xade – For showing the school value of Personal Best by starting tasks quickly and quietly, as well as remaining focused on completing his work.

Grade 5/6

Elliot – For being a respectful member of our school. He consistently shows initiative by helping others and always listens respectfully. He approaches his learning with a positive attitude and is a positive role model within our school.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Louis C – For working well in partner reading and always being one of the first ready to start reading with his partner.

Grade 1/2

Alfreida – For working hard to overcome personal challenges at school while continuing to engage in her learning with a smile on her face.

Grade 2/3

Vincent – For his great detective work when working out the author's message and author's purpose when reading books in class. When he found his answer, Vincent confidently shared his thinking with the class.

Grade 3/4

Georgia – For her consistent efforts in Spelling. Georgia has written interesting sentences using her spelling words and persists in finding word meanings using a dictionary.

Grade 5/6

Oscar – For working hard when learning about percentages. He has shown persistence and experienced success when learning how to calculate 10, 25 and 50 percent of a quantity.



GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 1/2, Mrs Caldwell and Mr F 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 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 175 nights of reading. It is fantastic to see so many students reading and recording the books they read.

PASSPORT

Congratulations to students who were presented with certificates for achieving their Celebration stickers.

MUSIC AWARD

Congratulations to Ewan for receiving the Music Award this week. Ewan received his award for his outstanding efforts learning guitar and teaching his classmates how to play.



THANK YOU MS JANE

While Mr C has been on a well earned break, we have been fortunate to have Ms Amanda Jane teaching the 3/4 class. With Mr C returning to school on Tuesday, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Amanda for her work in the last 6 weeks. She has been a valuable staff member and provided stability to the 3/4 class. We look forward to Ms Jane continuing to work across our classes and being involved in the school community.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OHSC)

It is that time of year where we need apply for a grant to support offering a 2026 OSHC / After School Care service. 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 OSHC service as being a valuable asset for our school community. Any support you can offer to ensure that this service is viable is greatly appreciated.

2026 ENROLMENTS / PLANNING

It is hard to believe that 2026 is 'just around the corner.' At this time in the year, while we are focused on the 2025 school year, we are also starting to plan for 2026. 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.

COUNTRY AND BELONGING

Yesterday we held our final *Country and Belonging* residency session, with an amazing APS Gallery Celebration. Thank you to the Arena Theatre group, students and staff for their participation in the program. It was great to sit in on some of the Yarning Circles and listen to students share what they notice about the country they live on and how country is used. Students were excited to not only look at their art work but also the work of others.

The exhibition included 2 pieces created in art with Mrs Leed. The Marngrooks (balls / toys) and the clay pieces were a big hit. The clay pieces will now be stained and completed in art sessions, ready to come home early in Term 4.



FATHER'S AND SPECIAL PERSON'S BREAKFAST

On Tuesday the 2nd of September we will be holding our annual Father's and Special Person's breakfast. Breakfast will be available between 7.45am – 8.30am. **As RSVPs were due on Tuesday, for catering and organisational purposes, we are unable to accept additional orders after 10am tomorrow morning.**

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to parents, carers, grandparents and special friends who supported our Book Week Celebration Day on Tuesday. I am always amazed at the variety and creativity of costumes worn on the day. There was certainly a buzz around the school all day, with students eagerly engaging in the variety of books shared and activities completed.



PREPARATIONS FOR FIRE SEASON

It is a DE requirement that we share updated information about the upcoming fire season. It is important for families to be aware of the preparations and procedures that must be followed during fire season. Information was distributed via a Compass Newsfeed. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these important details.

BUS TRAVEL

Over recent weeks, concerns have been raised regarding the behaviour of some students while traveling on our school bus. It is important that all students remain seated, wear their seatbelt, and maintain an acceptable noise level, when traveling on the bus. Students are regularly reminded of the expected behaviours when on the bus and the importance of ensuring Peter can concentrate on keeping everyone safe.

PARENT CARER GUARDIAN SURVEY

Each year, DE ask schools to facilitate 3 different surveys. Students in grades 4-6 completed the Student Attitudes to School Survey earlier in the year, staff have recently completed the Staff Opinion Survey, with the Parents, Carers and Guardians Survey now available for families to complete. Survey details have been distributed via Compass.

AUSBIKE PROGRAM

Today we held our first Ausbike sessions. It was great to see students participating in the Modulation session. The next 3 sessions will be held on Wednesday the 3rd, 10th and 17th of September.

CURRICULUM DAYS

In accordance with the 2022 Teaching Agreement, schools can take 5 student free days per year. One is mandated for the first day of the school year and then the remaining 4 are dates determined by individual schools. One day was taken in Term 2. Last night School Council approved the following dates:

Monday 15th September

Friday 17th October

Monday 17th November

DV-AWARE TRAINING

Lifeline Loddon Mallee is offering Domestic & Family Violence training, to be held at school on Tuesday the 9th September from 5pm – 7pm. Please follow this link for registration details.

<https://2-hour-dv-aware-workshop-axedale.raiselysite.com/>

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out Mrs Sue Gentry. Every year Mrs Gentry organises an amazing Book Week Activity Day, where we get to celebrate a variety of books and complete various activities. Mrs Gentry sources, prepares and provides all resources for 5 different books / activities for all students at APS. Not only does she do this for us, she does the same for the other 8 schools she visits. A huge THANK YOU!

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.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Only 8 days left! The reading challenge finishes on Friday 5th September. 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 264 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.

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

The core skills are:

1

MODULATION

Understanding the required amount of functional body engagement to complete a skill - for example, how much pressure to apply on the brakes to stop within three metres from a high speed.

2

DYNAMIC WEIGHT TRANSFER

The ability to position the body appropriately to manoeuvre the bike - for example, shifting the bike using your weight to control the bike movement.

3

STATIC BALANCE

The ability to be able to maintain control of the bike, with minimal movement. In real life, this could look like waiting at traffic lights or doing a trail check before riding the trail.

4

SITUATIONAL APPROPRIATENESS

The ability of the rider to make the appropriate choice, action and reaction to the situation - for example, being able to control the bike over various types of terrain and conditions.



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

GRADE 1 CAMP EXPERIENCE & GRADE 2 CAMP Complete consent via Compass App and return completed medical form by Friday 5th September.

2025 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 3 payment is now due.

Chappy's Corner



Family Challenge: It's time to test your taste buds! Close your eyes and let your loved ones choose some ingredients for you to taste. Then, you need to guess what they are! Don't forget to mention any allergies beforehand. Maybe this is also the perfect moment to sneakily let the kids taste brussel sprouts again. Who knows, they could suddenly think they're really tasty!



Quote: "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step" by Martin Luther King Jr.

Joke: What do dentists call their X-rays? Tooth pics!

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 3 2025**

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 2 September	FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST	
Tuesday 9 September	Laraine Leask	Ali
Tuesday 16 September	Marie Haug	Ali

RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

The *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships* curriculum teaches positive relationship skills to students in primary and secondary schools. Promoting social and emotional skills and positive gender norms directly impacts students' physical and mental health, student-teacher relationships and classroom behaviour. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence.

Taking a whole-school approach is about embedding a culture of respect and gender equality throughout the entire school community. In Term 3, students in all classrooms across Axedale Primary School will be focussing on 'Stress Management' and 'Help-Seeking'. Below is a brief summary of each topic.

TOPIC 5: STRESS MANAGEMENT

Students consider the causes of stress and develop a range of self-regulation and coping strategies they can draw on to manage stressful situations. Activities within this topic area will assist students to:

- recognise and identify their own emotions
- describe situations that may evoke strong emotions
- recognise and identify how their emotions can influence the way they feel and act
- develop self-regulation strategies

TOPIC 6: HELP-SEEKING

Students develop skills and knowledge for peer support, peer referral and help-seeking. Activities within this topic area will assist students to:

- identify situations that feel safe and unsafe
- identify when they may need to seek help and who they could approach for help
- discuss the importance of seeking help when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone
- practise seeking help from adults and peers.

For further information on each topic, please click on the link below:

[Respectful Relationships: A Resource Kit for Victorian Schools | Resource | Arc](#)



100 Days of School, Milo's Surprise Birthday and Book Week

In Term 3 Prep students have been very busy and we have had lots of fun!!! In Week 2 we celebrated '100 Days of Prep' with a whole school dress-up day. In Week 4 Prep students arrived at school and were surprised that Miss Hall and Mrs Roberts had organised a surprise birthday party for Milo Monkey. This week we celebrated Book Week with another whole school dress-up day where we rotated through lots of craft activities that Mrs Gentry had organised to celebrate Australian literature. What an AMAZING term we have had so far!!!

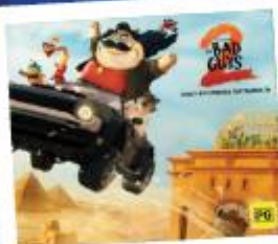




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Secret Garden

SPRING 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 10th 2025

7.00pm

Axedale Hall

Want to be part of something amazing for Axedale?

We're looking for passionate, community-minded people to join the Axedale Events Committee. Executive and General Positions are available.

If you've ever wanted to help shape the Axedale Quick Shear & Family Fun Day or bring fresh ideas to other local events, this is your chance.

Your creativity and energy can help us create memorable events that raise much-needed funds for our local community groups.

Whether you're an individual who loves to get involved or a representative from a community group, we'd love to have you on board.

Be part of something great and help us make a real difference.

Contact: axedaleevents@gmail.com



Axedale CFA Community Meeting

*A Community Meeting for all Axedale's residents
concerning the future of Axedale's CFA*

Sunday 14th Sept. 11.30am - 4pm

Location: Axedale CFA Station, 22 Shadforth Street Axedale.

BBQ lunch provided, children most welcome.

Axedale CFA are requesting your presence at a Community Meeting to discuss with the Axedale community the future of our local CFA. Whilst you may have seen us on Sunday mornings checking over our two Tankers, or have heard the siren, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our small group of dedicated volunteers to attend every incident.

Did you know:

- In the past 12 months we have on occasion not been able to attend an emergency because of lack of volunteers.
- We are in immediate need of 3 times the active number of volunteers we currently have.
- Axedale CFA is a 100% Axedale run Brigade. If you reside in the Axedale township you are within 300 meters of one of our volunteers.
- Without more volunteer members there is a chance of Axedale losing its CFA Brigade, relying on neighbouring Brigades and longer response times.
- Volunteering is a fantastic opportunity to give back to your community, with free Nationally Recognised training and the flexibility to fit around family, work, sport etc.

Contact:
axedale.cfa.secretary@gmail.com
0414535450

YOUTH SOCIAL GROUP



START



TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

3:30PM - 6:00PM

Social Youth group.
Activities include, Sports Days,
Video Games, Arts n Crafts, Lego,
Cooking and much more!!

146a Midland Highway,
Epsom, 3551

Contact Admin: 0493 896 687

admin@sportzrulz.com.au



AFL GRAND FINAL WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Celebrate the lead up to the
AFL Grand Final with us!



BENDIGO - MIXED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO	

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Auskick (ages 4-7) - learning AFL skills through fun activities
- Superkick (aged 8-12) - put your AFL skills into practice with modified match play
- Dancing, AFL trivia, competitions and FUN!
- \$55 per person which includes a football



GIANT *tennis*

COACHING PROGRAMS @
STRATHFIELDSAYE TC

HOT SHOTS 5-12YRS
JUNIORS & ADULTS
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
PLAY PARK (5&UNDER)
CARDIO TENNIS

FIND OUT MORE >> 

TERM 3 SCHEDULE

HOT SHOTS - Wednesdays
6 Week Program in Term 3, Starting 13th Aug
3.45 - 4.30pm Red/Orange Ball (5-9yrs) \$108
4.30 - 5.30pm Green/Yellow Ball (10+yrs) \$132

PLAY PARK (5YRS & UNDER)
Sunday 9-10am - 3 Weeks \$45, from 31st Aug

CARDIO+KIDS - Monday 9.30am
\$20/Session - Come when it suits!

REGISTER HERE > gianttennis.com.au  

TENNIS

FREE OPEN DAY
10AM-12PM SUNDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER

JOIN US FOR A HIT
SIGN UP FOR SUMMER PENNANT
MEET THE GIANT COACHES
TRY CARDIO TENNIS
>> 11.00 - 11.30AM
PLAY PARK ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS

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KELLY SPORTS

SUMMER FUTSAL

2025/2026 COMPETITION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prepare to ignite your passion for Futsal in the Bendigo Summer Futsal Competition. Our venues come alive with, action-packed matches, showcasing the talents of young athletes on the court! Come along, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on your champions from the stands!

WEEKLY MATCHES

REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY

REGISTER AS A TEAM

SUMMER SEASON DETAILS

DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 4pm - onwards

AGE GROUPS: Under 6/8/10/12

DATES: Oct 8 - Dec 17 & Feb 4 - Mar 11

SEASON COST: \$315

VENUES:

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct
Victory Christian College
La Trobe University
St Francis of the Fields PS - Strathfieldsaye
St Liborius PS - Eaglehawk
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

DAY: Thursday **TIME:** 4:30pm - onwards

AGE GROUPS: Under 14/16/18

DATES: Oct 9 - Dec 18 & Feb 5 - Mar 12

SEASON COST: \$315

VENUES:

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

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SCHOOL CAN'T

WHEN:
SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME:
11AM-12PM
Followed by a
Light Lunch

WHERE:
LAKESIDE
HOTEL
286 Napier Street
Bendigo

IS YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

Come along to this event and hear Tiffany Westphal, Director, School Can't Australia, talk about the experience of school can't.

Learn about tools, support, and resources to help you feel empowered and confident to advocate for your child.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



www.trybooking.com/DEJNP



CHEER N DANCE ATHLETICS IS COMING TO HEATHCOTE!

COME AND TRY SESSION
WEDNESDAY 10TH OF SEPTEMBER



STARTING TERM 4:
WEDNESDAYS
4-5PM RISING STARS CHEER (RECREATIONAL CHEER)
5-6PM BEGINNER TUMBLING
6-7:30PM NOVICE ALL STAR CHEER (COMPETITIVE TEAM)

BARRACK RESERVE, HEATHCOTE



EXCITING NEWS...CRICKET IS BACK INCLUDING MIDWEEK...

UNDER 11'S PLUS OUR GIRLS JUNIOR COMP roll into MONDAY EVENINGS!!!

Master Blasters (U10s) Friday night's @ 6pm..... Get on board.

Strathfieldsaye Jets Cricket Club welcomes new and existing players to register for the 2025/26 season. Registrations are open, please follow the following link:

- **Cricket Blast Programs** – No gear required, soft balls used
 - ✓ Sunday mornings at 9:30am- Up to 60 mins of activity for ages approx. 5-7 yrs),
 - ✓ Friday evenings – 6pm start-7:15pm finish (ages approx. 8 to 9/10)
- **Junior Competitions** for U11 & our Girls (Monday nights), U12 & U14 (Saturday morning) & U16 (Wednesday evenings):

[Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club Registrations](#) | [PlayHQ](#)

We look forward to a fun filled summer of cricketing action for all ages.

If requiring further information, or any queries in general we would love to hear from you, please feel free to contact us via email junior.coordinator@strathjetscc.com.au or the phone number below.

"Live local, Play local"

Brent Yates | Junior President | 0434 730 711

Strathfieldsaye Jets CC





HEATHCOTE PANTHERS SUMMER SEASON

Term 4 2025 -Term 1 2026

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our Junior Basketball Summer Season

Under 8 Boys born 2019
Under 10 Boys born 2017-2018
Under 12 Boys born 2015-2016
Under 14 Boys born 2013-2014
Under 16 Boys born 2011-2012

TRAINING SCHEDULE:

Under 8, Under 10 & Under 12
Monday 4pm - 5pm
Under 14 & Under 16
Monday 5pm - 6pm

**Training times may vary depending on participant numbers ++

- All welcome. Training is free of charge.
- Competition games are played at Red Energy Arena, Bendigo.

• Please contact Alan 0418 589 020 or Kristyn 0418 852 339

• Expressions close Sept 20th 2025

www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball

LOCATION:

Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.

VICSCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

#ROUND 7- BENDIGO
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

**REGO
OPENING 25TH
AUGUST**



Sunday 7th September

Bendigo MTB

Spring Gully Trails

VICSCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

NEW RIDER INFORMATION

The AusCycling VIC Schools MTB Series has been running for over a decade and provides new and experienced school-aged riders with a fun and inclusive racing experience. The focus is on 'having a go', riding your bike with friends and keeping active whilst representing your school.

The AusCycling Schools Mountain Bike Series runs from May to September, with rounds in different locations across Victoria. Cross country (XC) is the type of mountain bike racing on offer, with both novice and race categories available, starting from under nine and continuing through to under nineteen. The course and trails allow for maximum fun and a bit of challenge! Courses are primarily single-track, with some up and down. If there are more advanced features, newer riders always have the option to a B line.

How do I participate?

Entries are open to all 6 to 18-year-old riders enrolled at school or home-schooled. Each event will be listed on EntryBoss.

Do I need to be an AusCycling member to enter?

No, entry into each event includes insurance coverage for each rider for the duration of the day event. But we know that these events are super fun and encourage riders to find out more about their nearest MTB club.

If you have any questions, please reach out to melissa.ward@auscycling.org.au



Scan for more information on the series

