

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

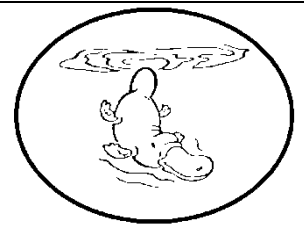
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Important dates:

Oct	5th First day of Term 4 5th-9th Swimming Program 15th School Review – parent meeting 8.45am 18th Golf Day 20th MARC Van	Oct	21st School Council meeting 23rd Gr 5/6 Cricket Blast 28th Bendigo Cup Public Holiday 29th Curriculum Day – student free day 30th Day for Daniel – wear touch of RED
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TERM 3 CWA AWARD

Congratulations to the term 3 CWA award winners.

Grade Prep	Brodie S
Grade 1/2	Japleen C
Grade 2/3	Avery P
Grade 3/4	Xavier B
Grade 5/6	Evie D

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



TERM 3 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 Estelle, who was chosen as the recipient for Term Three.

Congratulations also to our other nominees from each classroom.

Grade Prep	Remy H
Grade 1/2	Scott B
Grade 2/3	Estelle S
Grade 3/4	Maya S
Grade 5/6	Ivy T



CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 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. At the School Council meeting held last term, the following dates were approved:

Thursday 29th October

Wednesday 18th November

TheirCare WILL NOT provide a service on these days.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out our ever-smiling crossing supervisor – Pacey. Whether you are walking across the crossing or driving along McIvor Highway, Pacey always has a smile and a friendly wave for everyone.

BENDIGO CUP DAY

Axedale Primary School's public holiday is held on the Bendigo Cup Day which is Wednesday the 28th of October. School runs as normal on Melbourne Cup Day, which is Tuesday the 3rd of November.

GUITAR LESSONS

Harry has informed us that he has secured a harvesting job in WA for the rest of the year so won't be available to offer guitar lessons in Term 4. We wish Harry all the best with his new job and look forward to working with him again in 2027.

GOLF DAY

Thank you to Yellow Iron Fleet who are our Drinks Cart sponsor. Last term families received information about our biannual Golf Day. This is a major fundraiser for both school and Axedale Kinder. The Golf Day is on Sunday the 18th of October. Please return the Helper slip by tomorrow, Friday 9th October.

Thank you to families who have sold raffle

tickets. Please return tickets and money to school by next Thursday 15th October.



2026 REVIEW

Every Victorian Government school takes part in a 4-yearly School Review to help ensure students are receiving the best possible education and support. The review is an opportunity to celebrate what is working well, identify areas for future development, and create the School Strategic Plan for the next 4 years.

As part of the process, an independent reviewer meets with students, staff, parents and carers, School Council members, and leadership teams to gather a range of perspectives about the school. Student achievement, wellbeing, engagement, and school programs are also considered.

The feedback and findings from the Review help shape the school's next four-year Strategic Plan, ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our students and community. It is a valuable opportunity for reflection, growth, and continuous improvement.

Part one of the Review Process was completed in Term 3, with the next part being completed next Thursday the 15th of October. Parents and carers are invited to meet with Rose, our Reviewer, next Thursday morning, providing feedback on many aspects of Axedale PS. The meeting will commence in the brick building at 8.45am and will run for approximately 30 minutes. We encourage parents / carers to participate in the meeting.

LOCAL VOICES

Fosterville Gold Mine has engaged Voconiq to deliver Local Voices, a program of online surveys that provides an opportunity for communities in the area to express their views and experiences confidentially regarding the operations and impacts of Fosterville Gold Mine. You can learn more about Local Voices [here](#).

Fosterville Gold Mine is about to launch Local Voices survey, and we're excited to support local community groups like yours through our Local Voices Rewards Program.

Participation can help fund local not-for-profit groups like yours

As a 'thank you' for taking part, once a survey is completed, participants are allocated tokens, which they can distribute to a list of local community groups. These tokens can then be claimed as cash donations by registered community groups.

How does the Local Voices Rewards Program work?

A total donation pool of \$2500 will be shared among the community groups registered, based on the final ranking of the token tally. Therefore, every token counts - the more tokens your group earns, the larger share of the donation pool Axedale Primary School will receive.

You can learn more about Local Voices from the flyer on the back page with a QR code or follow the link [here](#).

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. An information page was sent home last week and was also sent via a Compass Newsfeed. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these important details.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

A massive thank you to parents and carers for the support and organisation provided with the annual Swimming Program. Starting the term with daily travel into Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre can present challenges but it's extremely pleasing to see the high level of participation and enthusiasm shown by students. Feedback from staff at the centre has been very positive with students congratulated on displaying our school values.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On the last day of Term 3 we celebrated Footy Colours Day. We raised \$90 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Students dressed up in the colours of their favourite AFL, NRL, local football / netball team or their favourite sport colours.

Thank you to Mr C and the grade 6 students who organised and ran tabloid sports for all classes. Each student had the opportunity to participate in the longest kick competition. Congratulations to the winning students.

Prep – Charlotte T 6m	Josh & Tate 10m
1/2 – Mabel & Japleen 8m	Brock T 20m
2/3 – Estelle 11m	Jaeger 21m
3/4 – Maya 19m	Cooper 28m
5/6 Golden Boot – Irie & Chloe 16m	Ryan 31m

PARENT CARER GUARDIAN SURVEY

Thank you to parents / carers who completed the survey. We greatly appreciate your support in providing us with this valuable feedback.

Corrina Hartland
Principal



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 4 payment is now due.

GOLF DAY – Return helpers slip by Thursday 8th October. Hamper donations & raffle tickets returned by Thursday 15th October.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Orders due by 22nd October.

Chappy's Corner

FAMILY CHALLENGE: Spring is here and it's a great time to be out in the garden. The picture is of some flowers that are blooming in my garden at this time of year. This week's challenge is to go out together and spend an hour in the garden doing something fun together. Maybe you would like to make a fairy village or plant some flowers or veggies. Maybe you could build a water feature? There are so many ideas to going out into the garden and finding fun things to do.



QUOTE: 'Where words fail, music speaks.' Hans Christian Andersen

JOKE: What do you call a cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our amazing **Breakfast Club** volunteers. Your time, smiles and helping hands make Breakfast Club possible and help our students have a positive start to their day. If you can volunteer for our Tuesday breakfast club then please don't hesitate to contact me (Ali Gillett) and I'll happily walk you through what we do and accommodate when is convenient for you. You can do as much or little as you want!

Below are a list of guidelines for breakfast club:

Breakfast Club – Our Recipe for a Great Start!

Breakfast Club is a fun way to start the school day! It's a chance to enjoy some yummy breakfast, catch up with friends, have a chat and get ready for a fantastic day of learning. ☀️

TERM 4 2026

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 13 October	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 20 October	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 27 October	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 3 November	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 10 November	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 17 November	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 24 November	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali
Tuesday 1 December	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 8 December	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 15 December	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali

COMMUNITY



REMEMBRANCE PARKS
CENTRAL VICTORIA

AXEDALE THROUGH YOUR EYES Community Photography Competition

What makes Axedale special to you?

Capture a favourite local place, a moment in nature or a detail that tells the story of our community.

As Remembrance Parks Central Victoria develops a Master Plan for Axedale Cemetery, selected photographs and stories will help bring it to life.

THREE CATEGORIES
REMEMBER • NATURE • COMMUNITY

A \$150 local business gift card to be won in each category!

We encourage students and families to enter, no professional photography experience needed.

Entries close Thursday 15 October 2026

Visit rpcv.org.au/latest-news or scan the QR code to learn more and enter!



From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Bendigo

Wednesday 21 October 2026, 6:30pm-9:30pm
(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 9am)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Alicia) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Alicia Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



Exhibitors



Venue

The Bendigo Club: 22 Park St, Strathdale VIC

Free Bendigo Cinema ticket (valued at \$23)
available with main meal purchase
from The Bendigo Club bistro menu
Refer to The Bendigo Club social media for details and T&C
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Seminar tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)
Child (0-11 yrs): FREE Child (12-17 yrs): \$10.50*
General Admission: \$35.50*

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
\$85.50*

events.humanitix.com/doam-bgo26 (or scan QR code)

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EDUCATORS – Educators can claim 3 hours of Professional Development. Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2

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HALLOWEEN @ LORDS RACEWAY

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27
FREE ENTRY | GATES OPEN 5.30PM



Best Dressed
Prize Vouchers!

FREE
ACTIVITIES!



- REPTILE SHOW
- FACE PAINTER
- BIG SCREEN with Kids Halloween Movies
- GOLD PANNING
- DJ
- JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG
- ROVING ENTERTAINERS
– Halloween characters
(Pennywise / Wednesday Addams / The Joker)
- TRICK OR TREAT STATIONS
- COFFEE & ICE CREAM VAN



BGRA Proudly raising funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation

Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association
Lord's Raceway, McIvor Highway, Bendigo
For more information ph (03) 5449 3322
Email: bendigo@grv.org.au



O'SHEA RYAN
ACADEMY OF IRISH
DANCE BENDIGO
PRESENTS

CELTIC DREAM

A MAGICAL JOURNEY
DANCING THROUGH THE
CELTIC HEARTLAND

FEATURING
Sue Foley from the
Bhantrae &
Glenbrae Celtic
Dancers

GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
BLACK BOX THEATRE
51-59 Wattle St, Bendigo

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2026
3:00PM MATINEE

TICKETS AVAILABLE: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPEKZ>



Support For Carers

Free events for carers of people with disability

- ✓ Hear from experts and real carers
- ✓ Get your tricky questions answered
- ✓ Discover local support
- ✓ Meet new people

Free onsite disability support
Light dinner



Surviving to Thriving

Carer health, wellbeing, and support

Bendigo Wednesday	10 June 2026	The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday	16 June 2026	The Mill House
Mildura Thursday	25 June 2026	Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Tuesday	30 June 2026	The Goods Shed

Young Families to New Carers

Juggling a diagnosis, early support and family life

Bendigo Wednesday	7 October 2026	The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday	13 October 2026	The Mill House
Mildura Thursday	22 October 2026	Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Wednesday	28 October 2026	The Goods Shed

Teens to Adult

School, work, relationships, and growing up

Ballarat Wednesday	4 November 2026	Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday	18 November 2026	The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday	17 December 2026	Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday	16 June 2026	The Mill House

Home to Independence

Moving out, making decisions, and future planning

Ballarat Wednesday	10 March 2027	Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday	17 March 2027	The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday	22 April 2027	Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday	4 May 2027	The Mill House

Get clear, useful information you can apply, ask questions in a safe, supportive space, and connect with other carers who understand.

Places are limited, scan the QR code to secure your spot!



www.lifely.org.au

#LifelyCarerSeries



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



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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

- Boys & girls aged 5 to 9 years
- Programs offered in November, December and February
- Sundays 9:30 am for 5 to 7-year-olds
- Fridays 6:00 pm Approx 8-9 yrs old
- Junior Girls Comp For ages 12-15yrs

JUNIOR COMP

- We have spots available for players eligible for U11's, U12's, U14's and U16's
- U11s & U16 Girls Comp Monday Evenings
- U11s Monday Evenings
- U16s Wednesday evenings.

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

Junior.coordinator@strathjetscc.com.au

0434 730 711 (Brent Yates)



Take the Local Voices survey now

Join Local Voices and share your feedback directly to Fosterville Gold Mine

- ✓ Local Voices is the perfect platform to share what matters to you and provide your feedback on Fosterville Gold Mine.
- ✓ Local community groups benefit through donations linked to survey participation.
- ✓ Surveys take 10 minutes and can be completed on your phone, tablet, computer or paper surveys.
- ✓ Your survey is 100% confidential. No personal details will be disclosed.



Have your say and go into the draw to win a \$500 fuel gift card

Scan the code and take the survey now



For more info on Local Voices and prize terms and conditions visit:

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