

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

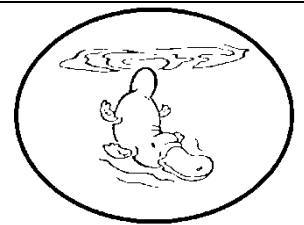
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 32 OCTOBER 15th 2026

Important dates:

Oct	16 th Grade 1/2 PJ Day 18 th Golf Day 20 th MARC Van 21 st River Detectives Excursion – Gr 1-6 21 st School Council meeting	Oct	23 rd Gr 5/6 Cricket Blast 28 th Bendigo Cup Public Holiday 29 th Curriculum Day – student free day
		Nov	30 th Day for Daniel – wear touch of RED 2 nd Gr 5/6 Puberty Session

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Bonnie - For a great start to Term 4 and settling back into school routines so well.

Grade 1/2

Lucy H – For demonstrating the value of co-operation. You have shown all of the school values when working with your new table group. You include others at you table, talk in a friendly voice and help keep your learning space tidy. Keep up the great start to term 4.

Grade 2/3

Amirah – For showing **cooperation** at school during such a busy first week of term. Well done Amirah!

Grade 3/4

Maya – For showing cooperation in the classroom Maya works alongside any of her peers in a friendly and cooperative manner to complete set tasks to A grade standard. Well done Maya!

Grade 5/6

Jie - For demonstrating our school value of Cooperation by willingly offering help and support to his teachers and for bringing a friendly attitude to our school community.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Tate -For demonstrating our school value of co-operation by ensuring our lockers are neat and tidy at the end of each day.

Grade 1/2

Jameson M – For working hard to make sure your handwriting is neat and in the correct spaces on the dotted thirds. You are also making good choices in phonics when segmenting words, often selecting the correct graph or digraph needed.

Grade 2/3

Charlotte - For your fantastic effort in Maths this week. You have worked hard to develop your understanding of fractions

Grade 3/4

Xavier – For working hard to complete writing tasks. Xavier is learning about the elements of poetry and applied this understanding to his own poem using sound devices. Great work Xavier.

Grade 5/6

Cody - For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning during Literacy sessions. He remaining focused and engaged and has worked hard to apply the skills and strategies he has learnt to his own reading and writing.



GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 2/3 , Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Balic for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have recorded 75,100, 125, 150, 175 200, 225, 250 nights of reading.



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.

2026 REVIEW

Due to our Reviewer being unwell, we have rescheduled the Review Day to Thursday the 5th of November.

Parents and carers are invited to meet with Rose, our Reviewer, in the 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.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Held annually on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness event.

This special day honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and reinforces the vital message that **keeping kids safe** is a responsibility we all share—**parents, carers, educators, businesses...the entire community**.

This year, Day for Daniel is being held on Friday the 30th of October. Students are encouraged to come to school out of uniform, wearing red to acknowledge the importance of the day. We will collect a gold coin donation, with money collected donated to the Day For Daniel Foundation.



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](#).

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Congratulations to our grade 6 students who were presented with their Victorian Water Safety Certificate. To earn the certificate, students must demonstrate specific skills assessed by learn-to-swim providers:

- **Continuous Swim:** Swim a continuous distance of 50 meters (typically 25 meters of freestyle and 25 meters of another stroke with proper technique).
- **Survival Sequence:** Enter the water safely, tread water/float/scull while wearing light clothing (t-shirt and shorts), remove clothing, swim using survival strokes, and exit safely.
- **Rescue Skills:** Perform a non-contact reach rescue and throw a rope or buoyant object to a target at least 5 meters away.
- **Water Safety Knowledge:** Answer key questions regarding general aquatic safety, recognizing hazards, and emergency response.



GRADE 1/2 PAJAMA DAY

Students in Grade 1/2 have worked hard to receive their second Golden Platypus reward. They selected the opportunity to have a Pyjama Day at school. Understanding that lots of students want to wear their PJs but also some students would prefer to wear out of uniform, we are happy for students to come in either. We do request that students wear clothes that cover their shoulders and appropriate shoes that have closed in toes. Students would like to do this on this tomorrow, Friday the 16th of October.

GOLF DAY

Thank you to all of our sponsors for our Gold Day this Sunday 18th October. This is a major fundraiser for both school and Axedale Kinder. Please contact the office if you are available. Thank you to families who have sold raffle tickets. Please return raffle tickets and money to school by tomorrow Friday 16th October

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FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 4 payment is now due.

GOLF DAY – Return helpers slip, hamper donations & raffle tickets returned by tomorrow, Friday 16th October.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Orders due by 22nd October.

Chappy's Corner



FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is to go bird watching. It means you have to sit and see if you can spot all the different birds in your area. It's good to research and see if you can learn their names. Most people know the magpie but there are so many other beautiful birds to see in the Axedale area.



QUOTE: "Boldness be my friend." William Shakespeare

JOKE: What's an owl's favourite subject? Owl-gebral

BREAKFAST CLUB

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!

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 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

Grade 5 & 6 NEWS

WELCOME

We would like to warmly welcome Abbi O'Connor who is completing her teaching placement in the Grade 5&6 classroom from Weeks 1-4. Ms O'Connor is currently in her third year of teaching at La Trobe University. She will be designing and delivering lessons to further develop her teaching practice.

READING AND WRITING



This term in Writing, the Grade 5 and 6 students have been busy exploring the wonderful world of Poetry. They are learning how to craft their own limericks, ballads, and free verse poems, and are enjoying experimenting with poetic devices.

During Reading sessions, students will be diving into a range of exciting genres, including poetry, modern fantasy, and myths and legends. They will discover what makes these genres unique and how authors use structure, voice and imagination to engage their readers.

Students will start to work on their Passion Project towards the end of term. They will present their presentations to the class.

NUMERACY

Students will explore a range of mathematical concepts in fun and meaningful ways. In Measurement, they will investigate length, area and perimeter, applying their knowledge to real-life scenarios. Students will complete hands-on experiments and used the results to calculate probability when learning about chance.

Students are looking forward to completing the House Project, later in the term. They will be given a budget and asked to design and build a Christmas house made entirely of lollies. This project encourages creativity while reinforcing budgeting, measurement and problem-solving skills.



MAJOR EXCURSION: MELBOURNE

On Wednesday 9th December, the Grade 5 and 6 students will travel by train to Melbourne for their Major Excursion. Whilst in Melbourne, students will visit two iconic venues – The Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Princess Theatre.

At the MCG, students will visit the Australian Sports Museum and meet an Olympian.

After lunch, students will have the unique experience of seeing Mrs Doubtfire the Musical. This is a hilarious and heartwarming show about a devoted dad who disguises himself as a Scottish nanny to spend more time with his children. Filled with catchy songs, comedy and plenty of heart, it celebrates the love of family. The show is being performed at Melbourne's iconic Princess Theatre, a beautiful historic venue known for its grand Victorian architecture and spectacular musicals. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!**



UPCOMING DATES:

Weeks 5&6: Puberty Sessions

Week 6: Grade 6 BSE students- Scavenger Hunt – Thursday 12th November

Week 9: Passion Project Presentations

Week 10: Orientation Day- Tuesday 8th December / Major Excursion – Wednesday 9th December

Week 11: Grade 6 Graduation – Monday 14th December / Christmas Concert – Wednesday 16th December

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



Bendigo Autism Support Group

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*

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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

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)

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

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

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

Lifely 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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Bring along a drink bottle to refill!

Wear a hat!

LIVE STAGE PERFORMANCES

- Check out the live stage in Hargreaves Street Mall:
- Welcome to Country with a didgeridoo performance
 - The Bendigo Chinese Association Lion Team
 - Dance Dragon Dance show by Scott's Mascots
 - The Blurbs
 - HipHopportunities and much more!



This event is proudly sponsored by:



Program

FREE FUNLOONG FUN DAY!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday October 17, 2026
11am to 2pm

Hargreaves Street Mall and Williamson Street



Join us to celebrate Children's Week with a range of FREE fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy!



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 & SURROUNDS

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING NOVEMBER 2

MONDAYS 4:30PM - 5:30PM

\$55 | INCLUDES FOOTY!

AUSKICK



SUPERKICK



Build Along

With Brickman

Join Brickman for another round of
brick building challenges!

Saturday, 24th October

Sessions at:
• 9:00am
• 10:30am
• 12:00pm

Discovery Centre Bendigo

\$35 - General Public
\$15 - Members

For ages 5+

Tickets available at:
www.discovery.asn.au



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31ST OCTOBER
4PM - 6PM

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VERTICAL SLIDE OF
DOOM

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Bendigo, when they are played and when to register?



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Check out the
Bendigo Junior Sports Calendar
for all the information

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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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