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Important dates:

Nov	**13th Prep Dinner at school 3.30pm – 7pm** **17th MARC Van** **18th Curriculum Day – Student Free Day** **18th School Council meeting**	**Nov**	**19th School Review 8.45am parent meeting** **19th Prep 2027 Transition #1 2.15-3.15pm** **20th 3/4 Excursion to Echuca THERE IS NO NORMAL SCHOOL BUS RUN**

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS



Grade Prep

Chloe - For demonstrating the school value of Personal Best when completing her assessment tasks, making sure she was completing each part to the best of her ability.

Grade 1/2

Percy D – For demonstrating his Personal Best when completing classroom tasks. You have set a high standard for everyone else to follow by writing neatly using lower and upper-case letters as well as pasting worksheets in neatly. Well done, Percy.

Grade 2/3

Jaeger – Jaeger has made fantastic progress in his reading! He takes the time to think carefully about what he is reading and self-corrects when something doesn't make sense. It is wonderful to see his growing confidence and the effort he puts into becoming a better reader. Keep up the fantastic work, Jaeger!

Grade 3/4

William – For showing his Personal Best when learning in the classroom. Will is quick to organise himself by coming to the floor quietly, demonstrating he is ready and engaged to learn.

Grade 5/6

Chelsea – For her sporting achievements during joint team sports on Friday. She tried her best and showed some fantastic skills when playing cricket, putting her full efforts into the game. Chelsea showed determination, her personal best with catches, runs and sportsmanship.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Grade Prep

Sadie - For her excellent work completing her math assessment showing great concentration and applying her new understanding from this semester.

Grade 1/2

Louis C – For demonstrating a sound understanding of halves, quarters and eighths. You are able to work fractions of a whole or collection as well as work out the whole when given a halve or quarter of it. Keep up the great work Louis.

Grade 2/3

Jax - Congratulations, Jax! You did a fantastic job publishing your letter. You worked so hard to achieve your very best handwriting, using the dotted thirds beautifully. Your effort, focus and pride in your work really shone through. Keep up the amazing work!

Grade 3/4

Maya – For her work undertaken in maths this term. Maya is always quick to start learning tasks, works cooperatively with others when working in pairs and has produced some fantastic results on Essential Assessment. Congratulations Maya!

Grade 5/6

Ivy – For working hard in writing to edit her fantasy piece. Her consistent efforts in refining her written work have led her to produce an engaging story.

HOUSE AWARD

Congratulations to Campaspe, winners of this week's House Award.





GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 1/2, Mr F and Ms Haw for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have received reading nights awards.

STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who received a certificate for achieving the goal of 25 celebration stickers in their Student Passport.





2026 REVIEW

Our Review day has been rescheduled to next Thursday 19th 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.

NO SCHOOL BUS RUN – FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Due to the Grade 3 & 4 excursion to Echuca next Friday 20th November there will be no school bus run in the morning and the afternoon.

GOLF DAY 2026

It is with great excitement that we announce the outcome of our fundraising biannual Golf Day. This year's event raised $23 228, to be shared between Axedale Kinder and Axedale Primary School. We are extremely grateful to Axedale Golf Club, all sponsors, volunteers and players on the day. We are very fortunate to have access to such an amazing team of supporters.



2027 PAPERWORK

Students were given their 2027 paperwork today:

- 2027 Book list information. Book packs need to be ordered electronically via Education Plus by Friday 18th December 2026.
- 2027 Parent contributions paperwork. Please complete and return to the office by Friday 11th December. We need this for our 2027 planning. Payments can be made now or left for the 2027 school year.

Please contact Katrina at the office or via email at axedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you need any assistance.

PREP DINNER

Grade Prep students will be having their Prep Dinner at school tomorrow, Friday 13th November. This is part of the Camping policy, and provides experiences, which will assist when the students take part in our Camps Program in future years.

Students will remain at school from 3.30pm and will enjoy an evening of games, a town walk, and activities before and after their meal. Students are picked up from the main building at 7.00pm. We look forward to all prep students participating in this exciting event.

STUDENT FREE DAY

We have a staff Professional Practice Day on next Wednesday 18th of November. TheirCare WILL NOT be providing services on this day.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out our hard working staff who managed all things APS, while I was on leave unwell. Managing the day-to-day organisation of a school while also teaching a class is challenging and I appreciate the efforts of everyone.

Corrina Hartland
Principal



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS FORM Return completed form by Friday 11th December.

2027 BOOK PACK ORDER Orders due with Education Plus by Friday 18th December.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)

FUN IN THE SUN DAY

The annual colour run is fast approaching, with only 4 weeks to go.
We are looking to borrow tyres, exercise balls, orange bollards and straw bales.
If you can help please let Corrina know.





THE GIFT OF GIVING!

This Christmas, we're inviting all our students and families to join us in spreading a little extra kindness through **Christmas in Reverse!**

Rather than receiving gifts, we're encouraging students to give back by donating food items to **MADCOW (Make A Difference Change Our World)**, a wonderful charity supporting people experiencing homelessness.

Every donation, big or small, will help make someone's Christmas a little brighter and remind them that they are cared for and thought of.

Some suggested donation ideas include:

- Christmas pudding, cake and UHT custard
- Christmas biscuits, sweet and savoury biscuits (no chocolate coating)
- Soft drink, chips, nuts, pretzels and caramel popcorn
- Lollies (no chocolate)
- Coffee and hot chocolate sachets
- Pasta, tinned food and rice

Donations can be brought to school and will be collected by MADCOW on **Tuesday 24th November in the afternoon**, with the help of a very special guest!

Let's spread some Christmas cheer, share a little kindness and make a difference – one donation at a time! 💗🎁

Chappy's Corner

AGNICO EAGLE
FOSTERVILLE

FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's family challenge is to make up a boardgame together. You may want to base it on one that already exist e.g. Monopoly or Cluedo. Think up a name, the aim of the game i.e. to finish the board or to get the most points or to have the least points. Then set out making up some challenges. It could be a really fun activity to do as a family.



QUOTE: "To crave the result but not the process, is to guarantee disappointment." James Clear, Author

RIDDLE: What do you break the moment you name it? Silence.

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 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

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – GRADE ¾

Ships of the First Fleet

Recently students have been researching the ships of the First Fleet. They worked in pairs to study one of the 11 ships and investigated the conditions convicts were subjected to. Students were able to research some of the real convicts of the time and complete a convict identification card.



Duncan, Logan and Finnley enjoying the board game 'The First Fleet'.

Maps in Maths!

Students have recently been looking at various maps and understanding terminology such as scale, key and landmarks. As well as undertaking map work in their workbooks and on the Mathletics program using their computers, students have studied how an atlas is used. Here is Archer and Will calculating the length of Africa!



'ROCKIN' it at ROCKY CROSSING



The girls pictured here finding bugs!

During Science, Grade 3-6 took an excursion to Rocky Crossing on the Campaspe River! Aquatica ecologists were there to show us how to test the water quality which we discovered was excellent! We found lots of different bugs in the water and talked about why healthy bugs are important for our animals and river.

A Poet but I didn't know it!

During reading and writing this term, students have been exposed to a variety of poems – shape, limericks, odes, Haiku, acrostic and free verse are some of the poems students have been practising. Some careful word choice has been challenging for students especially with all those rhyme, rhythm and syllable rules!!! Below is Harney and Sunny working on their Odes.



COMMUNITY

Axedale Tennis Club
FUNDRAISING EVENT
Cake Picnic

DATE
Sunday 15 November 2026

TIME
1.30pm - 4pm

WHERE
Axedale Recreation Reserve clubhouse
75 Mitchell Street

GUEST SPEAKER
Kelly Callaway,
Chief Cake & Slice baker at Axedale's Rise & Grind Cafe.

ENTRY FEE
$10 per ticket plus a cake to share.
Tickets must be booked & paid for prior to the event.
You can make a cake or buy a cake to bring along.

No cake, no entry.

Tea & Coffee provided. Drinks at bar prices.

PLEASE BRING
- Your uncut cake on a board/plate or cake stand.
- A cake serving utensil.
- Gold coins/cash to buy raffle tickets.

Enjoy a delightful afternoon filled with cake tasting, conversation and prizes.

For further information & to book your ticket by 9th November, contact Liz Harrington
m. 0407 505 867

This is a community event. By attending, you accept full responsibility for food safety and any risks involved. Organisers are not liable for illness, injury or excessive cake consumption.

KELLY SPORTS X BENDIGO SPIRIT

YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY BOOKING COULD TAKE YOU TO

THE BIG STAGE!

PLAY ON THE BENDIGO SPIRIT SHOW COURT
EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE WNBL
MAKE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

EXCLUSIVE TO KELLY SPORTS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS!

EXCITING GAME-DAY OPPORTUNITIES!

PRE-GAME SHOW COURT MATCH
12-14 Kelly Sports legends selected for the incredible opportunity to play basketball on the Bendigo Spirit show court before the WNBL game!

SHOOT TO WIN CHALLENGE
Selected participants may take part in our exciting three-quarter-time basketball activation!

OFFICIAL MATCH BALL DELIVERY
A special opportunity for a selected Kelly Sports participant to deliver the match ball before tip-off!

COMPLIMENTARY FAMILY TICKETS
Selected families may receive complimentary tickets to enjoy the Bendigo Spirit game-day experience and cheer on the team!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED
1. **BOOK** Enrol your child in the Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Program.
2. **GET INVOLVED** Enjoy an action-packed summer of sports, games, friendships and fun!
3. **BE CONSIDERED** Enrolled children will be eligible for selection for available Bendigo Spirit game-day opportunities.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
4 - 23 DECEMBER 2026
PRE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
4 - 27 JANUARY 2027
JANUARY PROGRAM
GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR CAMPUS, BENDIGO
57 Vine Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

PLUS ALL THE FUN
- Action-packed sports & games
- Inflatable fun & adventure activities
- Themed days & creative activities
- Kids' Choice sessions
- Qualified and enthusiastic coaches
- Indoor facilities & quiet spaces
- A safe, friendly and inclusive environment

BOOK NOW! www.kellysports.com.au/bendigo

Exclusive to enrolled Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Program participants. Limited places available at eligible Bendigo Spirit home games. Selection is not guaranteed and is subject to age suitability, availability, parental consent and game-day requirements.

STRIKE FORCE

JOIN US FOR A HOCKEY CLINIC WITH COBRAS PLAYERS BEFORE MATCH DAY!

SIGN UP HERE!

SUN, 8 NOV | BENDIGO HOCKEY CENTRE

KELLY SPORTS
LIFE LONG LOVE OF SPORTS

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FUN ACTIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

LEARN PLAY EXPLORE!

GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR CAMPUS

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2026
& MONDAY 4 JANUARY – WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2027

WACKY WATER SPORTS | BUBBLE SOCCER | SPORT ACTIVITIES | ART & CRAFT | FUN CHALLENGES

WHAT TO EXPECT:
- Wacky Water Sports
- Bubble Soccer
- A wide variety of sports
- Indoor play options
- Art & craft activities
- Fun challenges and games
- Make new friends
- Friendly competitions

Prep – Grade 6

Friday 4 December – Wednesday 23 December 2026 & Monday 4 January – Wednesday 27 January 2027

FULL DAYS & SHORTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

57 Vine Street, Bendigo, VIC 3550
(Girton Grammar School – Junior Campus)

PROGRAM PRICING:

Full Day:	$54
Kids Session (Shorter Day):	$65
School Day (9am – 3pm):	$45
Half Day:	$40

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