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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

NEWSLETTER No. 37 NOVEMBER 19th 2026

Important dates:

Nov	**20th 3/4 Excursion to Echuca THERE IS NO NORMAL SCHOOL BUS RUN** **26th Prep 2027 Transition #2 2.15-3.15pm**	**Dec**	**1st MARC Van** **2nd School Council meeting** **3rd Prep 2027 Transition #3 2.15-3.15pm**

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS



Grade Prep

Colt - For demonstrating the school value of Personal Best when participating in our classroom spelling activities by sharing his growing understanding of letter sounds.

Grade 1/2

Miles – For great concentration and focus when completing assessment tasks last week.

Grade 2/3

Nate - For demonstrating your personal best during assessment tasks last week. You approached each task with a positive attitude, put in your best effort and showed determination. Well done on your hard work!

Grade 3/4

Remi – For showing his PERSONAL BEST when working independently in the classroom. Remi is learning to remained focused for longer periods and complete work to a higher standard.

Grade 5/6

Cody – For demonstrating the school value of personal best throughout the week. Cody consistently applied himself to completing class tasks set. He worked quietly and diligently each day.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Grade Prep

Archie - For always trying his best in PMP to improve his skills and getting along with the others in his group.

Grade 1/2

Scott – For working hard on your persuasive writing and using good reasons to support your ideas. Well done!

Grade 2/3

Estelle - For showing a wonderful effort during assessment tasks last week. You have worked hard all term, consistently demonstrated a positive attitude towards your learning and should be very proud of all that you have achieved. Well done!

Grade 3/4

Vada – For her efforts in completing spelling this term. Vada works independently or in small groups to practice her weekly words and complete her spelling tasks. Well done.

Grade 5/6

Stevie – For doing her personal best in writing, persisting to build her fantasy story through careful editing writers traits. Stevie worked consistently on her writing piece and has published her written work.

HOUSE AWARD



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

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 received reading nights awards.

STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to Levi and Ivy, who received a certificate for achieving the goal of 25 celebration stickers in their Student Passport.





2026 REVIEW

Our Review day was held today. Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend the meeting this morning to share their thought on many aspects of Axedale Primary School.

NO SCHOOL BUS RUN – FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

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

FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE 2027 SPONSORSHIP OF WELLBEING PROGRAM

I am very excited to announce that Fosterville Gold Mine has committed to sponsoring our Wellbeing Program again in 2027. This allows us to have Ali at school 2 days per week, providing valued support to students and families and organising many activities across the year. We are appreciative of the sponsorship provided by Fosterville Gold Mine.

2027 PAPERWORK

We have had several enquiries about parent contributions paperwork as DE have made changes to the formatting and processes required. In the past, parent contribution documents provided a breakdown of the areas covered by the contribution. With the new changes, we are unable to include the same breakdown as we have in the past.

In general terms, parent contributions support fortnightly MARC sessions and book borrowing, subscriptions to Mathletics and Reading Eggs / Seeds and grounds maintenance (Tim, our gardener).

Students were given their 2027 paperwork last week:

- 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.

BOOKPACKS – thank you to families who have already placed their order. Please be aware that pencil cases are NOT included in next years packs. Student are able to bring their own pencil case from home. Students in Grade Prep and Grade 1 will not need their own pencil case.

PREP DINNER

Congratulations to our Prep students who stayed at school for Prep Tea last Friday. Activates included a walk to the Community Garden, a play in the Axedale Park, PE with Mr C, a scavenger hunt and a disco. Add in some delicious food from the 'Axedale Restaurant': a great night had by all. Thank you to Mrs Roberts, Ms Hall and Mr C for helping to make the night so much fun.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND TREATS

As we enter the Christmas season, I'd like to make mention of Christmas cards. It is not unusual for students to hand out cards with a sweet treat – usually a candy cane or chocolate treat. We have students with allergies that can cause medical issues, and sweet treats can cause problems for these students. There are several families who have indicated they don't want their children to receive treats from friends. We ask that families reframe from handing our treats with Christmas cards.

GRADE 3 & 4 ECHUCA EXCURSION

Tomorrow our Grade 3 & 4 student head to Echuca for their major excursion. Please take note of the details provided through Compass. Students need to be at school by 7.45am, ready for an 8am departure. Students will return to school at 4pm.

Corrina Hartland
Principal

MINI BAND CONCERTS AND AXEDALE TAVERN



Last Tuesday the Grade 3/4 Ukulele Band and Grade 5/6 Rock performed for the rest of the school in two mini concerts. Both bands have worked so hard in the lead up and it really showed in their performances. They played with great teamwork and musicality and should feel so proud of their performances. Well done too to the audiences who listened so respectfully and seemed to really enjoy the show. It was wonderful to have so many parents coming along to watch.



The Grade 5/6 band also played two songs at the Axedale Tavern on Sunday, along with the The Possum Tragics Band from Eppalock Primary. It was lovely to see both bands playing at the same event as well as past students from both schools doing solo acts. Thanks to the parents for their support in bringing them along.

Tan Rusbridge
Music Teacher



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.

DE - PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk in Victoria is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- making mosquito protection part of getting ready to go outside, just like sunscreen and a hat
- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are often most active
- cleaning up and removing containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone Nurse-on-Call: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

A free vaccine is available to eligible Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- Mosquitoes can carry diseases
- Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- Japanese encephalitis virus.

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.



Chappy's Corner

AGNICO EAGLE
FOSTERVILLE

FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's family challenge is to make playdough together. Playdough is a great sensory tool that is safe for the whole family to play with. The recipe I use is: **1 cup plain flour, 2 tsp cream of tartar, ½ cup salt, 1 Tbspn cooking oil, 1 cup water and food colouring. Mix all the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Then on the stove, put the water with the food colouring and oil in a pot on medium heat. Stir in the dry ingredients until they come together in a dough. Take it off the heat and once cool, knead for 5 mins.**



QUOTE: "Alone we can do little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

RIDDLE: Tomorrow is neither Wednesday nor Thursday. Yesterday was not Friday or Saturday. Today is not Thursday nor Monday nor Sunday. What Day Is Today?

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 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



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!

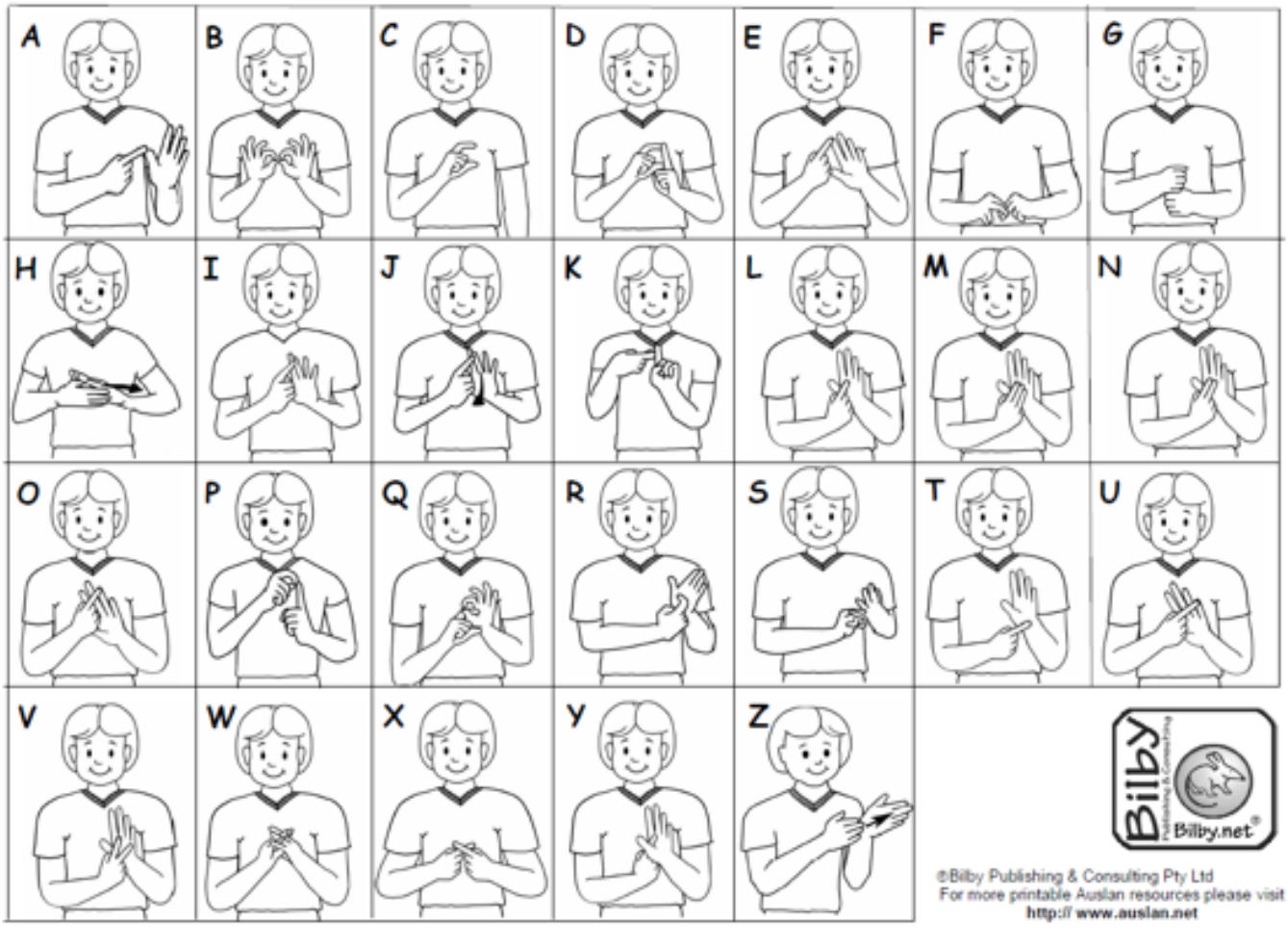
Let's spread some Christmas cheer, share a little kindness and make a difference – one donation at a time! 💝🎁

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – AUSLAN

AUSLAN

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This term we have had a focus of learning the Auslan Alphabet and developing their finger spelling skills. They have practised finger spelling their own names, identifying letters and matching names through fun activities and games such as Alphabet Bingo.



Students have also been learning the days of the week and using Signbank to research signs for different activities they do throughout the week.

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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BOOK ONLINE NOW! www.kellysports.com.au/bendigo
BOOKINGS FILL QUICKLY!

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

2027
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Now open for all players & volunteers!

Come & join Epsom Football Club!



No experience necessary

Mixed & all-girls teams available

Ages 4 yrs (turning 5) & above

Non-competitive teams from Under 6 to Under 10

Competitive teams from Under 12 to Under 16

Youth (16-18yrs), Mens & Women's teams

Complete the form (link below or scan QR code) to get early access to all 2027 club info, including Club Open Day, registrations and pre-season training dates.

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/GNauxGvza5

Questions? Email juniors@epsomfc.com.au

BENDIGO TRAMWAYS

SANTA TRAM

11-23 DECEMBER 2026



HO HO HOP ON BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO FIND SANTA!

Santa is in BENDIGO, but his location is classified North Pole business! Step on board the Santa Tram for an unforgettable adventure in search of Santa's hidden location.

BENDIGOTRAMWAYS.COM I 4444 2810

BOOK NOW!

WHO WILL YOU *Nominate!*

Category winners will each receive a prize package including a DMT Coaching package, plus a beautiful trophy.

In addition, they will be featured on a TV ad, aired across 7NEWS, celebrating the 2027 winners. One of the category winners will be chosen as the 2027 Victorian Young Achiever of the Year and will receive a state trophy.

7NEWS YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

For more information call **03 9720 2377** or email **yaa@awardsaustralia.com**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 15 DECEMBER 2026

WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT *Young Achievers* IN THESE CATEGORIES:

- VICTORIA State Government — Group Achievement in the Community Award
- little gigs — "Little Victorian's" Achiever Award
- SAWARD DAWSON — Community Service and Social Impact Award
- IKON SERVICES AUSTRALIA — Environmental Sustainability Award
- KANGAN INSTITUTE — Inspirational TAFE Student Award
- Luminary — Brighter digital experiences — Tech Visionary Award
- KONICA MINOLTA — Career Achievement Award
- AWARDS AUSTRALIA — Leadership Award
- AWARDS AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION — Health and Wellbeing Award

Don't wait! Nominate *today* at youngachieverawards.com

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