

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

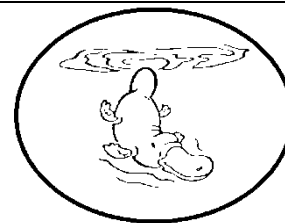
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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Important dates:

Nov	24th – 26th Grades 3-6 Camp – Sovereign Hill 25th NO BREAKFAST CLUB 27th Prep 2026 Transition Session #2 27th Book Club orders due	Dec	2nd MARC Van (no borrowing) 4th Prep 2026 Transition Session #3 5th 2026 Parent Payments form due 9th Whole School Orientation Day 9am-12.30pm 12th Fun in the Sun (out of uniform day)
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2026 INFORMATION ENVELOPE

Students were given an envelope a few weeks ago which includes:

- 2026 Book list information. Book packs need to be ordered electronically via Education Plus by Friday 19th December 2025.
- 2026 Parent payments paperwork. Please complete and return to the office by Friday 5th December. We need this for our 2026 planning. Payments can be made now or left for the 2026 school year.

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

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Each year we celebrate grade 6 graduates and the end of their primary school education. Celebrations for this year include:

- * Monday 15th Dec: Graduation Celebration in the Axedale Hall
- * Wednesday 17th Dec: recognition at whole school Concert and Awards Night
- * Thursday 18th Dec: Pizza Lunch in brick building
- * Friday 19th Dec: egg and bacon roll breakfast and Celebratory Arch at end of year assembly.

CROSSING SUPERVISOR

The crossing on the main road has a crossing supervisor each day between 8.15-9am and 3.15-4pm. Please be aware that outside of these times the crossing is not supervised.

HELP NEEDED

Each year PVF organise a fantastic Fun in the Sun Colour Day. This year the celebration will be held on Friday the 12th of December. PVF are seeking the support of parents and carers to help organise, resource and run the day. Without this support, we are unable to run the event this year. **We are looking for hay bales and tyres to use as obstacles on the day if any families are able to help with these that would be appreciated.**

PVF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Yes, it is coming up to that time of year again. **We are asking families to contribute a non-perishable item to our Christmas Hampers.** It would be good to see lots of Christmas themed and holiday items.

Tickets for the raffle have been distributed to families today.

The raffle will be drawn at the end of year school concert on Wednesday 17th December. Hamper items are required by Monday the 15th December at 9am to enable us to make the hampers.

PREP DINNER

Last Friday Grade Prep students enjoyed their Prep Dinner at school. Activities included an exploration of the Community Garden, playing at the Axedale park, a scavenger hunt at school and some sporting games. After dinner, students and staff enjoyed bopping away at the disco. There may be a rumour that students took over the staffroom, enjoying a delicious dinner together!

FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE 2026 SPONSORSHIP OF WELLBEING PROGRAM

I am very excited to announce that Fosterville Gold Mine has committed to sponsoring our Wellbeing Program again in 2026. 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.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

This week I would like to give a gratitude call out to staff who participate in the camps program. Staff volunteer to participate in camps, taking time away from their families. I would also like to acknowledge the work undertaken by Katrina, who spends countless hours managing the paperwork and finances that make the camps possible.

GRADES 3-6 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

Students in grades 3-6 Sovereign Hill Camp head off the Sovereign Hill on Monday morning.

Students who have indicated on the medical information form that they will be requiring medication while on camp have been given a medication consent form. Please complete this for each medication required during their stay at camp. These can be returned to school tomorrow or on the morning of camp. Medications are to be in individual plastic pockets with consent forms. If extra forms are required, please collect from the office. Payments need to be finalised by tomorrow, Friday 21st November.

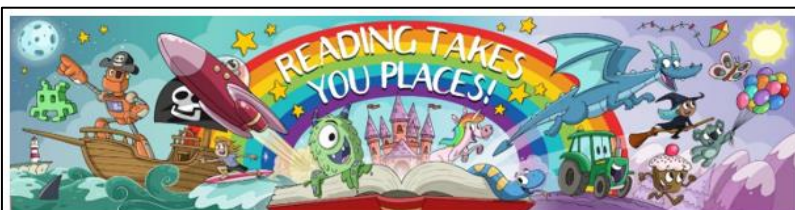
Camp reminders:

- Students require a packed lunch and snacks for Monday
- Remember to pack a refillable water bottle
- No electronic devices are permitted, including smart watches / watches that have capacity to receive / make phone calls or messages
- Aerosols deodorants are not permitted. These can set off the fire alarms in the accommodation. If this occurs, schools are liable for any costs associated
- The current weather forecast for Ballarat is:
 - Monday 28°
 - Tuesday 25°
 - Wednesday 18°
- Night activities involve being outside, please pack jumpers / jackets
- Students need to be at school on Monday morning by 8.50am.
- Please refer to the clothing list to ensure all required items are packed
- Please make sure all items are labelled with family name.

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.

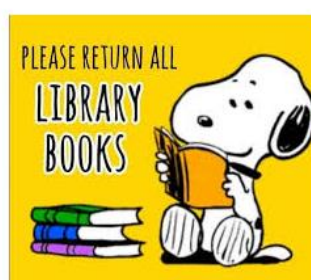
Corrina Hartland
Principal



It's been a fabulous MARC year, with lots of books read, borrowed and enjoyed. So that the end of year stocktake can be completed our last borrowing day at **Axedale** will be:

Tuesday 18th November

This gives students 2 more visits to make sure all books are returned for the year. I will have a little thank you prize for students who return all books.



FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

GRADES 3-6 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP Return medication consent form and medication now or on the morning of camp Monday 24th November.

2026 PARENT PAYMENT FORM Return completed form by Friday 5th December.

2026 BOOK PACK ORDER Orders due with Education Plus by Friday 19th December.

Chappy's Corner



Family Challenge: This week's family challenge is to plant a herb garden. Herbs add flavour and provide health benefits to your diet. Maybe you already have a herb garden, if so, you can always add to it, or research the benefits each herb gives. Here is a list of great herbs that you can enjoy in many delicious dishes: mint, parsley, rosemary, thyme, basil, chives, dill, chamomile, lavender and ginger. Enjoy creating a garden full of benefits for the family.



Quote: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals," by Zig Ziglar

Riddle: What has an eye but cannot see?

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please be aware that there will be **NO BREAKFAST CLUB** next week, Tuesday 25th November, due to camp.

Please find below the Breakfast Club Roster. Thank you so much to those volunteers. **We are always looking for new volunteers** so if you are a willing family member and can butter toast, please contact the office and we will be in touch 😊.

For those Year 5/6 students who are helping on Tuesday, please turn up at normal time for school.

Ali Gillett - School Chaplain

Breakfast Club Roster **TERM 4 2025**

Date	Helper	Grade 5/6 Helper	Helper
Tuesday 25 November	NO BREAKFAST CLUB CAMP		
Tuesday 2 December		Chloe / Madi	Ali
Tuesday 9 December	Laraine Leask	Irie/Landon	Ali
Tuesday 16 December	Angela Dodd	Zac / Kirby	Ali



Axedale Primary School Fun in the Sun!

Friday 12th of December

2.00pm start

FREE Colour run/water/obstacle course

Families are invited to come and watch

Out of Uniform day - please come wearing your colour fun older clothes/shoes for the day. We recommend wearing a white tshirt

You will get wet so some children might like to wear a singlet under their white top

Children will participate one grade at a time with a younger sibling round as well as a teacher/parent round for those who would like to join in the FUN!

We are needing volunteers to help out during the event (1.45pm - 3.00pm) and for pack up (3.15pm - 4.00pm)

If you can help please let Corrina know

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 4, students in all classrooms across Axedale Primary School will be focussing on 'Gender Norms and Stereotypes' and 'Positive Gender Relationships'. Below is a brief summary of each topic.

TOPIC 7: GENDER NORMS AND STEREOTYPES

Students consider the influence of gender norms on attitudes, opportunities and behaviour. They learn about gender equality, inclusion, human rights and the importance of relationships that respect people of all genders. Activities within this topic area will assist students to:

- reflect on the influence of gender norms and stereotypes
- develop an awareness of positive and negative gender norms
- challenge negative gender norms
- develop appreciation and respect for difference

TOPIC 8: POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONSHIPS

Students develop an understanding that verbal, physical, emotional, financial and sexual forms of violence are harmful, and that these forms of violence can also be gendered. They learn about safe and unsafe behaviours, consent and their rights to bodily autonomy. They practice strategies they can use to assert their rights to bodily autonomy to be free from coercion or violence. They develop self-care, peer support, peer referral and help-seeking skills that they can use in response to situations involving gender-based violence within family, peer, school, community or online relationships. Activities within this topic area will assist students to:

- develop an understanding of the negative impacts of gender-based violence
- develop an understanding of the positive impact of respectful gender relations
- practice enacting skills to support positive peer relations
- practise strategies they can use to help keep themselves safe or seek help in situations involving gender-based violence

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

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

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – GRADE 5/6



We're Kicking Goals in 2025



Grade 5 & 6 NEWS

Reading and Writing



This term in Writing, the Grade 5 and 6 students have been busy exploring the wonderful world of Poetry. They have learnt how to craft their own limericks, ballads, and free verse poems, and have enjoyed experimenting with poetic devices. Students are currently hard at work on their Passion Projects, which they will proudly share towards the end of the term.

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

Numeracy



Students have been exploring a range of mathematical concepts in fun and meaningful ways. In Measurement, they investigated length, area and perimeter, applying their knowledge to real-life scenarios. Students completed hands-on experiments and used the results to calculate probability when learning about chance. They also used the Cartesian Plane to translate, reflect and rotate shapes during the lesson about location.

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.



During our Economics and Business lessons, students have been exploring how people make choices about earning, spending, saving, and running businesses. The class is now looking forward to running their Mini Market on Friday 28th November. Students have been busy preparing their products, calculating costs, and making decisions about pricing and materials. The Mini Market will act as a live experiment, allowing them to put their learning into action as the whole school visits to purchase items using pretend money.



Our Grade 6 students recently attended a transition morning at Bendigo South East College in preparation for starting Year 7 next year. They took part in a fun and interactive scavenger hunt designed to help them familiarise themselves with their new school environment. Students explored key areas of the campus, met new people, and began building confidence for the exciting year ahead.

It was a fantastic opportunity for them to get a feel for secondary school life and start forming connections before the new school year begins.



Upcoming Dates:

- Week 8 – Monday 24th-Wednesday 26th November – Camp Friday 28th November – Mini Market
- Week 10 – Tuesday 9th December – Transition Day – / Passion Project Presentations throughout the week.
- Week 11 – Monday 15th December – Grade 6 Graduation, Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Concert



Newsletter



Term 4, Week 7

Some of our favourite activities last week were bracelet making, totem tennis, baking, and painting!

Wednesday 24/11

Book in to make some guacamole for TC Tucker



Monday 24/11

Book into After School Care and celebrate National Fairy Bread Day with some tasty fairy bread. Fairy Bread Day helps raise awareness and support for kids in need.

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COMMUNITY



Community Festive Lunch

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2025

1pm - 3.30pm
80 High Street, Axedale, opposite the Axedale Primary School
Spit roast, live music and coffee van
FREE EVENT - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Register via QR code below or <https://www.trybooking.com/1495155> by 6 December 2025
For further details visit Axedale Community Garden on Facebook or ph 0478 120 152



This is an alcohol, smoke/vape free event





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5 YRS & UNDER

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22 NOV - 29 NOV - 6 DEC

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29TH NOV 2025
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SWIFTIE TRIVIA
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BEST DRESSED PRIZE!
SINGALONGS & PHOTO OPS!


Ticket Prices:
ADULT: \$28
CONCESSION: \$21
CHILD 8-13YR: \$17.50



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AXEDALE HALL, 94 HIGH STREET
1 - 3:30PM
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Enrol Now for 2026!

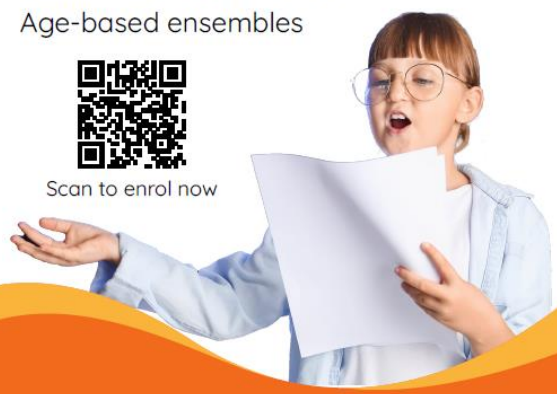


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13-21 DECEMBER 2025

THEY'RE CHEEKY, CREATIVE & FULL OF JOY...
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE
ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?

Through festive crafts, playful games, and elf-tastic challenges recruits will master the skills needed to join Santa's legendary crew, graduating with a Certificate IV in Elf Training!

13-21 December | Beehive Building | \$25 per person | \$100 per family
All activities included | Santa photography additional



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Shine

ACCA ACADEMY OF CREATIVE ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7 PM ULUMBARRA THEATRE

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
DUDLEY HOUSE 9TH - 15TH DECEMBER
CLOSING CELEBRATION 2 PM SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA BENDIGO VENUES & EVENTS
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA COMPASS

EAGLEHAWK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY
NOV 28, 2025**

**4.30PM
TO 7.30PM
FREE ENTRY**

Child safe event

FREE ACTIVITIES:
THE ZONE CHAIR-A-PLANE ACTIVITY ♥ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
HENNA PAINTING ♥ ART AND CRAFT ♥ JUMPING CASTLE ♥ FACE PAINTING
SPORTING ACTIVITIES ♥ CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
FREE SWIMS AT PETER KRENZ LEISURE CENTRE ♥ FREE GIVEAWAYS!

FOOD/DRINKS:
BBQ (MEAT & VEGETARIAN OPTIONS), MINI HOT DOGS, SAMOSAS,
DRINKS AND PANCAKES - ALL \$2 EACH ♥ FREE FRESH FRUIT
COLIBAN WATER REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

**CANTERBURY PARK GARDENS
SIMPSONS ROAD, EAGLEHAWK**
Alcohol, smoke and vape free event

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/eaglehawkchildrensfestival

CHRISTMAS IN REVERSE

This year students and families are invited to participate in Christmas in Reverse! Christmas in Reverse allows us to give something back to the broader community. Each class will be collecting food items to donate to **MADCOW (Make A Difference Change Our World)** — a Bendigo-based charity that supports people experiencing homelessness.



We'd love for each family to contribute by bringing in some non-perishable food items for donation. Every classroom will have its own collection basket for students to place their items in.

On **Wednesday, 11th December**, MADCOW's Matthew Parkinson will visit the school, along with members of the CFA and a very *special* Christmas guest, to collect all the donated goods.

Below is a list of suggested items that would be especially helpful for donation. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept home baked goods.

- Tinned Ham
- Gravy
- Tin of Tuna or Salmon
- Tin vegetables
- Pasta
- Mayonnaise
- Christmas Pudding
- UHT Custard
- Christmas Cake
- Christmas Biscuits
- (e.g. Shortbread/Ginger/Rum Balls - no chocolate coating)
- Savory Biscuits
- Tinned Fruit / Jar of Cherries
- Soft Drink
- Chips
- Nuts/Mixed Nuts/Fruit and Nuts
- Coffee/Sachets
- Tea Bags
- Milo

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions please contact Ali Gillett.