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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION

NEWSLETTER No. 38 NOVEMBER 26th 2026

Important dates:

Nov	**26th Book Club Issue #8 orders due**	**Dec**	**1st MARC Van** **2nd School Council meeting** **3rd Prep 2027 Transition #3 2.15-3.15pm**

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS



Grade Prep

Weston - For demonstrating the school value of Personal Best when completing his writing making sure to include capital letters at the beginning of the sentences and full stops at the end of sentences.

Grade 1/2

Hamish W – For demonstrating your Personal Best. You have made good choices when working independently and completed work with detail. Well done on a settled return after being away.

Grade 2/3

Jessica - For Demonstrating all four of our school values during our Echuca excursion. You showed cooperation, respect, resilience and always strived to do your personal best. You were a wonderful ambassador for our school. Well done!

Grade 3/4

Logan – For showing his Personal Best at Twisted Science. Logan listened to instructions during the light Show and was able to answer some questions. Well don Logan.

Grade 5/6

Lily – For demonstrating initiative and personal best by organising a Bat Tennis Tournament for students in Years 3–6. Your enthusiasm, organisation and willingness to bring students together showed great leadership, cooperation and a commitment to making our school a fun and inclusive place for everyone.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Grade Prep

Koby - For getting himself to the mat quickly showing he is ready to learn on time.

Grade 1/2

Evaliah A – For working hard to do your best when completing assessment tasks over the last two weeks. Keep up the great work.

Grade 2/3

Jasmine - For Your excellent behaviour, positive attitude and enthusiastic participation during our excursion to Echuca. Thank you for being respectful, responsible and making the day an enjoyable experience.

Grade 3/4

Whole Class – For showing all the school values on the Echuca Excursion last Friday. Students were cooperative with each other, gave their personal best and were grateful to all staff. Well done to all Grade 3/4 students.

Grade 5/6

Soren - For demonstrating fantastic growth in your Essential Assessment Maths results. Your dedication, perseverance and positive approach to learning have helped you strengthen your mathematical understanding and achieve your personal best.

HOUSE AWARD



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

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 5/6 and Ms Bingham for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

Congratulations to those students who have received reading nights awards. A massive congratulations to Hamish who has recorded 300 nights of reading this year.

STUDENT PASSPORT AWARDS

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







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 16th December.
Hamper items are required by Monday the 14th December at 9am to enable us to make the hampers.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Tomorrow we have our Crazy Hair Day. Students are encouraged to wear their hair in a 'crazy' design, while donating a gold coin for the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Please note it is a normal school uniform day.

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.

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.

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.
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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.

Axedale Primary School

Fun in the Sun!

Friday 11th 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

Chappy's Corner

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FOSTERVILLE



FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week we are on the cusp of the Christmas Season. At school we are celebrating Christmas in Reverse and in my own house we are having our family Christmas tradition of setting up the tree with a Christmas meal and I give my kids a decoration. Before the we are fully immersed its good to sit down with your kids and consider what Christmas Traditions or holiday season traditions you might like to practice as a family. Maybe you already have some that you want to change. The main thing is to enjoy the traditions you have i.e., they should bring you lots of joy and bring you together as a family and reflect your values. Communicating that to your kids is just as important as practicing them.

QUOTE: "You don't have to control your thoughts. You just have to stop letting them control you." — Dan Millman

RIDDLE: What is the longest word in the dictionary? (Answer: Smiles, there's a mile between the two 's').

CHRISTMAS IN REVERSE – SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER!

What a fantastic afternoon we had celebrating Christmas in Reverse at Axedale Primary School!
Our school community came together with an incredible festive spirit to support MADCOW and help make Christmas a little brighter for those experiencing homelessness.
The excitement was building as Santa made a very special arrival, travelling in style in the Axedale CFA fire truck! He was joined by Matthew Parkinson, CEO of MADCOW, who helped Santa collect the generous donations from our students.
One by one, each class had the opportunity to bring their food gifts forward and present them to Santa. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, generosity and excitement shown by all of our students as they contributed to such a worthwhile cause.
The amount of food donated was simply amazing! There was an abundance of generosity, and every contribution will help support people in need within our community.
A huge thank you to all of our families for supporting this wonderful initiative, to the Axedale CFA for helping make Santa's arrival so memorable, and to Matthew Parkinson and the team at MADCOW for the important work they do.
Christmas in Reverse was a wonderful reminder that the true spirit of Christmas is about giving, kindness and looking after others. We are so proud of our Axedale Primary School community and the generosity shown by everyone involved.
What a great day to be part of the Axedale Primary School community!





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 1 December	HELP NEEDED	Ali
Tuesday 8 December	Angela Dodd	Ali
Tuesday 15 December	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ali

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – ART

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART TERM 4



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Throughout Term 4, students have explored a variety of artistic techniques, materials and creative processes to develop their skills and express their ideas. Students created artificial flower gardens, experimenting with colour, shape and texture to produce artworks for display. They investigated symmetry through butterfly-inspired artworks and printmaking techniques, exploring balance, patterns and design.

SKILLS

Students also developed their collage and construction skills by creating personalised three-dimensional name displays, incorporating different materials, colours and textures. Additionally, students participated in artist studies, researching artists, exploring their unique styles and techniques, and applying their understanding to create their own inspired artworks. Throughout these activities, students were encouraged to experiment, demonstrate creativity and take pride in sharing their finished pieces with others.













GRADE 3 & 4 MAJOR EXCURSION

GRADE 3/4 ECHUCA EXCURSION



Our Grade 3 and 4 students had a fantastic day exploring Echuca on Friday! We began our excursion at TwistED Science, where students participated in an exciting Light Show Workshop and explored the many hands-on activities on offer.
After lunch under a lovely sheltered veranda, we headed to the Port of Echuca for an Education Tour. Students discovered what school life was like for the early settlers and how different their experiences were from ours today!
We also enjoyed delicious ice-creams from a local store and finished our day with a visit to the museum. A wonderful day of learning, discovery and fun was had by all!

What was your highlight of the Echuca Excursion?

Vada – I liked Twisted Science and getting to know things that I didn't know.
Logan – I liked getting a Cookies and Cream ice-cream
Louis – I liked doing cursive writing at the old school
Harney – I liked the olden days at Port of Echuca
Georgia – I liked the tubes and balls at Twisted Science





Mikki – I liked the tube balls and ice cream
Lexi – I liked writing on the chalkboard in the old school
Colton – I liked playing Pacman at Twisted Science
Sunny – I liked looking at the ships at the Port of Echuca museum
Maya – I liked dressing up in old clothes and writing cursive at the old school
Duncan – I liked being in the old school with Mrs Jane
William – I liked the beep button reflex activity at Twisted Science

Hudson – I liked the tube balls at Twisted Science
Remi – I liked learning about Henry Hopwood at the old school
Xavier – I liked the blow hole where you put planes on top at Twisted Science
Archer – I liked the aeroplane paper planes and tube balls at Twisted Science.
Dion – I liked the steam engines
Amelie – I liked the slinky and gyro bike at Twisted Science





Finnley – I liked the paddle steamers at the Port museum
Ewan – I liked seeing the Port of Echuca
Jax – I liked when we saw the paddle steamer go past
Gallagher – I liked Twisted Science
Chase – I liked the winding machine at Twisted Science
Jessica – I liked the ice-cream and olden day school

Charlotte – I liked eating ice-cream
Jasmine – I liked going to the olden day school and dressing up
Indi – I liked getting to dress up as olden day people
Aleena – I liked going to Twisted Science
Vincent – I liked going to the old school



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THE BIG STAGE!
PLAY ON THE BENDIGO SPIRIT SHOW COURT
EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF THE WNBL
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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.
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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 giga — "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
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LOCATION:
TOM FLOOD SPORTS CENTRE

DATE & TIME:
MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER
4:30PM-5:30PM

WHO:
BOYS AND GIRLS
AGED 5-12

REGISTER: