

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

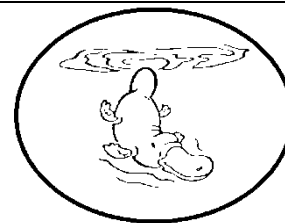
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 38 NOVEMBER 27th 2025

Important dates:

Nov	27 th Book Club orders due	Dec	10 th School Council Meeting
Dec	2 nd MARC Van (no borrowing)		12 th Fun in the Sun (out of uniform day)
	4 th Prep 2026 Transition Session #3		15 th Grade 6 Graduation
	5 th 2026 Parent Payments form due		16 th MARC Van (no borrowing)
	9 th Whole School Orientation Day 9am-12.30pm		17 th School Concert Evening
			19 th Last Day of Term 4 – 1.30pm dismissal

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.** Thank you to those families who have already donated. It would be good to see lots of Christmas themed and holiday items.

Tickets for the raffle were sent home to families last week.

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.

GRATITUDE CALL OUT

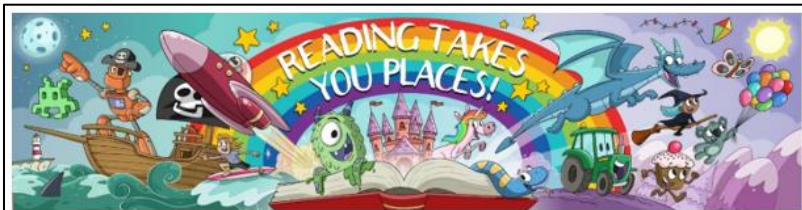
This week I would like to give two gratitude call outs. The first is to the students and staff who attended the Sovereign Hill Camp. Students consistently showed the school values and were complimented on the respect shown and their use of good manners. I'd also like to acknowledge the staff who attended the camp: Ms Bingham, Mr C, Mr Savage, Miss Pointon, Mrs T and Ali. I appreciate staff taking time away from their families to enable the camp to run.

The second call out is to the students and staff who were at school while we were away on camp. Students picked up the jobs usually completed by the older students and helped the teachers in every way they could. Thanks also goes to Emma, Michelle, Amanda, Ben and Katrina for the additional yard duties and tasks undertaken across the three days.

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.

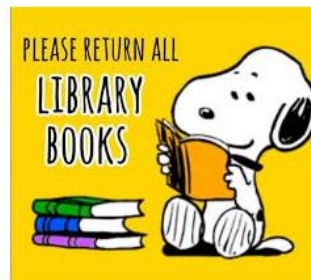
Corrina Hartland
Principal



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

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Donations to be delivered to office by 9am Monday 15th December, raffle tickets to be returned by Tuesday 16th December.

MARC VAN BOOKS Please return any borrowed MARC van books by Tuesday 16th December.

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

Chappy's Corner

Family Challenge: Who doesn't love a great family tradition! I have a family tradition every year on December 1st we have a Christmas meal, we set up the Christmas tree and I give each of my kids a new ornament to signify the year they have had. This week you can talk in your family about the traditions you practice. Maybe it's every Friday you have fish and chips, or cooking with Nan in the holidays, or measuring everyone's height on a specific day.



Traditions are important in family to build a sense of belonging and anticipation, also to make great memories together. The best thing is the excitement they bring to everyone who is part of it. If you don't have any traditions in your family, it's great to start one this year!

Quote: 'One of the greatest regrets in life is being what others would want you to be, rather than being yourself.' Shannon L. Alder

Joke: Q: Why was the cell phone scared to go to the dentist?
A: He didn't want him to remove his blue tooth.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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 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

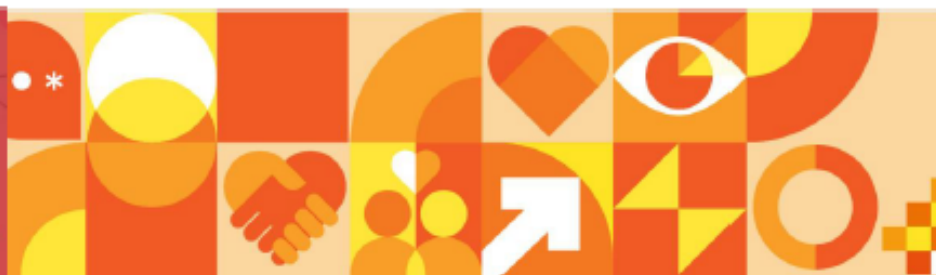
You will get wet so some children might like to wear a singlet under their white top

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 – DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



JUNIOR DIGITECH

This term students have been learning to code using Bee Bots. They have enjoyed programming Bee Bots to move around mats. Using the language of location, students have discussed turning right and left, moving forward and backwards as well as the location of points on mats to move their Bee Bots to. As part of this process students have also used the Bee Bot app, completing challenges using the same controls as the physical Bee Bots.





Newsletter



Term 4, Week 8

Some of our favourite activities recently have been making sensory fairy dust, no-bake cheesecakes, and a colourful m&m science experiment!



Wednesday 3/11

Book in to make yogurt
parfaits for *TC Tucker*



TC Head Office

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HELP US HELP THE DYER FAMILY

As they
support their
5 year old
daughter
Bonnie in her
fight with
Leukaemia



FUNDRAISER FOR BONNIE FRIDAY 28TH

Let's help Bonnie's family as she fights Leukaemia

\$2 from every coffee
100% of full profits
from cupcakes
Donation jar





AXEDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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





Celebrate the END of an ERA

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING DISADVANTAGED KIDS!



29TH NOV 2025
AXEDALE HALL

TICKET PRICES:
ADULT: \$28
CONCESSION: \$21
CHILD 8-13YR: \$17.50

DECORATE YOUR OWN CAKE
SWIFTIE TRIVIA
SILENT AUCTIONS
BEST DRESSED PRIZE!
SINGALONGS & PHOTO OPS!



AXEDALE HALL, 94 HIGH STREET
1 - 3:30PM
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DG1WLR](https://www.trybooking.com/dg1wlr)



GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK


SATURDAY
1 HOUR OF FUN 9 - 10AM
5 YRS & UNDER

3 WEEKS - \$45
22 NOV - 29 NOV - 6 DEC

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EAGLEHAWK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
NOV 28, 2025

4.30PM
TO 7.30PM
FREE ENTRY



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



Shine

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

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ELF ACADEMY

OFFICIAL TRAINING FACILITY FOR SANTAS LITTLE HELPERS

IT'S SNOW JOKE!

ELF ACADEMY IS RETURNING TO BENDIGO
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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

BOOK NOW!
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Axedale Fire Brigade Santa Run 2025

This year's Annual Axedale Fire Brigade Santa Run will be held on Sunday the 21st of December commencing from 5.00pm.

Santa is thanking the Axedale Fire Brigade for bringing him to you on their fire truck over many years by asking you and your families to please dig deep and donate to the Brigade this year. This will assist in purchasing essential fire fighting equipment to continue to keep the Axedale community and surrounds safe.

The Axedale Fire Brigade members are all volunteers and take Santa around happily year after year to help spread some Christmas cheer for the community.

Santa will again be visiting differently this year as safety is paramount. Santa has asked to have special Santa meeting spots along the route this year to make sure everyone has the opportunity to see him.

The meeting spots and times are as follows:

Please note Santa will do his best to stay on time and will be at each stop for approximately 5 minutes

- 5.02pm pm: Corner Pechell St/ Eddington St
- 5:08 pm: Corner Shadforth St / Eddington street
- 5.14 pm: Axedale Park
- 5.22pm: 10 William street
- 5:28pm: Axedale Tavern Carpark
- 5:34 pm: 6 Raglan Place
- 5:41 pm: 13 Blue Stone Rise
- 5:50pm: 50 Raines street
- 5:58pm: 8 Sugarloaf road " Bluestone House"
- 6:08pm: 39 Paddys lane
- 6:17pm: Corner of O'briens Lane/ Northwood Ct
- 6:25pm: 31 O'briens lane
- 6.32pm: Yellow Box Drive
- 6:49pm: 289 Giris Rd
- 6.58pm: Candle Bark Crt
- 7:10 pm: Lot 16 Lynch Lane
- 7:18 pm: 70 Lynch Lane

If anyone has ever thought about joining the Axedale Fire Brigade please speak to a friendly member of the Brigade Management Team on the night. The Brigade is in urgent need of new volunteer firefighters for the upcoming fire season and beyond.

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.