



## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

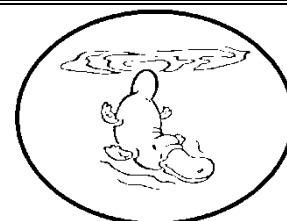
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### NEWSLETTER No. 7 MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

Mar	11 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> NAPLAN Gr 3 & 5s 13 <sup>th</sup> Quick Shear Volunteer page due 13 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6) 18 <sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Club orders due 18 <sup>th</sup> Quick Shear raffle tickets to be returned sold or unsold 20 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6) 21 <sup>st</sup> Quick Shear	Mar	24 <sup>th</sup> MARC Van 27 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6) 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter raffle tickets & donations due
		Apr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Royal Children's Hospital – donation envelope due 2 <sup>nd</sup> Out of uniform day – gold coin donation to RCH Good Friday Appeal 2 <sup>nd</sup> Last day of school – 2.30pm dismissal

#### QUICK SHEAR

The annual Axedale Quick Shear is on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, in the Axedale Community Park.

All families have been allocated a raffle book containing 5 tickets (totalling \$25) to sell. While we encourage all families to sell their tickets, we understand that this can also be difficult. If you require more tickets, please call in at the office as we have extras. **Can we ask all raffle books are returned sold and unsold by next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thank you to those who have responded to the forms sent home last week.

Last week students were given a Quick Shear note where families can choose their volunteer time and/or what baked goods they will provide. As outlined in the note, this is our major fund raiser for 2026 and as a beneficiary, we need to be actively involved.

**We still require volunteers on the day. Please complete the page that was sent home last week and return to school by tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

Donations of the following items are also still being sought:

- Spinning Wheel prizes
- Hand made goods
- Home baked goods
- Silent Auction items.

#### EASTER RAFFLE

PVF are starting to organise our Easter Raffle and ask families to provide a small Easter item. Donations can be left at the office. Raffle tickets were sent home today and will be drawn on the last day of term.



#### GYM PROGRAM

Tomorrow we have the second of our four-week gymnastics program. Students travel into Palmer's Gym to participate in a guided gymnastics session. Students are asked to wear school uniform, suitable for participating in a gymnastics program and need a water bottle. While parents / carers can visit to watch their child(ren) participate in the sessions, the space for viewing is very small. Parents / carers are unable to move through the gymnastics space.

#### VICTORIAN MINIATURE RAILWAY - HARCOURT

As part of Fosterville Gold Mine's support for Harcourt, we have been offered free vouchers for the Victorian Miniature Railway, which is in Harcourt. Vouchers can be used by adults and children and don't expire until May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like vouchers for family and friends, please call in to the office to collect them or contact the office and we can send the required number home with students.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations Jarrod and Sarah who have renominated for School Council. **We are looking for an additional parent representative to join School Council.** From 2026, school council members are required to hold a Working with Children Check (WWCC) (either volunteer or employee) or if a Department of Education employee a current VIT registration when nominating for a role on school council. Please don't hesitate to speak to Corrina if you would like to nominate or require more information.

Parent Representatives 2025/2026	Staff Representatives	Parent Representatives 2026/2027
Laura Hough	Ben Fiegert (2025/26)	Jarrod Threlfall
Rohan Wardrop	Steve Christensen (2025/26)	Sarah Davison
Sonya Browne	Emma Roberts (2025/26)	<b>Vacant Position</b>

## NAPLAN TESTING

Students in Grades 3 and 5 have started the NAPLAN testing program for 2026, having completed the Writing tests. Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling and grammar) and Numeracy will be completed next week.

*Please see information below which has been provided by ACARA:*

*As you may have been made aware, Grade 5 NAPLAN testing was impacted yesterday by technical issues with the national assessment platform.*

*ACARA, the national body that oversees testing, has confirmed that access to the testing platform was impacted, affecting students' participation in the Writing Test.*

*ACARA recognises the significant impact to students disrupted during their NAPLAN writing assessments, and for that we apologise unreservedly.*

*Schools have been informed to continue NAPLAN testing as per their planned test schedules. ACARA will continue to work closely with states and territories to support students to complete their NAPLAN tests.*

*Measures are in place to ensure students are not disadvantaged as a result of this technical issue.*

*Should parents and carers have any further queries about the NAPLAN disruptions, they should contact their child's school in the first instance.*

## ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN

At the beginning of each school year **we require an updated Asthma Management Plan for every student who is diagnosed with asthma.** Updated plans need to be dropped into the office ASAP. Parents are also asked to check the expiry date on any medication which is kept at school and supply the school with new Ventolin puffers etc. if required. Parents are reminded that we require each student to have their own spacer due to health regulations. Thanks for your assistance with this.

## GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Donation envelopes were sent home a couple of weeks ago, or families are able to make an online donation via the link

<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/fundraisers/axedaleprimaryschool>

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the last day of term will be an out of uniform day where we will ask students to bring a gold coin donation which will also be donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Thanks for your support.

Corrina Hartland  
Principal



## **FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL**

**2026 PARENT PAYMENTS** Term 1 payment now due.

### **ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

At the beginning of each school year we require an updated Asthma Management Plan for those students who are diagnosed with asthma.

### **QUICK SHEAR**

Please return the Quick Shear Volunteer Form – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Please return sold and unsold raffle tickets by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL ENVELOPE**

Please return Good Friday Appeal envelope by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Donations to be left at the office and raffle tickets returned by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## Chappy's Corner

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** Exercise is an important part of making sure we are looking after ourselves. After doing exercise we can feel a real boost in ourselves. This week's family challenge is to go for 1km run every evening together (where possible). If not a run, then a walk. See how many kilometres you can build up over the week.

**QUOTE:** A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

**JOKE:** What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

#### **Breakfast Club Is Up and Running!**

We're excited to share that our Breakfast Club has officially started and is already off to a great beginning! Breakfast Club provides a calm, welcoming start to the school day, giving students the chance to enjoy a healthy breakfast, connect with friends, and get settled before class begins. Research shows that a nutritious breakfast helps improve concentration, energy levels, and overall wellbeing, setting students up for a successful day of learning.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers for helping make this possible. The Breakfast Club roster is now available—please see below for details. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces each morning!



#### **Breakfast Club Roster TERM 1 2026**

Date	Helper	Grade 5/6 Helper	Helper
Tuesday 17 March	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Chelsea & Ivy	Ali
Tuesday 24 March	Brooke Andrew	Kirby & Murray	Ali
Tuesday 31 March	Angela Dodd	Eli & Lenny	Ali

Ali Gillett  
Chaplain

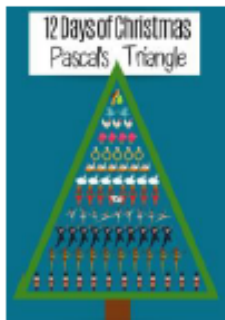
## Grade 5 & 6 News

### THE WORLD OF REALISTIC FICTION

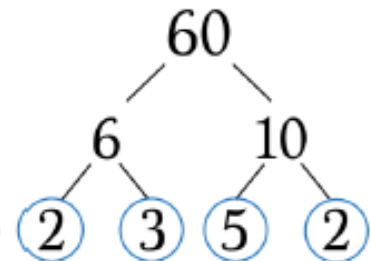
Students have been diving into the world of realistic fiction—a genre that brings stories to life with relatable characters and events that reflect the challenges and triumphs of everyday life. As part of our ongoing commitment to developing well-rounded readers and writers, our students are not only reading realistic fiction but also crafting their own stories in this genre. Students have been revising and editing their own stories and are looking forward to sharing their stories with their peers for some additional feedback.



### NUMBERS ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS



In the past few weeks, students have been tackling a variety of exciting mathematical concepts that are crucial for building a strong foundation in math. They have been building their skills in rounding numbers, exploring negative numbers, square and triangular numbers, and diving deep into prime, composite numbers, factors, and multiples. Students are encouraged to keep practising their multiplication facts.



### THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES AND FEDERATION

This term, students are learning about the establishment of the six Australian colonies and the challenges they faced leading up to Federation in 1901. They are exploring the benefits of uniting as one nation, examining key events, and identifying influential figures such as Edmund Barton. Students are also investigating the impact of the Constitution and considering how colonisation and Federation affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.


### HEALTH MESSAGES

This term, students have been exploring how to find and evaluate health information. They will learn to identify reliable sources, recognise persuasive messages, and understand how information influences health choices. Through discussions students will build the skills to make informed and responsible health decisions.




Thank you to the families who were able to attend the Meet and Greet meetings. It was wonderful to talk about your child and their start to the year. If you weren't able to make it, please feel free to contact the school or email me if needed.

**COMMUNITY**



## PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS


**AGED 7 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?**




Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 5pm until Easter to register!  
Please email - [secretary@bendigochinese.org.au](mailto:secretary@bendigochinese.org.au) for more information!

# JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

**DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!**



**AGE 16+**



**MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME**

Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo, every Tuesday from 4 pm - 6 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm - 5 pm until Easter to register!  
Please email - [secretary@bendigochinese.org.au](mailto:secretary@bendigochinese.org.au) for more information or if you aren't local to Bendigo!

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

# SANDEMAN BUILD

## NEIL MACDONALD DRAGON MILE



MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE



WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT  
TIME: 10:00AM START  
Scan the QR code for more information on pricing, age groups, registration and live results or visit:  
<https://my.raceresult.com/377219/>

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**BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL**  
APRIL 3-6



**BENDIGO AC HARRIERS**


In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.





**4-7 YEAR OLDS\***

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.




**7-12 YEAR OLDS**

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

# BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 9AM-3PM**  
**WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO**  
**\$55 PER PERSON**



# TAVERN AXEDALE

**Music 2026**  
12:30-15:00

**March**  
**Sunday 1st**  
Louise MacGregor  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Hey Mister  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Nathan Jenkins  
**Sunday 22nd**  
Bec & Paul  
**Sunday 29th**  
TBA

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April 11AM**



5% discount  
of meals if  
you book 24  
hours in  
advance

**High Tea first  
Saturday  
Every Month  
Book NOW**

## What's on

**WEDNESDAY'S**  
Parma Night \$23

**THURSDAY'S**  
\$25 Steak  
Kids eat Free starting  
12<sup>th</sup> March

**FRIDAY'S**  
Joker Jackpot  
\$90 Meat raffle

## Trading Hour's

Mon-Tue Closed - Wed-Friday 10am - Late  
Sat - Sun 10am - 9PM

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# Play in the Garden Day

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK**  
A DAY OF FUN, CONNECTION, LEARNING AND PLAY

**10AM - 1PM**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 17**  
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE  
BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS

**FREE EVENT**  
FOR CHILDREN  
UNDER 6 YEARS  
OF AGE

**LOTS OF FUN, FREE  
ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY YEARS SERVICES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FACE PAINTING
- CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT
- ANIMAL FARM
- BUBBLES
- SENSORY PLAY
- LOW COST PLAY IDEAS
- SPORTS GAMES AND GYMNASTICS

FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2.50 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE  
Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle.  
Child-safe event. Smoke and vape free event.

For more information and other events visit  
[www.connectgreaterbendigo.com.au](http://www.connectgreaterbendigo.com.au)



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

## AXEDALE AUSKICK CENTRE

**FRIDAY | 4PM - 5PM**

**STARTING 1ST MAY | AXEDALE PRIMARY OVAL**

Auskick Coordinator | Brenton Pattison



REGISTER NOW

**ALL GIRLS  
GROUPS  
AVAILABLE**

# HEATHCOTE PANTHERS WINTER SEASON

Term 2 & Term 3 2026

We are now seeking expressions of interest for our Junior Basketball Winter Season

- Under 10 Boys born 2017-2018
- Under 12 Boys born 2015-2016
- Under 14 Boys born 2013-2014
- Under 16 Boys born 2011-2012

**TRAINING SCHEDULE:**

- Under 10 & Under 12 - Monday 4pm - 5pm
- Under 14 - Monday 5pm - 6pm
- Under 16 - Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

\*\*Training times may vary depending on participant numbers ++

- All welcome. Training is free of charge.
- Competition games are played at Red Energy Arena, Bendigo.
- Please contact Alan 0418 589 020 or Kristyn 0418 852 339

[www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball](http://www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball)

**LOCATION:** Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.



# GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK

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

**3 WEEKS - \$60**  
**14 MAR - 21 MAR - 28 MAR**

[gianttennis.com.au](http://gianttennis.com.au)

**STRATHFIELDSAYE TENNIS CLUB**

# 2026 Victorian Weekend CARTOONING CAMPS

• Geelong • Bendigo • Ballarat • Bacchus Marsh-Melton • Melbourne



Saturday: 10am - 2pm / 2pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm Sunday: 10am - 2pm  
**\$29 per class**  
[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)  
**EARLY BIRD**  
 Book all 4 classes & receive 4 cartooning books & an art-set



Early Bird: Value at \$55

**Geelong**  
 Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>  
 330 Waverley Street, Geelong

**Bendigo**  
 Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 47 Simpsons Road, Eaglehawk

**Ballarat**  
 Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>  
 88 Humphrey Street South, Golden Field

**Bacchus Marsh - Melton**  
 Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>  
 10 Wilkes Street, Daylesford

**Melbourne 5 Day Program**  
 Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>  
 14 Birch Street, Caulfield South

## BOOKINGS

- Go to: [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)
- Click the **Cartoon Workshop** button on the home page
- Select: **Your location**
- All art materials included
- Working with Children Checks
- A professional cartoonist will be teaching
- **Juniors:** 4 - 7 **Intermediates:** 8 - 10 **Seniors:** 11 - 15
- **Early Bird:** Book all 4 classes before Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> to received the books & art set

**Registration:** 8:30am - 4:30pm (EST)  
 Cuts outside of these times will be returned the following day

(02) 9343 0833

[bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au](mailto:bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au)

[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

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# LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!



LA TROBE SPORT



KYABRAM FAUNA PARK IS CELEBRATING

# 50 WILD YEARS

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March

Join us for a birthday celebration packed with:

- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FREE KEEPER TALKS

Plus, cool off in the **NEW SPLASH PARK** and take a look back at the park's wild history.

Celebrations run 10am to 3pm each day, park closes at 5pm.

Kids visit free on weekends, public holidays and Victorian school holidays!



KYABRAM FAUNA PARK