

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

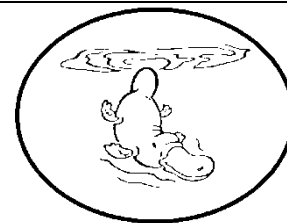
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



### NEWSLETTER No. 8 MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

<b>Mar</b>	<b>Quick Shear raffle tickets to be returned sold or unsold</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6) 21 <sup>st</sup> Quick Shear 24 <sup>th</sup> MARC Van 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & School Council	<b>Mar</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6)
		<b>Apr</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> Easter raffle tickets & donations due 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

#### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Billie** – For demonstrating the school value of personal best when completing her writing tasks making sure the words are in the correct order and make sense.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Evaliah** – For always demonstrating your Personal Best at school. You always work hard at completing your best work in a timely manner, working quietly and sensibly.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Nate** – For showing Personal Best and Resilience during writing. He has taken on feedback well and made great improvements in his persuasive writing. Well done!

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Georgia** – For showing her PERSONAL BEST when starting a learning task. Georgia is always ready for learning by listening to others, engaging in discussions and starting her work quickly.

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Jie** – For demonstrating his personal best during gym sessions. He actively participated whilst also showing kindness and leadership when supporting and encouraging his buddy.



#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Audrey** – For understanding and using our Prep measuring rules to measure things in our classroom.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Ivy F** – For listening and showing all our school values at Gym. It is great to see the enjoyment you get for participating in all the fun activities. Well done, Ivy.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Indi M** – For showing wonderful improvement in her addition skills. Through consistent effort and a positive attitude towards learning, she has developed greater confidence and accuracy when solving addition problems. Keep up the fantastic work!

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Vada** – For showing some great work in maths with addition. Vada is quick with her number facts and is successfully regrouping with some large addition equations. Well done Vada.

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Lily** – For carefully editing and revising others writing. She used the six writing traits and a predetermined criteria to provide feedback. She was also able to conference with her buddy to explain her suggestions to further improve their writing.



## 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

It was fantastic to present so many 25 night reading certificates this week. Congratulations to these students who have made such a positive start to their reading in 2026!



## TEACHER STOP WORK ACTION

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has called for its members to take 5 industrial actions, one being to stop work on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. DE have released a time line for staff to communicate their intentions regarding stop work actions and for Principals to inform parents / carers. In line with the required time line, staff must notify the Principal by 5pm Friday, with Principal's required to notify parents / carers by 2pm Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

## QUICK SHEAR

*The annual Axedale Quick Shear is finally here!!! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Quick Shear, in the Axedale Park on Saturday. Please remember CASH is preferred and we ask that no dogs are brought along to this event.*



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. **Can we ask all raffle books are returned sold and unsold tomorrow.**

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

Families who have volunteered on the day will receive a letter today detailing time and where you are required.

**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 last week and will be drawn on the last day of term.



### **GYM PROGRAM**

Tomorrow, we have the third 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.

### **PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE**

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All students have been given a checklist with login details and a letter today.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Happy reading!



### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We are seeking one more parent representative to join School Council. School Council plays an important role, working to support good decisions that benefit students and the whole school community. If you would like more information, please contact Corrina.

### **LEARNING DIARIES & DIGITAL PORTFOLIO**

After an extensive review, we will no longer be using Learning Diaries or Digital Portfolios for students in grade 1 – grade 6. Prep students will have a Prep Memories folder, which will capture special moments and highlights from their first year at school. These folders will be distributed to families at the end of each semester.

### **NAPLAN TESTING**

Most students in Grades 3 and 5 have finished the NAPLAN testing program for 2026, having completed the Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling and grammar) and Numeracy tests over the last week. We are super proud of student's 'personal best' attitude displayed when completing the tests. NAPLAN results will be released later in the year.

### **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 and sold and unsold raffle tickets by tomorrow, Friday 20<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:** There is an African proverb that says 'it takes a village to raise a child.' In Australia, instead of village, we talk about community. This week we have the Axedale Quick Shear on and it's a great community event. The funds raised goes back into making Axedale great. Community is an important part of every person's



life. Think of how many communities you are a part of. Maybe it's football, CFA, church, community garden, netball or scouts. This week, it's great to sit down as a family and think of the communities you are a part of. Maybe you are part of too many and need to spend some time with just family. However, if you're not, maybe consider what you can be part of this year to feel connected, supported and enjoy building great friendships as a family.

**QUOTE:** 'Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.' Oscar Wilde

**JOKE:** Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

## **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Helper</b>	<b>Helper</b>
Tuesday 24 March	Brooke Andrew	Kirby & Murray	Ali
Tuesday 31 March	Angela Dodd	Eli & Lenny	Ali


Ali Gillett  
Chaplain

# Art News

We have been incredibly busy in Art the last few weeks, creating amazing artworks for display at the Axedale Quick Shear! The colourful, creative artworks can be found in the Town Hall at the event. Be sure to pop in, check out all the displays and enjoy sharing your work with your family and friends. Here are a few images of what you can expect. I'm very proud of all your hard work. Ms Leed 😊




**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**




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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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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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Bec & Paul  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
TBA

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



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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

# LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORT'S CAMPS (AGES 6+)  
MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER  
FOR THE TERM | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!

LA TROBE SPORT



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](https://play.afl.com.au/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](https://www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball)

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