

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

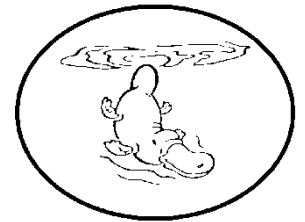
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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Important dates:

Mar	27th Gym (Prep – Gr 6)	Apr	20th First day Term 2
	31st Easter raffle tickets & donations due	May	5th Mother's & Special Person's Day High Tea
Apr	2nd Good Friday Appeal – donation envelope due		5th School Captains & Vice Captains ANZAC Service Melbourne
	2nd Out of uniform day – gold coin donation for Good Friday Appeal		7th Mother's & Special Person's Day Stall
	2nd Last day of Term 1 – 2.15pm assembly and 2.30pm school finish		8th Whole School Athletics Sports Day

QUICK SHEAR THANK YOU

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in this year's Quick Shear event. Whether you donated items, volunteered on the day, purchased raffle tickets or attended the event on Saturday – you helped make the day a resounding success.

A massive thank you to Shannon Leed for the eye-catching artwork again this year. I have received so many positive comments about the high standard of artwork that is created by our students. People are amazed that Shannon keeps coming up with such new and great ideas!



SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Bonnie – For demonstrating the school value of personal best when learning our classroom routines and procedures so quickly last week.

Grade 1/2

Brock – For demonstrating your personal best at Gym by participating and trying your best in all activities. You have also demonstrated that you are able to follow instructions and help others in your group. Well done.

Grade 2/3

Jasmine – For showing Personal Best during our visits to Palmer's Gym. Jasmine approaches each session with enthusiasm. She follows instructions beautifully, and encourages others to be their best. It's wonderful to see Jasmine enjoying gym so much.

Grade 3/4

William – For showing his PERSONAL BEST by organising his belongings and being ready for learning. William is a good role model in the classroom by listening respectfully to others.

Grade 5/6

Grade 5 students – For demonstrating a positive attitude during the NAPLAN assessments. They should be proud of the way they applied themselves and gave their personal best.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Colt – For using his understanding of the numbers 1-10 to order objects using ordinal numbers.



Grade 1/2

Ethan – For always working on improving what you do. You start work promptly and always try your best. You have shown improvement in all areas, and I enjoy that you are happy to share your ideas and thoughts with the class which adds to everyone’s understanding of what we are doing.

Grade 2/3

Raff – For demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm during our visits to Palmer’s Gym. Raff consistently gives 100% throughout our gym sessions. He follows instructions and shows respect to others. It is lovely to see Raff’s enjoyment of this program.

Grade 3/4

Finnley – For showing some very good independent writing skills. Finn drafted his persuasive piece ‘Football is the Best Sport in the World’ and was able to organise his ideas and write in paragraphs. Great work Finn.

Grade 5/6

Evie – For confidently using her spelling words in well-constructed sentences. She demonstrates a strong understanding of word meanings and applies them accurately in her writing.

HOUSE AWARD

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

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 3/4 and Mr C for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

NIGHTS OF READING

It was fantastic to present so many 25 night and 50 night reading certificates this week. Congratulations to these students who have made such a positive start to their reading in 2026.



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. Thank you to families who have already made a donation. Raffle tickets have been sent home and will be drawn at the assembly on the last day of term.



GYM PROGRAM

Tomorrow, we have our last gymnastics session for the year. It has been pleasing to see students develop their confidence and skills, not only this year, but throughout their years of participation in the program. Thank you to Emma and the Palmer’s Gym staff for providing such a quality program.

END OF TERM ORGANISATION

It is hard to believe that next Thursday is the last day of Term 1. Students are encouraged to come to school in their casual clothing, remembering to wear clothing and footwear that is appropriate for school. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation for our Good Friday Appeal. An end of Term assembly will be held at 2.15pm, where termly awards will be presented to a student from each class. The Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this assembly. TheirCare will operate after school care from 2.30pm.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have been notified that our school crossing supervisor is being moved to a service in Bendigo. The position has been advertised but unfortunately, Bendigo Council haven't been able to appoint a new supervisor. We are at risk of starting Term 2 without a crossing supervisor. I continue to work with Council but please feel free to share the information below with anyone you think might be interested.

The City of Greater Bendigo is seeking a School Crossing Supervisor for Axedale Primary School. This important role helps ensure the safety of children and other crossing users.

Shifts are 8.15–9.00am and 3.15–4.00pm (45 minutes each). Training, uniform and equipment are provided, and no prior experience is required. A small daily travel allowance is also paid.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dionne Lynch on 4408 6569 or email d.lynch@bendigo.vic.gov.au

AWARDS

We have received notification that Axedale Primary School will not be a recipient of the Kiwanis TERRIFIC Kids Awards this year. We are extremely appreciative of our inclusion in these awards over many years. Through communications with Fosterville Gold Mine, we are excited to introduce a new termly award, the S.H.I.N.I.N.G Kids Award.

S – supportive

H – honest

I – inclusive

N – never gives up

I- inquisitive

N- nurturing

G-great attitude

ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY

On Friday, 8th of May, we will hold our annual Athletics Sports Day. We will be joining with Eppalock Primary School to participate in a range of athletic events. The day will take place at the Lar Birpa (La Trobe) Athletics Track in Bendigo. Parents and carers are asked to transport their children to and from the track.

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

Happy reading!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Jodie Butler who nominated for School Council.

School Council held the AGM and first meeting last night. Election of office bearers occurred during the AGM. We would like to congratulate:

School Council President:	Jarrold Threlfall
Vice President:	Laura Hough
Secretary:	Liz Harrington
Treasurer:	Rohan Wardrop

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.

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 2nd 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.

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

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL ENVELOPE

Please return Good Friday Appeal envelope by Thursday 2nd April

EASTER RAFFLE

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

Chappy's Corner



FAMILY CHALLENGE: Dance party time! Did you know dancing provides a wide range of health benefits! Including improving cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength, flexibility, and balance while boosting mental health and cognitive function! Have a dance with your family...maybe you want to copy someone else's moves, or work out a dance sequence. So many fun things to do while dancing.



QUOTE: "You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending." — C.S. Lewis

JOKE: What do you call a magic dog? A labracadabrador 🐕

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 31 March	Angela Dodd	Eli & Lenny	Ali

Ali Gillett
Chaplain

FROM THE CLASSROOMS – MUSIC

MUSIC NEWS!

This Term we have been enjoying lots of singing and dance and have also been focusing on building our rhythm skills. This has included reading and playing rhythmic notation and using paddle pop sticks to create our own rhythm and present them to the class. We've also explored the different parts of the drum kit used to play a rock beat and formed our own human drumkit. We've started having some casual band auditions and will kick off with rehearsals next term.

Thank you to all staff and students for making me feel so welcome at A.P.S!

Tan




Paddle Pop stick rhythms




Learning the Nutbush

COMMUNITY


BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION
大金山中华公会

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 for more information!

JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!



AGE 16+

MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME

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大金山中华公会

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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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April 18-19th 1pm-1pm
24 Hours Straight



LAKE WEEROONA, BENDIGO



1PM SATURDAY 18TH TO 1PM SUNDAY 19TH



WALK WITH US FOR 24 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Scan to donate or join the walk



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

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 13TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM
 WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO
 \$55 PER PERSON



LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!



LA TROBE
SPORT



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.

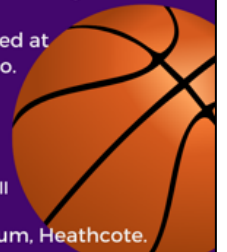
• Competition games are played at Red Energy Arena, Bendigo.

• Please contact Alan 0418 589 020 or Kristyn 0418 852 339

www.facebook.com/HeathcotePanthersBasketball

LOCATION:

Barrack Reserve Stadium, Heathcote.



TAVERN AXEDALE

Music 2026
12:30-15:00

March

Sunday 1st

Louise MacGregor

Sunday 8th

Hey Mister

Sunday 15th

Nathan Jenkins

Sunday 22nd

Bec & Paul

Sunday 29th

TBA

Easter Egg Hunt
5th April 11AM

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of meals if
you book 24
hours in
advance

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What's on

WEDNESDAY'S

Parma Night \$23

THURSDAY'S

\$25 Steak

Kids eat Free starting
12th March

FRIDAY'S

Joker Jackpot

\$90 Meat raffle

Trading Hour's

Mon-Tue Closed - Wed-Friday 10am - Late

Sat - Sun 10am - 9PM