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WELCOME BACK
On behalf of all staff, I would like to welcome everyone back for what should be a very exciting year for Axedale Primary School.
A particular welcome to our new Prep students and other new students and their families to our school community.
We also welcome Alice Fleay to our school and hope that Alice’s time at Axedale is rewarding both professionally and personally.

CLASSES
This year we are running a five class structure

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Specialist subjects & other
Business Manager- Katrina Baldwin
Prep Maths – Lex Johnstone
Languages (Indonesian - Thurs) – Liana Elias
Art (Tues & Wed) – Michelle Mannes
Literacy Support – Gaye Saunders
Earth Science (Prep/1/2) – Gaye Saunders
Earth Science (Gr. 3-6 - Thursday) – Lydia Fehring
Health/Physical Education – Steve Christensen (Gr 3-6) & Lex Johnstone (P-2)
ICT/School Choir – Michelle Blume
Student Well Being (Mon, Tues & Thurs) – Ricky Cawley
Library (Fri) – Deb Tuohy
Classroom Assistants – Michelle Mannes (Prep), Jo Jacobs (Gr. 1/2M), Jeanette Tenace (Gr. 1/2A) & Rosemary Bennett (Gr 3/4)
MARC Van – Sue Gentry
Crossing Supervisor – Robyn Parker
Bus Driver – Ross Lyons

WELCOME
As well as all of our new Preps, we say welcome a number of new students and families to our school.
Welcome to:-
Harry (Prep) and Charlotte Evans (Gr 3) and their parents Lisa & Stuart
Hagan (Gr 2) and Alla Perry (Gr 3) and their parents Erin & Leigh
Bella (Gr 5), Eric (Gr. 3) and Russell (Prep) Johnson and mum Kristen

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Dave Rouse who has completed a lot of work within the school grounds over the holidays.
Also to our Cleaner Linda for having all of our carpets, windows, doors, shelves, bag areas etc. looking clean and bright ready for the start of the year.

QUICK SHEAR
The Axedale Quickshear and Family Fun Day was held on Saturday. While the weather was on the warm side, the event still attracted a good crowd with all funds raised being divided between the school, the preschool and the Hall Committee.
A big thank you to the school parents who volunteered in a range of tasks throughout the day. Your contribution has helped make the day successful.
A volunteers thank you BBQ is on tonight at the Axedale Park from 5.15pm.
Final funds raised will be in the Newsletter next week.
NEW BUILDING WORKS
Over the holidays our new building arrived and work was completed on the buildings just in time for us to move furniture and classroom resources in yesterday. The new rooms are bright and spacious and will provide excellent teaching and learning spaces. Over the coming weeks, shelves, cupboards, locker storage etc. will be added. Thanks to staff for their help moving furniture yesterday. I know the students have certainly enjoyed their new classrooms so far today.

PREP TRANSITION STATEMENTS
At the end of the 2016, parents of Axedale Pre-School students will have been provided a ‘Transition Statement’ from Tanya. Could all parents please pass these onto the school as they provide vital information for our staff and will form part of the file of relevant educational information that we maintain for all students.

PREP REST DAYS
The Prep students will have their first rest day this Friday, February 3rd. Rest days will then be on Wednesdays. Wednesday 1st March will be their first Wednesday at school

TIMETABLE
As part of the two hour literacy block each day, students in all classes will be reading from 9.00 – 9.30 am. We encourage parents who have some time free at this time, to come in and listen to some students reading one to one. Our aim is to have every student read to an adult every day. This will start from Monday 6th February, allowing us time to have book boxes at appropriate levels organised for all students. More specific details regarding timetables and subjects will be sent home with next week’s Newsletter along with a Term One Calendar outlining extra events that will be on over the next eight weeks.

ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are held every Monday morning from 9.00am in the main building. Parents are welcome to stay for assemblies.

FAMILY BBQ & CLASSROOM INFORMATION SESSIONS
Information sessions for each class will be held on Thursday 9th February from 5.45 – 6.30pm for all Prep-6 grades. This will be an opportunity for parents to get to know the teachers and how their classes will operate through the year. Following the Information Sessions, we will be holding a Family BBQ from approximately 6.30pm to welcome both new and existing school families. School will provide meat, bread and salads. We encourage everyone to come along.

PARENT TEACHER & GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
We will also be holding Parent /Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 23rd of February. It will be a chance to discuss content covered at the Information Night as well as analyse the first few weeks of school for your child/children and to make clear plans covering academic and social aspects. At these meetings, each student’s learning plans will be discussed and put into place for the remainder of Terms One and Two.
GRADE 5/6 NETBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT
On Tuesday 14th February from 5.45 – 6.15, we will be holding an Information Night for our Grade 5/6 students and parents to discuss the use of Netbooks for 2017. A lease agreement will be distributed and a user agreement will be discussed and signed off by the students and their parents.

FOOD/WATER
Students are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle to school to have in the room while working. Water coolers are available in both buildings for the students to refill their bottles.
A fridge is available near the Prep room for lunch/snack items such as yoghurts that need to refrigerated. Lunch orders need to be placed in the box near this fridge before 9.00am please.

BOOKLISTS & SCHOOL FEES
Many thanks to all the families who collected books and made arrangements for payments. If payments for any aspect of schooling is proving a little tricky for your family at the moment, please contact Mr. J to discuss options.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
Once again, we will provide the opportunity for private tuition of students to learn drums, guitar and keyboard/piano this year.
David Dewar conducts drum lessons each Monday morning at $20 for a 30 minute session.
Jo Woodward will be teaching guitar on Wednesdays at $12 for a 20 minutes session.
A drum kit is provided by the school. Guitars are available or students can bring their own.
We are also seeking expressions of interest for students wishing to learn piano/keyboard. Please indicate on the slip at the end of the Newsletter if your child is keen on any of these opportunities.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Breakfast Club will resume next Tuesday morning. All students are welcome to come along and share breakfast with some of their school mates from 8.30-8.50am.
Our Student Well Being Worker Ricky Cawley runs this most beneficial program.
Please complete the slip for Breakfast Club at the end of the newsletter if you are able to assist.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
The Fresh Fruit Friday Program will continue this year. Fruit will be provided during afternoon recess each Friday beginning – Friday February 3rd.
Please complete the slip for Fruit Duty help at the end of the newsletter if you are able to assist.

AXEDALE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR
A big congratulations to Katya Bathurst who was named Axedale CWA Youth Citizen of the Year for her achievement in being selected in the Victorian Under 12 Equestrian Team at Easter time. A fine reward for lots of practice, coaching, trips to Werribee and overall commitment.
Also a big congratulations to Hector Bathurst on being named Axedale Citizen of the Year for the work he has done in raising over $100,000 for the Pam Gunn Memorial Trust. The funds raised go towards a range of initiatives across the wider Axedale community.
The awards were announced at the Australia Day Breakfast in the Axedale Park last Thursday.
Photo courtesy of McIvor Times
BUS TIMETABLE
A draft Bus Timetable is attached to this Newsletter for those who didn’t collect one last Friday. This may be refined over the first few weeks of travel.
Ross’ phone number is at the top of the list.
New bus travellers – please let the school know when your child will be starting to use the bus eg. some Prep may not use the bus for the first few weeks.
Previous users- please text Ross to let him know if you will not be catching the bus in the mornings. Ross is happy to take messages from 7.00am.

TERM DATES 2016
Term 1: 31st January to 31 March *
Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

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. Can these please be organised ASAP and the new plan dropped into the office so we can update our records? Parents are also asked to check the expiry date on any medication which is kept at school and supply the school with new Ventolin 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.

SCHOOL HATS
A reminder that students are expected to wear their broad brimmed school hats during Term One. They are available for purchase at the Office for $11.

GYMNASTICS
Beginning on Friday 3rd March, all P-6 students will be travelling to the Bendigo YMCA each Friday afternoon to take part in a five week Gymnastics Program. The program will be conducted at Palmer’s Gym in the Mundy St. YMCA building. There is a $50 charge to cover the cost of the bus and entry fees. This can be paid weekly or as a lump sum prior to the program beginning. This amount is included as part of the Excursion Levy.
More information in upcoming Newsletters.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
Primary school student rate is $125 per year.
The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursions costs for your child.
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian must:
• on the first day of Term One, or first day of Term Two:
  a) be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) be a temporary foster parent, and:
  c) submit an application to the school by the due date – 28th February 2017.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
A Conveyance Allowance is available for eligible students using private cars to attend school. To be eligible a student must live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school or bus stop. Please come into the office by the end of February to complete an application form if you are eligible.

STUDENT BANKING
Our school banking day is Tuesday. Interested students can apply online, at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone, or via a paper-based application available from the office.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS
As part of DET requirements, I am able to notify the school community that the school is fully compliant with the Child Safe Standards as set out by the Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority. Relevant documents are available at school upon request.

**PRINCIPAL CONTACT**
I am happy for parents to contact me as required. If contact needs to be made out of school hours, my mobile phone number is 0408 138 836 and my email is johnstone.alexander.i@edumail.vic.gov.au

Lex Johnstone
Principal
INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

My child _______________________________ is interested in drum/ guitar/ keyboard (please circle) lessons in 2017.

Signed _________________

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FRUIT DUTY ROSTER

I am able to assist with cutting up fruit on Friday mornings.

Name: ________________________________________________

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BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

I am able to assist with Breakfast Club on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings.

Name: ________________________________________________
**INTERIM TIMETABLE**

Driver - Ross Lyons – 0438 894 742  
Lex Johnstone -0408 138 836

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