

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

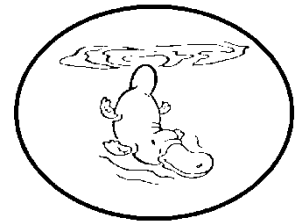
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NEWSLETTER No. 2 February 1st 2018

Important dates:

Feb.	5th & 6th MARC Van	Feb.	20th Parent Teacher Interviews
	7th First Prep Rest Day		27th School Photo Day
	8th Family Picnic & Fun Night	March	2nd Clean Up Australia School's Day
	12th Prep Information Night 5.45pm		5th & 6th MARC Van
	12th Gr. 5/6 Netbook Information Night		7th Palmer's Gymnastics Session P-6
	5.45pm		9th Regional Volleyball – Gr. 5/6
	12th School Council Meeting 6.30pm		19th & 20th MARC Van
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START OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to all of our students for making such a great start to the school year this week. Our week has started really smoothly and all grades have settled to routine quickly.

We welcomed 21 Prep students who are starting their school journey. We look forward to guiding and supporting this journey and to developing a strong and positive connection with their parents.

Thank you to staff also for their preparation to ensure such a smooth start.



WELCOME

As well as our new Preps, we have many new students and families joining us this year. We welcome Cale (P), Chelsea (Gr. 3) and Lainey (Gr. 5) Polson and their parents Christine & Brad Leah (Gr.3) and Kristah (Gr. 5) Prendergast and their parents Laura & Matthew Oscar (Gr. 1) and Matilda (Gr. 2) Rutzou and their parents Paul & Ebony Annie (Gr. 1) and LJ (Gr.3) Fleming-Marsh and their parents Kaine and Lou Caleb (P) and Luke (Gr. 2) Harrold and their parents Ben and Tara. Also welcome back to Brodie (Gr. 5) Berry and his parents Sue and Peter.

We also welcome three new staff members – Mel Bingham in Gr. 5/6, Kaine Marsh as our Music Teacher and Edith Theuns who joins us as an Education Support Staff member in Prep.

CWA YOUTH AWARD

Congratulations to Bella Johnson who received the CWA Youth Award at the recent Australia Day Ceremony. Bella's award is in recognition of her outstanding writing and illustrating skills. The funds attached to the award has given Bella the chance to work with Chris Kennett, a Bendigo author, to develop her skills further with a view to publishing a book. Congratulations Bella and we look forward to seeing the results of your tuition.

Bella is pictured here receiving her award from Jan Logan of the Axedale CWA.

FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

Next Thursday, we warmly invite all families to join us for our Family Picnic night. Families are encouraged to come along, meet up with current and new school families and enjoy a pleasant evening with a few fun activities thrown in. Families are asked to BYO tea, but the school BBQ will be available to cook on if required.

The evening will start at 6.00pm.

Some tables and chairs will be available but BYO deck chairs/rugs would be helpful.



BOOK PACK NAMING

A big thanks to parents for the prompt collection of Book Packs and having everything named, covered etc to help ensure a great start to the year.

QUICK SHEAR

As you will now know the Axedale Quick Shear & Family Fun Day, originally planned for the 27th January, was rescheduled due to the extreme heat and will now be held on Saturday 24th February, from 2pm at the Axedale Hall & Park.

For those of you new to our school this year, this event is a fabulous family day held in the town each year. It is also a major fundraising event, with all funds raised shared equally between the Primary School, the Pre School, the CFA and the Hall. Last year the funds received by the school contributed to the cost of installing a water bore to help with watering our grounds and gardens.

As well as the shearing there are a whole range of competitions and activities to participate in, and a great variety of kids entertainment. All the details can be found on the event website,

www.axedalequickshear.com.au.

A few things for us to note about the event:

- A raffle is held in conjunction with the Quick Shear event with some fabulous prizes and tickets are still available. Katrina has raffle books at her desk if you would like to take one to sell or if you would just like to buy a ticket. If anyone still has raffle ticket books from last year, could they please return them (sold or unsold) to school by Friday 16th February.
- The date for submission of entries to the Quick Shear photo competition has also been extended to Saturday 17th February for anyone (children included) who would like to enter. Details of the terms & conditions can be found on the flyer at Katrina's desk.
- One of the really great aspects of the day is the volunteers from the preschool, primary school, CFA, Hall and the local community who offer their time to make this the best day possible. As the event grows, so does the need for volunteers increase. The committee are still looking for willing volunteers, so please consider whether you can offer some time to work at the event (even half an hour can be a great help). If you can give some time, please call or text Marie Colvin on 0447727020, or just fill out the sheet at Katrina's desk. Your time will be greatly appreciated and you will know you have contributed to making it a fun and successful day. If you can't volunteer, please come and enjoy the day anyway!

STAFFING 2018

Name	Role
Lex Johnstone	Principal
Gaye Saunders	Prep Teacher
Michelle Caldwell	Gr. 1 Teacher
Alice Fleay	Gr. 2/3 teacher
Corrina Hartland	Gr. 3 teacher
Steve Christensen	Gr. 4/5 teacher
Mel Bingham	Gr. 5/6 teacher
Katrina Baldwin	Business Manager
Rosemary Bennett	Gr. 4/5 Education Support Staff
Jeanette Tenace	Gr. 1 Education Support Staff
Jo Jacobs	Gr. 2/3 Education Support Staff
Edith Theuns	Prep Education Support Staff
Michelle Mannes	ART/ Gr. 3 Education Support Staff
Agatha Doyle	Education Support Staff
Lydia Fehring	Gr. 2-6 Environmental Science
Liana Elias	Gr. 1-6 Indonesian
Kaine Marsh	Prep – 6 Music
Ricky Cawley	Student Well Being (Mon/Tues/Thurs)
Sue Gentry	MARC Van
Deb Tuohey	Library
Linda Kendall	Cleaner
Robyn Parker	Crossing Supervisor
Ross Lyons	Bus Driver

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 20th February. These sessions will be a chance to get together to share important information about the students and to set some goals for the term ahead. A letter with time options will be sent home with the Newsletter next week.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

This year we have chosen to not have Parent Information Nights for grades 1-6. Our Junior, Middle and Senior Unit will be sending out a Classroom Newsletter prior to the Parent Teacher Interviews. These newsletters will outline a wide range of information on the term ahead and may provide one or two points for you to follow up with at interviews.

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

We will be conducting an Information Night for our Prep class to ensure that all Prep families have a chance to hear about the term ahead and more importantly, to ask questions about how a variety of aspects of the Prep class and school organisation in general.

The Information Night for Preps will be on Tuesday 13th February from 5.45 – 6.30pm

GRADE 5/6 NETBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday 12th February from 5.45 – 6.30, we will be holding an Information Night for all Grade 5 and Grade 6 students and parents to discuss the use of Netbooks for 2018. A lease agreement will be distributed and a user agreement will be discussed and signed off by the students and their parents.

Netbooks will be able to be taken home after this evening.

CLASSROOM READING

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 5th February, allowing us time to have book boxes at appropriate levels organised for all students. We would like parents to hear one child at a time and work within the classrooms.

TERM ONE CALENDAR

A Term 1 calendar for fridges is attached to the newsletter.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Staff are at school and on duty by 8.30am. Students can be at school from 8.30 onwards.

Late arrival at school can be unsettling for your child or other classmates. By arriving at least 5/10 minutes before 9.00am, will allow your child time to unpack their bag, have their reader ready, hand notes etc in and be settled before the bell.

SCHOOL FEES

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Liersch, Turner and White families for their help with some of the works on the buildings over the recent holidays.

Thanks to Dave Rouse our gardener for having the school looking great after holidays.

LUNCH ORDERS

Our Lunch Orders system will change slightly this year due to numbers of students.

Prep –Gr. 2 students can have a hot lunch order on February 23rd and March 23rd. Gr. 3-6 can have hot lunch orders on Friday March 2nd and Thursday 29th March.

A Lunch Order list is attached to the Newsletter.

PREP REST DAYS

The Prep students will have their first rest day next Wednesday, February 7th. Rest days will then be on February 14th, 21st and 28th.

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 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.

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.

Singing lessons and keyboard lessons will also be offered. Further information in next week's Newsletter.

A drum kit is provided by the school. Guitars are available or students can bring their own.

Please contact the school if your child is keen to be involved.

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 9th.

Please complete the slip for Fruit Duty help at the end of the newsletter if you are able to assist.

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. 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 Wednesday 7th March, all P-6 students will be travelling to the Bendigo YMCA each Wednesday afternoon to take part in a four 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 2018.**

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.

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

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We have been requested by DET to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

OPEN AIR ADVENTURE CARE - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This year we are trying to be even better than last year!

We have listened to the families and children and we are implementing some external workshops into our program. Some you would have to drive into Bendigo for and some you can only find here! We've convinced some great people to share their knowledge and special skill sets with us.

Now all we ask is that you get in quickly and book your child/ren in as soon as possible so we can finalise groups, staffing and secure the talent.

If you would like to guarantee a place for your child in the workshops, please book for the entire term for the day/s you would like, as there is teamwork involved to work towards term goals/projects. There will be limited spots each afternoon for the workshops. First in best dressed. For those that miss out, there will still be all the usual free play/relaxation/nature play activities available that we are well known for.

Look forward to receiving term bookings before school goes back so we can be super organised.

Casual bookings will still be available during term, but will be subject to staff ratios and available places.

SCHOOL APP

If you haven't already signed up to our school app we ask that you take the time to download it.



The majority of our families have now signed up for our school app and are finding it is a great way of staying in touch with easy access to newsletters, receiving calendar updates direct to your phone and entering absence notes. It is also the way we send our alerts and reminders.



To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



NEWSLETTER

These are the most important means of communication between school and home. Newsletters are sent home every Thursday. Please get into the habit of looking for them, reading them carefully and responding to the contents as soon as possible. Please call the school if you have any queries. The Newsletter is also available on our website at www.axedaleps.vic.edu.au

If you would like a copy emailed, please contact the school.

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: 31st January (Students) to 29th March (Thursday)

Term 2: 16th April to 29th June

Term 3: 16th July to 21st September

Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

Lex Johnstone
Principal



FRUIT DUTY ROSTER

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

Name: _____



BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER

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

Name: _____

COMMUNITY



STRATHFIELDSAYE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB INC.
Junior Football Committee
P.O. BOX 69 STRATHFIELDSAYE VIC. 3551

2018 Junior Football Registration Day

Sunday 11th February 2018

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Strath Storm Club Rooms - Tannery Lane

2018 Registration Fees:

Under 9 & Under 10	\$ 140
Under 12	\$ 160
Under 14 & Under 16	\$ 180
Under 12 Girls	\$ 140
Under 15 Girls	\$ 150
Under 18 Girls	\$ 150

(If a family has 3 or more children playing then each child will receive \$10 off per fee)

For enquiries please contact SFNC Junior Football Registrar
Judith Bassett via email sjfcregistrar@bigpond.com
or phone 0429 183 624

Bendigo Junior Football League - 2018 DOB requirements

UNDER 9 1.1.2009 - 30.04.2011 inclusive
UNDER 10 1.1.2008 - 31.12.2009 inclusive
UNDER 12 1.1.2006 - 31.12.2008 inclusive
UNDER 14 1.1.2004 - 31.12.2006 inclusive
UNDER 16 1.1.2002 - 31.12.2004 inclusive
UNDER 18 GIRLS 1.1.2000 - 31.12.2002 inclusive
UNDER 15 GIRLS 1.1.2003 - 31.12.2006 inclusive
UNDER 12 GIRLS 1.1.2006 - 31.12.2008 inclusive

"Junior Football, Footballs Future"

Tennis lessons for term 1 In Strathfieldsaye

Hot Shots for 5 – 8 year old beginners

Wednesday 3.45pm at Turners Road Strathfieldsaye

Fridays 4.00 – 4.45 or 4.45 – 5.30 at Strathfieldsaye TC

Group and private lessons

Wednesdays after school at Turners Rd

Fridays after school at S'saye TC

Lessons commence this week

Email fitz54@bigpond.com for more information

Kieran Fitzgerald 0411958152




Kellie Smith | Personal Trainer
0438 544 453
Be Your Best

★ *Open over the school holidays!* ★

Box Fit & Circuits are held at the Axedale Hall, and both are available at each session. Sessions are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am. No bookings required, just come along and join us!

I provide all the equipment so just bring water, a sweat towel and some energy & enthusiasm!

My sessions are suitable for all ages and fitness levels and I can modify any exercises to accommodate your needs. We are a child friendly environment, with many regular mums, bubs and kids. Everyone is welcome!

**\$10 per session with no upfront fees or contracts.
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construction**

WEDNESDAYS

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**Speech &
Drama**

THURSDAYS

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**Earth Science
&
Sustainability**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE
3:30-6PM**

***WORKSHOPS RUN
BETWEEN 4-5PM**

FRIDAYS

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**Cooking
Cadets**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CLAIRE ON 1300 434 155