Important dates:

February
11th Classroom Information & Family BBQ Night 5.45pm
15th Parents, Friends and Volunteers Meeting 9.30am
16th CBA Student Banking 3.15pm sign up session
17th Prep Rest Day
17th Gym Gr 1-6
18th Netbook Information Session
18th Finance Meeting 5pm
18th School Council Nominations open
22nd MARC Van (Prep/1 borrowing)
23rd MARC Van (Gr 2-6 borrowing)
23rd Parent Teacher Interviews
23rd School Council 6.30pm

March
24th Prep Rest Day
24th Gym Gr 1-6
25th Curriculum Day – no students
1st School Photo Day
2nd Preps first Wednesday at School
2nd Gym Prep-6
7th MARC Van (Prep/1 borrowing)
8th MARC Van (Gr 2-6 borrowing)
11th School Council nominations close
14th Labour Day holiday
21st MARC Van (Prep/1 borrowing)
22nd MARC Van (Gr 2-6 borrowing)
24th Last day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to:
Shania – Always working hard in the classroom and doing her very best.
Charlotte – Completing a personal best on all tasks.
Meg - For completing a personal best with all learning tasks
Skyla- For completing a 5-star quality Lotus diagram

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD WINNERS
Alize – Being very caring and helping other students to put their belongings in the correct place
Rachel – Having a fantastic start to the year and being a very helpful member of the class.
Jaeyln – For demonstrating inclusion by including others and offering them assistance in the classroom
Blair – For completing all set tasks in the classroom in Week 1.

GOLDEN BRUSH
The winners of the Golden Brush last week were the Preps. Well done!
MAGIC WORDS
Well done to our students who have moved up some levels in the first week of school.

FAMILY BBQ & INFORMATION SESSIONS
Information sessions for each class will be held TONIGHT from 5.45pm 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.

Students are encouraged to come along with parents as this indicates that it is a shared journey that everyone has input into.

Following the Information Sessions, we will be holding a Family BBQ from approximately 6.30pm at the school to welcome both new and existing school families. School will provide meat, bread and salads.

We encourage everyone to come along.

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAIN SPEECHES
At Axedale, we have a House system where students can earn points for a range of activities. Our two houses are McIvor and Campaspe.

Each year, senior students have the opportunity to put themselves up for election as a House Captain (Gr. 5/6) or a Vice Captain (Gr. 3/4).

Tomorrow from 12.00 – 12.30, students wishing to be considered will have the opportunity to present their speech to P-6 house mates. All students will then vote for their preferred house leaders.

Staff have worked with senior students around the school values and personal qualities expected of our house leaders. Students have been encouraged to include such aspects in their speeches. Discussion has also covered the fact that not everyone can be successful and that there is a lot of learning and personal development in taking part in the journey.

School Captains, House Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at next Monday’s assembly.

PARENT TEACHER & GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS
We will 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 Individual Learning Plans will be discussed and put into place for the remainder of Terms One and Two.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Richard Gibbs Photography will again be taking the school photos this year. School Photos will be taken on Tuesday March 1st. In your family ‘Newsletter Envelope’ today, you will find the photo pack with the various options available. Correct money needs to be placed in the photo envelope and returned to school by photo day.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS (PVF)
The first meeting of our Parents, Volunteers and Friends (PVF) Committee will be held in the Staffroom from 9.30 on Monday February 15th.

Our PVF Committee’s primary focus is to raise funds that are put back into the school to improve the facilities and resources for the students.

Last year, the PVF raised in excess of $14,000. Activities included Easter Raffle, Bulb fundraiser, Footy Tipping, Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Stalls, Quick Shear, School Ball, Progressive Dinner, Garage Sale Trail, Kidshotz photos, Community Drive In, Hot Dog Lunches, Living Seeds Fundraiser and Christmas Raffle.

Meetings are quite informal (toddlers welcome) and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces this year.

WEEK 5 GYM TRANSPORT
On Wednesday March 2nd, our whole school will be taking part in the final Gym session. As our numbers have increased, we no longer fit all P-6 students comfortably onto the school bus.

We are wondering if 4 or 5 parents are able to help out with transport?
We leave school at approximately 12.10 and return just before home time. While in Bendigo, you would be welcome to stay with us at the Gym, or complete some Bendigo jobs and meet up for the trip home. Our preference is to transport older students in the cars so the younger students can go on the bus with the Preps for their first trip on the school bus.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**
From February 18th – March 4th, nominations will be open for parents wishing to be a part of School Council. We have six Parent Representatives positions in total, with three up for re-election each year. This year, three positions are available, with Garry Van Wynen, Claire Turner and Julie Liersch all completing their two year positions at the next School Council Meeting. Garry, Claire and Julie do have the option of re-nominating.

**What does School Council do?** For further information, an information page from DET is attached to the Newsletter, or you could speak with Garry, Claire, Julie or our other three Parent Reps, Sharon Hipwell, Lara Bathurst and Neil Aurisch. I am also happy to speak with anyone interested in nominating. The three elected representatives will complete a two year role form March 2016 to March 2018. Nomination forms will be available at the Office from February 18th.

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER**
Every fortnight, a grade will be contributing a page or pages to the Newsletter. Each term will see a contribution from a grade that may showcase student work, school values, provide information or reports on events etc. This week, the Grade 4/5/6 have provided a range of information to help new families understand lots of the events or daily happenings at Axedale PS.

**HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GAMES**
On Saturday February 20th, part of the Heathcote Community Games will be happening here in Axedale. From 9.30-11.30am, families are encouraged to take part in walking the Axedale Historical Loop, taking the chance to collect items and information along the way as part of a competition. Briefing for the event is at 9.00 am in the Axedale Park with the event starting at 9.30am. Events end at the school at approximately 11.30 am. Younger children are encouraged to ride with walking parents. Some interesting local characters may be dotted along the route – never know who you might see!

**STUDENT BANKING – CBA**
Our school banking day is Tuesday. The school banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. School banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the school banking program.

**Taking part in school banking is easy**
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account they can start banking straight away, they just need to bring in their deposit every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting the school next Tuesday 16th February from 3.15pm to help any new families sign up to the school banking program. Parents will need to have their drivers licence with them as a form of identification if they aren’t a current CBA customer.
FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION
It is extremely important that the school has up to date information about your children and their contacts etc. Please look through the forms sent home in your family envelope today, correct/add anything that you think needs changing/adding and return them to school ASAP. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

MATHLETICS & READING EGGS
Also in your family envelope today you will also find a Reading Eggs letter for students in Grade Prep and Grade 1 and access cards for both Reading Eggs and Mathletics. These cards have your child’s username and password so you can access both of these programs at home.

GUITAR LESSONS
Our Guitar Teacher Jo Woodward begins lessons tomorrow. Parents of students taking lessons are asked to send along their $12 each week. Payments in advance are also possible. If your child is interested in guitar lessons please phone Jo on 0417 374 834 or email jo.woodward@iinet.net.au

DRUM LESSONS
One spot left!
David Dewar begins drum lessons on Monday morning. Lessons are $20 for a 30 minute session. Parents need to pay for each lesson either in advance or on the day for their child to attend. If your child is interested, please contact the school for further information.

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 fish tank 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB
All students are welcome to come along and share breakfast with some of their school mates from 8.30-8.50am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Student Well Being Worker Ricky Cawley runs this most beneficial program. Thanks to those who’ve – a great response.

Thanks also to our sponsors:
Tuesday 16th February – Emma Carmody & Hannelie Schutte
Thursday 18th February – Melinda Pengelly & Tanya Czuczman
Tuesday 23rd February – Marli Meerman & Samantha Gilbertson
Thursday 25th February – NO BREAKFAST CLUB

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help cutting up fruit on Fridays.
Friday 12th February – Kelly Gwin & Casey Reid
Friday 19th February – Hannelie Schutte & Susie McGrath

ART SMOCK
All students are asked to bring along a named art smock to protect their school uniform. An old oversize cotton shirt usually does the job.

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 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.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
On Monday March 7th at 7.00pm, there will be a City of Greater Bendigo Ward Councillors Meeting at the Axedale Hall. This is a great chance for residents to speak with Councillors and COGB staff about a range of local issues. In recent years, a number of items have been instigated and actioned through this process.
**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.

**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:
  - be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - submit an application to the school by the **due date – 29th February 2016.**

**CAR SEAT**

The Monti family have a baby car seat that is no longer required. It is available at school to look at if your family is interested. Please contact Lex, Katrina, Alan or Kellie.

**Michael Gross Parenting Resources**


Lex Johnstone
Principal

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**Forms to be Returned or Organised at School**

**Family Information**

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**Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund**

The Camps, Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families with a Health Care Card. Please come to the office to complete a form.

The payment is $125 and is paid directly to the school to be put towards the child’s excursion or camp costs. Applications need to be submitted to the school by Monday 29th February.

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In this week’s Newsletter, we begin an opportunity for students to contribute to the weekly Newsletter. This will become an opportunity to showcase student work and build an overall understanding for parents about the sorts of work students are completing. This week, our Grade 4/5/6 group have contributed a range of information about some of the events that take place throughout the year at Axedale PS.

### Fresh Fruit Fridays
For parents that don’t know or want to know about Fresh Fruit Fridays, this is how it works. In the Newsletter you will see the heading Fresh Fruit Fridays and if you want to help, talk to Mr J. Anyway in the morning, they cut up fresh fruit such as bananas, apples, pears, beans, carrots and other fruit and veg like that from the supermarket. When the bell rings for lunch, the helpers bring out the fruit and the kids enjoy the fruit at lunch and recess depending on how much fruits left. So on Fridays you don’t have to pack fruit for your children but if you want to, you can.

By: Georgia Smith

### Bike Hike
The Bike Hike is a two day ride and it is from Tallarook to Yea. There are stops along the way, it is fun and enjoyable and most of us sleep like a log after the first day. We ride about 40 km. along the Great Victorian Rail Trail. We cross the Goulburn Valley Highway. Grade 4/5/6 stay the night in Yea Caravan Park and get up early and have breakfast and find our bikes, but we do not get on our bikes we wait for instructions from Mr. J. Then 4/5/6 walk their bikes out to the park and we met up with the Yea Primary School. The second day is riding through the Cheviot tunnel. We ride 16 km the second day.

By Kodi

### Interschool Horse Riding Championships
Every year Axedale P.S competes in the Interschool Horse Riding event. It’s where horse riders all over Victoria compete for their schools at the Bendigo Showgrounds. If you win you get a ribbon and go in to the ‘Champion Event’, that means that the people who have won in the day go up against each other. I have made it in to that event.

By Katya

### Lunch orders
Every day in our school we have lunch orders. Our parents write down our lunch orders and the kids put it in the lunch order box. Then in the morning, 2 or 3 kids from 4/5/6 go down to the General Store and drop off the lunch orders. Just before lunch time, the 2 or 3 kids from 4/5/6 go back down to the shop to pick up the lunch orders.

By Skyla and Montana

### Sport competitions
Every year we take teams to sport competitions - these include football, cricket, netball, sideline basketball and volleyball. This is a lot of fun for the children and we want everyone to have a chance to play. But it’s mainly the older kids that get to represent the school.

It’s good for a small school to get involved with big things to prepare the kids for high school. We get to the sports in a number of ways, these in include catching the bus and parent transport.

By Nathan

### HOUSE SPORTS  Campaspe vs McIvor
There are two teams - Campaspe and McIvor. In each class room there is a points table, which means whenever we go out for a game the team that wins get some points. You can also get points by cleaning up, completing good work, helping out and being good. On Monday at assembly, Mr. J presents the winner. The winner gets to keep the trophy for a week.

By Lilly and Emma

### Captains
At Axedale Primary we have House Captains, Vice Captains and School Captains. As you know we have two houses, McIvor and Campaspe. If you want to be Vice Captain you have to be in Grades 3-4 and Captains in Grades 5-6. To decide who are Captains and Vice Captains, the whole house gets together and they vote for Captains. School Captains are picked by teachers and you need to be a Grade six to be a School Captain.

By Laura Higgins (Grade 6)

### What do we do at lunchtime?
When lunch starts, all the kids spread out. Some kids play kingball, some kids play bull rush, cricket, tiggy, killer, markers up,40 40, climb the rock wall, cubby, duck duck goose, off ground tiggy, volley ball, sand pit, fort, shoot hoops, play with friends, talk or play with preppies.

By Max
Clean Up Australia Day
On Clean Up Australia Day the school splits up into groups and we go to different spots in Axedale to clean up Axedale. The younger kids would do around the school and around the church. The older kids would do the roadside, the park and the River Reserve. Then we come together and see how much rubbish we have found. The point of Clean Up Australia Day is to keep our beautiful country clean so that by the time the next generation comes, they don’t have to live in a country of mess and disgrace. So if we keep our part clean, Axedale won’t be a dump. We use yellow and white bags the yellow bags are for recycling and the white bags are for rubbish. When we clean up Axedale, all kids should wear gloves to keep their hands safe.
By Rachael

Ride2School Day
Ride2School Day is a before school activity. P-6 are allowed to come along. We ride along the O’Keefe Rail Trail. We ride with other kids, parents & teachers. It’s easy. You drive your child and drop them and their bike/scooter to a drop-off point. Mr. J, some parents and other kids who got dropped off before you, pick you up on the way through. You can ride anywhere from 1-6km depending on your age and ability. Younger students can ride the last bit of the ride or ride from the park. When you get back, the school provides a healthy breakfast.
By William and Cameron.

Moving to Axedale
Hi my name is Emily and I have 2 sisters, we are all starting at Axedale Primary School this year. I am starting in Year 6, Piper is starting in Year 4 and my youngest sister, Matilda is starting in Prep. So far we are liking Axedale, being small and friendly. Before we went to Axedale, we went to Maiden Gully Primary School, there was almost 600 kids. Axedale is different to Maiden Gully Primary because Axedale only has 90 kids. We are all happy and all have smiles on our faces at every moment.
By Emily and Piper

Walk to School Day
On May the 14th in the morning, Axedale Primary School all walk together to school. It’s a fun walk and when we get back to school we have a yummy & healthy breakfast. We walk on the O’Keefe Rail Trail from the walking bridge across the river.
By Zane

Regional Athlete’s Championship
For those that don’t know what the Regional Athlete’s Championship is, I’m going to talk to you about what it is and what it’s about. My name is Jaidyn and I went to Regionals in 2015. As you know we do athletics every year and some kids go and compete in the in the Regional Qualifying Round. First you start at the qualifying round, if you come first or second in your division, you will go to Regionals and then to State Championships in Melbourne. I made it to Melbourne last year for the discus and shot put.
By Jaidyn

School Camp
Each year the Gr 1/2 go to their school camp at the Rotary Camp in Axedale. This year, Gr 3-6 go to Sunnystones Camp in Bacchus Marsh. The older kids go to Melbourne, the beach and the bush every three years. We get to activities, games and have some free time.
I love camp!
By Blair and Thomas

Athletics Day
Every year we compete in the Athletics Day against Eppalock Primary School. We won last year but the last 5 years they have won, so when we won, we were pretty happy. We compete at the Latrobe Athletics Track. We get there by being driven by parents or carpool. We compete in events like shot put, discus, sprints, long run, triple jump, long jump and high jump. And we have relays at the end of the day. Our students really enjoy the day and lots of parents come to watch and cheer.
By Zayne

Working Bees
Every term the school has a Working Bee. The parents help and make the school a better place by doing lots of work such as:- putting in soft bark in the playground planting plants and flowers mowing making new areas like the cubby painting mosaic tiling and tidying.
I come to every Working Bee
By Alex

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COMMUNITY

LADIES GOLF – AXEDALE GOLF CLUB
The next set of free ladies golf clinics will be on Friday, Feb 12th at 9.30
Let me know if you are attending (if you haven’t done so already) & if you need clubs (left or right handed).
We’ll start on the practice fairway on 5/2 so either meet in the car park at 9.20 or down on the practice fairway ready for a 9.30 start.

Trish Shanahan
0418 434 299

Aligning Health
Axedale YOGA
Yoga classes suitable for all levels
Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at Axedale Town Hall
beginning 3rd February

Bookings & Enquiries aligninghealth@gmail.com 0407285760
www.aligninghealth.au
www.facebook.com/aligninghealth

COLTS UNITED FC
Your local soccer club
REGISTRATION / PAYMENT DAY
Saturday 13 February 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
At the Strathfieldsaye Sports Club,
Club Court, Strathfieldsaye

Registration can be completed online by player or parent after 13 February 2016
If you can’t do your online registration there will be computers available at the Club

More information contact: Narg 0412 395 177 info.coltsunitedfc@gmail.com
Jeff 0467 222 623

FALCONS NETBALL
- BLAST OFF NIGHT-
Falcons Netball Club Rooms
146 Neale St Flora Hill

HOOKIN2HOCKEY
www.hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au

Contact Name: Ian Berry
Contact Number: 0438 50 660
Location: Gardens Gully Reserve, Ashley Street, Ironbank, Bendigo, VIC 3550
Start Date: Saturday 13th February 2016
Time: 9.30am – 10.30am
Email: hookin2hockey@gmail.com
Website: www.hockeycentralvictoria.org.au

Additional Information: Registration fee is $34 which includes player pack of stick, mouthguard,
ball, shin pads, Australian replica singlet, team kit and coaching for the 3 week program.
Emotional Intelligence is the ability to identify your emotions, understand them and be in control of the way we express them.

- Do you often wonder why children do what they do?
- Would you like to learn how to help children manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger?

Come along to this 2 hour workshop and find out more about how to use emotional intelligence to teach children about managing their feelings.

Term 1, 2016
When: Thursday 3rd March 2016
Time: Arrival and registration 5.45pm
      Sessions 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Where: Axedale Primary School, High Street Axedale
Cost: Free
Facilitators: Jo Rodriguez and Linda Lynch (CatholicCare Sandhurst)
              Please advise at time of booking if you require childcare

For bookings and enquiries contact Ricky Cawley (Student Wellbeing) on 0354397232
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged