

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

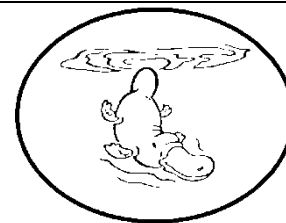
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Important dates:

Feb	7th Prep rest day 12th Finance Meeting 13th Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet Meetings 14th Prep rest day 14th Scholastic Book Club orders due 16th VALUES – Out of Uniform Day 20th MARC Van 20th School Council Meeting 21st Prep rest day 22nd Prep Family Meeting, Gr 5/6 Netbook Info & Family Games Night 23rd Grade 6 Captain Speeches	Feb	28th Prep rest day 28th CSEF applications due 29th House Captain Speeches 1st Palmer's Gym – Whole school 5th School photo day 8th Palmer's Gym – Whole school 11th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 13th Australian Navy Band Performance (Bendigo) 15th Palmer's Gym – Whole school 22nd Palmer's Gym – Whole school
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WELCOME

I would like to welcome all new (and returning) students and their families to our Axedale school community. We look forward to working together, supporting you and your family and helping to develop a sense of connectedness with our broader community. Welcome to:

Scott (Mary & David)

Scarlett (Ashley & Andrew)

Jaeger (Tiarna & Gerald)

Trae (Jonti & Adam)

Mackenzie (Melissa & Phillip)

Alfeida (Sophie & Andrew)

Jesse (Megan & Clayton)

Elliot (Isabella & Wouter)

Lucy (Laura & Callan)

Tilly (Kate & James)

Chelsea (Ellyse & Jarrod)

A big welcome to our new Prep students who have started their school journey at Axedale Primary School. We look forward to guiding their development and building strong and positive relationships with their parents. Welcome to: Lawson, Scott, Mackenzie, Lucy, Rafferty, Scarlett, Avery, Alfeida, Tilly, Jaeger (absent), Jesse, Chelsea, Nate, Trae and Brock.



MEET & GREET MEETINGS

We have booked Tuesday 13th February for our Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet Meetings. These meetings allow parents and teachers to share information about students and to discuss any areas of concern. The meetings are not designed to provide academic updates. Meetings can be booked online through Compass. Booking will open tomorrow morning at 9am. If you have any questions about how to book at time, please see Katrina in the office.

TERM ONE CALENDAR

A Term 1 calendar for fridges has been sent home today.

ENVELOPES

Today families will receive an envelope with various pieces of information.

- Student Enrolment Information – please check each form, make any changes, sign and return to school.
- Permission Forms (if required) – Local Excursions, PG Movies, Privacy, Headlice & Gr 6 Shop Monitors – please complete, sign and return to school.
- Quick Shear raffle tickets – please sell as many as possible and return sold and unsold tickets to school by Wednesday 20th March.
- Rise & Grind lunch order details
- Scholastic Book Club order form

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Staff are at school and on duty by 8.45am. Our early bus students are supervised from the time they arrive which is approximately 8.30am. If there is a need to drop your child off before 8.30, please speak to Corrina to ensure there is appropriate supervision.

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

ASSEMBLY

Weekly assemblies in Term 1 will be conducted in the outdoor space. Students are asked to go to their classrooms first and will then move to the space as a class. Parents are invited to attend weekly assemblies.

PREP REST DAYS

The Prep students had their first day at school today. There were some very excited and nervous students and parents. Rest days will be held on February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

It is important for students to have foods during the day that will support learning and concentration. Fresh fruits, vegetables, dips make great snack foods. Students are asked to eat there always foods before having any sometimes foods. We ask that treats such as lollies and chocolates are kept as an after-school treat. We have 2 fridges in the shared space in the main building that are available for students to put foods that require refrigerating in. Foods should be stored in small containers that are labelled with the student or family name. For safety reasons, staff are unable to heat foods for students.

As students tend to get hungrier during the first few weeks of the new school year, it is recommended that students have a few extra snacks in their lunch box.

DRINK BOTTLES

It is important that all students have their own drink bottle at school every day. All classes have access to water taps so drink bottles can be replenished throughout the day. Please ensure that bottles are labelled with the child or family name.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND HATS

Thanks to the families who have labelled school uniform items and hats. As we tend to accumulate a large amount of lost property, it is essential that all items of clothing are labelled. It is also important to regularly check the labels as names often fade and wash off. Hats are an essential part of our school uniform. Students are expected to wear school hats until the end of April (Sun Smart Policy). We have a number of second-hand uniform items. Please see Katrina if you would like to purchase any second-hand items.

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.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We are fortunate to have Lou and Mason with us again this year.

Lou MacGregor is offering singing lessons on Tuesdays during the school day. Contact Lou on 0431 599 044. Mason Matheson is offering guitar lessons on Thursday during the school day. Please contact Mason on 0422 252 907. Lou and Mason are ready to start lessons next week (week 2).

SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES

Any of our grade 6 students thinking about running for School Captain and making a School Captain speech can start preparing their speeches at home. Students are welcome to chat to their classroom teacher, share a prepared speech and gain feedback. Only students who wish to run for the positions will be making speeches. Speeches will be conducted on Friday 23rd February, at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to attend the presentation of speeches.

Our Captains will be announced at Assembly on Monday 26th February.

Students in grades 3-6 who would like to run for House Captain positions are encouraged to start preparing their speeches. These speeches will be presented to the houses on Thursday 29th February, at 9.15am. House Captains will be announced at Assembly on Monday 4th March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council plays an integral part of the operations of our school. Our School Council is made up of six Parent Representatives, one Community Representative, three Staff Representatives and the Principal as Executive Officer. All School Councils operate on a March to March cycle. Nominations for 2024/25 School Council will open soon. New office bearers will be elected at the first meeting of the newly formed council. Information regarding nominations for School Council will be provided in next weeks' Newsletter. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th March where the 2023 Annual Report will be presented.

ROAD SAFETY

Parents and carers are reminded that students are asked to use the designated crossing areas on McIvor Highway and Raglan Street. McIvor Highway crossing is supervised before and after school by a Bendigo Council provided supervisor. Bendigo Council continues to experience difficulties filling the supervisors position. Advice received for the Department of Education's Legal Unit that indicates that school staff are unable to provide supervision of the McIvor Highway crossing, due to the legal complexities surrounding liability.

On days where we are aware that the crossing won't be supervised, we will send a text message to families as soon as possible, informing you of the situation. Parents / carers are asked to provide supervision of their own child(ren) to cross McIvor Highway or to organise alternative arrangements.

Raglan Street is supervised after school each day by school staff. School community members are asked not to park in drive ways of private residents around the school.

When reversing from parking, we ask that parents reverse using the direction of the traffic and NOT reverse across lanes to be facing in the opposite direction. Raglan Street can be very busy in the mornings and afternoons and already there have been some close calls as drivers have reversed against the traffic.

As many will already be aware, there have been several crashes at the McIvor Highway & Michelle Street / Axedale Goornong Road intersection. Community members are working with the relevant government bodies to make this intersection safer. There is a petition available in the office, for any school community members who would like to sign, indicating the concerns for the intersection.

CLASSROOM TIMETABLES

Classroom teachers have been busy preparing and organising classrooms. Classroom timetables will be finalised within the next few weeks, with copies being sent home.

HEADLICE

With the return to school this week, it is appropriate to remind parents to regularly check their children's hair. Students, whose hair is long enough to tie up are asked to do so daily. We are in the process of organising a 'hair check' for all students.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We have been requested by DE 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.

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 (29th January 2024), and/or first day of Term Two (15th April 2024):**
 - 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 before **28th February 2024 or 28th June 2024**

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

We are very excited to introduce Kapila as our new OSHC Coordinator. Kapila has experience working for Camp Australia and holiday programs for TheirCare. We welcome Kapila to Axedale and look forward to working with her throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask any questions that you may have.

TheirCare are still sourcing a second staff member for our service. A staff member from another service is currently filling in, helping Kapila daily.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays an important role in supporting the purchase of resources and maintaining our grounds and facilities. At different times throughout the year, families are asked to support various fundraising activities. This support can vary from donations for raffles, selling raffle tickets, a pie drive, tree drive and our annual Mother's and Father's Day stalls and raffles. Any support that can be provided, either as a business or as a family, is greatly appreciated.

We are extremely fortunate to be a beneficiary of the Axedale Quick Shear. This is a community event that is held in the Axedale Park on Saturday 23rd March. As a beneficiary, we commit to supporting the event through selling raffle tickets and volunteering on the day. Included in today's newsletter pack is a raffle book for each family. We understand that it can be hard to sell or purchase a full book of tickets. Families are asked to return any unsold tickets / books to allow us to distribute them to families who can sell more than one book. It is important that ALL books / tickets are accounted for.

Information about volunteering on the day will be distributed in coming weeks.

Corrina Hartland
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

STUDENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION Please return ASAP

LOCAL EXCURSIONS & PG MOVIE PERMISSION Please return ASAP.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Applications for current Health Care Card holders are due by Friday 24th February. See Katrina in the office to complete an application.

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BREAKFAST CLUB

Hi Families,

What is Breakfast Club?

Here at Axedale Primary our Breakfast Club enables all students at school to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that school offer.

Breakfast Club is starting up next week on Tuesday. Every Tuesday 8.15 - 9.00am we serve a range of cereal, fruit and toast for breakfast. If you (or someone in your family) would like to volunteer for Brekky Club then please fill out the form below and return to the office. The only requirement is to have a Volunteer Working with Children's Check. We would love to have you volunteer and be part helping our students start of the day in a healthy way.

Ali Gillett
Chaplain



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VOLUNTEER FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

I would like to volunteer for Breakfast Club this term and have a Volunteer Working with Children's Check.

Name: _____

Phone no.: _____

DE NEWS

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

Eligibility

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home* (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

*If an address has been disconnected within 14 days prior to an eligibility check – the address will be classified as ineligible. There may be cases where exceptions can be made, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at SSBI@education.vic.gov.au to discuss further.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative works

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

How to apply

- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

Find out more

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

The City of Greater Bendigo are in the midst of recruiting school crossing supervisors. If any school community members are interested, you can access more information on the link below:

<https://city-of-bendigo.applynow.net.au/jobs/10000124-school-crossing-supervisors>

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au



Back to school is a lot. Let's get ready.

*A lot of feelings, a lot of expenses, a lot of stress.

Saver Plus can help.



If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

Two young boys in cricket uniforms. The boy on the left is wearing a red cap and a white shirt with red sleeves. The boy on the right is wearing a green cap and a green shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera.

**4-WEEK
POP UP
BLAST**

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.

Strathfieldsaye Jets CC Pop-Up Blast
Tannery Lane Complex
9:30am to 10:30am - 4th Feb - 25th Feb
Contact: strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com or
Brent on 0434 730 711

A square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the sign-up page for the cricket program.

SIGN UP TODAY!
Q Play Cricket

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The Woolworths logo, which is a green stylized 'W' inside a circle.

The Cricket Australia logo, which is a green shield with a white cricket ball in the center.



JOIN THE FUN!

Register to the 2024 Auskick Season for the opportunity to be involved in a clinic with North Melbourne or Carlton as part of the AFL Community Camps in Bendigo! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Find your closest centre & register!



Note: clinics occurring mid Feb



Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

BBQ provided by Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

If you can't make it, but want further information email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at facebook.com/EpsomSoccer

