

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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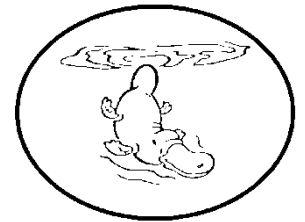
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### NEWSLETTER No. 1 JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

<b>Feb</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> School Captain Speeches @ 9.10am</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> MARC Van</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Gr 5/6 Netbook Info Session @ 5.30pm</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Club orders due</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> House Captain Speeches @ 9.10am</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> VALUES – Out of Uniform day</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Meet &amp; Greet Meetings</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> School Photos Day</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> CSEF &amp; Conveyance applications due</b>
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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:

Archie (Jenna & Daniel)

Audrey (Bec & Jonathon)

Weston (Kaisha & Sam)

Joshua (Courtney & Aaron)

Ellie (Lucy)

Charlotte (Kristen & Josh)

Billie (Aishleen & Matthew)

Jax (Mikayla & Jye)

Charlotte (Ashlea & Charles)

Charlee (Amy & John)

Mikaela (Antonella & Frank)

Stevie (Jemma & Adam)

Koby (Tarah)

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: Archie, Ted, Audrey, Josie, Weston, Colt, Joshua, Ellie, Charlotte H, Billie, Jax, Remy, Everly, Chloe, Bonnie (when able to attend), Saffie, Charlie, Brodie, Sadie, Charlotte T, Kaylan, and Koby,



#### PARENT TEACHER CHATS

We have set Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Bookings will open Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 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.

## **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 indoor shared space in the main building. Students are asked to go to their classrooms first and will then move to the space as a class. Parents, carers and special friends 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, parents and grandparents. Rest days will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 their 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.** 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.

## **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

We are fortunate to have Lou MacGregor with us again this year. Lou is offering singing lessons on Wednesdays during the school day. Contact Lou on 0431 599 044. Fees for singing lessons are paid directly to Lou and can be left in an envelope at the office. Lou is ready to start lessons next week (week 2).

We are currently confirming details regarding guitar lessons. Details will be provided in coming weeks.

## **SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES**

Grade 6 students and Ms Bingham have started planning and preparing for the presentation of School Captain speeches. While time will be provided in class for students to work on their speeches, students are encouraged to spend time on their speeches at home as well. Speeches will be presented on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, at 9.10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the presentation of speeches which will be held in the 5/6 classroom. Our Captains will be announced at Assembly on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 house groups on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of February, at 9.10am. House Captains will be announced at Assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## **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 2025/26 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.

## **THANK YOU YARD HELPERS**

Thank you to Mrs Jeanette Tennace, Mr Ben Fiegert, Tim from Pleasance Property Maintenance and Callan from Axedale Irrigation for their work in the school yard throughout the holidays. Our grounds look amazing, with many positive comments received. Thanks also to Matt from A Matt Excavations & Landscaping who assisted in moving new sand for the sandpit and Softfall for the playground areas.

## **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. Advice received for the Department of Educations' 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 McIvor Highway 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.

## **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.

## **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 \$400 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 (28<sup>th</sup> January 2026), and/or first day of Term Two (20<sup>th</sup> April 2026):**
  - 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 **27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 or 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)**

As announced late in 2025, we have received a grant to allow us to offer After School Hours Care again this year. TheirCare will continue to be the provider of this service. We are very excited to welcome Zen as our new coordinator. Zen spent time at APS in 2025 and is very familiar with school and students who use the service. Please see the flyer, in envelopes coming home today, providing information on how to register / book in for after school care.

### **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, 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 the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. As a beneficiary, we commit to supporting the event through selling raffle tickets and volunteering on the day. Families were given a raffle book on book pack pick up day or have been sent home today.

Information about how you can support the Quick Shear will be distributed next week.

This year we will also hold our biannual Golf Day, which is an event supported by Fosterville Gold Mine and organised by APS and Axedale Shine Bright Kinder. The Golf Day is planned for early Term 4.

Corrina Hartland  
Principal

### **FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL**

**2026 PARENT PAYMENTS** Please return ASAP. Term 1 payment now due.

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Applications for current Health Care Card holders are due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. See Katrina in the office to complete an application.

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# **FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

## **Grade 1/2**



## **Grade 2/3**



**Grade 3/4**



**Grade 5/6**



## **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.: \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMUNITY**

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