



## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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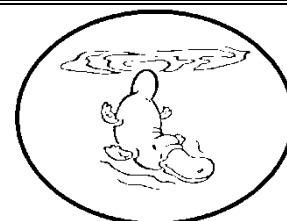
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### NEWSLETTER No. 2 FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> School Captain Speeches @ 9.10am 6 <sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Chat bookings open 9 <sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> MARC Van 11 <sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing <del>11<sup>th</sup> Gr 5/6 Netbook Info Session @ 5.30pm</del> 12 <sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Club orders due 13 <sup>th</sup> House Captain Speeches @ 9.10am 17 <sup>th</sup> Pancakes at Breakfast Club	Feb	18 <sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing 18 <sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> VALUES – Out of Uniform day 24 <sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet Meetings 25 <sup>th</sup> Prep rest day / Testing 27 <sup>th</sup> School Photos Day 27 <sup>th</sup> CSEF & Conveyance applications due
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#### WEEKLY AWARDS

Awards are presented at our weekly assembly. Class teachers nominate 2 weekly awards: a *Values Award*, for the student who best displays the focus value and an *Achievement Award*, for the student who is focused on and has 'value added' to their learning. These awards will be presented from next week.

Each week Shannon, our cleaner, will award the *Golden Brush* to the class that has consistently kept their room organised and tidy for the week.

All students are allocated to a House group. Throughout the year students participate in various activities in their McIvor and Campaspe houses. Throughout the week, teachers award students house points that are collated at the end of the week. The House Trophy is presented to the House that has the most points from the previous week. A tally of winning weeks is kept for the term.

Throughout the year different awards are also presented at the weekly assemblies. These can include, but are not limited to Reading Nights Certificates, High Frequency Certificates, Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates and Axedale Passport Certificates.

Each week we share photos of award winners in the newsletter. Recently distributed updated DE permission notes require parent / carer permission for photos to be included in weekly newsletters. Students who do not have permission to have photos in the newsletter and/or school website will not be included in the awards photos.

#### 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 tomorrow, 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.

#### QUICK SHEAR & FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE OPEN DAY

The annual Axedale Quick Shear is on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, in the Axedale Community Park. As a beneficiary, we have a commitment to support the event in several ways, including selling raffle tickets, donating items for the spinning wheel, contributing items to the Silent Auction and providing volunteers on the day. All families have been allocated a raffle book containing 5 tickets (totally \$25) to sell. While we encourage all families to sell their tickets, we understand that this can also be difficult. If you require more tickets, please call in at the office as we have extras.

**We have booked the raffle trailer for Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, selling tickets at the Bendigo Market (Bendigo Show Grounds). We require volunteers to assist with selling tickets on this day. If you are available, please contact Corrina.**

**The Axedale Events Committee (who organise and run the Quick Shear event) also provide the catering for the Mine's Open Day. As part of our commitment as a beneficiary, we need to supply helpers on**

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Help can be either for a full day, or half a day. If you can help out at the Mine Open Day, could you please contact Corrina.**

Next week we will provide specific details and timelines for donations and information about volunteering on the Quick Shear day.

### **GRADE 5/6 NETBOOK INFORMATION SESSION**

After feedback from families we have decided not to run the netbook information session for families as indicated on the calendar. In the pack coming home today families will have an Netbook acceptable use agreement

Included in the agreement is information about the school's, student's and parents / carer expectations.

Parents / carers are asked to read through the agreement with their child(ren) and complete all documentation, returning it to school as soon as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

An electronic copy of the agreement will be included in a news feed today. This will allow parents to access the links that are provided in the document. Please note the documents requiring signing will be brought home by students.

### **TERM ONE CALENDAR**

A Term 1 calendar for fridges was sent home last week.

### **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.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **CLEANING**

Last week we said goodbye to Linda and her family who have moved away from Axedale. Linda has been our cleaner for 11 years and her dedication and support have been greatly appreciated.

This week we welcomed Shannon and Ed as our interim cleaners, while we follow the processes required to appoint new cleaners.

### **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 started lessons this week.

We are also excited to welcome Harry back this year. Harry is offering guitar lessons on Fridays during the school day. Harry can be contacted on 0494126413.

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

Tomorrow our grade 6 students will present their School Captain Speeches. Speeches will be held in the grade 5/6 room, starting at 9.10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the presentation of speeches. 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.

## **FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE WELLBEING SPONSORSHIP**

We are very excited to have Fosterville Gold Mine sponsoring our Wellbeing Program again this year. The sponsorship allows us to have Ali on site 2 days per week, supports the Breakfast Club program, our High Tea and Big Breaky events and general wellbeing initiatives across the school.

## **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.

## **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 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 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.

## **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**

Corrina Hartland  
Principal

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

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

### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

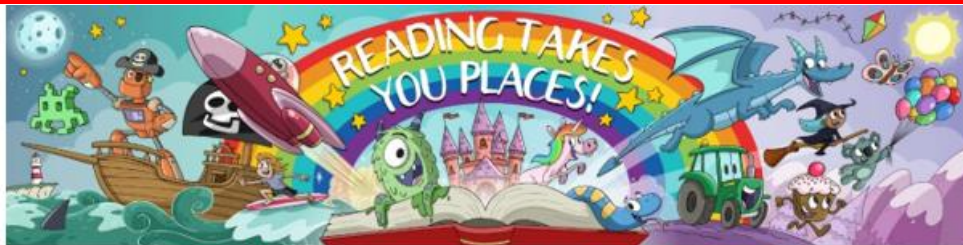
Applications for current Health Care Card holders are due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. See Katrina in the office to complete an application.

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Welcome back to MARC in 2026!



I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and are excited to be back at school. 2026 is a year of change for me as I go part time, sharing the role with Karen Rees. We have lots of new books for the van and are looking forward to getting back to our wonderful schools.

On my off days I'm going to be spending lots of time with my granddaughter Nora. This is a photo of my first day off for 2026... can you see where we went? After many years away I'll be back at Toddler Reading Time each week at the library and I can't wait!

Happy Reading, Mrs G 😊

## Chappy's Corner



**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** I hope you all had wonderful, fun, family holiday this year! I know we have just finished the summer holidays and we are back into routine, but it's great to look ahead to something exciting. This week's challenge is to ask the kids 'What is something you are wanting to happen this year?' Also to share what you are looking forward to. Make a plan to work out how these things can happen. Maybe even make a list and put it on the fridge. Dream big...these things are free and they are life giving!



**QUOTE:** "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C.S. Lewis

**JOKE:** How do you catch a squirrel? Climb a tree and act like a nut!

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**



### **PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST!**

It's National Pancake Day on the Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and for Brekky Club we will be having pancakes! There will also be cereal and fruit but no toast. This is free for students to participate in.

The toppings will be maple syrup, lemon and sugar, butter, honey or jam. Looking forward to enjoying some scrumptious pancakes together!

### **Breakfast Club Is Up and Running!**

We're excited to share that our Breakfast Club has officially started and is already off to a great beginning! Breakfast Club provides a calm, welcoming start to the school day, giving students the chance to enjoy a healthy breakfast, connect with friends, and get settled before class begins. Research shows that a nutritious breakfast helps improve concentration, energy levels, and overall wellbeing, setting students up for a successful day of learning.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers for helping make this possible.

The Breakfast Club roster is now available—please see below/attached for details.

We look forward to seeing many smiling faces each morning!



## **Breakfast Club Roster** **TERM 1 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Helper</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Helper</b>	<b>Helper</b>
Tuesday 10 February	Emma Gillett		Ali
Tuesday 17 February	Angela Dodd/Clare Brown	PANCAKE DAY	Ali
Tuesday 24 February	Katrina/Geoff Cain		Ali
Tuesday 03 March	Brooke Andrew		Ali
Tuesday 10 March	Angela Dodd		Ali
Tuesday 17 March	Katrina/Geoff Cain		Ali
Tuesday 24 March	Brooke Andrew		Ali
Tuesday 31 March	Angela Dodd		Ali

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.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Girls aged 5-12 years old  
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## JOIN US!

# STRIKERS NETBALL CLUB

Would you like to play netball?

Looking for a competitive but fun and supportive club?

Come play with us in 2026!  
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Grade 3 and above

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## Mount Pleasant Junior Football Club

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U15 Girls, U15 Boys(HDFNL)

4.30pm  
Wed 11th & Mon 16th February  
Top oval @ CMC

Call Sonya for more information 0438 904 611

Enrol Now for 2026!

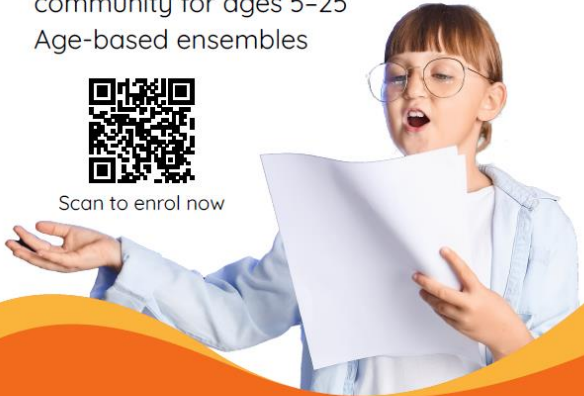


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