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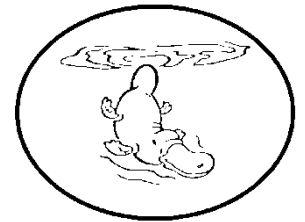
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 3 FEBRUARY 12th 2026

Important dates:

Feb	13th House Captain Speeches @ 9.10am 17th Pancakes at Breakfast Club 18th Prep rest day / Testing 18th School Council Meeting 20th VALUES – Out of Uniform day	Feb	24th Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet Meetings 25th Prep rest day / Testing 27th School Photos Day 27th CSEF & Conveyance applications due
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SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Sadie – For demonstrating the school value of respect by always following our classroom expectations and listening so well during class time.

Grade 1/2

Jameson – For a great start to Grade 2. You have demonstrated your personal best in all the work and activities we have complete so far. Keep up the great work.

Grade 2/3

Jesse – For making such a fabulous start to the 2026 school year. Jesse has shown all the school values, especially 'Respect' over the past week and a half. We are very proud of how Jesse has started the year and look forward to watching this continue for the rest of the year!

Grade 3/4

Sunny – For always showing RESPECT in and out of the classroom. Sunny is a respectful listener towards staff and students and is a magnificent leader to have in the Grade 3/4 classroom and out in the yard. Well done Sunny!

Grade 5/6

Evie – For showing the school value of respect by being helpful and responsible when her teacher was absent. She supported others and consistently made positive choices.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Brodie S – For completing all of his morning jobs and settling so well into the routines of our Prep Classroom.

Grade 1/2

Chelsea S – For another great start to the home reading program. You consistently read at home which supports your learning. Well done and I look forward to seeing how many books you read this year.

Grade 2/3

Avery – For making a great start to the new school year! Avery has started the year with a positive attitude and has shown he is ready to get into his learning and develop his skills this year.

Grade 3/4

Archer – For always being engaged in his learning. Archer contributes to classroom discussions in a positive manner and has started the year brilliantly by answering questions in all subject areas. Well done Archer!



Grade 5/6

Grade 6 students – For their outstanding effort in writing, preparing, and delivering their School Captain speeches. Each student showed commitment and courage, spoke with confidence and carefully shared their ideas.

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 5/6 and Ms Bingham, for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES

On Monday we announced our School Captains for 2026. Congratulations to Irie and Ryan who were named our School Captains and to Emma and Oscar who were named as our Vice School Captains.

PARENT TEACHER CHATS

We have set Tuesday 24th 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. If you have any questions about how to book at time, please see Katrina in the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY

Please note change of date for our school photos day. We will now be having our photos taken on Thursday 12th March.

Students are bringing home today the school photo ordering envelope. These are due back to school by Thursday 12th March.

QUICK SHEAR & FOSTERVILLE GOLD MINE OPEN DAY

The annual Axedale Quick Shear is on Saturday the 21st 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 15th 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 21st 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.

Today students will bring home the Quick Shear parent volunteer register page. Please return ASAP.

VALUES CELEBRATION DAY

On Friday the 20th of February, we are holding our whole school Values Celebration Day. Students are invited to come to school in casual clothing (out of uniform), wearing the colours of our values: **Blue (Respect)**, **Red (Personal Best)**, **Yellow (Resilience)** and **Green (Cooperation)**. Students can select one value or a mixture of all values. This is **not** a gold coin donation event.



CALENDAR DATES

Throughout the year we have several special events. The following dates have been set, allowing parents / carers to add them to diaries and calendars.

High Tea (celebrating Mother's and Special Persons Day) Tuesday 5th May

Big Breakfast (celebrating Father's and Special Persons Day) Tuesday 1st September

Grade 6 Graduation Monday 14th December

Whole School Concert & Awards Night 16th December

PREP REST DAYS

The Prep students have settled into the routines of school quickly. Yesterday was the second Prep Rest Day, with the 18th and 25th as future rest days. If you are unsure of your booked session for Prep testing, please call into the office and check with Katrina.

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. While School Councils operate on a March-to-March cycle, Councillors are elected for 2 years, with half of the council representative positions open for election on an annual basis. **Nominations for 2026/27 School Council will open on Thursday 12th February and close on Thursday 26th February.** Nomination forms are available from the office from next Thursday. Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by others. **From 2026, school council members are required to hold a Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) (either volunteer or employee) or if a Department of Education employee a current VIT registration when nominating for a role on school council.** If a ballot is required, it will be conducted in the first week of March. New office bearers will be elected at the first meeting of the newly formed council.

Retiring Parent Representatives	Parent Representatives 2025/2026	Staff Representatives
Jarrold Threlfall	Laura Hough	Ben Fiegert (2025/26)
Sarah Davison	Rohan Wardrop	Steve Christensen (2025/26)
Vacant Position	Sonya Browne	Emma Roberts (2025/26)

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.

HOUSE CAPTAIN SPEECHES

Tomorrow students in grades 3-6 who would like to run for House Captain positions will present their speeches to the house groups at 9.10am. House Captains will be announced at Assembly on Monday 16th February.

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 (28th January 2026), and/or first day of Term Two (20th 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 **27th February 2026 or 26th June 2026**

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 27th February. See Katrina in the office to complete an application.

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Chappy's Corner



AGNICO EAGLE
FOSTERVILLE

FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is to build a house of cards. It sounds easy in principle but takes a lot of patience and time! The goal here is to build a structure out of playing cards; a house and a roof. The higher they get the more challenging it becomes! It's a great way to learn to concentrate on a task and to encourage patience, 2 skills that will help become a life skill in any situation!



QUOTE: "It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps that bring about the most lasting change."
Queen Elizabeth II

JOKE: Why was the cell phone scared to go to the dentist? He didn't want him to remove his blue tooth.

BREAKFAST CLUB



PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST!

It's National Pancake Day next Tuesday 17th 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 for details. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces each morning!



Breakfast Club Roster **TERM 1 2026**

Date	Helper	Grade 5/6 Helper	Helper
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.: _____



Grade 2/3 Classroom News

We have had a fabulous start to 2026 and it has been wonderful to see how settled we are already. Everyone has returned to school with such a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Over the past few weeks, we have spent time getting to know one another and establishing our classroom routines and expectations for the year ahead. This focus has helped create a calm, safe and supportive learning environment where students feel confident and ready to learn. It has been lovely to see everyone practising these routines, showing responsibility, and taking pride in our classroom. We are really looking forward to an exciting year of learning together!

Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Balic.



Maths Focus for this term

Place Value – 4 and 5 digit numbers

Addition

Subtraction

Multiplication – 2's, 5's and 10's



Spelling

We completed our very first spelling test last Friday, after practicing our focus words at home and school during the week. We look forward to developing our spelling throughout the year with a spelling test happening every Friday!

Reminder!

Let's keep up our home reading. Let's try and aim for at least 3 nights of home reading each week. Together we can become excellent readers.

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U9/10, U12 Mixed, U12 Girls,
U15 Girls, U15 Boys(HDFNL)

4:30pm
Wed 11th & Mon 16th February
Top oval @ CMC

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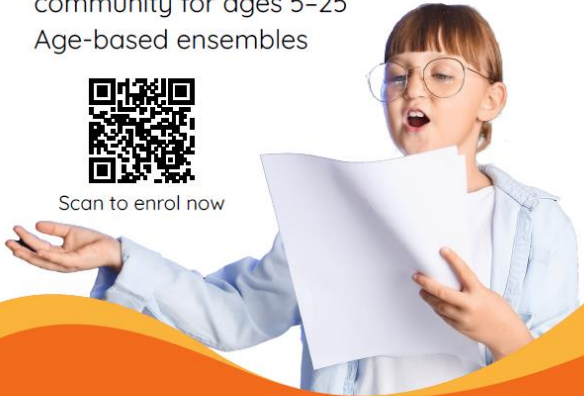


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