

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

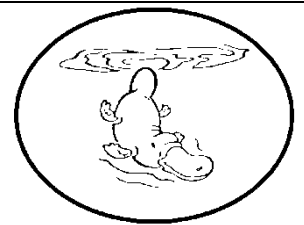
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



NEWSLETTER No. 3 FEBRUARY 15th 2024

Important dates:

Feb	16 th VALUES – Out of Uniform Day 20 th MARC Van 20 th School Council Meeting 21 st Prep rest day 22 nd Prep Family Meeting, Gr 5/6 Netbook Info & Family Games Night	Feb	23 rd Grade 6 Captain Speeches 28 th Prep rest day 28 th CSEF applications due 29 th House Captain Speeches Gr 3-6
		Mar	1 st Gym (Whole school) 2 nd Quick Shear raffle ticket sales @ IGA

SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep/1

Rafferty – For demonstrating our school value of ‘Respect’ by listening with his WHOLE body and putting his hand up to speak.

Grade 1/2

Cooper – For showing Respect by taking care of his own and others’ belongings. Cooper has kept his equipment organised and his spaces clean. He has also helped others when they have needed it.

Grade 2/3

Ivy – For demonstrating our school value of Respect by consistently and promptly starting her independent reading time each morning. Ivy remains focused on her reading and is a great role model to her peers in how to use this time effectively.

Grade 4/5

Irie – For demonstrating the value of RESPECT out in the yard. Irie has shown initiative in organising tennis activities for all ages and listens and respects the thoughts of others.

Grade 6

Drew – For identifying a variety of fiction and non-fiction genres and their characteristics. She recorded her thinking in her Reader’s Notebook and shared her responses with the class.



CLASSROOM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep/1

Alfreida – For making such an enormous effort to join in with our ‘letters and sounds’ learning every day.

Grade 1/2

Finnley – For showing Respect in the classroom by following instructions and completing work to his best ability. Keep working hard Finn, you have had a great start to Grade 2.

Grade 2/3

Harney – For working hard to organise her ideas when she was planning her writing so that she could create a story with an interesting problem.

Grade 4/5

Amelia – For planning, editing and drafting her narrative last week. Amelia sets her writing out neatly with excellent bookwork and works hard to improve on her writing. Well done on a great start to Grade 5 Amelia!

Grade 6

Hudson – For showing the school values and his leadership skills when interacting with others. He used his initiative to assist the younger students by umpiring their game of cricket and helping to explain the rules.



GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade Prep and Mrs Roberts for winning the Golden Brush award for this week.

MEET & GREET MEETINGS

Our Meet and Greet Meetings were very successful on Tuesday. Staff appreciate sitting down with parents and learning more about the students as individuals. If you were unable to make a time on Tuesday, please catch up with classroom teachers and book a suitable time.

PREP REST DAYS

Yesterday our Prep students had their third rest day. Rest days will also be taken on February 21st and 28th.

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS (PVF)

PVF are looking to hold their first meeting for 2024 in the coming weeks. If you are interested in being involved in PVF, please return the slip distributed last week, to the office ASAP. This will allow us to set a meeting day and time that suits most.

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 started lessons last week and are happy to chat to parents who would like to arrange lessons.

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.

QUICK SHEAR

Thank you to everyone for selling raffle tickets. We greatly appreciate any tickets that can be sold, whether it is a few or all. If you would like more books to sell, please contact the office. Please remember that all tickets need to be accounted for and returned, either sold or unsold.

Donations required: we are seeking donations of items for the spinning wheel and silent auction. If you are associated with a business that could donate items, please catch up with Corrina. Items can vary from stationary, household goods, gift cards, merchandise etc. Donations of any items would be greatly appreciated. Coming home today as a hard copy is a volunteer's form, requesting help to sell raffle tickets at IGA and at the Quick Shear. Please keep an eye out for this from.

FAMILY GAMES, PREP INFORMATION & NETBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Thursday night we are hosting several events. The night starts at 5pm with Emma Roberts presenting an information session for Prep families. This is a valuable session, where Emma will provide information about how the prep room operates and ways in which families can assist students with the various learning that takes place, both at school and at home. This session will run for approximately 30 minutes. Parents are invited to bring their prep child with them as Emma will model various aspects of learning during the session.

Our Netbook Information Session for students in grades 5 and 6 will commence at 5.30pm in Mr Christensen's room. Families will be given a netbook agreement and payment information at this session.

This is an extremely important information session for students and parents / carers.



We will also hold our family games night on Thursday night, with activities available from 5.30pm. Families are invited to bring a picnic tea and join in a variety of fun outdoor activities. It is a great opportunity for families to get to know each other and catch up in a relaxed atmosphere. A variety of games will be available for families to participate in. Traditionally, the giant tug of war is a massive hit, with parents/carers and students being quite competitive. As this event is held on school grounds, we ask that parents respect the no alcohol or smoking bans.

WELLBEING & VALUES OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

We are very excited to announce a new Wellbeing initiative being introduced this year. We are celebrating the successes of student behaviour and expectations. Each student will have their own Axedale Passport, where they can earn celebration stickers linked to each of the values. As students accumulate stickers, have the option to 'trade them in' for celebrations. Each class has developed a Celebration Chart which identifies celebrations and their sticker value. Students will have the option to trade in stickers for a celebration at 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 stickers. If stickers are traded in and a celebration taken, the sticker count resets to 1.



In recognition of the new initiative, we are holding an out of uniform day tomorrow, Friday 16th February. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of our values. Suitable clothing must be worn, with appropriate shoes required. This is not a gold coin donation day.

Respect: blue, Personal Best: red, Resilience: yellow, Co-operation: green

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 2024/25 School Council will open tomorrow Friday 16th February and close on Thursday 29th February. Nomination forms are available from the office from tomorrow. Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by others. 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 2024/2025	Staff Representatives
Jade Field	Louise Mac Gregor	Steve Christensen
Tracey Torr	Sonya Brown	Ben Fiegert
Elyse Adam	Tara Coffin	Melanie Bingham

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 \$150 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)

Thank you to everyone who has made Kapila feel welcome at APS. When visiting OSHC, the students are busily engaged in a variety of activities, both indoors and in the yard.

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

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is distributed via Compass weekly, on Thursday afternoons. The newsletter provides families with updates on what is happening across the school and in the community.

Across the term, staff will provide an information page specific to their role. The contents of each page will vary, dependent on the focus. This week you will find a page showcasing Auslan.

GROUNDS

At different times throughout the year, we seek the assistance of skilled trades people to help us with minor jobs.

We have a few timber slats in the seat in the cubby that need replacing. If you are a 'chippie' or have a skill set that could help with this job, please feel free to catch up with me (as my skills don't stretch this far!).

Corrina Hartland
Principal

FORMS TO BE RETURNED OR ORGANISED AT SCHOOL

2024 PARENT PAYMENTS Term 1 payment now due.

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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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.

GRADE 6 UNIFORM ITEMS Student orders due by Friday 16th February.

GRADE 3-6 CAMP Please return slip to indicate if your child/ren will be attending by Friday 23rd February. \$50 deposit due by Friday 8th March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS Order envelope to be returned by Tuesday 5th March with payment.

AUSLAN



Auslan is the language of the Australian Deaf Community.

All students participate in a 45-minute Auslan session each week, with Prep students starting their classes at the start of March.

While many words have a corresponding sign, fingerspelling allows for easy communication.

My Alphabet Mat

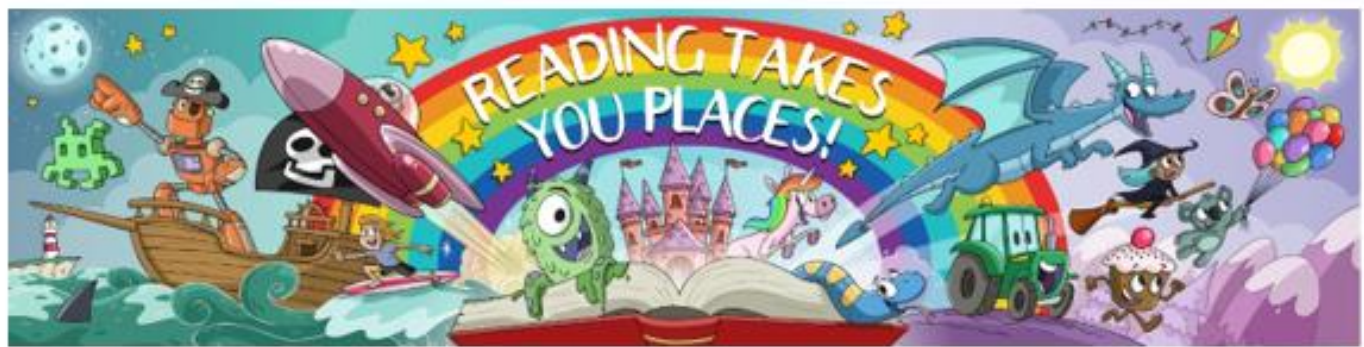


AUSLAN NUMBERS



Can you fingerspell yours and family members' names?

How old are you?



MARC 2024

Welcome back to another year full of wonderful books!

There will be lots of exciting things happening this year, the first is that we have a NEW van! It should look just like the last one, and as I am typing this Chris Kennett's amazing art is being organised to be put on. Can't wait to get it all on the road!



I would like each student to return the INmag consent form that will be sent home in coming weeks. This fabulous magazine has been created by 2 local teachers and is packed full of content created by kids. By giving permission to submit work I will be able to upload activities we do throughout the year, which then might be included in future publications. Below is the link to the magazine's website if you would like to look into it further.

<https://www.theinmag.com.au/>

What better way to start the year than celebrating our libraries! We will be talking about why we love our MARC (and school) libraries in class. Share a book on February 14th with someone you love.



Mrs G 😊

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 a part of helping our students start of the day in a healthy way.



**NATIONAL
PANCAKE DAY**



PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST!

Due to the Total Fire Ban on Tuesday, we were unable to cook pancakes for this weeks Brekky Club. We have rescheduled pancakes for next Tuesday 20th February.

It's National Pancake Day on the Tuesday 13th February and for Brekky Club we will be having pancakes! There will also be cereal and fruit but no toast.

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

Ali Gillett

Chaplain

Breakfast Club Roster TERM 1 2024

Date	Helper	Helper
Tuesday 20 February	Kimberley Threlfall	Ali
Tuesday 27 February	-	Ali
Tuesday 5 March	Laraine Leask	Ali
Tuesday 12 March	Kimberley Threlfall	Ali
Tuesday 19 March	-	Ali
Tuesday 26 March	Laraine Leask	Ali

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 2024
- 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>



ELMORE TRACTOR PULL

The Elmore Events Centre is hosting the 2024 Elmore Tractor Pull on Saturday 16th March. We are holding a colouring competition for the chance to win free family passes to the event. Ask at the office if you would like a colouring page.

Entries close Friday 8th of March and winners will be announced on Tuesday 12th March.

For any interested students/families, tickets can be purchase via [Elmore Tractor Pull Tickets](#)

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.



For any interested students/families, tickets can also be purchased via If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

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





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



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



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4:30PM - 5:30PM
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CONTACT

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 **What:** Exciting social skills program for kids aged 8-12

 **When:** Saturday mornings

 **Where:** Bendigo (Strathdale)

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 **Evidence-based intervention to support children with ASD, ADHD, anxiety and/or depression**

Benefits:

- Improved Social Skills- Emotional Regulation
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- Teamwork
- Detection and expression of emotions
- Making and keeping friends

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Enquire or make a booking: thesociallearningcollective@outlook.com

HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



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ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
FEB 25, 2024**

**10AM
TO 1PM**

FREE ACTIVITIES:

THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • ART AND CRAFT
SPORTING ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • FREE GIVEAWAYS!
RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

*Don't forget
a towel!*

FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS
- ALL \$2 EACH • FREE FRESH FRUIT • COLIBAN WATER
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

*Limited shade - bring
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FEBRUARY 25

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- ✓ SMALL SIDED GAMES
- ✓ UNIFORM SALES
- ✓ REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

UNDER 6 TO UNDER 10: 10 AM - 12 PM

UNDER 12: 10 AM - 11 AM

UNDER 14 TO UNDER 16: 11 AM - 12 PM

GOLD COIN DONATION - BBQ LUNCH SERVED AT 12 PM

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME!

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