

AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

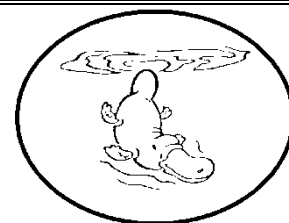
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



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Important dates:

Feb	20th VALUES – Out of Uniform day 24th Parent/Teacher Meet & Greet Meetings 24th MARC Van 25th Prep rest day / Testing 26th School Council Nominations due 27th CSEF & Conveyance applications due	Mar	6th Gym (Prep – Gr 6) 9th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 10th MARC Van 11th-23rd NAPLAN 11th Prep Launch into Learning 5-6pm 12th School Photos Day 13th Gym (Prep – Gr 6)
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SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

Grade Prep

Archie – For demonstrating the school value of respect by always showing our classroom expectation of whole body listening.

Grade 1/2

Scott – For always completing your work to a high standard. You have demonstrated your personal best in all the work and activities we have complete so far. Your writing has been very good, demonstrating that you are focused and trying hard. Keep up the great work.

Grade 2/3

Adele – For consistently demonstrating our school value of Respect. Adele always uses beautiful manners. She listens respectfully during instruction time, and uses kind words to others. Adele has had a fabulous start to the year!

Grade 3/4

Jesse M – For showing RESPECT in and out of the classroom. Jesse respectfully listens to others ideas and opinions in the room and plays sport with respect to others out in the yard. Good job Jesse.

Grade 5/6

Ryan – For being a polite and respectful member of our class. He always greets people with a friendly smile, uses his manners and listens attentively when others are speaking.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Grade Prep

Charlotte T – For working really hard during her Prep Assessment and doing her personal best.

Grade 1/2

Lucy – For always doing your best work. You are able to focus on the set tasks and complete your work to the best of your ability, neatly and in a timely manner. Well Done, Lucy.

Grade 2/3

Ewan – For fabulous narrative writing. Ewan worked hard and remained focused during our writing lessons. He used humour creatively in his stories, and enjoyed sharing his work with the class. Keep up the amazing work, Ewan!

Grade 3/4

Amelie – For making a great start with her bookwork in Grade 3. Amelie is trying hard to rule her pages, write the day's date and write neatly. Well done Amelie.



Grade 5/6

Ellie – For her diligent approach to our bookwork expectations. She takes pride in the presentation of her work by ruling a margin, including the date and ensure the information is organised.

GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Grade 3/4 and Mr C for winning the Golden Brush award this week.



HOUSE LEADERS

On Monday we announced our House Leaders for 2026. Congratulations to the following:

	McIvor	Campaspe
House Captains	Indi & Kirby	Chloe & Landon
Vice Captains	Ellie & Murray	Evie & Eli
Junior Vice Captains	Sunny & Finnley	Adele & Archer



PARENT TEACHER CHATS

We have set next 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.

CURRICULUM DAYS

At last night's School Council meeting, the following days were approved as whole school Curriculum Days.

- * Tuesday the 19th May
- * Tuesday the 9th of June

Staff will work with teachers across the region on these days. TheirCare **WILL NOT** be providing a service on either of these days.

VALUES CELEBRATION DAY

Tomorrow, 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.

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.

Last week students brought home the Quick Shear parent volunteer register page. Please return ASAP.

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 continue to settle into the routines of school. Yesterday was the third Prep Rest Day, with the 25th as the last rest days.

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.

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**

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Donation envelopes have also been sent home today, or families are able to make an online donation via the link

<https://fundraise.goodfridayappeal.com.au/fundraisers/axedaleprimaryschool>

Thursday 2nd April, the last day of term will be an out of uniform day where we will ask students to bring a gold coin donation which will also be donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Thanks for your support.

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



FAMILY CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is to do a family artwork. Some families might like to plan it out and use specific colours, others might be in the moment and create something as they go. Buy a canvas from a local cheap shop, or maybe you have an old sheet to use and some paints, then get together to make an artwork together. It will make a great talking point in your home.



QUOTE: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." – Albert Einstein

JOKE: What is the most popular fish in the ocean? The starfish.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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 24 February	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Ellie & Chloe	Ali
Tuesday 03 March	Brooke Andrew	Emma & Oscar	Ali
Tuesday 10 March	Angela Dodd	Aidan & Brodie	Ali
Tuesday 17 March	Katrina/Geoff Cain	Chelsea & Ivy	Ali
Tuesday 24 March	Brooke Andrew	Kirby & Murray	Ali
Tuesday 31 March	Angela Dodd	Eli & Lenny	Ali

Ali Gillett
Chaplain

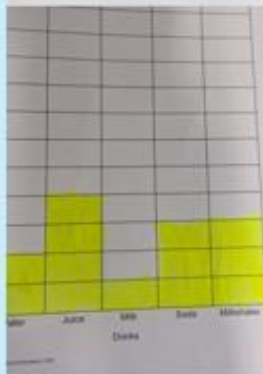
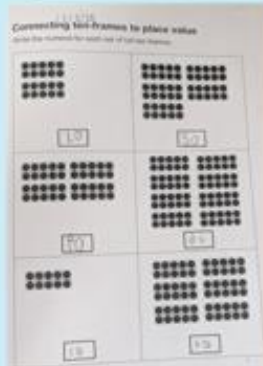
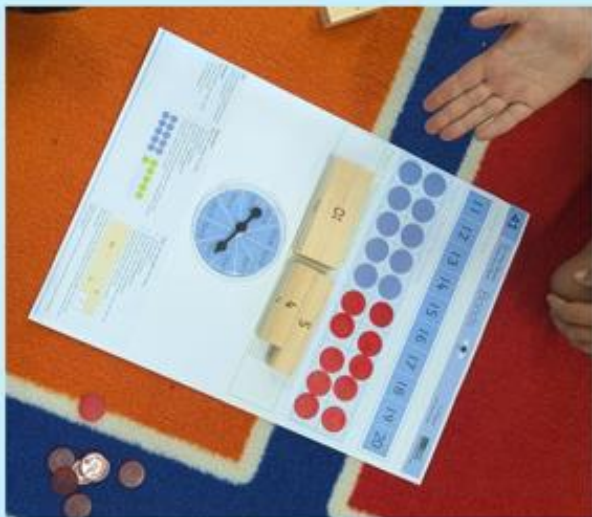


VOLUNTEER FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

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

Name: _____

Phone no.: _____



We have been learning how to do tally marks and make graphs.
 We have also been learning about place value using hundreds, tens and ones.

COMMUNITY

COME & PLAY WITH GIANT TENNIS @ STRATHFIELDSAYE



PLAY PARK 5&UNDER

A joyful introduction to tennis through play!

SATURDAY 9 - 10AM
3 Week Series - \$60
Block 1: 31 JAN - 7 FEB - 14 FEB
Block 2: 14 MAR - 21 MAR - 28 MAR

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SAT from 10AM
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MONDAY 9.30-10.30AM
*Includes a class for pre-schoolers at the same time!
WEDNESDAY 7 - 8PM

Ready to rally?
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LEARN TO PLAY FOOTBALL



The introductory program for kids aged 4-7

Club/Organisation: Strathfieldsaye Colts United Football Club

Venue: Club Court Strathfieldsaye.

Start date: Commencing April through to August

Price: \$140

Contact: Phil Berry: Ph.0407 044 394
Email: minirooms@coltsunitedfc.com.au



REGISTER minirooms.com.au

Or check out our website and follow the link. www.coltsunitedfc.com.au

STRATHFIELDSAYE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED!

UNDER 12 GIRLS



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Come play with us in 2026!
new or experienced players welcome
Grade 3 and above

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Strathfieldsaye Colts United Football Club

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN.

WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING
CURRENT, NEW & PAST PLAYERS.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOMED.

MENS & WOMENS OPEN AGE, YOUTH (U18s)
BOYS & GIRLS (U6 - U16)

Registrations are now open.
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Or contact our Registrar for further information: Damian Ph: 0400 880 263