

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Excellence Through Endeavour"*

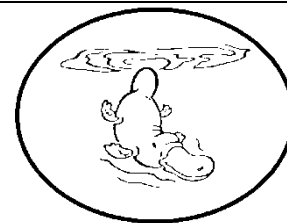
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RESPECT, PERSONAL BEST, RESILIENCE, COOPERATION



### NEWSLETTER No. 5 FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### Important dates:

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|-----|---|-----|---|
| Feb | <b>26<sup>th</sup> School Council Nominations due</b><br>27 <sup>th</sup> CSEF & Conveyance applications due<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6) | Mar | 11 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> NAPLAN<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Prep Launch into Learning 5-6pm<br>12 <sup>th</sup> School Photos Day<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Gym (Prep – Gr 6)<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Club orders due |
| Mar | <b>9<sup>th</sup> LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b><br>10 <sup>th</sup> MARC Van  |     |   |

#### SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Charlotte H** – For demonstrating the school value of respect by always showing whole body listening and following the teachers instructions.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Miles** – For showing Respect in the classroom by listening and participating during group work.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Gallagher** – For working hard to ensure that he is showing respect to his peers and teachers. Gallagher has made this a focus this year and is showing good improvement in this area.

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Remi** – For showing RESPECT in the classroom after he has completed an activity. Remi likes to read and will sit and read quietly until the class moves on to the next activity. Well done.

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Emma** – For demonstrating the school value of Respect during Friday sport. She showed excellent sportsmanship by encouraging everyone, including the opposing team. She played fairly and embraced the fun of the game.



#### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

##### **Grade Prep**

**Josie** – For working really hard during her Prep Interview and always completing work to her personal best.

##### **Grade 1/2**

**Louis C** – For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class, offering to help or include others. Well done, Louis.

##### **Grade 2/3**

**Jessica** – For working hard during writing time and producing some excellent starts to her narratives pieces. Well done Jessica.

##### **Grade 3/4**

**Harney** – For making an excellent start to her writing this year. Harney writes neatly in her Writer's Notebook, carefully setting out into paragraphs. Great job Harney.

##### **Grade 5/6**

**Stevie** – For working hard and showing determination to improve her knowledge of multiplication. She has made great progress in her ability to quickly recall the facts.



**PIANO** – If any family is interested in a free 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Beale piano please contact the office to get further details.

## **GOLDEN BRUSH AWARD**

Congratulations to Grade 1/2 and Mr F & Ms Haw for winning the Golden Brush award this week.

## **HOUSE AWARD**

Congratulations to McIvor, winners of this week's House Award.

## **PARENT TEACHER CHATS**

This week we held our Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet Meetings. These meetings allowed parents and teachers to share information about students and to discuss any areas of concern. If you were unable to book a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact classroom teachers to organise a suitable time to catch up.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY**

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

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

## **CURRICULUM DAYS**

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

- \* Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May
- \* Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 (totalling \$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 require donations of spinning wheel items, any Silent Auction items, bake sale goodies and donations of time on the day. Please see the previously distributed information note for specific details. If you have misplaced the note, please contact the office for another copy.

## **VICTORIAN MINIATURE RAILWAY - HARCOURT**

As part of Fosterville Gold Mine's support for Harcourt, we have been offered free vouchers for the Victorian Miniature Railway, which is in Harcourt. Vouchers can be used by adults and children and don't expire until May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like vouchers for family and friends, please call in to the office to collect them or contact the office and we can send the required number home with students.

## **PREP REST DAYS**

The Prep students continue to settle into the routines of school. Yesterday was the last Prep Rest Day. We look forward to having Prep students on site every day from next week.

## **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 opened on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February and close TODAY.** 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 Check (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)      |

### **RAGLAN STREET CROSSING**

Raglan Street can be very busy, before and after school. For safety reasons, it is very important that pedestrians cross at the designated crossing.

### **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 (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**

## **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Donation envelopes were sent home last week, or families are able to make an online donation via the link

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

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **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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Please return the Quick Shear Volunteer Form ASAP.

Please return sold and unsold raffle tickets by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL ENVELOPE**

Please return Good Friday Appeal envelope by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

# Chappy's Corner



**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** Who doesn't love to have a bucket list of things that you would like to achieve. This weeks challenge is to write a bucket list of things you would like to achieve in your life. Now that's a big task! However, you can start small with a few things. One of the things on my bucket list is to walk some of the Camino de Santiago. Start up your bucket list and see how you can go about achieving those things that you want in life!



**QUOTE:** 'If you change the way you look at things. The things you look at change.' Dr. Wayne Dyer

**JOKE:** What did the policeman say to his belly button? You're under a vest!

## **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 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

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

# 'Settling In' The Prep Room

*This term, we have been focusing on helping students settle into school life and feel comfortable and confident in our classroom. Our Developmental Play sessions have provided wonderful opportunities for students to practise and demonstrate our four school values in meaningful, everyday ways.*

***Respect:** We show respect for our belongings by using them carefully and as they are intended to be used.*

***Cooperation:** We work and play together kindly, sharing toys and getting along with others.*

***Resilience:** Even when we are enjoying an activity, we show resilience by listening to instructions and packing up promptly when asked.*

***Personal Best:** We always try our hardest, challenge ourselves, and take pride in doing our very best during our activities*

*We are so proud of the positive way students are embracing these values each day!*



# COMMUNITY

## TAVERN AXEDALE

**Music 2026**  
12:30-15:00

**March**  
Sunday 1st  
Louise MacGregor

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Hey Mister

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Nathan Jenkins

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Bec & Paul

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
TBA

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
5<sup>th</sup> April 11AM



5% discount  
of meals if  
you book 24  
hours in  
advance



**High Tea first**  
**Saturday**  
**Every Month**  
**Book NOW**

### What's on

**WEDNESDAY'S**  
Parma Night \$23

**THURSDAY'S**  
\$25 Steak  
Kids eat Free starting  
12<sup>th</sup> March

**FRIDAY'S**  
Joker Jackpot  
\$90 Meat raffle

### Trading Hour's

Mon-Tue Closed - Wed-Friday 10am - Late  
Sat - Sun 10am - 9PM



## 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: miniroos@coltsunitedfc.com.au



**REGISTER** [miniroos.com.au](http://miniroos.com.au)

Or check out our website and follow the link. [www.coltsunitedfc.com.au](http://www.coltsunitedfc.com.au)

## 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.

To register go to our Web site: [www.coltsunitedfc.com.au](http://www.coltsunitedfc.com.au)  
Or contact our Registrar for further information: Damian Ph: 0400 880 263

STRATHFIELDSAYE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**PLAYERS WANTED!**

**UNDER 12 GIRLS**  
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Please send your expression of interest to  
[juniorregistrar@strathstormfnc.com.au](mailto:juniorregistrar@strathstormfnc.com.au)

**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!  
new or experienced  
players welcome

Grade 3 and above

please contact us on  
0475 915 450 | [strikeretball@gmail.com](mailto:strikeretball@gmail.com)

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