



## **AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**"Excellence Through Endeavour"**

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***Respect, Personal Best, Resilience, Cooperation***

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A big welcome to all school families for 2024. We look forward to a busy and exciting year at Axedale PS.

We start this year with 99 students, with the same staffing profile as 2023.

### **PREPS**

A big welcome to our new Prep students who are starting their school journey. We look forward to guiding their development and to building strong and positive relationships with their parents / carers. Prep students commence school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, with Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January being used to complete individual assessments with Emma.

### **STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6**

We look forward to welcoming our students in years 1-6 back on site on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Students will go straight to their 2024 classrooms and will be welcomed by their class teachers.

### **PARENT HANDBOOK**

Parents are asked to take the time to read through the updated Parent Handbook. Information covering various topics is provided in the book.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY: AXEDALE OUR TOWN – OUR FUTURE**

AOTOF in conjunction with City of Greater Bendigo Council will hold their Australia Day Breakfast on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. All community members are invited to join AOTOF members for breakfast and the presentation of Axedale Citizen of the Year.

### **BOOK PACKS**

Thank you to families who have ordered and collected Book Packs. Over the next few days, please ensure all items are named (sticky labels provided).

**Families are asked to bring all supplies (in the box) back to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.** (Please note Emma will keep and organise all prep packs). Teachers in year 1-6 classes will have students gather items from their book packs required for daily work and the remaining items will be stored and used as required throughout the 2024 year. It is important that students have the required supplies throughout the year. Items such as rulers and glue sticks are essential to daily classroom tasks. It is therefore important that misplaced or damaged items such as these are replaced as soon as possible.

### **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. We have a collection of second-hand uniform items. Please see Katrina if you would like to purchase any of these second-hand items.

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 welcome the wearing of sunglasses as part of being sun smart, it is important that glasses have an appropriate sun smart rating and are not worn as a fashion item. Sunglasses taken into the yard are to be worn, covering eyes, and not on top of hats.

### **DRINK BOTTLES**

With the start of the school year expected to be a warm one, it is important that all students have a drink bottle at school every day. All classes have access to chilled water taps so drink bottles can be replenished throughout the day.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Please note that there will be NO ASSEMBLY on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Our aim is to settle all students into the school year without adding the pressure of a Whole School Assembly.

Weekly assemblies in Term 1 will be conducted in the outdoor space, weather dependent. Students are asked to go to their classrooms first and will then move to the space as a class. Parents are invited to attend weekly assemblies.

### **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 CoGB staff, while Raglan Street is supervised after school each day by school staff. School community members are asked not to park in driveways of private residents around the school.

### **BUS TRAVEL**

In line with DE guidelines and policies, all students who travel on the school bus must be registered through the online portal: School Bus Management System. Please see Katrina if you require assistance accessing the portal.

Changes have been made to the availability of electronic devices when traveling on the bus. Students who are traveling to school on the bus in the morning and have an electronic device, must place it in the tub, which will be on the front seat, when boarding the bus. The tub will then be brought off the bus and safely stored in the office until the end of the day. The bus duty teacher will take the tub to the bus for the afternoon bus run. As students disembark, they will collect their device. Students who don't catch the bus to school in the morning but catch the bus home must put their device in the tub in the office on arrival at school and collect as they disembark.

### **MOBILE PHONES /ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

In line with DE guidelines and policies ALL mobile phones and electronic devices MUST be handed into the office on arrival at school. Students are not able to keep electronic devices in their bags.

Kind regards

Corrina Hartland