



SPS Newsletter ~ No 1 Thursday 7th February 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to 2019

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2019 school year. We are already into week two and all students have settled into good routines and have started building positive relationships with their peers and teachers across the school. The Grade 6 buddies have been an excellent support for the new Foundation students and have helped them feel supported as they get use to their new routines.

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Our Teaching Teams for 2019 are...

Foundation Team – Dani Nixon (PLC Leader), Erin Michel and Lucy Lang
Grade 1 Team – Jen Dunstan and Lisa Brown (PLC Leaders), Gemma Wood, Krystal Harte and Chelsea Goulden
Grade 2 Team – Emma Wishart (PLC Leader), Cheryl Sumner, Shane Cowling Mon-Thu and Sies Penno Fri
Grade 3 Team – Nic Hargreaves (PLC Leader), Bec Lancaster, Christina Spence and Cheryl Fitzpatrick
Grade 4 Team – Jen Rogers (PLC Leader), Jess West and Deb Burke
Grade 5 Team – Georgina Freeland (PLC Leader), Brittany Shannon, Nick Reid, Brooke Boswell (Mon-Wed), and Amy Cunliffe (Thu-Fri)
Grade 6 Team – Dave Stevens (PLC Leader), Dee Hocking and Colleen Gibson

Our Specialist Team for 2019 will be...

Performing Arts, Wakakiri Coordination and Specialist PLC Leader – Michelle Di Camillo
Physical Education and Sports Coordination – Bryce Curnow
Library and Additional Rm 14 Classroom Teacher – Cheryl Fitzpatrick
Visual Arts and School Display Coordinator – Melinda West
Chinese Language Teacher - Eric Gong

2019 Parent Payments - Thank you to all the parents who have already completed their 2018 and 2019 parent payments, or submitted their 2019 payment plans. Your assistance in this area enables us to order all the materials and curriculum resources we need to ensure a smooth start to the school year for our students. If you haven't completed your payments or submitted your payment plans, please do as soon as possible. If you need any further supports or have any enquiries, please feel free to come in and have a chat.

2019 Curriculum Days - At the start of the year we used two of our approved Curriculum Days for 2019. Our remaining Curriculum Days will be held on the following days...

Monday 15th July – Writing Professional Learning Session – VCOP / Learning Maps Focus
Friday 13th December – 2020 Curriculum Planning Session 2019 Student

Meet and Greet Interviews - Our first Parent/Teacher/Student Meet and Greet Interview Sessions will be held on Monday 25th February. Please make sure you log into Compass to select a suitable interview time or contact your child's classroom teacher if you need any assistance.

Arrival and Departure Times

We are aware that arrival and departure times for students may vary depending on family circumstances and transport arrangements for each family, however if possible, it is best if students arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 so that they are ready for the start of the school day when the first bell goes at 8.50am. We have teachers on duty between 8.45am and 9.00am and also after school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm for students who may need assistance.

If you need to drop your child at school prior to 8.40am or if you are unable to pick them up before 3.50pm in the afternoon, we recommend that you enrol them in our Out of School Hours Care program, to ensure their safety and wellbeing during this time.

If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am, they will need to go straight to the Office so that they can be signed into Compass to ensure that our rolls are accurate and to be given a token to take pass on to their classroom teacher. If your child needs to leave school at any time for an appointment and/or for an early dismissal, parents or carers need to come into the Office to arrange collection and to allow Office staff to enter an early departure time on Compass. An early dismissal token is then taken to the teacher.

Please note that unless a request is received in writing, students can only be released to a known adult. Similarly, students cannot leave the school ground by themselves at any time throughout the school day unless a written request is received from a parent/guardian and permission is given by the Principal.

Playground Safety

To prevent accidents, students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters or skate boards in the school or across the front of the school at any time. **To ensure safety for all our students, we do not allow students to play on the playground equipment before school at any time; and students are only allowed to play on the equipment after school if supervised by their parents.**

Dogs on School Grounds

Please also note that, with the exception of therapy dogs and guide dogs, dogs are generally not permitted in the school ground and we would ask parents not to bring dogs to school, even if they are on leads.

Non Smoking Area

As a government department, the school is a non-smoking area and smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds.

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Principal's Report continued...

Newsletters Distributed Fortnightly

Compass, our online communication portal, is our main communication device and it enables us to send important messages to our school community on a regular basis and at point of need, which is a real benefit to our school. In addition to the other messages sent out on Compass, we also distribute a school newsletter on a fortnightly basis which highlights the important events and contains valuable information for our school community.

Student Insurance Schemes

It is important to remind parents that the Department of Education (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students and that parents/guardians are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs e.g. ambulance. Student insurance can be privately purchased and is available from commercial insurers. We periodically advertise some of these schemes. The DET cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase.

Ambulance Cover

We also strongly advise all parents to join an Ambulance cover scheme because the costs for transport can be very high. In the event of an emergency requiring additional medical intervention it is a DET requirement that we call an Ambulance to transport children to hospital irrespective of whether parents have ambulance cover or not. While this decision is not taken lightly, and we will make every effort to contact parents, this is not always possible and can be costly for families without ambulance cover.

Safe Travel To and From School

It is important that parents discuss their expectations about how their children travel to and from school and how to be safe. It is safer if the students travel directly to and from school and that they do not play in transit.

Personal belongings

All belongings, including clothing, must be clearly marked with the student's name and should be checked regularly to ensure all items remain clearly marked. Please do not allow students to bring valuable items to school as the DET and Strathfieldsaye Primary School do not hold insurance for personal property and valuable items brought to school by students, staff or parents.

Money brought to school

It is requested that money be sent in a sealed envelope with the student's name, home group, amount and the reason for its enclosure on the front of the envelope. Any money that is sent to school with your child must be given to the classroom teacher, not the office. When siblings bring money for other family members, please mark this clearly on the envelope with written details of each student, home group and teacher.

Mobile Phones for Students

As a general rule students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. However, if a student needs to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons when travelling to and from school, parents/guardians must complete a consent form (available from the school office) informing the Principal that their child will have a mobile phone while at school and the phone must be left at the Office each morning. If the student fails to leave the phone at the office, may need to be confiscated by the Class Teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal and parents/guardians may be notified. Students who repeatedly fail to leave their phone at the office will be given a Red Card for breaching the School Student Mobile Phone Policy. **Students who have the Principal's approval must place their phone in the school office before 9.00 am for collection at 3.30 pm.**

Parent/Guardian/Visitor Sign-in/out

For emergency purposes, all parents/guardians and visitors who are in the school during the school day (9.00am – 3.30pm) must call at the office and sign in at the book at the front counter on arrival at school and sign out when departing.

Asthma

It is essential that the school is fully informed of all students suffering from Asthma. If your child requires medication, including an inhaler, parents/guardians must provide this and should be sent in your child's bag so that they can self-medicate when required. This is particularly important when students are participating in sports events or going on excursions. The school also requires a copy of your child's Asthma Management Plan. Please note that all management plans need to be signed by your child's doctor and by a parent, before they can be enacted.

Allergies

If your child suffers from any allergies or reactions (e.g. to nuts, eggs, insect bites, plants etc) we require specific information and the recommended treatment to assist first aid staff to support the child in case of an emergency. We need to have an up to date copy of the management plan to assist us in providing appropriate treatment. A Medication Consent Form will also need to be completed for any medication required to treat the child in case of an allergic reaction.

Medication

If you require staff to administer medication to your child whilst at school, please ensure a Medication Consent Form is completed and handed to a staff member at the office, along with the medication. Medication will not be administered if dosage instructions are not supplied. Please note siblings cannot share prescribed medications. Medications need to be collected from the office at the end of the school day.

Student Banking

Parent Club arranges for the processing of the student deposits each Tuesday morning. CBA Dollarmites and Bendigo Piggy Bank Account Opening kits are available from the school office.

School Uniform Shop

The uniforms are available at Bendigo Uniform Plus, Shop 6 Abbot Arcade, Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo. The shop is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Monday - Friday and 9.00am - 2.30pm Saturdays.

Parking

We have been advised by the City of Greater Bendigo to alert parents to the following information regarding parking and driving near schools. The responsibility for student safety is an important one for the whole community and I would ask all drivers to take particular care around school zones.

*"The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to schools is a major concern to the safety of children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school. Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, park or drive on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have time restricted areas that assist with the pickup and drop off of students and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line. The law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones. **City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the road rules.**"*

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert, Principal
bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Important Dates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1	
Term Dates : www.education.vic.gov.au/about/keydates/termdates.html Public Holidays: www.vic.gov.au/Victorian-Public-Holiday-Dates.html	
HATS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE \$10.00	
FEBRUARY	
Thu Feb 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Up School Performance commencing 5:45pm
Mon Feb 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Teacher/Student Meet and Greet Interviews
MARCH	
Mon Mar 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day Holiday - No school
Tue Mar 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos
Mon Mar 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Athletics Grade 3-6
Thu Mar 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony and Multicultural Day
APRIL	
Fri Apr 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1 School Cross Country Grade 3-6
Fri Apr 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday
Mon Apr 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Monday
Tue Apr 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Commences

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1	
	NO CANTEEN ON MONDAY or TUESDAY
	LUNCH WALLETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE \$8.00
DAY & DATE	9.00-11:30m
Thu Feb 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kylie Morrison
Fri Feb 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bri Giddings
Wed Feb 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina Rogister
Thu Feb 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Mannix
Fri Feb 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Grinter Rebeca Phillips Jodi McCooke
Wed Feb 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah DiMarco
Thu Feb 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meridith Lauder
Fri Feb 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Bell HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Wed Feb 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kat Cook Kate Hietbrink
Thu Feb 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danyelle Hunter
Fri Mar 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacqui Flett Alex Leech SPECIAL LUNCH DAY (Please arrive at 10:30am)
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS MARCELLA CARR 0409 795 170	

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Office Reminders.....

Thank you to all our families who either have made payment or have set up a payment plan at the office for our 2019 Parent Payment Summaries. Copies of family statements will be emailed out in the coming weeks

If you believe you maybe eligible for the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** and have not yet submitted your 2019 application, please contact the office. The CSEF is an annual payment of \$125.00 to the school to be used towards Camps, Sports and/or Excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

Criteria:

To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

On the first day of Term 1, OR;

On the first day of Term 2

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2014, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

Submit an application to the school by the due date

PAYMENTS for the 2019 Payment Summaries can be made as follows:

- Cash or EFTPOS – please pay at the school office
- Cheque – made payable to Strathfieldsaye Primary School
- Credit Card – over the phone, please contact the school office
- Direct Deposit – make a deposit to the school bank account

BSB: 063506

Account Number: 10113475

***Please use your child's first name and surname and '2019 Charges' as your reference on this payment.

Canteen News

- The school Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday between 11-12pm and 2-2:30pm
- Lunch wallets are available from the school office for \$8
- Volunteers are always welcome to help collate the orders and prepare the lunches. If you are willing to assist between 9-11:30am on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Marcella our Canteen Manager on 0409795170.
- The first Special Lunch Order day will be held on Friday March 1st, more information to follow regarding ordering



School Uniform Shop

School uniforms, hats, bags and art smocks are available for purchase from Bendigo Uniform Plus, Shop 6 Abbot Arcade, Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo.

The shop is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Monday - Friday and 9.00am-2.30pm Saturdays.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Did you know we offer a Breakfast Club on Friday morning from 8.30am. This Club is co-ordinated by our chaplain and a team of volunteers.

Every Friday there will be cheese toasties, fruit and milk on offer, so feel free to drop in.



Our first Breakfast will be held on Friday February 15th

All food has been kindly donated by Strath Village Bakers Delight and Strathfieldsaye IGA.

School Banking

The Parent and Friends Committee arrange for the processing of the student banking deposits each Tuesday morning. Bank books will be processed on Tuesday and returned to students the following day.

Both Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites and Bendigo Piggy Bank Account Opening kits are available from the school office.



Parents and Friends Committee

The Parents and Friends Committee of Strathfieldsaye Primary School are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents and guardians who may like to volunteer and assist with school events and activities. Examples of how you can assist include:

- Fundraising activities
- Fathers and Mothers Day Stalls
- Book Fairs and more



If you are interested and can spare an hour or two please register your name at Office. We would love to have new parents join us and its a great way to develop new friendships.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

★ 2019 ★

cakes & produce
Fun for the kids
Face Painting
Arts & Craft
Bouncy Castle

HOLY TRINITY FAIR

FOOD - FAMILY FUN - ENTERTAINMENT

Holy Trinity - Keck St Bendigo

BBQ & various Food stalls

FRIDAY FEB 22nd 5pm-8pm

Plant Sale
book stall
Bric-a-Brac

Come along for a great evening of fun!

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SOUTH BENDIGO JNR FNC

Family Day

FEB 10TH

Brennan Park pool

All Welcome
bring the Whole Family

All New and Prospective Jnr Players

INFORMATION SESSION

available at 'Family Day' pool party

Sunday 10th Feb 4pm - 6pm

BRENNAN PARK POOL
Houlahan St, KENNINGTON VIC 3550

For more information check out our website www.southbendigofnc.com.au

Contact Gareth (Jnr President) 0418 482 342

Also find us on FB or South Bendigo Junior FNC on Team App.

JNR FOOTBALL PLAYERS
Register & Pay BEFORE 15th March

get a **FREE** training top

This offer ONLY applies to Jnr Football players
Strict Conditions apply



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*many Commonwealth payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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INVITE ALL PARENTS & CARERS TO AN INFORMATION EVENING for the 2019 season
For all JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITIONS (Under 6 – Under 16)

When: 17th February 4-5pm

Where: Club Crt, Soccer rooms, Strathfieldsaye

Enquiries: Ed Castle
(Junior Co-ordinator) 0402246236



Axedale

Quick Shear

and Family Fun Day

Axedale Hall & Park from 2:00pm
Saturday 23rd February, 2019

Quick Shear

Learner, Intermediate &
& Open Competitions
Cash Prizes

Family Fun

Market, Petting Zoo,
Face Painting, Quick Scoot,
Flipping Disc Dogz,
Mech. Bull & MUCH MORE

Quick Photos

Primary, Secondary
& Open Competition
Prizes awarded

For more details on any of the competitions or the event please contact via Facebook or email:
Axedale Quick Shear & Family Fun Day @AxedaleQS
axedaleevents@gmail.com

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Community Bank Branch **Bondigo Bank**

Food, Drinks, Ice Cream, Alcohol & Merchandise available to purchase. NO BYO ALCOHOL
All proceeds go directly go to the Axedale Primary School, Axedale Preschool, Axedale CFA & Axedale Public Hall

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Quick Photos

Terms And Conditions

The Axedale Quick Shear 2019 Photography Competition is organised by Axedale Events Inc (A0096994N).

Each entry must be submitted in accordance with these terms and conditions and by entering the competition, the entrant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Entries and Technical Requirements

Only one entry per person will be permitted in each eligible category, with each entry constituting up to the maximum number of photos for that category.

Entries must be received by 16 February 2019 (either by post or hand delivery) and to be eligible for judging must meet all of the following criteria:

Photos must be provided in hard copy format and no larger than 8" x 10".

Photos must be MOUNTED ON BLACK A4 CARD (centred on page).

Each photo requires a caption (to be written on the front, below the photo).

Photos can be landscape or portrait in orientation and either colour or black & white.

Each entry must also include:

- 1.** The entrant's full name, postal address, email address & contact phone number.
- 2.** The category and section entered.

Postal entries should be sent to:

Axedale Quick Shear Photography Competition,
c/- 854 Axedale-Goorong Road, Fosterville Vic 3557

Hand delivered entries can be placed in the boxes at: Axedale Primary School or Axedale General Store.

Dates

Entries will be accepted from 1st December 2018. Entries close 16 February 2019.

No responsibility will be accepted by Axedale Events Inc for lost, late or incomplete entries.

Categories and display

Each entry must adhere to one of the three competition categories:

1. Sheep and Shearers
2. Axedale and surrounds: a photo depicting any subject or scene within a 20km radius of Axedale
3. Farming and Rural

All entries will be displayed at the Quick Shear event on 23rd February 2019

Entry Fees

Entry fees are due and payable at the time of entry submission.

Entry fees can be paid in cash or by direct deposit (email axedaleevents@gmail.com for bank details, please use name as reference).

Consent

Entries featuring adults must have the consent of each person.

Entries featuring children must have the consent of the child's parent or guardian.

Axedale Events Inc reserves the right to refuse any entry where it deems privacy rights have been compromised.

Consent, Copyright and Usage

All photographs submitted as entries to this competition must be the bona fide work of the entrant. By entering this competition, each entrant allows Axedale Events Inc a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish, distribute, broadcast and communicate to the public their photographs in any digital or printed media formats related to the event. Where possible the photographer will be acknowledged.

Judging

All images will be de-identified for judging.

The winning photographs will be considered by the judges to best represent the theme of each category, and which show originality, character, subject, style and artistic merit. The judges' decisions are final.

Prizes

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded as part of the Quick Shear event on 23rd February 2019. If the winners are not present at the event to receive their prize, they will be contacted and alternative delivery arrangements organised.

Return of entries

Entries will not be returned unless the entrant makes arrangements to either collect their entries at the conclusion of the event on 23rd February 2019 or collect their entries from the Axedale Events Inc committee at a date and time after the event.

For more details on any of the competitions or the event please contact via Facebook or email:
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