



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday February 9th 2022



Dates to Remember:

Thursday 10th February- Pre-Prep program begins- 9am-11am sessions for pre-schoolers

- **Jane attending NESST group Principal meeting, followed by a district sports meeting pm**

Monday 14th February- Nominations for parent positions on School Council close- see Jane for a nomination form

Monday 28th February- Red Balloon Day- thank you CFA- special student projects P-6

Friday 11th March- Curriculum Day- NESST school group combined professional learning day for school staff

Thursday 17th March- Grade 5-6 Leadership Day 1 at Panton Hill Hall

Tuesday 29th March- Family Egg Drop Night and Picnic Event- tentative date 5.30- 7.30pm

Friday 1st April- Whole school Italian Carnivale Day- a great day is planned, more details to follow

Tuesday 5th April- Drumming workshops for 4-6 and P-3 with Mind Beatz

Thursday 7th April- Drumming workshops once again, rehearsing performance items

- **Family Night at the Strathewen Hall- Drumming Performance and BBQ 5-7pm**

Friday 8th April- final day of term 1- 2.30 dismissal

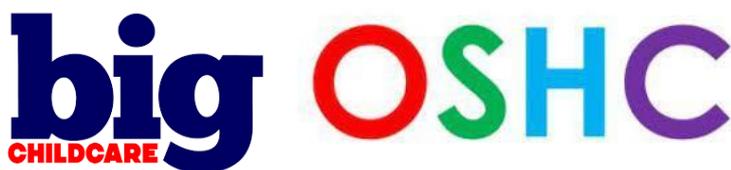
Week two seems to be flying by. Well done to our wonderful families and our staff members for keeping up with the RAT system twice weekly. Not so long ago, who would have thought that 'RATs' would be part of our daily school and work lives. Unlike many schools, at this stage we are travelling well in the COVID world, but of course, this could change at any time. We're just really hoping to get through this critical period without any interruptions to school life here. We're going ahead and making plans for programs and special events and our fingers are crossed.

Thank you to all those who have sent along a donation to add to our fundraiser for Shri, our school cleaner who is battling serious health issues. Your support and generosity is heartwarming and I look forward to delivering our assistance to his little family soon. Tomorrow, JSC is running an ice cream day, with all proceeds going towards this effort. On Monday this week, Mel Brady held her annual 'passata making day' and this year her busy kitchen full of friends managed to raise \$340 for our Shri fund. What a winner, great passata and fabulous support for a member of our SPS family. What a great community we are part of.

Jane

Behind the Scenes:

- Our Bearded Dragon, "Puff", returned to SPS from his homestay and holiday yesterday. Our electricians have replaced the box on his house to make sure that he has overnight heating once again.
- Donna and Deb have placed spare 'pre-loved' school uniform items at the school entrance, free to anyone who can put them to use
- Jane completed and submitted our grant application for a shade covered outdoor learning space
- Enquiries are underway regarding an AFL program for later in the term
- Our cross age integrated studies program is up and running as we focus on learning about the sea and groups of students from P-6 work together on set projects
- Thanks to Deb Bradshaw who organised a unit to house our large screen in the meeting room for Rod's music workshops (and thanks to 'Uncle Daz' for making it happen)
- There's a bit of excitement...have you heard that Sea Monkeys are coming to town in our classrooms?



Just a reminder to make sure that parents have registered their children with our OSHC program so that in a last minute situation, before or after school care is accessible.

This week, the last of our OSHC furniture arrived. Chase and Sarah were on the tools helping Jayde with the assembly, while Van had a ball in the enormous boxes.

Sarah made a great video with Jayde, introducing our chickens to the world.



Reminders

- JSC 'Have an Ice Cream for Shri - fundraiser day tomorrow- \$2 icecreams
- Please let us know at school if you are happy to contribute to the subsidised cost of bus travel for our swimming program this year. With parent agreement to assist with bus costs, funding will cover the swimming pool entry and coaching and we will be able to proceed with booking this year's program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION 2022

Our election process is underway. We'd love any interested parents to join our School Council. Nomination forms are available at the office and you can nominate yourself! Our council meets twice each term and everyone has the opportunity to contribute to how things go here at SPS. We discuss and manage school plans, finances and lots more. It's a great way to see how things work in schools. Nominations close on Monday February 14th.



Aussie of the Month- kicking off in 2022

Purpose

Recognising and celebrating active citizenship that demonstrates inclusive Australian values in our primary schools

Values

Fair go- not just in how we apply ourselves but also providing opportunity for all

Mateship- generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need

Respect- of self, others, of our community and the environment

Inclusion- celebrating difference and the rights and freedoms we are all entitled to

As we start back for 2022, each month, students will be nominated and one student will be selected for recognition with an award certificate and badge. We're hoping to invite special visitors along to present the award each month.



Our Music programs with Rod have begun for 2022 and this year, we have something new and exciting on the go.

Senior students will be working on a digital music program, creating their own soundtracks and exploring a whole new area of music production.

SWIMMING 2022

Please advise the school to confirm whether or not you're happy to pay for subsidised bus travel to and from swimming for our intensive swimming program.

With the changes to parent payment policies, we are exploring how we are able to provide our usual intensive swimming program again this year.

Learning to swim is part of the curriculum and it is expected that all students are able to swim by the end of grade 6. We have received funding specifically allocated towards providing a grade 6 swimming education program, which will mean their program costs will be fully covered.

We have also been able to allocate some additional swimming funds to offset the cost for our P-5 parents. Unlike many metropolitan schools who have access to public transport or nearby swimming facilities, we need to travel to and from our swimming sessions by bus, and this is a major part of the cost of our program. Our intensive swimming program, providing 6 sessions in the pool run over two weeks, costs around \$100 per student in total. This year, our grade 6 group sessions will be cost free for parents and we'll be able to run at a reduced cost for all other grade levels, only charging part of the bus travel cost per student. If you have a student in the P-5 group, we would love your feedback in regard to this. We're working as hard as possible to ensure costs to our school families are kept to a minimum. Are you happy to pay a contribution towards the subsidised cost of the bus travel for your child/ren?



In our classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We're continuing to look at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend and a good person. Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others.

This week's Better Buddies Kindness Bear is awarded to Shylo who always shows great support and care for her friends and fellow students.



We've been learning about Australia's snakes this term and looking at how to stay safe. This week we went a little further with our 'snake bite first aid'. We focussed on what to do in a snake bite situation and we worked on effective bandaging.

1. Make sure the person is safely away from the snake and that you are safe.
2. Reassure the patient- ensure they rest and help them to stay calm.
3. Call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance.
4. Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage.





★ ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our star students this week are Mary, Eli, Matilda and Ellie



Taking Initiative

RANDOM ACTS OF
KINDNESS



Student Leadership



team work



that extra little thing



Awesome Effort!

Mary- for her great leadership skills and her terrific support of younger students as they settle in

Eli- our newly elected JSC President who has been a great support for younger students again this week

Matilda- for her terrific effort assisting our new preps as they settle in

Ellie- for being such a terrific support for our new preps