



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday March 23rd 2022

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 29th March- Grade 5-6 CFA Convoy excursion- forest adventure/workshop Masons Falls

- **Family Egg Drop Night and Picnic Event- tentative date 5.30- 7.30pm**

Wednesday 30th March- STEM session Yarra Valley Water Incursion

Thursday 31st March- SPS DAY IN THE SURF at TORQUAY- whole school event 8am-6pm

Friday 1st April- Whole school Italian Carnivale Day- a great day is planned

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

- **SCHOOL COUNCIL meeting-reporting meeting & election of office bearers- 4.30pm**

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

Sunday April 24th- Anzac Service at the Shrine for participating grade 6 students

Monday April 25th- Anzac Day- public holiday

Tuesday April 26th- First Day of term 2

Mon. May 2nd- Grade 5-6 depart 3.45pm for Anglesea Leadership Camp -Bushfire Education program

Wed. May 4th- Grade 5-6 return 3.30pm from Anglesea Leadership Camp- Bushfire Education program

Tuesday May 10th- Thursday May 12th- NAPLAN testing grade 3 and 5

The feature article in this week's newsletter has to be the World's Greatest Shave event held here on Friday. Congratulations to our five participants: Eli, Mason, Olivier, Oscar and Chase, who collectively raised well over \$5000 to support research into blood cancers and a range of support programs. We're all very proud of the team. Thank you to Mel for the great photos and to our visiting hairdresser, Julie Reeves, who joined us for the event. I believe there are already plans for next year's shave day!

Our Volleyball program finished up today after five weeks. Unfortunately, we've had to postpone our AFL coaching clinics due to staffing issues related to the coaching program. We're still hopeful of some new dates.

Today, we were visited by Rob Mitchell MP, our local Federal member of Parliament. Rob spent some time catching up with local groups and he was able to present the March 'Aussie of the Month' award here at school. Congratulations to Eli Egan on receiving the Aussie of the Month certificate and pin today. This is a great achievement, recognising Eli's leadership, his contribution to the community and his support of others. Rob is a regular visitor to the school and he spoke with students about the importance of taking an active role in the community and how we can all be good leaders. Rob headed off with his long-overdue delivery of a bucket of Arthurs Creek honey, from last year's JSC fundraiser, and was looking forward to having a taste!

Our Italian teacher Rod has planned for our fabulous Italian Carnevale to be held on Friday April 1st, the day after our Torquay adventure. We'll have three groups of students rotating through activities during the morning and we'll celebrate with an Italian lunch of home made pizza and gelato for those who are keen. In the afternoon, we'll be watching an Italian movie favourite. This sounds like the perfect way to finish off a busy week.

Jane



What a fantastic effort! Our senior boys should be very proud of their fabulous fundraising and their work in raising awareness of blood cancers. The big shave event was a celebration of Eli, Mason, Oliver, Oscar and Chase's contribution to a great cause. Well done!



Friday was a pretty exciting day for five senior kids. We all gathered on the stage and got our heads shaved to raise awareness and funds for leukemia with the World's Greatest Shave. We had myself, Oscar, Mason, Oliver and Chase. We were all a bit nervous about the whole thing, because you don't know how you'll look with no hair. We had Julie come in and cut and shave our hair with a whole school audience.

A big thanks to everyone who decided to sponsor us. Together we raised over \$5300.

It's strange looking in the mirror, because I look very different, but it's a decision I wouldn't take back. I'm proud of myself and the fact that we made a difference.

Eli



In the Greatest Shave, we all shaved our heads together and raised over \$5380. I'm really proud of everyone joining in and that the money we made will impact others in a good way. Looking at myself without hair, I feel OK. I never really cared about my appearance much. It's a good change. My head is cooler!

Oliver



I was very nervous before the shave. I don't know what I was worried about, maybe what people would think of how I'd look. I was glad that Eli spread the word about the shave and how all five of us wanted to do it. I know a couple of people who wanted to do it, but parents said no. Maybe next year we can get another big group of us together and do it. I'd do it again- maybe I can start it off and lead it next year. No one has questioned why I'm blacked and if they do, I'll tell them all about the World's Greatest Shave.

Chase



Did you know?

- Right now, over 50 Australians are told every day that they have blood cancer (that's one person every 28 minutes) and 15 people will lose their life to blood cancer daily.
- This makes blood cancer one of the most frequently diagnosed cancers in Australia.
- Leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma are types of blood cancer. They can develop in anyone, at any time, at any age.
- Funds raised from World's Greatest Shave empower Australian families facing blood cancer and accelerate blood cancer research to reach the bold goal: [Zero Lives Lost to Blood Cancer by 2035](#).
- The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national charity dedicated to helping more Australians with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related disorders survive their blood cancer and live their best life.

I'm very proud of myself. I mainly did the World's Greatest Shave because I know a two year old who is battling blood cancer at the moment. When I was about to have my head shaved, I got very nervous, because I didn't know what people were going to think of me and how I'd look. I love my normal hair. I keep feeling my bald head and accidentally using a normal amount of shampoo, but I don't need it. Now I need sunscreen on my head. I'm proud of how much we raised all together and I know it'll make a difference.

Oscar



I felt a bit nervous before shaving, but felt really excited watching everyone be shaved. I can't stop touching my head. It's odd how much you can feel the wind. We raised so much money together. I would do it again, but maybe not next year. I'll need to grow my hair long again. Shaving off long hair is a big thing. I'd encourage other people to do the World's Greatest Shave, (especially when your mum brings along jam donuts for everyone after they've been shaved!). This is something that I'll always remember.

Mason



Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership

We're heading off on fire trucks on Tuesday!

CFA uniform t-shirts required for this event!

We're off on our first field trip on Tuesday March 29th. Grade 5 and 6 students will be travelling on fire trucks, up to the Kinglake National Park, where we'll meet with Ranger Tony for our first session. Following this, students will work with our team of experts, exploring the tools we use, identifying tree and bark types, measuring fuel loads and moisture levels and extending their mapping skills. We'll be joined by a team of brigade volunteers as our drivers and session leaders. This is a great day for everyone. Just a reminder that grade 5 and 6 students will need to bring along a packed lunch, snacks and a drink bottle. We'll be back at school prior to 3.30pm.



Behind the Scenes:

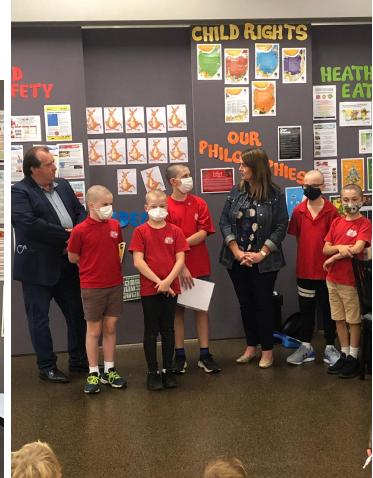
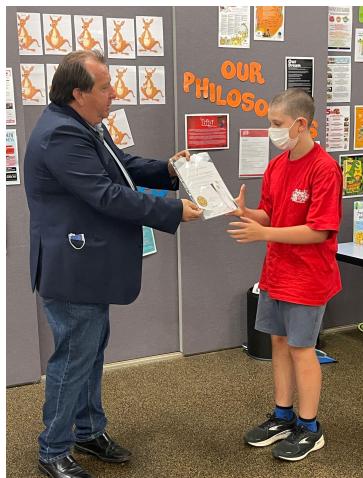
- Our maintenance man, Tony, has jet-washed the pavement in the parent pick up area and it looks great
- On Monday and Tuesday this week, Maree Galvin led the first NAPLAN online practice tests with grades 3 and 5. All went off without a hitch or a glitch, so we're now looking towards tomorrow's National grade 5 practice test, which will see all grade 5's take to the platform for a mock run through. Official NAPLAN assessment takes place in early May, with all tests taking place online, except Grade 3 Writing.
- Our final volleyball coaching session took place today.
- Kylee has been working behind the scenes, applying for a Landcare Grant to promote recycling and waste reduction at SPS.
- The COVID safe risk assessment for our trip to Torquay has been completed as part of the planning process
- Jane met with our ISS cleaning supervisor yesterday to review cleaning and plan the school holiday deeper clean



Today we celebrated the recognition of our March Aussie of the Month.

Congratulations to Eli Egan, who was presented with his certificate and badge by Rob Mitchell MP.

Eli was recognised for his leadership skills, his terrific support of younger students, the role he played in getting a team together for the World's Greatest Shave and the kindness and fairness he demonstrates daily. Congratulations Eli- we're proud of you.



We have our Italian Carnevale coming up on Friday April 1st. We have a great day planned. Multi-age groups will rotate through a range of activities throughout the morning- mask creation, music and pizza making. We'll be enjoying a fun Italian movie in the afternoon. There is a \$5 charge per student for the special Italian lunch- pizza and gelato. A note will be sent home soon.



Leadership Day



Leadership Day was interesting. There were so many people there who had great leadership ideas and information to share with us.

Zoe

I really enjoyed talking to the police officer. I spoke out in the group session in front of everyone. I enjoyed the team games and the pizza!

Oscar

It was a great day. I liked the sessions. It was a chance to meet up with other people and learn about leadership. It's a small world, I met up with lots of netball friends.

Emily

I found Leadership Day really exciting and interesting. It was great meeting up with old friends. I loved the 'Planning a Project' session.

Eli

Leadership Day was amazing. Everything was great, even though some people were fidgety. Our school's good behaviour really stood out. I really enjoyed the talk from the police officer.

Oliver

It was nice meeting new people and seeing friends from t-ball and last year's interschool sport. I made a lot of new friends. I answered questions in front of hundreds of people, which I've never done before and I felt OK about it.

Chase

Leadership Day was really helpful and I learnt new things. I loved the team building games.

Elly

Leadership day was fantastic. We got to learn about what leadership is and how to be a good leader.

Logan H

Leadership Day as fun and we learnt about a lot of things. We had special guests and had pizza.

Harvey

It was nice making new friends and I really enjoyed the team work games. Zoe and I are now planning a leadership project.

Arizona

Leadership Day was interesting and I like the games outside to build team work. Public Speaking with my group was hard to do. Talking to strangers isn't easy.

Yvie

I was nervous at first, but felt more confident as I got to meet with other people from other schools. I learnt how to be a better leader. I really liked learning how to run a meeting.

Shylo



Family Picnic and Egg Drop Event

Here at school next Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm

Students are encouraged to put their STEM skills to use as they work to create their Egg Drop Contraption

When: Tuesday March 29th- 5.30pm- 7.30pm

Where: Here at school!

What do you need:

1. An Easter Bonnet for the parade (if you're joining in!)
2. An 'Egg Drop Contraption'- made at home to safely transport a fresh hen's egg from the upstairs balcony to the concrete pathway below
3. Bring along your Family Picnic for dinner- whatever you choose and a picnic rug
4. Bring along drinks for your family -
Please note- School Council is unable to approve the consumption of alcohol on the school premises at our Egg Drop event, as students will be present.
5. Come along and have fun with your friends and neighbours



FULL-ON THEATRE

DRUMMING WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday April 5th we have the team from Full-On Theatre joining us for a day of drumming workshops with students. Both grades will be learning some great drumming pieces in the morning sessions and participating in a re-cap session after lunch.

On Thursday April 7th, we'll welcome back our drumming experts and enjoy a morning of rehearsals. At 5pm on Thursday afternoon, we have a special event at the Strathewen Hall planned, with students performing their drumming pieces for family and friends. We'll finish off with a light BBQ together and be packed up ready for home at 7pm.

We hope to see all of our students and families there!





This week we got dirty with soil. We looked at what good soil feels, smells and looks like and identified properties of soil that changed the colour and texture of it. The older students researched the different types of soil that are around and how they could cater for different plants. We found out that there is lots of different soil types and they affect how much water and nutrients can be delivered to a plant.



We're collecting items for our annual Easter Raffle

We have some fantastic donations being dropped off at the office and we'd love some more!

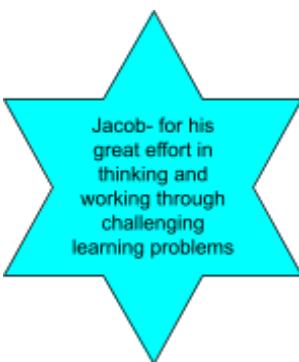
The annual Easter Raffle is planned again for this term. Our parent volunteers will be putting together hampers of interesting bits and pieces for our raffle prizes. We'd love it if families in a position to do so could pick up a little something extra with the weekly shopping to donate to our hampers. Easter bits and treats are always great, but we welcome all sorts of contributions- anything you think a prize winner would be happy to find in their basket. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our star students this week are Ava, Jacob, Logan M and Elly M



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



TORQUAY- DAY IN THE SURF

All students must return their completed Safe Surfing Declaration form, acknowledging the fact that as guardians you have read the information provided. Please read, complete and return as soon as possible so that the paperwork with the Torquay Surf Academy can be finalised. Our Day in the Surf is fast approaching.

We'll be leaving SPS at 8am, please don't be late as we are unable to delay our departure. A recommended morning arrival time of 7.45am is advised, allowing for a bathroom stop and the load out.

Remember to slop on the sunscreen at home before heading to school. We'll have a supply to top up during the day. Red, school, broad brimmed hats will be a must.

A refillable water bottle and some snacks for the day are required. If your child isn't interested in the BBQ lunch, then a packed lunch from home will be needed.

We have approximately 18 additional adults joining us for the day. Assistance with surf groups is greatly appreciated, so thank you to those who have let us know that they'll be getting into the water and helping out during surf lessons- your wetsuits and special rashies will be ready for you. To all adults helping out, please note that to assist with toilet block duty and little ones changing out of wetsuits etc, you must have a current Working With Children Check (unless assisting your own child). In line with our Student Safety Policy, we encourage all school parents, grandparents and helpers to apply for a volunteer's Working With Children Check. Once received, we ask that you send a copy of the WWCC to school for our files.

Surfboards and wetsuits are provided for all SPS students during their surf lesson with TSA. Just a reminder that only students participating in the surf lesson, under the supervision and instruction of the Torquay Surf Academy instructors and helpers are able to enter the water. We are not able to have students swimming or paddling in the waves, they're either engaged in the surf lesson, or they're sitting out on the sand.



RUBBISH FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE

And the challenge continues. We've noticed lots of student led conversation around plastic waste and how families are doing more to limit the weekly lunchbox rubbish collection.

We're collecting all lunchbox rubbish that can't be composted, worm farmed, fed to the chickens or recycled and we're weighing it at the end of the week. Each classroom has their own collection bin. We're working towards building awareness around what goes into landfill and how we can reduce the rubbish we produce.

Last week's results ...

**Grade P-3 amassed a total of 88g of landfill waste
(Down 19g on last week's total)**
and

**Grade 4-6 collected a total of 81g of rubbish
(Down 14g on last week's total)**

The winner of the War on Waste Lunchbox Challenge trophy for week 2 is the senior grade, with a winning margin of just 7 grams!

The collection is underway for this week.



Nillumbik Shire- Grandparents Morning Tea

Grandparents living in or connected to Nillumbik are invited to join us for our Grandparents Morning Tea

The Grandparents Morning Tea is a free event that provides an opportunity for local grandparents to come together, hear from each other and share their experiences of being a grandparent.

- Wednesday 20 April 2022, 10am – 12pm at Eltham Library Community Room
- Tuesday 26 April 2022, 10am – 12pm at Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre
- Thursday 5 May 2022, 10am -12pm at Hurstbridge Community Hub

Together with Grandparents Victoria, Council hopes to connect with and hear from as many residents who are grandparents about the experiences and supports that they may need.

For more information or to register to attend, visit www.nillumbik.vic.edu.au/parenting-series or contact Positive Ageing Officer on 9433 3345 or positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.



Diamond Creek COVID-19 pop-up vaccination clinic

Friday 1 April, 4pm-8pm
Saturday 2 April, 9.30-4.30pm.

Diamond Creek Community Centre hall
28 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek.

First, second and third doses.
Novavax and Pfizer available for adults.
Paediatric Pfizer available for children.

Walk-ins and bookings are accepted for all age groups.

Book online via <https://portal.cvh.vic.gov.au>
or by calling the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

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