



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday May 11th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday May 12th- final day of NAPLAN testing for grades 3 and 5

Friday May 13th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at Panton Hill

Monday May 16th- Whole school Professional Practice Day for teaching staff- no student attendance

REMINDER- it's a PUPIL FREE DAY- on MONDAY

Wednesday May 18th- Sugarloaf Cross Country trials- Yarrambat Park 9.30 start

Thursday May 19th- whole school Edendale Farm incursion 12-1pm- 'What a load of rubbish'

Friday May 20th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at Arthurs Creek

Thursday May 26th- Grade 6- invitation to attend the Nillumbik Shire Sorry Day event in Eltham

Friday May 27th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews

Tuesday May 31st- BIG SISTER program for grade 5-6 girls- 1:3-3:30pm

- **PARENT EVENING- Anxiety: What all parents need to know- 6-7pm- all parents, carers & grandparents welcome**

Thursday June 2nd- Whole school wellbeing excursion event to Healesville Sanctuary- P-6

Monday June 6th- Whole school curriculum day- report writing- pupil free

Wednesday June 8th- Cybersafety Day- student workshops and parent information evening event

Friday June 10th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews

Monday June 13th- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday June 17th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at Kangaroo Ground

Monday June 20th- BIG SISTER program for grade 5-6 girls- 1:30-3:30pm

Friday June 24th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews

There's plenty happening here this week, with NAPLAN on the go for grades 3 and 5, the BIG SISTER program kicking off on Monday for grade 5 and 6 girls and a second round of interschool sport coming up on Friday.

The Parent's Club held their annual Mother's Day Stall on Thursday and it was a great success. Well done to the team who worked behind the scenes to get things organised so that our children could do their special shopping.



*Mother's Day Stall action at
SPS last Thursday*

As this is a reporting term, teachers are currently collecting student work samples to moderate, assess and collate for midyear student reports. With student absences affecting classroom programs, we strongly encourage regular attendance for all students unless they are unwell. Daily attendance is important to

maintain learning momentum and the connection to ongoing programs and activities. Absence due to illness can't be helped and isolation due to the pandemic has certainly interrupted attendance for many students. Being absent means students miss out on big stuff and small stuff. Focused teaching groups see new concepts being introduced regularly and these sessions are missed when a student is absent. Our additional assistance programs in literacy and numeracy see small group teams working closely with Mrs Galvin and when a group member is away, they fall behind. Our Monday and Friday tutoring support program is funded to assist students who need extra learning support following the extended periods of remote learning and again, many of these workshops are being missed. Being away means that work is incomplete and needs to be caught up on. Just a reminder that parents and carers are required to notify the school of an absence as early as possible. The reason for any student absence is recorded and entered onto the system. Every day a student is away is a day of classes and social connection missed.

Next week there is quite a bit happening. We have our District Cross Country trials taking place at Yarrambat Park on Wednesday for our keen distance runners. On Thursday we have Carolyn joining us from Edendale Farm to present a workshop on recycling, composting and lots more. And don't forget that Monday is a pupil free day here at SPS.

Take care

Jane



Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp August 1st- 5th

Just a reminder that camp is coming up early next term for our group of 28 students in grades 3-6.

Our itinerary is closely based on last year's planning and details are being finalised. Permission forms and cost details will be sent home soon. The anticipated cost per student is over \$500, so a payment plan is recommended to make this manageable for families. Feel free to see Jane for more information or pop in and have a chat to Deb or give her a call if you need help to organise a payment plan.



Our district cross country trials are coming up next Wednesday. Students will run the 2km or 3km circuit at Yarrambat Park, with the first events kicking off at 9.30am. Parent transport is required for this event. We've been doing some training around the fitness track and students have been encouraged to take on some additional training runs at home. Kylee has offered to lead a road run on Friday afternoon with our keen participants. A permission form for the road run training has been sent home today.

Outstanding Booklist Payments for 2022

Last year all school families were contacted regarding how we would proceed with organising student booklist supplies for the coming year. All families agreed to have the school purchase student booklist requirements for 2022 and to pay this once the school year began.

As first term comes to an end we are following up on this, reminding families that payment for each child's booklist is required. If you're unsure of whether your payment has been made, please check with Deb or Donna at the office.



here at Strathewen Primary School

Just a reminder that our Out of School Hours Care program will be operating on our two pupil free days this term (May 16th and June 6th). Brooke is planning a special program for these days.



This week we thought like front line responders. The Grade 4-6s looked at what Triage might mean and identified how to use triage in their day to day lives. The Grade P-1s role played a paramedic and thought about what they needed to do to make sure the situation was safe as well as the required steps to help treat their patients. The 2/3s had a crack at watching a day in the life of a paramedic and spotted the personality traits paramedics need to make sure their patients are safe.



BEHIND THE SCENES

- We've had our air-con service tech out this week to deal with a problem. The project space reverse cycle system was icing up (snow was falling) and it turned out to be the result of a rat having made its nest in the outdoor set up. Everything has been damaged, the rat managed to electrocute itself some time ago and when the system was turned on to manage a cold morning yesterday, the problem was noted. We're awaiting quotes for an entire new installation.
- Thanks to Andy who assisted with the removal and relocation of a juvenile red-bellied black snake on Friday morning. It might have been a very chilly morning, but this little visitor was sheltering on a window sill at the school entrance. Great spotting Arizona! It's a reminder to always keep an eye out for snakes despite the cooler weather.

- NAPLAN testing is in full swing, with the Writing, Language Conventions and Reading tests completed so far with grades 3 and 5 and just the Numeracy testing to be tackled tomorrow. Well done to Mrs Galvin, who has managed the online system beautifully and to our students who have taken testing in their stride.
- Thanks to Arizona and Sarah for catching our escaping hen and helping Ms Hayward with the wing clipping
- Thanks to our parent helpers who assisted with transport for interschool sport last week.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Start Students this week are Esmay, Oliver, Ellie and Van

Esmay- for her super work focus and terrific effort with her learning this week. Well done Es.

Oliver- for his fantastic camp participation last week. For working well with everyone, enjoying great learning and for his excellent vacuuming effort!

Ellie- for her ability to stay focused on her work and complete all tasks to a very high standard. An enthusiastic learner.

Van- for his consistently excellent nightly home reading. He's a real book fiend!



Interschool Sport





Cyber Safety

Wednesday June 8th

With Susan McLean

Of CyberSafety Solutions

Here at SPS (time to be confirmed for evening session)

Save the date!

An evening workshop with an expert in the field.

Parents, grandparents, carers and friends welcome.

Open to SPS adults and the wider community.

Adults only- no under 18's to attend

Spread the word, invite your adult neighbours and friends to join us.

Susan is an expert in this field and we are extremely fortunate to have her joining us for the day.

- Trusted Education Provider – eSafety Commissioner
- Member – National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB)
- University Certificate in Child Safety on the Internet – University of Central Lancashire UK
- Protecting Children Online Certificate – Fox Valley Technical College USA
- Protecting Children Online Training Program – Internet Crimes Against Children USA (2007/2012)
- Teaching Digital Citizenship Training NetSmartz USA 2015
- ASIST – Certificate in Suicide Prevention Education
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment



SPS Car Park safety

At our school council meeting yesterday afternoon, the busy school pick up and drop off times were discussed in relation to car park safety.

- *The disabled parking bay adjacent to the school building must be accessible at all times. Please do not pull into the school car park at pick up and drop off times unless you are parking in an available designated parking bay*
- *To assist with parking management please utilise the parking space adjacent to the sports court on the lower level. Please do not park in the driveway of the CFA building, as this will obstruct access.*
- *An initial request to have angle parking signs erected along the roadside opposite the school entrance in School Ridge Rd has been made to the Traffic Engineering Dept at Nillumbik Shire. If drivers are able to angle park safely, rather than parallel park, in this bitumen area, we may be able to create additional parking.*
- *Along the 'nature strip' road verge area on School Ridge Rd, several 4 WD vehicles can park safely, as the drain area is shallow, allowing easy access for suitable vehicles.*

The bottom line is, we are all responsible for safely navigating traffic management at pick up and drop off times. Let's keep our kids safe and always be aware of small people moving around and doing unexpected things.



Rubbish Free Lunch War on Waste Challenge...

The results of our classroom challenge last week were...

Grade P-2- 162 grams of land fill waste

And

Grade 4-6- 71 grams of land fill waste

Last week's weigh in favored the senior grade, as we had 16 students off on camp at Anglesea for two full school days. This week's litter collection will give us a more accurate indication of how the rubbish situation is looking.

It is great to see more students making use of small lidded containers which are reusable and a great way to carry portions of food to school. We love the 'nude food' lunch boxes we're seeing.

J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022

We have been offered the opportunity to run another Honey fundraiser this year.

1kg buckets of delicious Arthurs Creek Honey- \$20

We're raising funds to support JSC projects and some of funds will go towards covering the grade 5-6 leadership extension camp in term 4

We're currently designing the new label for our honey buckets.

Order forms will be sent home soon.



Anxiety: What all Parents Need to Know

***SAVE THE DATE! Here at SPS- Tuesday May 31st- 6-7pm**

An informative workshop founded on research and life experience. Learn tools to support your young person through anxiety and everyday stresses they may be facing.

All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come along for this evening event. The session is not suitable for under 18's and we are currently investigating the possibility of providing a supervised movie session upstairs for children to support parent/carer attendance.

Anxiety is a concern in our young people. We'd love to have all families represented at this session, as we work together to provide the best possible support for our children.

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Brought to you by The Big Sister Experience

(Further information about the provision of childcare onsite while the session is held will be provided shortly. Hopefully this will allow more parents and carers to attend)