



## Strathewen Primary School

### Wednesday June 15th, 2022

#### Dates to Remember:

**Wednesday June 15th- Next round of cross country at Bundoora Park- Esmay representing our district**

- **Camp information and consent forms for grades 3-6 have been sent home today**

**Thursday June 16th- Pre-Preps join us once more**

- **Jane attending small schools' Principal meeting in the afternoon**

**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**

**Tuesday June 21st- School Council meeting- 4:30 via Webex**

**Wednesday June 22nd- JSC Dress Up Day-**

- **GOLD COIN - dress up as something for the initial letter of your first name**

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

- **Last day of term 2- 2:30 dismissal**

**Monday July 11th- First day of term 3**



*Congratulations to our three competitors who qualified to compete in the next round of cross country trials last Thursday. This is a wonderful achievement and we're very proud of them. Congratulations to Esmay who made it through to today's event, proudly representing our school and the Sugarloaf District. She came 22nd in a huge field of competitors. Well done Esmay!*

Like most schools, we're managing to keep things up and running during this challenging time. In my decades of teaching and leadership, our current level of staff and student absence is unprecedented. This week we welcome Diane back on deck and programs are back to normal. Thanks to Kylie for stepping in and saving the day many times over recent weeks. Casual relief teachers are very hard to come by at the moment. Thank you to our school families for keeping unwell children safely at home to minimise the spread of all sorts of infection and for encouraging the wearing of masks in their young people when they're returning to school after illness or have household contacts with COVID, flu or other bugs. We're doing the best we can to keep the wheels turning here at school. After some interruption, we're happy to have our Pre-preps back with us tomorrow.

Completing mid-year student assessment continues to be a challenge and we're attempting to work around absences to get through our usual testing regime. Due to absences, we're only in the early stages of report writing and unfortunately it looks like the school holidays will involve many hours of additional work for staff, to ensure that reports are ready for distribution early next term.

Our Cybersafety sessions with Susan McLean last week were certainly valuable. Our grade 3-6 students worked with Susan for a 90 minute session and we covered a lot of ground. All participants took home their work booklet and their 'homework' was to share this with a parent or carer, ask them to sign off on it and return it back to school. We hope there has been plenty of cybersafety discussion at your place. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and carers who attended our evening workshop last Wednesday. The feedback has been very positive and I think we're all in a better position to keep our young people safe online.



Yesterday I was advised that through School Focused Youth Services, we have been successful in applying for additional student support through the Canine Comprehension program. The program will take place during term 3 for grades 5 and 6 and it will be delivered over eight Wednesday mornings. The 5's and 6's will be in separate groups and they'll work with our canine friends and our visiting presenter to look at developing an awareness and understanding of communication indicators, they'll look at friendships and responsibility, relationships between humans and animals, caring and responding to need, positive relationships, connection and happiness. With our senior students having experienced such disruption to the past few years of school life we're fortunate to have programs such as Canine Comprehension and The Big Sister Experience targeting this cohort of students to build awareness, strengthen skills, address challenges and have our students in a good place before they transition to secondary school.

Take care

Jane



*This week we've looked at resources. The Prep-2s had a look at what resources are and how to deliver that around a town. The 3-4s took that knowledge and explored how to deliver and share these resources during different scenarios and challenges to a town. In grade 5-6 students had a go at budgeting as a politician or town manager and the different effects of investments and targeted spending on the success of their budgets. It was quite a shock to some students to see how their spending or saving worked out for them.*



Parent's Club  
**'GUESS THE LOLLIES IN THE JAR'**  
The challenge is on!  
Pay \$2 for a guess for a chance to win  
Call in at the office to check out the great prize



## Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp

**6 WEEKS TO GO!**

Our camp is coming up in around only 6 weeks- the information, itinerary and permission forms have been sent home today. A deposit of \$50 per student is required with the return of the consent forms. The total cost of our camp is \$583 per student, which comes in at \$116.60 per day covering all transport, accommodation, meals and activities. Full payment for the cost of camp is required prior to departure.

**August 1st- 5th**

The itinerary, permission form, medical form and packing list have been sent home today. Feel free to chat to Jane if you have any questions regarding camp.



## J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022



**THE ORDERS ARE COMING IN!**

Every bucket of honey sold brings in another \$5 to assist our fundraising effort to send the grade 5-6 bunch off to take part in an immersive leadership learning experience at Anglesea in term 4. We're attempting to fundraise and access grant funding of approximately \$5000, so every honey tub sold takes us one step closer to our target.

*Our label has been designed and Yvie's great label will be on our buckets of honey.*

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

*If you need another order form, let us know.*

## Outstanding Booklist Payments for 2022

We still have a handful of families needing to finalise payment for their student booklists for 2022. In term 4 last year, all families agreed to opt in to having the school proceed with the purchase of student supplies for 2022 (work books for various subjects, stationery items, reading diary etc) and agreeing to cover this through a follow up payment to the school. Deb will be making contact with families to remind them of this outstanding payment. If you don't hear from us, your payment has already been made. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please have a chat to Jane and we can arrange a payment plan.



**here at Strathewen Primary School**

An attachment outlining the program planned for the upcoming school holiday period has been sent out to families. The program looks fantastic. This school holiday program is open to SPS students and students attending other schools nearby. Remember to book in online.

# BEHIND THE SCENES

- New soft plastics collection bins are set up and ready to go. Did you know that you can send along your clean soft plastics to add to our collection boxes- bread bags, frozen food bags, shopping bags, GLAD cling wrap (only this brand) etc. Soft plastics will be dropped off at supermarket collection points for recycling. Sarah and Eli presented our new waste collection system to the student group and got us set up ready for action.
- Our successful tender applicant has been out to examine the school shutter systems ahead of commencing work within the next few weeks.
- We've had Margie in helping with reading in the junior classroom this week
- Our IT expert, Andrew, has been setting up the voice to text programs for student use

## ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Siana, Marley, Eli E and Shylo

Siana- for her wonderful leadership in the P-3 room and for the terrific support she provides her younger class mates

Marley- for her willingness to step up and assist others and for being a great leader in the junior classroom

Eli E- for being such a great JSC President this semester and for his excellent leadership at SPS

Shylo- for the great enthusiasm she showed this week, participating in her first Bushfire Education workshop



Taking Initiative



# STRATHEWEN- ARTHURS CREEK BUSHFIRE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP





I really enjoyed CFA this week and I like who I'm partnered up with to work on the compass. We had to present our work to Sue to get some feedback. We got a lot of good feedback and then we went outside for another workshop on using a compass. It was fun. I'm very excited about making our movie.  
Shylo

The storyboard that we're doing is about the fine fuels moisture meter and I'm working with Zoe, Emily and Harvey. This week we did an instruction lesson with Sue and we taught her what it is and when, how, why and where to use it. Our storyboard is nearly finished. We're nearly ready for movie making.  
Logan H

Our team is Esmay and I. We work really hard- we don't waste any time. We were the first group to be finished and our storyboard looks pretty fabulous. We were the first group to get up and present to Sue. I felt really nervous and a bit embarrassed, but we went really well. Esmay and I make a great team. I can't wait to learn animation and filming with Jimmy.  
Chase

We're doing the whirling hygrometer and our storyboard is almost done. I know how to use the whirling hygrometer and Oliver has been pretty good at teaching me about it. Mason is also in our group. I'm definitely looking forward to using the camera and making the clay sculptures for the animation.  
Oscar



*JSC Dress Up Day*  
*Next Wednesday June 22nd*  
**COME DRESSED AS SOMETHING THAT BEGINS WITH**  
**THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR NAME:**  
 If your name is Lily you could come as a lion tamer, a Lego person, a landscape gardener, a lizard, a lobster or Luke Skywalker  
 If your name is Sam you could come as a sailor, Santa, Spiderman or Spongebob  
**LET'S HAVE SOME FUN**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION to join in!**



We're seeing plenty of change here at SPS. This week has brought about a shift in what we're collecting in our designated recycling bins. We're now placing all soft plastics in a special container to be collected and delivered to either Coles or Woolworths to be recycled into things such as the long lasting Replas outdoor furniture like we have at school. Most of our landfill waste from lunchboxes has been soft plastics, so we're really keen to see what our end of week tally looks like on Friday!  
 Working to keep soft plastics out of landfill and out of our waterways is important and this is our way of making a difference.



Have you seen our aluminum can recycling bale at the school entrance? As part of our work on reducing waste and promoting recycling, we're collecting crushed aluminum cans here at school and we encourage everyone in the local and wider community to collect their cans and drop them off.



**The Power of Reading!**

- Creating a love of reading in children is probably one of the most powerful ways of improving children's academic achievements in school and beyond.