



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday August 17th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday August 18th- Swimming day 3

Friday August 19th- Swimming day 4

Monday August 22nd- SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday August 24th- STEM session- CSIRO Scientists in Schools afternoon with visiting scientist

Thursday August 25th- Swimming day 5- No Pre-Prep on this date

- Jane and Diane- Headspace mental health wellbeing training online 9-4 Jane and Diane

Monday August 29th- Jane and Deb- school maintenance training online- 1-4pm

Thursday September 1st- Sugarloaf District Athletics Day trials at Willinda Park- keen 3-6 athletes

Friday September 2nd- Movie Morning and Fish and Chip lunch day

Tuesday September 6th- Indian Classical Dance workshops- Regional Arts Vic

Thursday September 8th- Division Athletics Competition for qualifying competitors

Friday September 9th- Kids teaching Kids event at Edendale Farm- our senior students presenting

Tuesday September 13th- School Council meeting

Thursday September 15th- Grade 2 School Sleepover Event!

Friday September 16th- Final Swimming Day 6-

- Last day of term 3- 2.30 dismissal

Monday October 3rd- First day of term 4

Monday October 17th- Grade 5-6- 'Puberty and Respectful Relationships' whole day program

Thursday November 3rd- Big Sister Program- Transition Workshops- grade 5-6/Parent session

Monday afternoon- Nov 14th- Thursday Nov. 17th- Grade 5-6 CFA Leadership Camp Part 2- Anglesea

We're into week 6 of term and as usual, there's plenty on the go. We have swimming again tomorrow and Friday this week and again on Thursday next week. Our final swimming day is locked in for the last day of term. We continue to manage plenty of bugs doing the rounds, with confirmed cases of RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) in our student group. There also seems to be a bit of a tummy bug on the go. For any families managing respiratory symptoms, I would suggest continuing with RAT use, but for persistent concerns, please visit a testing site for a PCR. Our nearest test site is probably the Laurimar venue and when symptomatic, testing includes COVID, Influenza A and B and RSV. Here's hoping we have everyone back in the classroom soon. Thank you to parents and carers for keeping unwell students at home, helping to minimise the spread of infection.

No doubt you've heard that our upcoming Hooptime tournament days have been cancelled due to staffing issues at Basketball Vic- Hooptime and the inability to provide referee staff. We're all disappointed, but it is what it is. We hope to run our own mini tournament day of basketball here at school instead.

To the parents of all of our camp participants, we're very happy to advise that we have been fortunate to secure funding through the Victorian Government's Positive Starts program. It has been confirmed that the full cost of all camp expenses for each child have been covered through this initiative, which is great news. Deb will be in touch with each family to handle reimbursement of camp funds. The Positive Starts program is in place to boost student physical and emotional health through participation in enrichment activities such as camps.

After some final work over the weekend, our end of year concert script is complete. We're all looking forward to being able to run our whole school production once again in December. The details of the play are usually revealed at a fish and chip movie night for students, but this year we're planning a whole school

movie morning, followed by a fish and chip lunch, on Friday September 2nd. Given that this will be our first performance in three years, the earlier familiarisation with the script will allow for additional rehearsal time. Lunch order forms will be sent home soon.

Jane

A message from the office regarding parent payments

Parents are encouraged to use direct bank transfers as the preferred payment method at SPS.

Sending along cash payments continues to be an option.

We also have the card payment option with our EFTPOS machine. Please note that given the charges we incur with card payment, a merchant fee of 2% will need to be added to all future transactions, ensuring costs to the school are covered.



Today was the day! Our much anticipated JSC Lego Challenge took place and all entrants got to showcase their constructions in our Lego Gallery. It was fantastic!



*Voted by all...
1st Place- Chase
2nd Place- Harvey
3rd- Oscar
Most Creative Piece- Ava*



Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



We had Jimmy with us this week and we continued working on our storyboard scripts, rehearsing read throughs and typing them up ready for the next step in film making. Extra bobble head construction was happening and Emily, Harvey, Oliver and Chase were working on creating the new 'Gem Gem' for our animation.



J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022



**NEW ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED ONE
WE HAVE ANOTHER 15 BUCKETS ORDERED THIS WEEK!**

There is still honey available, so if you're able to grab some more orders, we'll get them sorted. 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.

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

Outstanding Booklist Payments for this year's student booklist supplies

Just a reminder that we have a couple of families with outstanding booklist payments for 2022. As agreed to in term 4 last year, parents elected for the school to undertake the purchasing of student supplies for this year. If you're not sure whether your payment has been made, please see Deb to check. Payment plans are welcome.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Last Friday we had our Essential Safety Measures audit conducted here onsite, reviewing things like our emergency drill records, our fire pump servicing, electrical inspections and safety etc.
- We are continuing to organise the minor upgrade works to ensure that our rooftop solar system is fully compliant with the latest regulations. This has been quite a process, with our system being turned off in recent times following an inspection. Works will begin shortly, thanks to the ongoing support of our solar team.
- You might have noticed that our Cubbyland shade sail has been removed temporarily. After being damaged in recent storms, it has been taken away for repair work and will be returned shortly.
- Yesterday Deb headed off to Essendon for an additional administration training day.
- On Monday, Diane spent the day out of the classroom working through updating our OHS requirements
- Jane continues to finalise the updates to our school's Child Safety Standards, ensuring that all changes are reflected in our documentation and operations.
- We're currently waiting for an updated quote for the solid free-standing shade structure installation planned for over the tables and chairs adjacent to the pizza oven area. This will give us a great seated outdoor teaching space and is being funded through the Shade Sail Grant initiative.



School Holiday Program

Our OSHC School Holiday program has been planned for the term break, coming up from September 19th.

The flyer outlining the program is attached to this newsletter email.

Holiday care is open to students from S.P.S. and students from other schools are welcome too. The program looks great, with a range of special excursion and activities.

Remember to jump online and book in!

Canine Comprehension

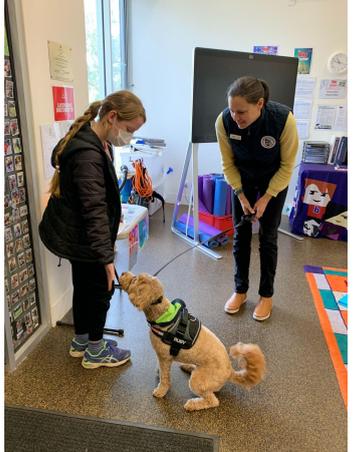
In our Canine Comprehension session today, grade 5 and 6 students enjoyed their time with Amy and Ruby once again. Our grade 6 group headed downstairs first for their session before recess and the grade 5 group session took place before lunch. The aim of our Canine Comprehension program is to build student skill levels in many areas, through interaction with a specially trained therapy dog. The program is based on providing innovative, evidence based, fun sessions using dog assisted learning. This week our focus was on looking after ourselves. We focused on what constitutes self-care and how we can go about incorporating self-care strategies into our week. Each session, students work on their friendship and responsibility workbook and we explore mindfulness. We investigate ways to calm ourselves and connect with others positively. Students are also encouraged to use communication skills, both with one another and when involved in getting Ruby to complete a range of tasks. We have some budding dog trainers in our groups.

This program is provided thanks to Schools Focused Youth Services and through these valuable sessions we aim to further support our senior students with their social and emotional development.

#11DOGLOVERS ON INSTAGRAM

DOGGY LANGUAGE

ANXIOUS	ANGRY	SUSPICIOUS/CIRCULAR MIAOW		
IRKING/NO	NON-COMMUNICATIVE		RELAXED	RESPECT
	STRESSED		PLEASE	SEE ME
FRIENDLY		DON'T STOP		
I LOVE YOU		HAPPY/CHERISHED		READY





This week we looked into the third R of Reduce, Reuse, Recycling - Recycling. As part of understanding recycling we had to investigate what can actually be recycled! It was interesting to see what we can and can't recycle and the misconceptions we had. In Grade 5/6 we investigated what we can actually recycle in our council and had to use our knowledge and the internet to help locate our appropriate council. We then made a presentation that would teach people about recycling and how it works! In Grade 2/3/4 we had a look at the different items that could appear in either the linear or circular economy and sorted them accordingly, helping us learn what makes an item special for the circular economy. In Grade P/1 we made recycling trucks - with a twist, they had to be able to automatically sort recycling and move independently. There were some incredible designs produced!



★ ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Ellie J, Matilda, Mary and Sarah

Ellie J- for being such an enthusiastic worker in all subject areas and for being such a thoughtful friend

Matilda- For her terrific effort in class and always working well with others.

Mary- for her fantastic contribution and sharing of ideas in our Canine Comprehension session this week

Sarah- for her excellent planning and leadership efforts in coordinating the J.S.S. Lego Challenge





*Parent's Club Spring Raffle
The annual Spring Raffle is planned and we're looking for donations.
If you have a business contact or suggestions for sources of donated goods, we'd love to hear from you.
This raffle is always a terrific fundraiser for our school.*

Hurstbridge Wattle Festival



Sunday 28th August
10am - 4pm
Hurstbridge

Live music
Vintage cars
Market stalls
Face painting
Treasure hunt
Mini train rides

Hurstbridge-Eltham Steam Train Rides

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