



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday August 24th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

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

Friday August 26th- A morning 'Basketball Tournament' here at school for 3-6 9.30-11am- with Kylie and volunteer referee Will O'Brien (Lisal's son)

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

Thursday October 6th - Foggy Mountain songwriting workshop with Carter and Carter

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 ready for swimming session 5 tomorrow for all year levels and then our final swimming session is set for the last day of term, Friday September 16th. We've featured a few photos from swimming in this newsletter and we've all commented on how keen our swimmers have been, working well with instructors and managing the busy mornings extremely well. An intensive swimming program is a great way to build skill and confidence levels, with everyone working at their own ability level. After the interruptions to regular swimming lessons outside of school and school provided programs as well, it has been great to get our gang back into the pool for some specialised instruction. Being safe around water and having a reasonable level of swimming ability is vital. We encourage families to continue with swimming lessons and regular swimming opportunities when our school program is complete. There is usually an intensive VIC Swim 5 day program available at the Eltham Leisure Centre in January which is a great opportunity to build skills.

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.

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



This week students worked with Lisal and Sue.

We managed to catch up on creating some of our 'bobble heads'.

*Chase and Arizona started working with Sue to build a model of the new FDR board
and Emily and Harvey continued work on building the new Gem Gem model.*

*Another batch of eyeballs and bits and pieces has now been baked to add to our
creations.*

*Zoe worked hard on her 'voice over' skills and stepped up to audition for the role. Next
week, Jimmy will be here to get filming started!*



Our Lego Day was really good. We had a lot of people enter the competition and everyone was really interested. Nearly everyone brought a piece along to show.

At our JSC meeting this week we talked about the rules for 4 Square and Eli is happy to do some extra coaching and explanations to the little kids. The Bathtub Leadership Project is ready to roll, led by Chase, with Harvey, Esmay and Logan H. Thanks to Andy who is going to come along to pull out a star picket, buried deep long ago, which is in the wrong spot.

We've sent our sponsorship money over for our Bali kids and now we're fundraising to purchase our new bearded dragon.

We're trying to fill our silver coin tube in the hallway as a fundraiser, so if you've got any spare coins, we'd love you to add them to our tube.

Chase and Logan H

J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022

Only two buckets left for sale!

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.



Coming up on Friday September 9th, we will have a small group of senior students heading off with Jane to Edendale Farm in Eltham to present at the Kids Teaching Kids event which is being held from 10am-1.30pm.

We have been invited to share a bit of information about what goes on here at SPS and we're putting together a powerpoint presentation/video showing how we're working on our own war on waste.

Permission forms for participants will be sent home shortly.

Athletics

We have our Sugarloaf District Athletics Trials coming up at Willinda Park in Greensborough on Thursday, September 1st. Competition is open to students from grades 3-6 who are keen and proficient in their chosen events. It's a full day of sport and it is not a day where coaching takes place. The events include: high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m and the 4 X 100m circular relay. We are able to enter two students in each event and events are according to ages on birthdays this year. Students are able to register for a maximum of two events and a relay.

We began collecting event nominations today. Permission forms will be sent home later this week.

Parent transport is required for the day.

SWIMMING



Art Room Request

We're looking for some additional small sized boxes
(like jelly crystal, mini sultana pack sized boxes)

For use in our construction projects. Feel free to send along your suitable bits and pieces.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Thank you to Darren Bradshaw who was here at school over the weekend, changing over fluoro tubes, so that we're back in action. Our tubes certainly have a short life span.
- Mrs Galvin has had the kiln house in operation over several nights, firing a range of student clay creations and there are some great constructions coming to life.
- Diane had Monday this week out of the classroom to spend time working on our OHS processes, documentation and requirements. This is an extensive role, even in our small school. Maree was able to step in to teach the P-3 group and continue Diane's regular program.
- Many nights at home are being spent by staff working on Education Department learning modules online - from Asbestos management and Emergency Response and Recovery to Business Continuity after a critical incident. We're all chipping away at our learning modules.
- The proposed scope of works around finding a solution to our school site drainage issue has been received and is currently being reviewed prior to agreement. Rectification will involve significant work.
- The annual Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Opinion Survey is happening once again. Information and a unique family PIN code to access the online survey will be sent home next week. The survey closes on September 16th.
- Jane had a meeting with a representative from ISS, our cleaning service provider, to discuss the school holiday periodical clean, which is coming up and to review our cleaning service.
- Students in years 3-6 have been nominating themselves for sports events at the upcoming athletics day



School Holiday Program

Our OSCH 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!



November 5th and 6th 2022

After two years of disruption, we're happy to say that the Whittlesea Show is back on the calendar for November, 2022. The theme this year is 'Celebration'.

Our students will have the opportunity to enter two items, a selected piece of their school art work and a published piece of writing (poem or story).

We are required to have all entries completed online and paid for by Sept. 7th.

Entering work is encouraged for all, but is optional for students.

The entry cost is \$1.10 for each item entered, now payable to the school by parents.

Students have been working on a range of special art pieces, or may opt to choose an earlier piece of work from their folio, and we have a range of writing activities on the go. A note will be sent home shortly for those students wishing to enter their work in the Education Section at the Show. It's always great to see such an amazing display of work from our local schools.



This week was paper week. We looked at how paper works in a circular economy and how by recycling it we can make it into something. The significance of this was revealed when we looked at sustainable logging practices in Malaysia. The P-1 students had a feel and look at the different products made out of wood and tried to see the wood fibres in them. The 2/3/4s had a go at thinking about the different ways we could use paper in a circular economy and the 5/6 grade had a crack at designing a sustainable farm targeted at producing wood for paper by thinking about dimensions of the farm, demand etc. We then made paper out of scrap paper and it looked really cool! Try it at home, all you need is a blender, deckle a bucket and some paper.



ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Xavier, Marley, Zoe and Harvey

Xavier- for working hard and mastering his 300 Magic Words. Congratulations on a terrific effort!

Marley- for her fantastic work ethic and terrific learning confidence and for being a great friend

Zoe- for her great audition and enthusiastically tackling the voice over role for our upcoming animation project

Harvey- for his persistence and terrific effort revising and mastering all of his times tables. Well done!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



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.

Canine Comprehension



This week we enjoyed session 4, with Amy and her groodle Ruby. Today in our Canine Comprehension sessions with grade 5 and 6, we focused on 'self talk'. We explored our 'inner coach' voice and how we can often tend to lean towards a negative bias. We looked at our fears and then explored the reality of those fears, whether they were a fear of the dark, of having an injection, of monsters in the wardrobe or thunderstorms. We were introduced to the idea of 'catch it', 'check it', 'change it'. Catch negative thoughts early... check the facts and think about whether the problem is as big as it seems... change your actions and how you feel by asking for help, sharing fears, talking to someone.

We talked about the importance of our self talk being an inner coach rather than an inner critic. Our team challenge today involved creating obstacle courses for Ruby, using encouragement, incentive, support and teamwork. The obstacle courses were amazing and the team work was fantastic. We finished off with some mindfulness time and discussed the importance of having a pause in your day and letting your brain relax.



The strategy for self-talk introduced this week and shared here by Ruby...

CATCH IT... CHECK IT... CHANGE IT
A very useful approach to managing worries and fears

Maths Games in the P-3 Room this week



2022 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

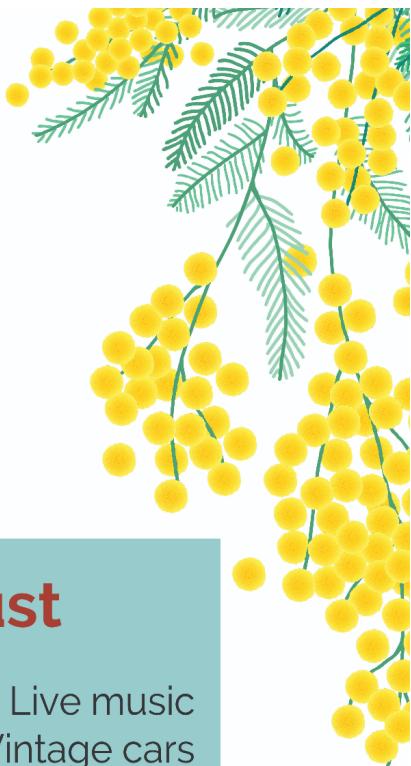
The parent survey is on the go for 2022. Parent access links and individual PIN codes will be sent home next week for each family. The survey is online, optional and takes around 20 minutes to complete. It will be open until the 16th of September. Thsurvey feedback is collated by the Department and used in the annual report and school review processes.

Keep an eye out for your envelope next week!



When you're wondering
why your potted
geraniums seem to look
a bit scraggly...

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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