



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday August 31st, 2022

Dates to Remember:

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

Friday September 2nd- Father's Day Stall from 8.45-9.30am thanks to Parent's Club

- Movie Morning and Fish and Chip lunch day

Monday September 5th- Canine Comprehension catch up session

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

Wednesday September 7th- Canine Comprehension Session 7

Thursday September 8th- Division Athletics Competition for qualifying competitors

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

Monday September 12th- grade 6 students speaking to visiting CFA personnel about our program

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



Wishing a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads and special people in our community.



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.

We have our Fish and Chip lunch and movie morning coming up on Friday and there's a bit of excitement around what the movie will be! This is, of course, the 'big reveal', when everyone finds out what the school production for 2022 will be. No doubt, you'll hear the news on Friday afternoon! The script has been finalised and is ready to go and after Friday, we'll be spending some time in classrooms reading it through and sorting out roles. Rehearsals will begin in earnest soon. As always, every student will have a speaking role in the production. Deb is already involved in the costuming side of things, Mel Brady has volunteered for some dramatic voice coaching sessions and Anthony has been volunteered to paint our backdrop. Having not had a concert since 2019, this is all pretty exciting!

With only a few weeks until the end of term 3, the calendar is looking pretty full in coming weeks. We've got a fun day ahead on Tuesday, with a great program planned featuring Indian dance workshops. This event is made possible through the Positive Starts Program and looks like being great fun for everyone. Our multi-purpose room will be full of music and action!

Happy Father's Day to all. Here's hoping your Sunday is filled with family and plenty of love.

Jane

A message from the office regarding parent payments

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

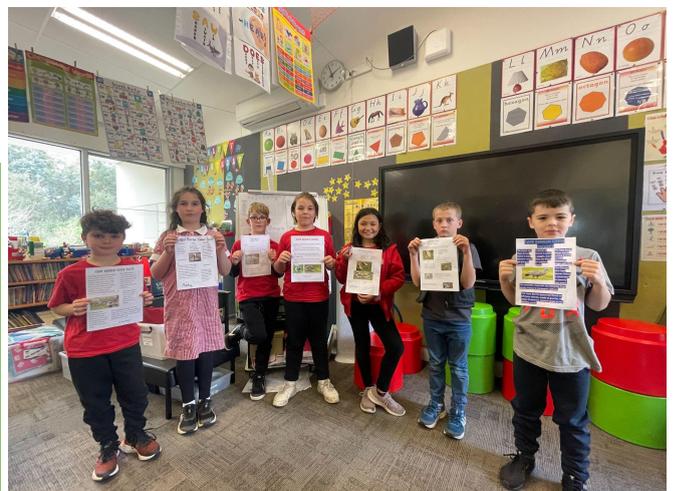
Sending along cash payments continues to be an option.

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.



FATHER'S DAY STALL
Parent's Club are running a stall this week,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
From 8:45am- 9:30am
Gifts under \$10

*Grade 3 Cape Barren Geese projects.
They Grade 3 students took turns presenting their research to the class.*



Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



This week, Grade 5 and 6 students worked with Jimmy and his film making team, Lisal and Sue. Plasticene bobble heads were finished off, with eyes added on, and they're ready for use in our film credits. Our updated FDR board model has been worked on and is coming together. Sue is working with Sarah, Emily and Chase on this project. Emily and Harvey continued working on their Gem Gem claymation figure, but had to start the body again because there was a sizing issue. They were back using the saw and sandpaper this week. Being super organised and ready to go, Chase and Esmay were the first team to begin working with Jimmy and his assistants in the studio, making a start on filming their information movie.

Our sessions are very busy!

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.

Child Protection and Child Safe Standards

Schools have a duty of care to ensure that all students feel safe and supported at school.

As school staff, we are Mandatory Reporters.

Among other requirements, each year, school staff are required to complete their 'Protecting Children- Mandatory Reporting' training online.



Did you know that our upcoming school holiday program at SPS is organised and ready to go? Bookings are open to all primary school aged children, not just from our school, but from the wider community.

There are some great activities and excursions planned for participants. You can book for a day or two, or book whatever is required. Be sure to contact Brooke to get organised. As well as onsite programs, we have the following excursions coming up:

- On Tuesday September 20th- it's a bus trip to the combined OSHC Fun Day at Mernda, where there will be a petting zoo, face painting, arts and crafts and dance moves!
- On Wednesday September 21st- it's a bus trip to the Big Show Day at the Big Childcare head office in St Albans, where there will be show bags, show rides, prizes and heaps more
- On Monday September 26th- it's a bus trip to a Movie Day at Plenty Valley
- On Wednesday September 28th- it's a bus trip to enjoy an Archery Day of dodgeball with foam arrows!
- On Thursday September 29th- it's a bus trip to enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW



*At our meeting this week, we talked about the athletics day coming up, the whole school movie day on Friday and our special fish and chip lunch. Sarah has been encouraging people to add their suggestions to the suggestion box and it's working really well. To finish off the term, we're planning a Footy (or come as your favourite sports player) Dress Up Day and special hot lunch order. We'll send out more information next week.
Chase and Logan H*



J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022



Only two buckets left for sale!

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



Basketball Tournament

On Friday we had our basketball tournament. We had four teams- white, blue, black and yellow and we all played each other. It was awesome. Kylie was our coach and Will was our referee. Everybody played and everybody had a good time, even though we had a couple of minor injuries in the last games. Thanks to Kylie and Will for such a great morning. Louie and Marley





Coming up on Friday September 9th, we will have a small group of four 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 tomorrow at Willinda Park in Greensborough. 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.

Sport nominations have been collected, Kylie has run some coaching workshops and our relay teams have been working on their technique..

Parent transport is required for the day.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- On Thursday, Jane and Diane spent the day online completing Safeminds training. The focus was on supporting mental health and wellbeing in schools. It was a very valuable day of learning, but fairly heavy going.
- Renate was in over the weekend doing some grounds maintenance, pruning, mowing and tidying up
- Chase, Mary and Sarah have been working on the photography side of their power point production, so they'll be ready to present at the Kids Teaching Kids day at Edendale Farm.
- Our school Emergency Management Plan for the new fire season and 2023 has been completed and submitted and our Relocation Plan has been sent to our Regional Director for approval prior to being added to our final plan. Keep an eye out for updates relating to our school bushfire and emergency management plans in upcoming newsletters.
- Teaching staff have continued to work on their online learning modules, with a focus on Emergency Management, covering topics such as Disaster and Critical Incident Recovery, Risk Management, Schools on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR), School Community Safety Orders, Conducting Drills and Business Continuity, There are plenty more ahead for us to tackle.
- Students have been bringing along their entry fee payment to ensure that they're able to enter selected pieces of work in the Whittlesea Show this year. Online processes must be finalised next week and there is no ability for us to manage late entries. Diane and Maree have been working on the Whittlesea Show entrance process, navigating their way through the online workshop system
- Thanks to Darren Bradshaw who was in again on Monday evening, completing further fluorescent tube replacement. He'll be back in over the weekend to complete the replacement process.
- On Monday afternoon, Deb and Jane spent a few hours online, completing school specific Asset Information Management System training. This is a major change in the management of building and equipment inspections, contracted servicing and maintenance.
- Tomorrow, we'll have our solar team on site, working on some minor upgrades to our system so that we can be fully compliant with the new regulations and our system can be up and running once more.
- The school consultation process was completed at this afternoon's staff meeting, where we discussed school operation and planning for 2023



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.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Arthur, Sage, Elly and Emily

Arthur- for putting in a wonderful effort and working so hard on mastering his Magic Words. Well done!

Sage- for terrific work on his Cape Barren Geese research project and presentation.

Elly- for her terrific effort in Maths this week and her extra focus on times tables mastery!

Emily- for her consistent effort in Maths sessions and her selection in the VHAP Maths workshops for term 4.



Canine Comprehension

This week our focus was on friendship and responsibility. What do friends bring to our lives? We discussed how friendships and relationships are different and the positive impact they have on us. We identified factors which have positive and negative impacts on our friendships and we recognised ways in which our friends can help us. We completed 'friendship circles' in our workbooks and we talked about how important it is to show kindness, compassion and respect to those people who mightn't be inside our friendship circle. We talked about how friendships can change and how friendship is reciprocal, involving give and take. We looked at meeting new friends and how this will look as we move into high school. We discussed how friendships can be tricky.

In this week's session, students were given the task of guiding and encouraging Ruby through a hurdle task, using the correct tone of voice and recognising what she needed to complete the task.

We finished up with some mindfulness exercises. Next week, we'll have our usual session on Wednesday with Amy and Ruby and a catch ups session on Monday with Sarah and Reef.





Catch It

Catch it- catch the negative thought. Learn to be aware of what you are thinking and when you have a negative thought

Check It

Check it- check the facts. Is the problem as big as it seems?

Change It

Change it- change the way you think or the outcome.

Can I change my thinking?

Do I need to ask for help?

Do I need to talk to someone?

Do I need time to work it out for myself?

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. This survey 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!