

Wednesday June 23rd 2021



## Strathewen Primary School

### Dates:

**Friday June 25th- Interschool Sport at Wattle Glen grades 3-6**

- last day of term 2, 2.30 dismissal

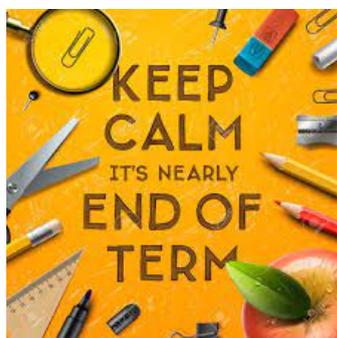
**Monday July 12th- First day of term 3**

**Monday July 19th- Wednesday July 21st- CFA Anglesea Camp- grades 5 and 6**

**Friday July 30th- Grade 3-4 Basketball Hooptime Day at Diamond Valley Stadium, Greensborough**

**Monday August 9th- Friday August 13th- Grade 3-6 Valley Homestead camp**

**Friday Aug. 27th- Grade 5-6 Basketball Hooptime Day at Diamond Valley Stadium, Greensborough**



The end of term 2 is almost here. With mid-year student reports in production, we have been madly following up on assessment task completion with students who have been absent. As many of you know, our mid-year student report is usually our work portfolio report, so there is a significant amount of work involved in report preparation. Diane and I are planning to stick around for a longer than usual evening shift today to get as far as we can on report compilation. They will be ready to send home with students on Friday. Remember, we have an earlier than usual dismissal on Friday, with a 2.30pm end to the school day.

All being well, Diane will not be here for the first week of next term. If the travel bubble with New Zealand is re-established and residents of metropolitan Melbourne are permitted to head across the sea, she will be taking a week of long service leave to finally meet her baby grandson, who was born in the US and is making his way home. We have our fingers crossed. Kylie will be joining us to take over the teaching role in the P-3 classroom in Di's absence.

At SPS we have agreed to participate in the Food Collective Project and have a Community Pantry set up at the entrance to our school. This great initiative is through Diamond Valley Community Support and next Wednesday our weatherproof pantry unit will arrive. This will mean that we will always have a community pantry cupboard filled with non-perishable food, in an accessible location, here at school, for anyone in the local and wider community experiencing food insecurity to help themselves to. The pantry will always be open- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for whoever needs food. Thanks to the incredible work of Diamond Valley Community Support, there are several pantries being set up and filled across our local shire. According to Foodbank Victoria, we have three in ten Australians now experiencing food insecurity who had not been in this situation prior to the COVID pandemic. Stocking the pantry will be undertaken regularly and of course, if we have families in our school community who would like to add any non-perishable items to the cupboard, that would be great. Spread the word. Our aim is to let people know that this support is available out here in Strathewen. The pantry will be at the school entrance, facing out to the carpark.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy term break. Thank you to our great staff team and our school families for managing the challenges 2021 has presented us with so far. Enjoy a little break from the school routine and if you're heading away, travel safely and we'll see you back on July 12th.

Jane

## Our JSC Hot Lunch was a hit with the crew today



## behind the scenes...

- Anthony has been doing some incredible artwork on our concrete pathway. Make sure you pop in and check it out
- Our school security system was upgraded by the Department on Monday
- Anglesea Camp for grade 5-6 permission forms, medical forms and itinerary have been sent home today
- Members of the Grade 4-6 team have been working on their designs for our very own JSC 1kg pot of honey for our next fundraiser
- Funding has been approved for our major building works to rectify drainage issues in our multipurpose room area
- Students watched their next instalment of Craig Reucassel's War on Waste on Monday, as we work towards a reduction in school waste in term 3
- Tomorrow we have the Essential Safety building audit happening
- Our arborist is calling in tomorrow to inspect our trees ahead of next term's bushfire season works



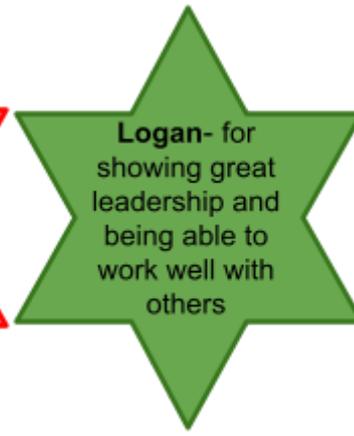
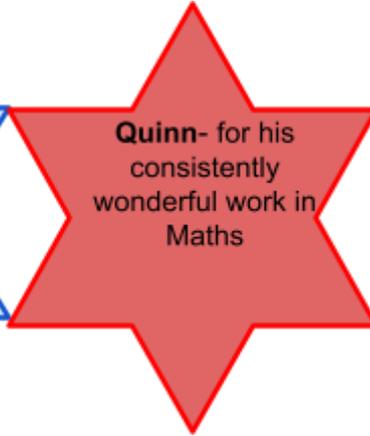
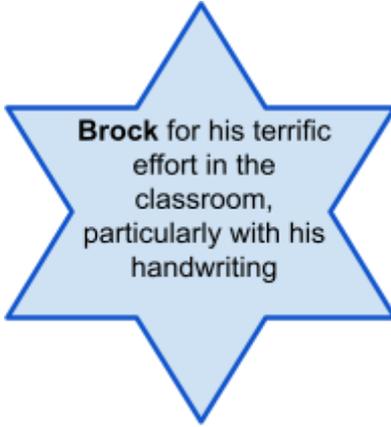
*In classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We've been looking at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend. Thanks to a lovely donation of 'Better Buddies' bears, we'll be recognising students for their actions in helping to create a friendly and caring school environment.*



***Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others. Our Better Buddies Kindness bear is awarded to Quinn this week, for his quiet support of others and the great friendship he shows. Well done Quinn.***

**The Strathewen Star Students**  
this week are... Brock, Quinn, Logan H. and Zoe

**ALL-STAR STUDENTS!**



*Did you notice some very special work going on in our grounds yesterday?  
Anthony Brady has been working on an amazing pathway project alongside our French-Australia memorial garden. He has created a beautiful piece of artwork, grinding poppies into the concrete path and then colouring them with a special concrete mix. They will be ground back smoothly, once the concrete has hardened and we will forever have these beautiful poppies added to our memorial area. Thank you Anthony for your amazing work.*

## Junior School Council



## Honey Fundraiser

Thanks to the wonderful support of Arthurs Creek Bees and Birds, (Lisal) we have the opportunity for a very special JSC fundraiser. We are taking orders for 1kg buckets of beautiful, local honey.

We've made our own labels and we'll be accepting and delivering orders next term.

1kg buckets of honey will be available at their regular sale price of \$20 each  
(the great part is that JSC will make \$5 profit on each one!)

See if your neighbours want to order a bucket. Check with Nan and Pop.

Take some time over the holidays to get selling and send along your order form and money next term. We'll be delivering then.

Lovely local honey coming soon...

# Continuing with our SPS War on Waste

*Yoghurt! It's a favourite in many households and it's super convenient to buy individual plastic pouches.*

*Did you know that if you get your children to take them home they can be dropped off at a RedCycle point?*

*Woolworths Laurimer, Coles Diamond Creek and both Woolworths and Coles in Mernda have special recycling bins which you can drop off many soft plastic packaging that can't be recycled at home. Just remember, let your kids know to keep their packaging in their lunchbox so it's not included in their tally when we kick off in Term 3!*

*Cost saving tip! Save costs, buy a large tub of yoghurt and send in smaller containers with a spoon (some added chopped up berries, fruit syrup or passionfruit makes for an extra special additional).*

<https://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>



## Grade 3-6 Camp- August 9-13, 2021

Plans are being finalised for our week-long camp for senior students. We're heading off to Valley Homestead, Great Alpine Rd, Ovens. We'll be enjoying a combination of outdoor education activities, bush fun, historical adventures, bike riding and more. We'll be spending a day in Beechworth, taking part in a whole range of activities, including the courthouse re-enactment of the Kelly trial. There will be some gold panning, museum visits... we'll be very busy. The final itinerary and consent/medical forms will be sent home in the first week of next term. Our costing for camp will be around \$580, which covers bus transport to and from and our bus hire for the additional day out, meals and snacks, accommodation and activities, including all entry fees.

Quite a few of our families have commenced payment plans to get ahead of things with regard to camp payment and this is recommended, to ensure that camp costs are covered prior to our departure.

If this is the first time your child/ren will be away on a school camp, it's a great idea to begin building on skills which might come in handy, such as managing showers and hairbrushing independently, bed making, having a sleepover with grandparents or friends if this is something which presents a challenge and simply encouraging a sense of independence. Preparation is the key to feeling less anxious. Here at school, we'll be having a look at the camp website together and we'll familiarize ourselves with the program for the week.

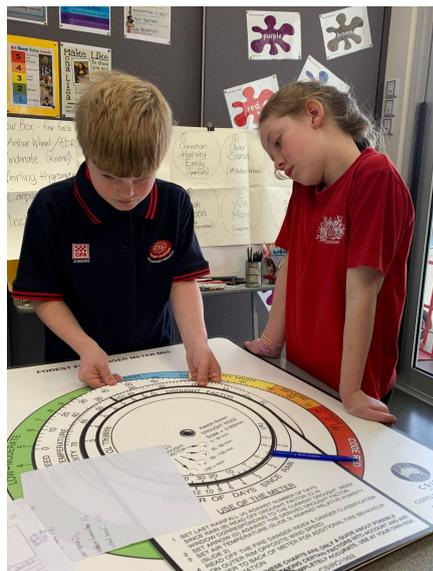
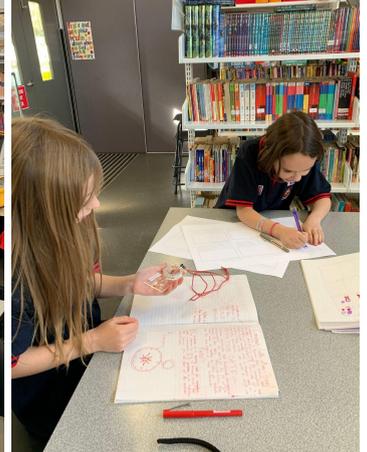
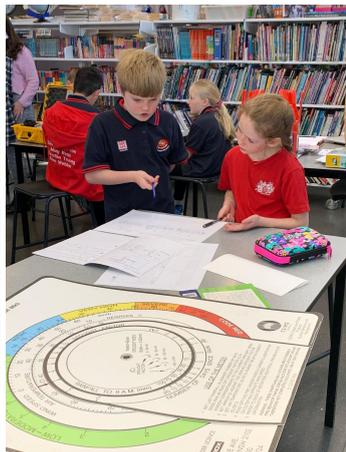
School camps provide a wonderful opportunity for friendship, independence, adventures and great memories. Be sure to have plenty of positive conversations about camp at your place and feel free to chat with staff if you have any concerns.



In week 8 we were all about the joys of online drawing programs. We learned about how to design something that communicates a message clearly and explored existing company designs to see how they do it. The older students then designed a presentation on what their company is, how it helps the world and how their logo reflects the values of the company. The younger students had a go at learning how these online drawing programs work, including navigating to them safely and paying attention to detail when typing up URLs. Some of the logos and company ideas were phenomenal.

Chanaka

# Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



*This week we kept going with our storyboards in our CFA groups. Jimmy was with us and Lisal was too. Jimmy showed us how to put a storyboard together and how to use different camera shots to make a film more interesting. Each team has a focus, trying to create a film to show other people and other CFA members how to use the scientific equipment we work with. Oliver*

# ROUND ROBIN WRITING IN THE SENIOR ROOM



Round Robin Writing is a different way of doing a story. We sat at different tables and each person had to write an introduction paragraph for the topic 'Along the creek...'. When the first paragraph is done, you pass your page to the person on your left and everyone gets a new page, reads what has been written before and has to continue the story and write the next paragraph.

In teams of 4, we get four paragraphs done, then the fifth paragraph is written by the first writer again. Our stories are sounding interesting and we don't know how they're going to end up because everyone has different ideas. It's just a fun way for us to get writing.

Christian and Yvie

STRATHEWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Community Pantry

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED  
SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

*our school pantry will be set up on site at the front of the school  
from next week*

**Suggested donation items if you would like to add to our pantry:**

- Baked Beans or Spaghetti
- Tortilla Wraps or Rice Cakes
- Long-life Milk
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Muesli bars packs
- Pasta or Rice
- Cooking Sauces
- Instant Meals
- Canned Fish or Meat,
- Canned Fruit or Vegetables



Bushfire Resilience Inc. (BRI) is a local community organisation whose aim is to provide bushfire information to households based on science, experience and best practice. This will enable households to acquire knowledge, and by being better informed, empower them to make better decisions in preparing for, and responding to the threat of bushfire.

BRI's primary target audience is the Nillumbik community, however we also want to engage with surrounding at-risk communities.

[bushfireresilience.org.au](http://bushfireresilience.org.au)

[bushfireresilience.org.au/promo](http://bushfireresilience.org.au/promo) provides information you can choose to use

**Webinar 1** 21 July 7.30pm

**Reduce your house and property risk**

Justin Leonard from the CSIRO will provide practical knowledge and strategies to assist in preparing your home to reduce the risk of damage from bushfire.

**Webinar 2** 4 August 7.30pm

**Get water ready: tanks, pumps and sprinklers**

What tools and systems do you need in place to help prepare your house for bushfire? Hear from industry expert Justin Leonard from the CSIRO about best practice to prepare your home for the upcoming bushfire season.

**Webinar 3** 19 August 7.30pm

**Your physical and emotional preparation**

An expert panel including Dr Rob Gordon will provide vital information on how to look after yourself, family and friends in the event of bushfire.

**Webinar 4** 1 September 7.30pm

**Triggers to take action**

Hear from Dr Kevin Tolhurst and an expert panel what you should consider when developing your bushfire plan and knowing when to take action on high-risk fire days.

**Webinar 5** 15 September 7.30pm

**Your sheltering options**

Dr Raphael Blanchi from the CSIRO and an expert panel will explain why the best-laid plans sometimes do not work out. What are your survival options if this happens to you?