

Wednesday November 17th 2021



## Strathewen Primary School

### **Dates:**

**Thursday November 18th- Prep Transition Session 3**

**JSC- ice cream day fundraiser- \$2.00 ice creams at lunch time**

**Thursday November 25th- Prep Transition Session 4**

**Thursday December 2nd - Prep Transition Session 5**

**Tuesday December 7th- Grade 6 to Year 7- Transition Day- all secondary schools**

**Wednesday December 8th- Grade 6 Graduation- afternoon event at school 5pm-6pm at school  
(more information to follow- grade 6 families save the date!)**

**Thursday December 9th- Whole School- Christmas Special Day at school- special lunch & movie day**

**Tuesday December 14th- Grade 6 Big Night In- afternoon activities, dinner and evening at school**

**Thursday December 16th- final day for students- 1.30 dismissal- short day, no lunch at school**

**Friday December 17th end of term- pupil free day- pack up**

Do you know that we only have 21 school days left this term? The end of the year is fast approaching and as usual, school is a hive of activity. Student assessment is underway, our badminton program is in full swing and we're all enjoying our busy classrooms. Our Junior School Council crew have planned some special events for the final weeks, kicking off with icecream day tomorrow.

Just a reminder that as part of our Emergency Management Plan, we're keen to know how many families would enact their own home fire plan on days of an Extreme Fire Danger Rating and would not plan to be sending their children along to our relocation point for the day at Diamond Valley College, in Diamond Creek. As outlined previously, on days declared Extreme, we would run our usual school day in a designated teaching space at DVC and parents/carers would be required to drop off to and pick up their children from this site. Thank you to those parents who have let me know what they anticipate their plans to be. If you haven't considered this and let me know, feel free to send me an email or text to advise.

Take care

Jane



Our six hens are laying happily!  
We have packs of fresh eggs for sale. All incoming funds will go towards purchasing chicken food, nesting straw and JSC.

**\$2.00 half dozen pack**

For sale here at the school entrance

Our girls are laying beautiful eggs, perfect for all your breakfast or baking needs. Any money raised through selling eggs goes directly towards covering the cost of chook food, straw etc. Help to support our wonderful school chook program and buy some eggs. If you have any spare egg cartons at home, we'd love to take them off your hands.



## **Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership**

Given our very disrupted year once again in 2021, we're very pleased to be running a special workshop session for grades 3-6 next Tuesday morning. We'll start off in the classroom and then wander over the road to the CFA building for a lesson with Captain Warren and Lisal. We'll be looking at using a fire extinguisher, how to respond to a kitchen fire, using a fire blanket, what we need at home for our fire response plans and lots more. Our session will run from 11.30am through until 1pm.

## **What do you know about our R.A.P working group?**

A [Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation. Our school has formed a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. We plan to work together to develop a plan for SPS. Through this work we aim to promote reconciliation in education, while focussing on strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school and with the local community. We'll keep the community updated as we move forward. If you have any questions about our working group, please contact Kate Fawcett.

## **Strathewen Primary School Bushfire Emergency Management Planning**

**A question for all school families...**

In the event of a day of EXTREME fire danger for our area, when our Relocation Plan would be enacted and we'd be operating from Diamond Valley College, would you plan to send your children to school or plan to enact your own home bushfire plan? In working with prospective student numbers on an EXTREME day, it would be helpful for us to have an idea of what your plans are.

## **behind the scenes...**

- Thanks to Scott Menze who braved the rain and helped to check out a plumbing issue on the hillside for us on Friday
- We have had the plumber onsite this week to deal with the leaking irrigation pipe and they'll be back next week to investigate some mystery piping
- Jane submitted a Sporting Schools grant application for term 1 next year.
- The final school uniform order for this year has been placed
- Students have been working on a range of assessment tasks and staff are working on end of year student reports



**S.P.S. Supporting the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal 2021- we'll have a box set up at the school entrance for easy drop off**

**Bring some joy to those in need by donating to the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal this year**

We're collecting donations at SPS- unwrapped new toys for 0-5 year olds, gift vouchers, special Christmas food items etc. Help us make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.



## Parent's Club Christmas Hamper Raffle

We're planning on holding our special end of year Christmas Hamper Raffle, which is always a highlight for our students.

We're putting out the call for donations of suitable items to add to our baskets. All donations can be dropped off at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you



In our classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We're continuing to look at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend and a good person. Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others.

This week's Better Buddies Kindness Bear is awarded to Ellie for being a terrific friend and showing care and kindness to absolutely everyone. Congratulations Ellie.



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## Community Pantry

Take what you need ... Share what you can

Do you know anyone needing a little help at the moment?

Did you know the evidence shows that across the Nillumbik-Banyule area there are approximately 13295 currently experiencing food insecurity?

Agencies have recorded a 380% increase in food provision in our area since 2019/20.

Having a tight week? Know of anyone who might need some assistance?

That's what our pantry is here for.

Our pantry was restocked yesterday and there's plenty there.

Community pantries operate on a trust system and encourage donors to give what they can, and recipients to take only as much as they need.

Be sure to spread the word.

# ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our star students this week are Harriet, Logan M., Mason and Olliver. Congratulations to you all.



RANDOM ACTS OF  
**KINDNESS**



Harriet- for her wonderful attitude to work and the way she happily helps others

Logan M- for his great attitude to learning and his terrific work

Mason- for his amazing Mathematics effort and his excellent poetry writing this week

Oliver- for his terrific problem solving skills and his excellent poetry writing

Today's P-3  
Badminton  
action





**JSC Icecream Day**  
**Lunchtime tomorrow- Thursday**  
**November 18th**  
**Bring along your \$2.00**



## Aussie of the Month

### Purpose

Recognising and celebrating active citizenship that demonstrates inclusive Australian values in our primary schools

### Values

**Fair go-** not just in how we apply ourselves but also providing opportunity for all

**Mateship-** generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need

**Respect-** of self, others, of our community and the environment

**Inclusion-** celebrating difference and the rights and freedoms we are all entitled to

At SPS we have registered to participate in the Aussie of the Month program, a primary civics and citizenship recognition program, which is delivered under the auspices of the Australia Day Council's National Network. The focus is to encourage and recognise students for their contribution to their community through a demonstration of Australian values as outlined in the Values for Australian Schooling and Curriculum framework. These are values outside of academic application, instead they're about active contribution to school, community and peer groups.

Each month, students will be nominated and one student will be selected for recognition with an award certificate and badge. We're hoping to invite special visitors along to present the award each month.