Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday July 20th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday July 20th- weekly Canine Comprehension sessions begin for grade 5 and 6
Thursday July 21st- JSC Crazy Hair Day- gold coin donation fundraiser- tomorrow!
Friday July 22nd- Basketball coaching workshops with Kylie- grade 3-4 and 5-6
Monday July 25th- Big Sister Parent Event- 6-7:15pm- all adults welcome- here at school
'The Keys to Nurturing Resilient, Independent Young People'
Wednesday July 27th- JSC- Pyjama and Morning tea fundraiser event- $2
Friday July 29th- Hooptime Basketball Tournament Day- Grades 3 & 4
Monday August 1st- Friday August 5th- Phillip Island Camp- grades 3-6
Monday August 8th- School Dental visit onsite
Thursday August 11th- first day of school swimming program P-6- Eltham Leisure Centre
Friday August 12th- second day of school swimming program P-6- Eltham Leisure Centre
- ***Jane and Diane Numeracy School Leaders Workshop 9am-1pm online***

Thursday August 18th- Swimming day 3
Friday August 19th- Swimming day 4
Monday August 22nd- SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday August 25th- Swimming day 5
Friday August 26th- Hooptime Basketball Tournament Day- Grades 5 & 6
Thursday September 1st- Sugarloaf District Athletics Day trials at Willinda Park- keen 3-6 athletes
Friday September 2nd- Swimming day 6- final day of program
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

This week, we've been a little more settled as far as student absences go, with no current COVID cases on the go for the first time in a while. Thank you to parents and carers for the morning phone calls and emails to advise of student absence, allowing us to complete attendance recording processes smoothly.

On Friday, our students in grades 3-6 enjoyed the first of Kylie's basketball coaching workshops, in preparation for the upcoming Hooptime tournaments. Grades 3 and 4 have their Hooptime Day coming up on Friday July 29th. Just a reminder that parent transport is required for this event, so it would be great if families could organise car-pooling to get the crew to and from Greensborough.

As you will no doubt have seen in the media, the wearing of masks when indoors has again been strongly recommended for all staff in schools and students over 8 years of age until the end of winter. Staff members have opted to continue wearing masks indoors throughout the year whenever possible, as have several students. We have certainly managed some challenging times due to illness among both staff and students and if there's anything we can do to reduce infection, it's a good idea. The mask recommendation is an attempt to slow the number of COVID cases and to avoid potential school staff shortages and an interruption to programs.
We are seeing students contracting COVID for a second time in our classrooms and there are certainly plenty of other bugs around. Masks will continue to be made available in classrooms for student access.
Just a reminder that the period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks. This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19.

Previously, this exemption period was 12 weeks. After the 4-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow the rules for household contacts, including reporting this to their school.
Thank you for your support with this.

You may have seen on the local social media pages or heard on the grapevine that there have been reports of an unknown male behaving inappropriately in the Strathewen area. The school was advised of a concerning incident at the end of Eagles Nest Rd yesterday afternoon. The police were notified by those involved and locals are advised to keep an eye out and to contact police if concerned.

Jane

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership

Thank you to Lisal and the team for giving up their Sunday to attend a very special day. With our Bushfire Partnership nominated and in the running for an award, we all travelled from wherever we were to be there. I must say, the drive down from my farm was a bit of a wild one, with an extreme weather alert living up to expectations for most of the trip! Thank you to Merrell, James, Rochelle, Andrew, Kate, Phil and Harriet who managed to transport our grade 6 representatives to the Spirit of CFA Awards event at the Mercure Convention Centre in Ballarat on Sunday. Our awards are on display in the school entrance. Thanks to Oliver, who headed up to the stage to receive a major award on behalf of our regular program expert, Jamie McKenzie, who was unable to be there on the day.

On Sunday, seven of the grade 6's went to the Spirit of CFA awards in Ballarat. As we arrived, we had to find our table and sit down, then an indigenous elder came out and performed the 'welcome to country' and sang a song with his clapping sticks. When we sat down, we had waiters come and put folded napkins on our knees. We were very surprised at how fancy the whole thing was. After that, the colour party came out with their flags and brought them to the stage, along with a bagpiper player. The awards started and we were served high tea. We had quiches, mini lemon curd tarts, desserts and fruit. We even won an award! The award we won was the top Community Engagement Award. We were really surprised about it. When we sat back down, we had some more food and drinks, even tea! The funniest bit of the experience was at the end when a vandal baby came over behind us and picked up one of our framed awards and took it back to his table!

By Sarah and Mary

And back at school, it was action stations yesterday for our animation workshop with Jimmy

And the special CFA commemorative pins we received for everyone on Sunday were much appreciated!

Parent Evening Event

The Keys to Nurturing Resilient, Independent Young People

This session is highly recommended for all parents, carers, grandparents, teachers…

Next Monday evening, here at school

Coming up on Monday, July 25th

6-7.15pm- here at school in our multi-purpose room

If you're unable to find someone to mind the kids, Brooke (our OSHC coordinator) will be onsite to provide supervision in the senior classroom.

Our topic for this workshop is:

The Keys to Nurturing Resilient, Independent Young People

And all of our families are encouraged to send along an adult representative. This is important stuff!

Kritz, of the Big Sister Project, will be presenting

Please mark the date in your diary and make the effort to come along to another valuable session, supporting the well-being of our children

We kicked off our Canine Comprehension Program with grades 5 and 6 today.

We met presenter Amy and her canine friend Ruby, a Groodle.

Ruby showed us her tricks and got to know everyone. We looked at recognising body language in dogs to see how they're feeling and we shared some information about ourselves and our lives. We worked on using deep breathing to settle ourselves and manage anxious moments and we began work on our special program booklets.

J.S.C. Crazy Hair Day

PYJAMA DAY IS COMING UP

On Wednesday, July 27th, JSC has planned a PJ Day. Be cosy and comfy
Bring along your $2 – wear your PJs and enjoy morning tea
Wear your PJs and slippers (bring along your outside clothes and shoes as well for recess/lunch play outdoors)
We'll be having a warm Milo and a cookie at recess for a bit of winter fun.

Calling for the return of all Interschool Sport Football Jumpers

Just reminding all of our grade 3-6 footballers to return their footy jumpers as soon as possible (washed and clean) so that we can get them back to St Andrews PS now that the competition is over

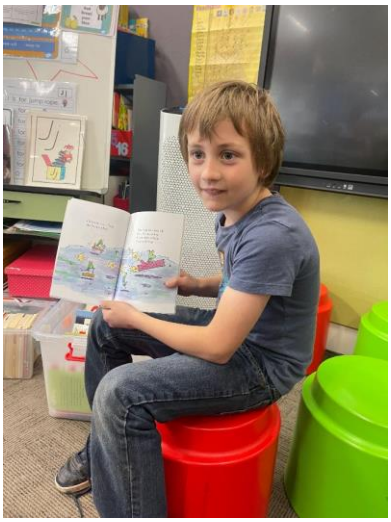
Grade Prep and One have been making jellyfish to accompany their wonderful jellyfish fact writing.

Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp

ONLY 11 DAYS TO GO!

Our camp is coming up - the information, itinerary and permission forms have been sent home. If your forms are still sitting on the bench, please send them back in as soon as possible.

The full payment for each student is required prior to departure. The total cost of our camp is $583 per student. This comes in at $116.60 per day covering all transport, accommodation, meals and activities.



This week grade 3 students began reading their picture story books to the class. We're focusing on projecting our voices, using expression and making a story interesting for the listener.
Quinn was our first 'guest reader' and did a fabulous job sharing his book.

J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022

NEW ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED ONE

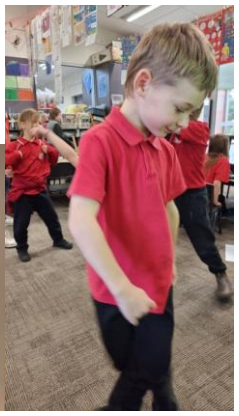
There is still honey available, so if you're able to grab some more orders, we'll get them sorted. Every bucket of honey sold brings in another $5 to assist our fundraising effort to send the grade 5-6 bunch off to take part in an immersive leadership learning experience at Anglesea in term 4. We're 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

BEHIND THE SCENES

- We've had some building work on the go. We've seen the installation of additional fire safety measures, with the team installing ember protection screening on the glass of our smoke doors, stainless steel panels on the door bases, new smoke screening inserts, screening on outdoor services etc
- Our shutter repairs are still on hold, as the technicians wait for parts. Hopefully they'll be back to continue work next week.
- We're awaiting installation of temperature control split system for our server room, with the unit ordered and our installer ready to goThanks to Deb for her visit to Phillip Island on Sunday to review our planned timing, established last year, to check out some of our venues and to pick up some additional information, maps etc ahead of our upcoming camp
- Our regular septic system service took place last week, keeping things running smoothly!
- In the classrooms, grades 3-6 have been researching interesting facts about Phillip Island, ahead of our camp
- On Monday afternoon, our P-6 integrated studies groups began work on a new unit of The Blue Planet. We're loving our David Attenborough time exploring the deep blue sea.

Our first week back and we had a look at the term ahead. What do you know about the Circular Economy? We found out all about it this week. The younger students had a look at what they could reduce, reuse and recycle in their daily lives to help get into the idea of the circular economy. We danced along to the reduce, reuse and recycle song and had a bunch of fun learning about exactly what each of these words mean. In the middle years we investigated the difference between finite and renewable resources and why it is important to use both of these as efficiently as possible. It was great to see everyone again and we look forward to another amazing term!



Our Start Students this week are Quinn, Kayden, Logan M and Mason

Quinn- for his great effort, confidently presenting and

Kayden- for his fantastic effort completing the random word story writing

Logan M.- for his fabulous effort, completing his spelling work units! WOW!

Mason - for his wonderful effort in keeping up to date with his spelling work units

It's construction time in the art room...

Did you hear the great news?

Bunnings has advised our Healing Garden Gurus (Arizona and Zoe) that they are happy to cover the full cost of all items on the submitted 'wish list' for the Healing Garden. WOW!