Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday September 7th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday September 8th- Division Athletics Competition for qualifying competitors- Esmay and Sarah
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
Wednesday September 14th- JSC- Footy/Sports Dress Up Day and Hot Lunch Order Day
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
Thursday October 13th- Jane commences long service leave
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

For the first time in a couple of years, we were back on the track for the Sugarloaf District Athletics Day. Congratulations to all SPS competitors- you put in a terrific effort. It was great to see everyone giving things a go, enjoying a day of sport and representing our school with pride. Special congratulations to Esmay and Sarah, who qualified to represent our Division at the next level of competition tomorrow at Meadowglen. Sarah will compete in the 11 year old Long Jump and Esmay will compete in the 12 year old Long Jump and 800m. Good Luck!

We've had another busy week, with plenty happening here at school. The Athletics day on Thursday was a great success, with a terrific effort from all participants. It was a pleasure to spend a day with this crew at Willinda Park. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who joined us for the day. We had a terrific cheer squad.

We enjoyed our movie morning on Friday and the fish and chip lunch was a hit. We're in the early stages of reading through the script for our Christmas concert production and we have been looking at our song list. Our four senior students have been rehearsing their presentation for Friday's event at Edendale Farm and we'll report back on the day next week.

This week I have been talking to our friend and cleaner, Sri, who is still on leave being treated for brain cancer. He tells me that after a long battle, he is doing a little better and he hopes to call in and visit us at school next week. Sri and his family have had a very difficult time and he greatly appreciated the little bit of financial support we were able to provide a while ago. We're all looking forward to seeing him soon.

We're almost at the end of term 3 and we'll finish off with the final swimming day on Friday September 16th.

Jane

Parent's Club Spring Raffle
The annual Spring Raffle is planned and we're looking for donations.
Thanks to those who have already added a contribution to the collection box!
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.

A message from the office regarding parent payments

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

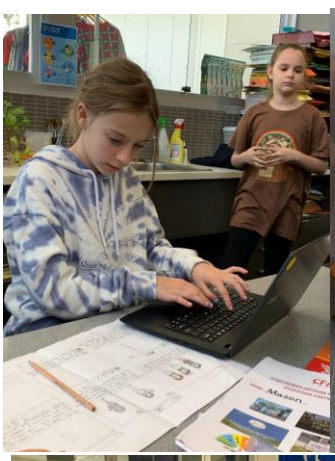
Sending along cash payments continues to be an option.

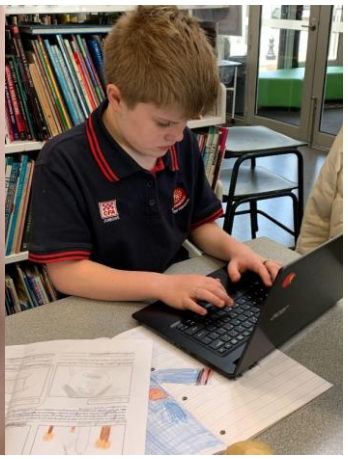
We also have the card payment option with our EFTPOS machine. Please note that given the charges we incur with card payment, a merchant fee of 2% will need to be added to all future transactions, ensuring costs to the school are covered.

Chandralaya School Of Dance–
An introduction to Indian dance and culture

In our session yesterday, our visiting teacher, Deepa Mani, taught us about Indian culture. We discussed what the term 'culture' means. We looked at India on the map and discussed the different parts of India. We explored the emotions and expressions, the music, the beat and the dance known at Bharathanatyam. We did exercises, acted out stories with hand actions and facial expressions, danced and learned about relaxation. This program was made possible through the Positive Starts initative.

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek
Bushfire Education Partnership





This week, we finished building the new and updated Fire Danger Rating Board. Sue helped with that. Our new Gem Gem has been finished, ready for the film. People worked on their scripts for the short films and we've been trying them out. Some people finished off their plasticene bobble heads which will be used in the film credits. We ready for more filming next week.
Yvie and Emily

big CHILDCARE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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

Parent's Club

This is event is looking like a big one! It's something we've never tried before and after a lot of Parent's Club research, it seems to be an extremely enjoyable and successful fundraising option. There's already a lot of excitement around the school and the staggered fundraiser incentive prizes look very appealing.

As the Parent's Club major fundraiser for 2022, the Colour Run is planned to coincide with Halloween fun, which is always popular in Strathewen. The event will take place during the school afternoon, so we'll all be on deck for the fun.

The colour powder used is an environmentally safe mix of cornstarch and food grade colourants.

As of this morning, we had 14 students already registered as fundraisers online, which is fantastic.

Remember, all sponsorship support for our school makes a difference.

*We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **28th October, 2022.***

*We are really hoping to raise $15,000.00 which will pay for **two Interactive Whiteboards and laptop computers**.*

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which have been sent home with your child. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a $20,000 Ultimate Family Package!

Students who raise $10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Now is the time to create your online profile for your children for the School Fun Run if you haven't done so already

Here is what to do:

Step 1 ☞ Use this link: *https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_up*

Step 2 ☞ Complete the registration and select Strathewen Primary School as your school

Step 3 👉 Share your unique link with family & friends to receive donations and earn awesome prizes!

Step 4 👉 Participate in the Colour Day on Friday 28th of October, 2022 and have a fantastic time!

Step 5 👉 Receive your awesome prizes for your fundraising efforts!

To kick things off, the class that has the most sign-ups before the 12th of September is going to receive a reward.

In the P–2 room...

this week our prep students have been working on ordinal number and our grade 1's have been focusing on symmetry

Child Protection and Child Safe Standards

Our updated Child Safety Policy and Digital Technology Policy will be presented to School Council next Tuesday and afternoon and will be loaded onto our school website following endorsement.

JSC

At our meeting this week, we talked about the School Fun Run and Rachel and Kate came to talk to us. On the 28th of October, we're having a Halloween based Fun Run to raise money for our school. We can earn prizes for our fundraising and we get coated with coloured powder as part of the fun.
Next week we're having a Footy Day lunch. You can come in your footy team colours or come dressed as your favourite athlete or in your favourite sports gear. Lunch orders have been sent home and are due in on Monday.
Next week is the last week of term and on the last day we've got swimming.
Chase

BEHIND THE SCENES

- The process of online registration of Whittlesea Show entries will be completed and submitted this afternoon.

- Sarah, Mary, Eli and Chase have been rehearsing their presentation for the Kids Teaching Kids event at Edendale Farm this Friday. They will be speaking about sustainability programs at SPS.
- School Photos package orders have been sent home today
- Student NAPLAN reports for grades 3 and 5 will be sent home tomorrow
- Trent has sent home information coordinating our grade 5-6 CFA Juniors ahead of the CFA walk as part of the Diamond Creek Fair this weekend

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 Star Students this week are Matilda, Jacob, Logan H and Yvie

Matilda- for her wonderful effort in class and being up to

Jacob- for being the times tables master, learning them all and

Logan H- for his terrific effort tackling extension maths quiz activities

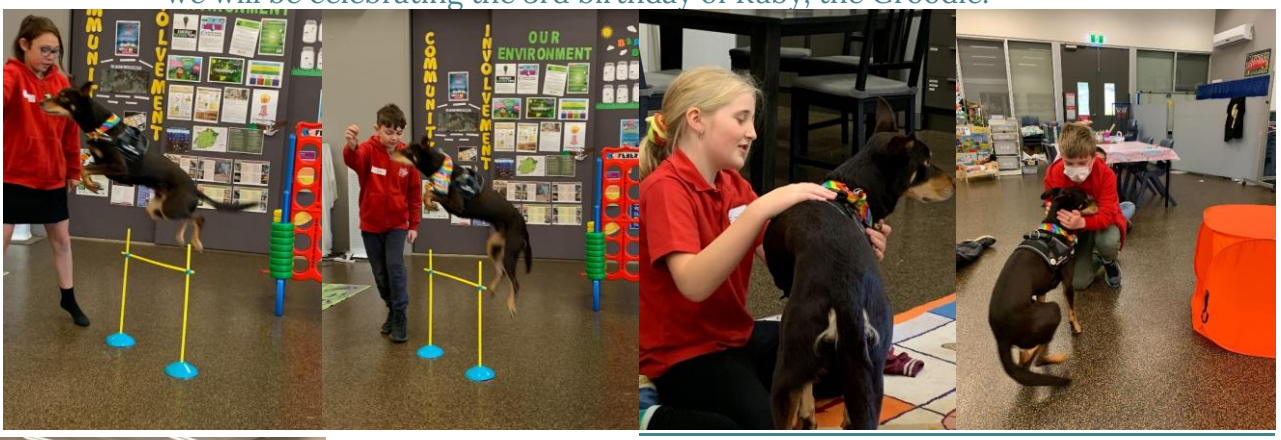
Yvie- for her consistent effort in the classroom, working hard in all

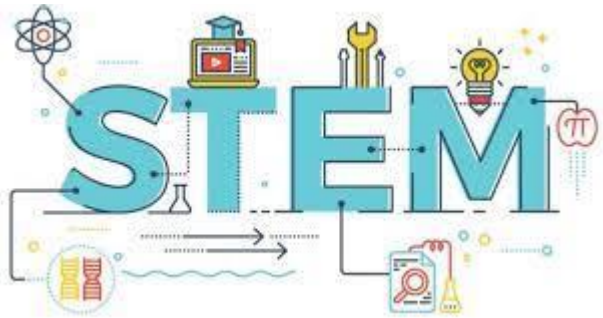
Canine Comprehension

This week we enjoyed two Canine Comprehension sessions. We had a catch up session on Monday with Sarah and 'Reef' and our usual session today with Amy and 'Ruby'.
Our focus this week has been on friendship and responsibility. This program was introduced for our senior students to support their social and emotional development after two years of disruption to life. Funded through School Focused Youth Services, the program has been introduced to assist our students with navigating friendships and providing strategies to build on positive interaction with peers. Working with our senior students to assist them with social and emotional development prior to heading off to high school has been a priority.

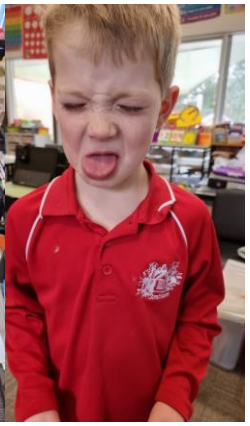
This week we've worked on the importance of looking after others and how helping others can make you feel good. We looked at what it means to care for a pet.
We worked on a jigsaw task, exploring ways that we can show friendship to others and we came up with a list of things that we can do. We can check that people are OK, we can be a good listener, give people space when they need it, use kind and encouraging words, involve

others in what we're doing, show respect and recognise what it is that we like others to do for us. Next Wednesday will be our final Canine Comprehension session for grades 5 and 6 and we will be celebrating the 3rd birthday of Ruby, the Groodle.





In week 8 we had a special visit from Kimberly Clark – a research scientist that is currently practicing in medicinal research. We had a chance to ask her a bunch of questions about life as a scientist and had some surprising answers.
She then taught us about genetics and how genes are transferred from parents to their children. The Grade 4/5/6s had a go at making their own punnet squares and looking into how genetic information combines in different ways. The 2/3s had a crack at identifying the difference between genotypes and phenotypes and why that's important. Our Grade Prep/1s made up some really cool aliens that showed genetic inheritance and had a look at how genetic information can be expressed in a dog's face. We then had a go at tasting a chemical that is connected with the gene that can sense cauliflower and broccoli and found out some of us definitely have it, making those of us that do likely avoid these plants if we were in the wild!



Last week- the third last week of term! That's come along fast! We observed how different metals respond to magnets in the Prep-2 grade, designed mining equipment in the middle years and thought about overall mining design and how to build a mine that's super efficient. In the upper years we then expanded on the concept by thinking about how a circular economy could recycle metals properly to reduce waste and make the most of metals after mining!

The Fish and Chip lunch was a big success on Friday.
We all enjoyed the treat of a tasty hot lunch!