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Wednesday October 19th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Friday October 21st- SOCCER ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT at Kangaroo Ground PS- gr 4,5,6
Thursday October 27th- Prep Transition session- Pre-Prep 9-11, followed by classroom time to 1.15pm
Tuesday November 1st- Cup Day public holiday
Thursday November 3rd- No Pre-Prep session this week
- Big Sister Program- Transition Workshops- grade 5-6/Parent session- Please note that child minding is will be provided at school for this night
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November- Whittlesea Show days
Thursday Nov. 10th- Prep Transition session- Pre-Prep 9-11, followed by classroom time to 1.15pm
Friday November 11th- COLOUR RUN event spectacular
Monday afternoon- Nov 14th- Thursday Nov. 17th- Grade 5-6 CFA Leadership Camp Part 2- Anglesea
Thursday Nov. 17th- Prep Transition session- Pre-Prep 9-11, followed by classroom time to 1.15pm
Grades 3 and 4 attending performance at Arthurs CK P.S- The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company- 11.30-1.00
Grade 5/6 return from CFA camp
Thursday Nov. 24th- Prep Transition session- Pre-Prep 9-11, followed by classroom time to 1.15pm
Wednesday November 30th- afternoon stage set up at the Strathewen Hall- adult helpers needed!
Thursday December 1st- Whole school (& pre-preps) concert rehearsal at the Strathewen Hall
Friday December 2nd- P-6 concert rehearsal at the hall, early dismissal/pick up 2.30pm
- Whole school Christmas Concert- evening- students arrive at the hall at 6.30pm for 7pm concert
Thursday December 8th- Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education program Community Presentation event at the Strathewen Hall (evening event)
Tuesday December 13th- Grade 6 orientation day to secondary school- Year 7 transition
Thursday December 15th- P-6 Christmas excursion event
Saturday December 17th- Christmas Carols at Whittlesea Showgrounds- student performance opportunity
Sunday December 18th- Local schools performing original songs at Kinglake Market with Carter & Carter
Monday December 19th- final day for students for 2022
Tuesday December 20th- pupil free day- end of year pack up

The very wet weather caused quite a few issues for everyone at the end of last week and our thoughts go out to the communities who have or are still dealing with flooding. At school we had some problems with water in the basement (which has been ongoing) and I would like to thank you Deb for coming in both days on the weekend to ensure the pumps underneath the building were coping with the rain. I have been in contact with Jane and she is enjoying her time in Bali although she has been keeping an eye out on the flooding as it was near to her farm. She is definitely making the most of the warmer weather and hopefully she is getting some well-earned rest.

Thanks to our Italian teacher Felicity, Grades 3-4 have the opportunity to attend a performance of The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company at St Andrews Primary School. This is a Banjo Patterson themed show, (including The Man From Ironbark, The Geebung Polo Club & Mulga Bill's Bicycle). This performance is on the 17th November and (11.45 – 12.45) and the cost will be $9. Students will leave from school and be back for lunch as normal. We are

seeking some help with transport (it is 11 students in total) and a permission notice will be sent home for these students shortly.

Prep transition begins next week and any preps who will be starting with us in 2023 will be coming along to get more familiar with the classroom setting. The junior grade are all keen to buddy up with our newest students and help them to settle in.

Many of our senior students are heading off to Kangaroo Ground Primary this Friday to compete in the '7 a side' girls' team and boys' soccer tournament. Mrs Galvin will be attending with our 16 keen soccer stars. Thank you to all parents assisting with transport and to Bianca for volunteering to umpire. Good luck kids!

A big thank you to Lisal for organising Chris and Kelly to come along as part of our CFA program this week. This Virtual Reality experience was amazing as students were put into a range of different scenarios where they had to fight fires. They had to select the type of fire extinguisher suitable for the situation they were put in. It was a great opportunity to test their skills and knowledge.

The grades Prep, 1, 2 and 3 have been writing about spring. Please drop in and look at their work which is up on display in the hallway.

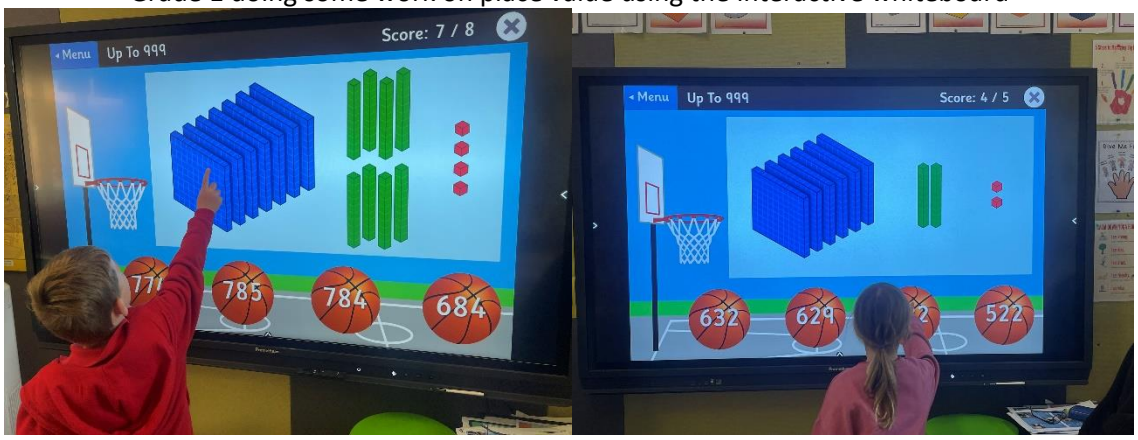
URGENT CALL OUT for this Sunday- We are looking for more parent volunteers to help man the gate on October 23rd at the Kinglake Rotary Market. Please see Deb if you are available.

Diane Phillips

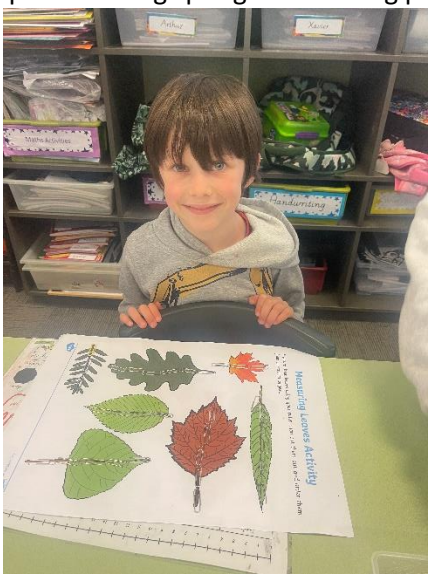
CFA Virtual Reality Fire Experience

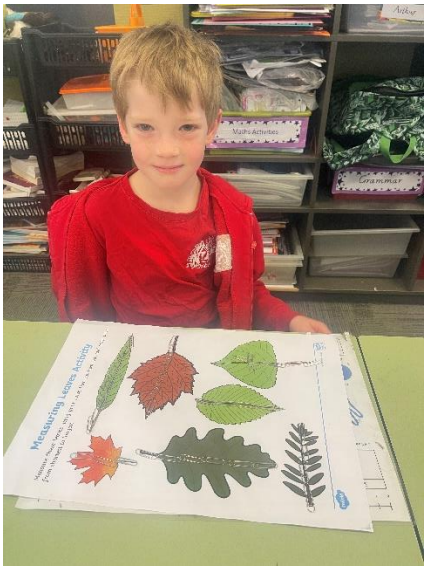
Maths in action in the junior classroom

Grade 1 doing some work on place value using the interactive whiteboard



Preps measuring spring leaves using paper clips





Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership Thursday December 8th

Mark the 8th of December in your diary. The hall has been booked and our grade 5-6 students have been working on their presentations and how the evening will go. This will be a Christmas celebration where students will share and showcase their work of 2022 and launch their animation and short films. Our students have lots to share with you. All welcome, we'd love to see the hall full.
Save the date- more details will follow

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.

Transition Workshop for Parents of Grade 5 and 6 students
Thursday November 3rd from 6-7pm

On Thursday November 3rd, our senior students (5 & 6) will work with visiting presenter Kritz throughout the day and in the evening, we're running a parent session to explore the year 6-7 transition process. This will be our final parent session in the series we've offered this year.
How can you best support your child/ren as they navigate the change from SPS to the secondary school setting?
This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers to come along for an informative evening. Secondary schools are reporting the noticeable social and interpersonal impact of our covid disruptions on incoming students, so how can we support them all. Working with Kritz will provide an opportunity to hear from an expert in the field.

- Deb has been working behind the scenes to lock in dates for next year's grade 3-6 school camp.
- Our Christmas excursion planning continues – we have locked in a movie this week!
- Mrs Galvin worked tirelessly with our students to ensure their art work was ready for the Whittlesea Show and, due to rain last week the delivery was held over until this week. Thank you Mrs Galvin for dropping them off to the showgrounds.
- Concert rehearsals are continuing, Deb has made a start on the costumes and props and Mel is still helping our students to learn their lines
- Deb is following up on our on- going issues with some of our shutters
- Electrician is still awaiting parts to complete our outside electrical works.
- Last Friday we also had plumbers in doing essential work to water tank pipes
- Plumbers were out last Friday to address water tank pipe issues- in the rain!

Guess the Value of the Silver Coins in the tube
The tube was filled and secretly counted out.
Now it's time to guess the total!
Deb has a chart at the office, ready to register guesses.
The closest guess wins the prize.
50c per guess. Join in the fun!

To be clear- the prize is not the money!

Term 4 call out…
Family contributions of toilet paper and tissues to start off the new term are greatly appreciated. If you're able to pick up some extra bits with your shopping, please drop off at the office.
Many thanks to those families who have already contributed.

Parent's Club

We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year!
We are really hoping to raise $15,000.00 which will pay for ***two Interactive Whiteboards and laptop computers****.*
Forms have been sent home and we have almost everyone registered, after signing 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. We'll be holding the Colour Fun Run at the Strathewen Sports Ground.
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 and have a fantastic time!*

Step 5 ☞ *Receive your awesome prizes for your fundraising efforts!*

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Xavier for his continuing enthusiasm for reading

Yvie for the extra effort she is putting in to complete her art projects

Ticket Sales are OPEN!!

Head to www.ticketebo.com.au/whittleseashow to purchase your discounted tickets online.

Kids under 14 are FREE!!

$25 a ticket for an adult when bought online and $28 if bought a the Showgrounds on the day