Strathewen Primary School

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Wednesday October 26th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday October 27th- Prep Transition session- Pre-Prep 9-11, followed by classroom time to 1.15pm
Monday 31st October- JSC fundraiser –Halloween dress up day- gold coin donation
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
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

Great pumpkin carving Nash!

Halloween this year is on the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day Holiday. School is operating as normal on this day and the Junior School Council decided to have a gold coin fundraiser i.e. wear a Halloween costume and bring a gold coin, students can also purchase a Halloween themed cupcake for an additional gold coin donation.

Last Friday the senior classroom headed off for what they thought was a soccer tournament but unfortunately it was postponed to a later date. Thank you to the parents who drove and to the staff and students of Kangaroo Ground for providing our students with a scratch match so that they were not disappointed.

Don't forget the final Big Sister workshops with Kritz are next Thursday November the 3rd. As usual there are student sessions during the day and a parent workshop in the evening. The topic is based around transitioning your child into secondary school. Child minding will be available free of charge with Brooke (OSHC) in the senior classroom and a cuppa and snacks will be available after the session if people would like to ask questions.

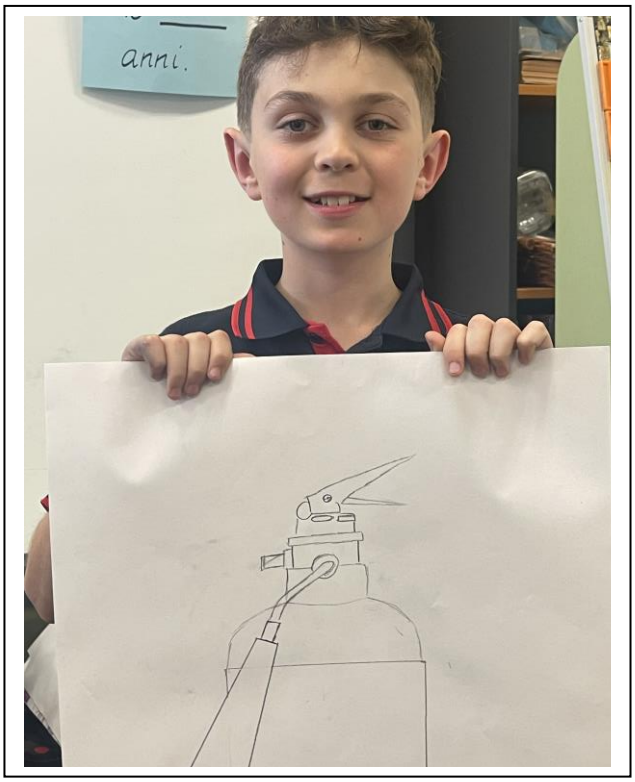
You might have noticed that we now have our AED (defibrillator) unit on the outside of the school building. It is wonderful that there are 3 of these units available in our community- one at the cricket pavilion, one at the hall and here at school. Thanks to Phil Byrne for being an organiser to ensure everyone has easy access to this lifesaving equipment. To use it you need to ring 000 and you will be given a code to open it. Cross fingers no one ever needs to use it but it is very reassuring that these devices are available.

The Kinglake Rotary was cancelled last Sunday due to weather concerns. Thank you to people who volunteered to man the gate as a fundraiser and hopefully we will get another opportunity to do this at another time.

Diane Phillips

Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education program Community Presentation event at the Strathewen Hall – December 8th

On Tuesday the grades 5 and 6 were very busy. One group was filming with Jimmy, they were recording their parts for their presentation. Another group was planning/organising the setup of booths – on the night each one will highlight a different focus of the work that students have been doing this year. Another group was writing scripts and Chase was doing illustrations of 4 different types of fire extinguishers for display as part of the virtual reality booth. Thanks again to Lisal, Sue and Jimmy for their great work with our students. Please put this date in your diary, it is an evening event and the students are very much looking forward to presenting their work to their friends, family and wider community.



Raffle

Thank you for the donations that have come in already for the Raffle– they are wonderful, there are lots of interesting prizes. Tickets will be available from November 14th and this raffle will be drawn near Christmas time. Please come and have a look at what is there and feel free to drop off your donation.

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.

●Fitting of step treads and safety tactile buttons on another staircase by Darren (Deb's brother)
● Paul Danelutti, our wonderful electrician, has worked on our outdoor lighting, this required the hiring of a scissor lift to get to our tall light in the car park. This should hopefully resolve our problem of outdoor lighting.

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!

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.

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 <u>not</u> the money!