Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday August 2nd 2023

Thursday 10th August - basketball coaching sessions with Kylie
Friday 11th August- Cadbury fundraiser money/unsold boxes due back to school
Monday 14th August- Pupil free day at SPS- curriculum day
Tuesday 15th August- JSC- Pyjama Day
Thursday 17th August - basketball coaching sessions with Kylie
Friday 18th August- National Day of Action Against Bullying- activities
August 19th- 25th- Book Week fun at SPS
Tuesday 22nd August- School Photos

- **School Council meeting 4pm**

Thursday 24th August- Foggy Mountain Song Writing workshop morning with Carter and Carter 9am

- **The Landcare BBQ dinner and 'Spotlight Bush Walk' at SPS- all welcome 6pm-8pm**

Friday 25th August- Hooptime basketball event- grade 5-6 at Diamond Valley Sports Centre-
Tuesday 29th August- All staff attending Doreen PS for Respectful Relationships professional learning session- prompt after school pick up at 3.30pm required for all
Thursday 31st August- Sugarloaf Athletics Day at Willinda Park, Greensborough for keen gr 3-6 students

- **SPS running the sausage sizzle BBQ at Willinda Park Aths Day**

Friday 1st September- Hooptime basketball event- grade 3-4 at Diamond Valley Sports Centre-
Monday 4th September- Wash Out Day- back up for Sugarloaf Athletics Day at Willinda Park

There is plenty happening this week, with our wonderful Canine Comprehension session on Monday athletics with our visiting coach today, staff preparing for Book Week, which is coming up in week 7 and Congratulations to Felicity who, after working casually with us since semester two last year, is now officially an ongoing member of our staff team. It's great to have her bringing her special skills teaching Italian and Music to S.P.S. Last week, our musical groups suggested they showcase their current work, so a group of us headed to the multi-purpose room to hear the choir and the marimba/drumming group. We also had a few pianists show us their talents. It's lovely to hear the music floating upstairs on a Friday.

Yesterday we had our baked potato lunch day and everyone seemed to enjoy their special lunch. Our profit for this event was $42.20. Thanks to Mrs Phillips for doing the shopping and getting us organised. We've got our PJ Day coming up soon. Don't forget our silver coin tube always likes to have some coins added.
Oscar

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Thanks to James Price, who brought his tools along to attempt sorting out a dripping tap in the boys' bathroom. We have some rusty bolts needing some plumbing attention.
- Thanks to Deb, who has been dropping off decommissioned old school bits and pieces at the transfer station, clearing the decks a bit
- Deb spent time working with our technician Andrew on Friday, attempting to resolve issues with our website host platform
- Jane completed part one of an online training course this morning focusing on high ability programming in schools
- We've been archiving old files and getting them sorted and into storage and Deb has been creating additional storage space in the basement to get thing organised
- Our delivery of the shortlisted children's books for Book Week has arrived and we're enjoying exploring these new texts
- With the Silo Art project coming to an end, Mrs Galvin is preparing for some clay action in the art room.
- In the senior room, we've been focusing on Problem Solving maths fun, using teamwork and a trial and error approach to solve a range of challenges.
- The script for our end of year whole school production is complete and we're looking forward to our special movie day later this term for the big reveal!

Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership

In our CFA session yesterday, we crossed the road and went over to Malcolm's place to do some work on fuel loading. We looked at different bark types and how some barks are more of an issue in a fire, especially stringy bark. We looked at surface fuels, like leaf litter and stuff like that. We looked at near surface fuels, which are things growing up a little from the ground, and we looked at elevated fuels. We talked about reducing the fuel load ahead of the fire season and we used a formula and calculated the fuel load for that area of Malcolm's paddock. It was moderate. Thanks to Lisal and Sue for a great workshop.
Logan, Zoe and Elly

PARENTS' CLUB

At the beginning of each school year, the Parent's Club fundraising calendar is prepared by volunteer parents and presented to our School Council for approval, as is required within financial operation guidelines.

Thanks so much to everyone for getting behind our Ivan's Pies fundraising effort. The pies will be delivered in a fortnight.

We've now had all 21 Cadbury fundraiser chocolate boxes distributed, so thanks to all families who grabbed a box. These chocolates are easy to sell at $1 per item.

As previously shared, last year's Parent's Club fundraising efforts allowed us to replace the no longer functional 12+ year old interactive whiteboard in the 4-6 classroom. With your great help, we proudly raised the $5500 needed for this purchase. Both classrooms now have these terrific teaching tools available.

This year, we're recommending to School Council that our fundraising efforts are used to support the purchase of additional new student laptop computers for use across both classrooms. Making sure that the technology our kids use is up to date will be an ongoing priority.

We're organising the helpers' roster for the upcoming athletics day at Willinda Park and we'd love to hear from you if you can lend a hand. We're always looking for extra helpers at Parents' Club and welcome your time and input. We're always happy to hear of new and exciting fundraising ideas.

Thanks, Rachel and Kate

SPORTING Schools

Athletics

Did you smell the delicious baking smells coming from the kitchen yesterday? The P-3 group made a batch of delicious jam drops and they were excellent!

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

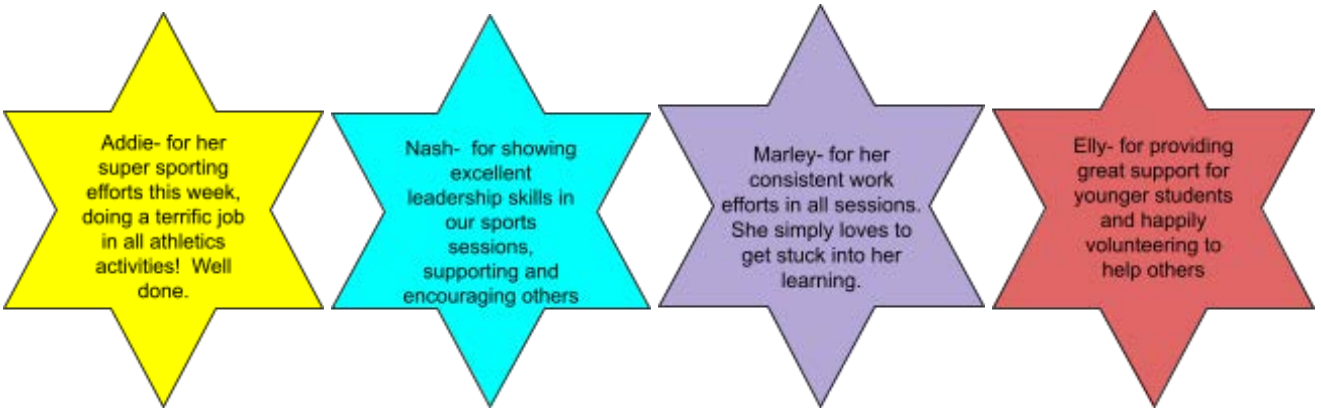
IN THE CLASSROOM

Respectful Relationships acknowledges that children of any age have challenges to overcome, teaching social and emotional skills appropriate to their age and level of maturity. It is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools from Prep to Year 12, as a core component of the Victorian Curriculum.

In the primary years, Respectful Relationships focuses on treating everyone with respect and dignity. It is taught as part of the Health and Physical Education and Personal and Social Capability areas of the Victorian Curriculum.

The supporting Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials have been developed by world-leading experts from the University of Melbourne. These age-appropriate resources align to the Victorian Curriculum and include lesson plans and activities that help students learn and practise social skills and apply them in a positive way to learning, life and relationships.

Our star students this week are Addie, Nash, Marley and Elly. Congratulations on your terrific effort.



Mindfulness

A little bit of 'dolphin breathing' and cool mask use in the 4-6 room...

Maths At Home

Shopping

When shopping, engage children in some of the following experiences:

- Take a specific item from the shelf
- Ask, "What shapes can you find?"
- Guess the total number of items in your supermarket trolley
- Estimate and weigh the fruit and vegetables
- Compare a range of different prices to determine which is the most or least expensive
- Use cash to provide your child with the experience of receiving and counting the change
- Estimate how many bags you will need to carry your groceries
- Notice shapes and use mathematics vocabulary (rectangular prisms instead of boxes)

Our Problem Solving focus in Maths...

Using our Problem Solving maths challenge boxes, we've been working on using a trial and error approach to solve problems

Problem Solving as part of the Maths curriculum involves… developing the ability to make choices, interpret, formulate, model, and investigate problem situations, and communicate solutions effectively.

CANINE COMPREHENSION- WEEK 3

This week we looked at light! In the junior grades we explored what light is, how it moves around a space and the shapes it creates. We then had a crack of making a light source produce different shapes using card and manipulating the light of different bulbs. In the senior grades we used our light explorations to understand how reflection and refection manifest in the world around us then used that knowledge to direct light how we wanted it to move. We then mapped that light using ray diagrams and created plans and designs on how we could use that knowledge to reduce light pollution in the world.

Chanaka Ruwandeniya
STEM Specialist Teacher, Sugarloaf Region Schools

STEM notice:

Grade 3-6 students have the opportunity to feature on the Zoos Victoria website! Allthey need to do is design an enrichment device for a zoo animal, so they can play and keep a healthy mind at the Zoo. You can see inspiration videos on this link:
https://vimeo.com/showcase/10448964
Once they've designed the enrichment device, they need to bring it along to school before August 28th, so Chan can upload it to the site. Good luck!

FREE Parents & Caregivers Workshop
The Banyule Nillumbik Youth Services Network is excited to bring you the ManCave in this 60min interactive presentation designed to provide practical insights and tools to parents of young men.
After the pandemic some young men have experienced challenges with social-emotional skills. Social media use and the impact of unhealthy influences like Andrew Tate have also contributed to an increase in mental ill-health and wellbeing. This session will support parents with understanding and insight into these challenges alongside practical tools to assist young men to better wellbeing.

Parents attending this session will walk away with:

- An understanding of how rigid masculinity impacts the mental health of their sons
- Insights into the experiences and challenges young men are currently facing
- Practical tools and mindsets they can use to better engage their sons at home

Tuesday 15 August
7pm-8pm

ONLINE via zoom

FREE event

For more information please contact Jess Sayers
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Bookings essential
https://BNYSNmancave.eventbrite.com.au

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This session is suitable for parents of young men and those that work with young people in the Banyule and Nillumbik areas

An El Niño summer is coming

Recent rainfall has supercharged fuel loads. Dry conditions will increase fire risks next summer, especially grass fires

Watch the webinars with family and friends and discuss the information and your plans

BRI's webinars are presented by eminent subject experts. Learn how grass fires and bushfires behave and what your family can do to reduce your risks

Viewers can ask questions before or during the webinar, and when you register we'll also send you a link to videos.

To learn more about our presenters head to br.org.au/presenters

Pets and bushfires – what do we know?
7.30pm AEST Wednesday 9 August
- Mel Taylor, Macquarie University
- Steve Glassey, University of Portsmouth
- Rachel Westcott, South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management Inc

Getting ready for an El Niño summer
7.30pm AEST Wednesday 16 August
- Craig Lapsley, Innovation Pro Pty Ltd
- Parvathi Subramaniam, The University of Sydney
- Danille Clode, Flinders University

Reducing risks for people and houses
7.30pm AEST Thursday 31 August
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO

Grass fire and bushfire behavior
7.30pm AEST Wednesday 13 September
- Kevin Tolhurst AM, University of Melbourne
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO

Safety actions for the fire season
7.30pm AEDT Wednesday 4 October
- Craig Lapsley, Innovation Pro Pty Ltd
- Jamie Mackenzie, Red Flag - Real Time Leadership Solutions
- Steve Pascoe, Resident, Strathewen, Victoria

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