Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

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
Monday 28th August- bonus afternoon Athletics coaching session with Tara
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
Wednesday 30th August- Father's Day stall- take 1
Thursday 31st August- Father's Day stall- take 2

- **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-
Blue Light Disco - at Diamond Valley basketball Stadium
Monday 4th September- Wash Out Day- back up for Sugarloaf Athletics Day at Willinda Park
Tuesday 5th September- Fish and Chip Lunch and Movie day event
Thursday September 7th- Division Athletics Competition at Meadowglen for qualifiers
Tuesday 12th September- SCHOOL PHOTOS- new date

Thank you for the lovely support from our great school community over the past week. I was fortunate to have had such a terrific dad and saying goodbye is never easy. Dad was always interested in hearing what we'd been up to at school and when we spent each Sunday together, he enjoyed a bit of an SPS update. Dad is the source of 'Kenny's Rules' which have embedded themselves here over the years and he loved the thought of that. Having been at school on Monday to get on top of a few bits and pieces, I will be back in action on Thursday. With the Foggy Mountain Songwriting workshop, our Landcare night walk and Hooptime on the calendar to finish off the week, we certainly have some real highlights to look forward to.

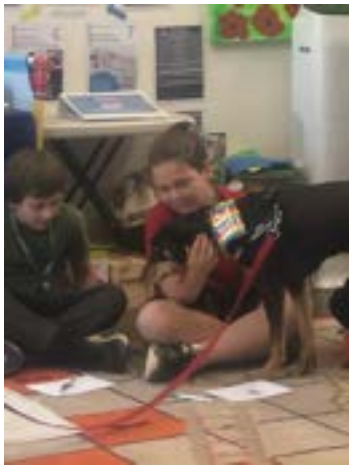
Don't forget to join us at Strathewen Primary School as we take a night-time tour around Strathewen with members of Intrepid Landcare on 24 August.

Bring small torches, warm clothing and rain gear (we'll cancel if it gets too wet!).

We'll be fitting red cellophane to all torches before we head off.

6pm-meet at school for BBQ sausage sizzle
6.30pm- pre-walk briefing
7pm (or close to) head off
8pm- finish up and head back to school
8.30pm- event finishes

Canine Comprehension photos from this week



BEHIND THE SCENES

- Good news- our split systems downstairs are up and running and we found out they had failed due to an electrical glitch with tradespeople onsite. Brooke, Felicity and our crew can enjoy warmth on chilly days once again. Phew!
- Our sports shed is looking good, all organised and sorted, thanks to Kylie's terrific effort last week.
- We've ordered our super recycled mat for use in our Lego Lab and the delivered box of Lego supplies looks fantastic.
- On Monday we had our specialist team onsite, servicing our diesel fire pump systems
- Jane met with community member and Landcare team member Steve Pascoe, to finalise plans for our Night Walk event tomorrow evening.
- Thank you to Tara, who joined us on Monday to run through some athletics training with our keen competitors ahead of the Sugarloaf District Aths Day

The final amount raised on our recent Pj day was $48.Thanks to everyone who joined in. Our next fundraiser is on Tuesday 29th (next week) and we will be selling chocolate covered ice-cream. Notes will go home about this by Friday.

PARENTS' CLUB

Just a reminder that the pie delivery date will be Tuesday the 5th of September.
All boxes of chocolates are out in the world and hopefully selling well.
When all boxes are sold, we're looking at a profit of $700.
All remaining chocolate sales money is due back at school on Friday September 1st.
What a fantastic fundraising effort. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and lent a hand.
Parents are working behind the scenes preparing for the upcoming Sugarloaf District Athletics Day BBQ fundraiser. Tara has been busily sourcing donated supplies for our day, so we'll keep you updated on that front. Be sure to sing out if you are able to help us out on the day. The more the merrier.

OSHC

Since the beginning of 2021, we have been fortunate to have a funded Out of School Hours Care program offering a before and after school care service here on site. For the 15 years prior to this, staff had simply volunteered their time, arriving earlier than paid work hours, to supervise the children of working parents. During this time, it was normal for us to have 15-20 students signed in onsite by 8am. With an ever increasing workload, this model was no longer sustainable. With this in mind, we applied for grant funding to establish an OSHC program and Big Childcare became our provider. Unfortunately, the numbers utilising our OSHC program have meant that Big Childcare will no longer be operating a service at SPS from the end of term 3. Our low service use rate has also meant that no other provider is interested in taking over our service.
Most days this year, we have only had one student joining Brooke downstairs for her sessions.
From next term, there will not be an OSHC program available at our school.
Parents are reminded that our hours of school operation, where students are able to be onsite without their parent or adult guardian supervising them, are 8.45am to 3.45pm.

The Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships resources cover eight topics for each year level.

Topic 3: Positive Coping- Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies and extend their repertoire of positive coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies. Students learn to extend their repertoire of coping strategies and benefit from critically reflecting on their own choices and being exposed to alternative options.

Activities introduce students to the concept of self talk. Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge, and can be learnt or strengthened through practice.

Our star students this week are Jude, Matilda, Xavier and Riley. Congratulations on your terrific effort.

Matilda- for her enthusiasm for learning and her kindness to her classmates.

Jude- for his efforts at writing - sounding out words and looking at his magic words to help him write.

Riley - for his fantastic efforts when attempting his English Quiz each day.

Xavier - for his great reading in class activities and also for his support of his classmates.

Maths At Home

Some Further Activities

Children can...

- Collect coins in a jar: Sort them into groups
- Provide a variety of plastic containers to encourage prediction: how many small containers will be needed to fill a larger one?
- Gather various cans, boxes and round objects: Discuss how some have corners, some roll and some stack
- Read information displays: e.g. traffic signs and signals, clocks and timers, maps, dials, graphs, meters, speedometer, and odometers.

On Sunday the 27th of August CSIRO is running a national science quiz!
Hosted by Charlie Pickering, two teams of Australia's leading scientific minds will battle it out with the winning team leaving victorious...and the losing team slimed live-on-stage!
If you'd like to come you can book tickets here: National Science Quiz – Much more than trivia!
For students that are 11 and over, Chan will be there to supervise if you can get them there, just see him or the school to let him know your child will be coming!
If your student is under 11 then they'll need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you can't make it but would like to watch the stream, join online here:
National Science Quiz – Much more than trivia!

STEM notice:

Grade 3-6 students have the opportunity to feature on the Zoos Victoria website! All they 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!

Hurstbridge
Wattle Festival
Sunday 27th August
10am - 4pm, Hurstbridge
Live music
Vintage cars
Kids rides
100 market stalls
Face painting
Camel rides
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WHAT'S ON @ THE HOUSE
SEMESTER 2 PROGRAM OUT NOW!
Spiritual Connections & Wellness Day
REJUVENATE YOUR MIND BODY & SOUL
Sunday 29 October | 10am - 3pm
Psychic Mediums | Healers | Massage Therapists |
Tarot & Fortune Cards | Readers & Reiki Masters
Plus market-stalls to browse, great food & coffee available to purchase!
Classes & Courses
BOAT LICENCE COURSE
Term 3: Saturday 2 September
Term 4: Saturday 11 November
Time: 9.00am - 1.00pm
Cost: $130.00
PRUNING with Kathleen Tuohy
Date: Saturday 2 September
Time: 10.00am - 11.30am
Cost: $25.00 per person
TRAFFIC CONTROL
Date: Saturday 9 September
Time: 8.30am-3.30pm
Cost: $160.00 Photo ID required
MENDING & UNFINISHED OBJECTS with Boomerang Bags
Date: Saturday 16 September
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
CHEESEMAKING
Date: Saturday 16 September
Time: 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Cost: $100.00 per person
AIR PLANT PLANTING
Date: Thursday 21 September
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm
Cost: $15.00 Includes all materials
CLASSES IN OCTOBER...
FIRST AID/CPR - Saturday 7 October
SOURDOUGH WORKSHOP - Saturday 7 October
LIFE DRAWING LONG-POSE - Sunday 8 October
INTRO TO BEEKEEPING - Saturday 14 October
LAW WORKSHOPS - Tuesday 17 October
Enrol & pay online at: www.kinglakeranges.com.au
MAKERSPACE OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM
PLUS... THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN TO EXPERIMENT AND CREATE!
PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE
LAST CHANCE TO ENROL!
Subjects covered in this 80 hour course include:
Ethics & design principles
Water Systems
Building healthy soils
Growing nutrient dense food
Date: Thursdays 7 September - 7 December
Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm
Cost: $595.00 (industry equivalent is $2500) Includes all materials. Ask about our payment plans, available now!
Enrol & pay online for all our classes & courses at
www.kinglakeranges.com.au

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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