Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Wednesday 13th December- Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership 2023 Project Presentation- after school 4-5pm, all welcome to see this year's instructional short films

Thursday December 14th- Whole School Christmas Excursion event! Movie, Lunch, Shopping

Friday December 15th- Christmas Raffle prizes drawn- Parent's Club end of year fundraiser

- **Kris Kringle day for students**
- **DASH project winning announcement with Cass**

Tuesday December 19th- last day of school for students 2023

Wednesday December 20th- final day for teachers for 2023- end of year school pack up

We're heading into the final few school days for 2023. We still have quite a bit to look forward to, with our excursion tomorrow, the DASH announcement, Kris Kringle, gift making and more on Friday and some sporting action with Kylie on Monday. Yes, we're still managing to complete some regular class work each day, fitting the fun stuff in around it. This is a lovely time of year in our classrooms. Our grade 6 students have completed their transition days and they're almost ready to leave us and our incoming prep families are getting themselves organised and ready to join us in 2024.

It's certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas here. We're all set for our whole school excursion tomorrow. Just a reminder that staff will be there at 9.15am to meet with students as they're dropped off by parents at the rear of the Henry St carpark, Greensborough, adjacent to KFC. From there, we'll be walking across to the cinema. Students will need to bring along their own snacks and water bottle, their spending money for shopping, a bag for shopping bits and a hat. We'll be having morning tea before seeing our movie. Lunch at Schnitz will follow and we'll finish up with our Christmas shopping time. Students will be back at the Henry St carpark, ready for parent pick up at 3.15pm. A reminder that in line with policy, school uniform is required for this event.

This afternoon, from 4-5pm, our grade 5-6 students will be screening their short films created this year as part of the Strathewen-arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership. Their films have been produced to share information with the wider community. We'd love you to join us. A bit of afternoon tea will be provided.

Today we have celebrated Donna's last day with us at S.P.S. As a school parent, Donna joined our little work team initially as a volunteer, helping us with managing donations, handling the constantly ringing telephone and bringing a bit of order to the challenging situation we found ourselves in, firstly in our temporary school at Wattle Glen in 2009 and then back here in our new school. She filled in as our cleaner

when we were without one, she assisted as a classroom aide and then, putting her previous work skills to use, took on the role of Business Manager. How lucky we have been to have Donna working with us. In recent years, she has juggled working both in her role at Forest Weddings in Kinglake West and here with us. She has worked closely with Deb during a year of transition and is finally finishing up her Wednesdays at SPS. The Business Manager role is a big one in small school settings and there's no end to the duties involved. We thank Donna for her years of incredible support, service and friendship and we wish her well in the next stage of her working life. Thank you Donna.

Jane

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership

Our short films have been finished and we're ready for a bit of a launch.

Come along and join us, everyone is welcome at an afternoon event this afternoon- December 13th, 4-5pm

Our grade 5-6 team members would love to see you join us

We had a bit of fun last Wednesday evening, enjoying the grade 6 night out. The movie was far from good, but the company was fantastic and there were smiles all round.

Respectful Relationships Education in Schools

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program will focus on 8 key areas, these are Emotional Literacy, Personal Strengths, Positive Coping, Problem Solving, Stress Management, Help Seeking, Gender and Identity and Positive Gender Relationships.

4. **Problem-solving:** Students learn a range of problem-solving techniques that can be applied when confronting personal, social and ethical dilemmas. They engage in applied learning tasks in which they apply their problem-solving skills to be realistic. Problem solving skills are an important part of the coping repertoire. The classroom program provides a number of learning activities to develop students' problem-solving skills. The activities in the program assist students to develop their critical and creative thinking skills and to apply them to scenarios exploring personal, social and ethical dilemmas.

Diamond Valley Community Support
The Food Collective
Strathewen Primary School

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Did you know that we have a community pantry here at school?
The pantry is restocked regularly with non-perishable grocery items and is available at any time for those who might need a bit of a helping hand. Many families can experience a financially challenging week at times and that's exactly what the pantry is for. Please tell others about our pantry and encourage them to drop by if they are in need of some supplies.

D-A-S-H

We're all looking forward to catching up with Cass on Friday afternoon to hear which project received the most votes and will be our shared focus project in 2024. Thanks to everyone who managed to come along and see the student presentations on Monday morning and a huge thanks to the wonderful Cass, who not only provided a great morning tea, but has also facilitated this fabulous program.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Today we had our contracted fire services crew out to perform a rooftop sprinkler system test
- Jane met with our local CFA Captain, Warren, this morning to chat about the fire season
- Our final School Council meeting for 2023 was held on Monday afternoon and our new Student Mobile Phone Use Policy was presented and endorsed. This policy will be available on the school website once loaded, but all policies are available at the office on request.
- Our currently contracted cleaning company will finish working with us next week and the new provider, Tradeflex, will take over. We're happy that our current cleaner, Nipun, will stay on with us into 2024.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our star students this week are Alana, Brock, Fred and Kayden. Congratulations on your terrific effort.

Alana- for her fantastic reading effort, both in class and with her home reading. Well done!

Brock- for his great work in reading and for working so hard on his end of year assessment tasks. Great effort!

Fred- for giving something new a try and showing great persistence as he mastered a the skill of card making with Deb.

Kayden- for a champion effort this year and being crowned the official King of BTN by Mrs Galvin. Well done!

Christmas Raffle

Parent's Club Christmas Raffle
TO BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY
YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!
Pop into the hallway and check out the prizes!

How is your ticket selling going?

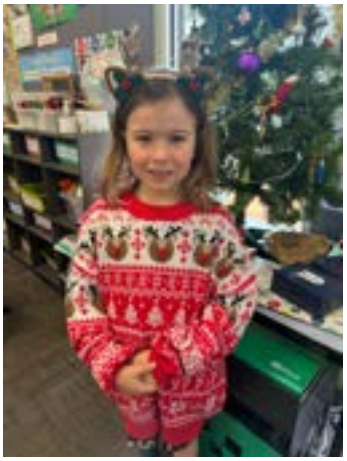
Please send back tickets and money ahead of the draw on Friday morning.
If you'd like extra raffle tickets, just see Deb.
Thank you all

It's that time of year...
Yesterday, the P-3 group were fortunate to spend some time in the kitchen with Nancye, making batches of her amazing shortbread to package up and add to their Christmas Boxes. The school was filled with smell of delicious baking. There's nothing quite like it!

Recognition for some great work in the 4-6 room this week.

Well done Kayden, who took out the top prize for completing his BTN work for 2024 and congratulations to Louie and Van who completed their Wednesday workbooks this week.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



NAUGHTY
NICE

card making workshops with Deb

Yesterday, Deb led a great workshop in the 4-6 making gift cards for Christmas Boxes. Our students created some pretty impressive sets of cards to add to their boxes.
Thank Deb!

Congratulations to Ava who competed in the Pacific netball competition over the weekend. Ava's Cook Island team made it all the way through to the Grand Final, but their opponents, Tonga, took out the top position. Congratulations on your runners- up medallion Ava. Well done.