Strathewen Primary School

Tuesday 19th December 2023

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
Monday January 29th- First official day back at school for teachers in 2024
Tuesday January 30th- First Day of term for students in 2024

As we finish off the 2023 school year, we've been enjoying some great school traditions and some fun at SPS. There was plenty of excitement when a message came through from Felicity to announce the early, but safe arrival of her baby and everyone was keen to see photos. What a great Christmas gift! Sending congratulations to Felicity and her family and we look forward to meeting little Hazel.

We wish our grade six students, Arizona, Elly, Zoe, Chase, Logan and Oscar, all the very best as they end their primary school years and prepare to move on to Year 7. We look forward to catching up in 2024 and hearing about how things are going.

Christmas Boxes have been finished, lockers tidied, art work collated and tomorrow we'll be stacking furniture, filing, tidying up and getting things organised for the periodical cleaning program.

Thank you to all of our school families for their continued support and contribution to our little school throughout the year. Providing great programs and opportunities for our children is a team effort and we have so many family members, friends, outside connections and community members working together to make amazing things happen, so thank you. And thank you to our incredible staff team. Every member of the crew goes above and beyond to make sure that our kids have great learning programs, special events to look forward to and a happy, safe school to belong to.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. See you all in 2024.

Jane

Woohoo!
This tiny girl didn't want to wait and arrived on December 12th, weighing 2390g.
Everyone is doing well.
Welcome to the world Hazel Jemima.
Congratulations to Felicity, Will and Evelyn.

Congratulations to our budding author, Logan Miller, who attended the Melbourne Young Writers' book launch at the Edge in Federation Square recently. Along with other young writers, Logan has had his story published in the 2023 anthology and we're very happy to have a signed copy of the book to add to our library.

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

Well done to all teams for the work they did and their great presentations. The votes were counted…
and the winning project, as voted by you…

Harriet, Marley and Siana's Friendship Bench

We look forward to seeing this great project come to life in 2024.

See you back for more D-A-S-H action next year

Christmas Raffle

Drawing the Christmas Raffle is always a lot of fun. We had a total of 26 prizes on offer, so everyone was in with a good chance.

Our prizewinners were-

1st- Alana Miller, 2nd- Logan Miller, 3rd- Scarlett Harrison, 4th- Oscar Brady, 5th- the Apted family, 6th- Rachel Harrison, 7th- the Apted family, 8th- Diane Phillips, 9th- Connor Brereton, 10th- the Apted family, 11th- Louie Adams, 12th- James Price, 13th- Ava Brown, 14th- The Price family, 15th- Ava Brown, 16th- Nash Byrne, 17th- Logan Miller, 18th- Scarlett Harrison, 19th- Felix McKimmie, 20th- Deb Bradshaw, 21st- Felix McKimmie, 22nd- Harriet Byrne, 23rd- Noah Harrison, 24th- Grandma Johnston, 25th- Scarlett Harrison, 26th- Oscar Brady

Thank you for supporting our Parents' Club end of year fundraiser.

Thanks to all those who were able to come along on Wednesday afternoon to the launch of the three short information films produced as part of the 2023 Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership. Our teams did a great job presenting their projects and the films were a big hit- particularly the bloopers! Well done team!
Thanks to Lisal, Jimmy and Sue for running the event and for the great afternoon tea.

Our whole school Christmas excursion was a big success.
The movie was great and we loved having the whole cinema to ourselves. Deb had the lunch organised beautifully and everyone seemed to enjoy their meal. Shopping for Christmas is always a bit of fun and although there were some interesting gift choices, everyone seemed to go home happy, particularly the duo who had a very kind older lady pick up the tab and pay for their shopping in the spirit of Christmas. With the shopping done, we finished up with ice creams all round as a bit of a treat. Thank you to our parents who managed the transporting side of things- it was a great day.

We enjoyed a bit of a celebration this morning. The Whittlesea Show prize money and list of recipients came through last Thursday, so Deb spent some time over the weekend packaging up prizes which were given out today.
We also celebrated three additional
We also had three awards presented to grade 6 students.
Zoe received the Rob Mitchell MP Leadership and Citizenship Award, which recognised her terrific leadership throughout grade 6.
Logan Hunt received the Judith Ireland Educational Scholarship and Chase received the Kinglake Ranges Rotary Education Scholarship. Congratulations.

There was plenty of fun to be had on Friday morning when the whole school Kris Kringle got underway. What a great end of year event!

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Thanks to a special friend of SPS, we had a problem solving challenge to tackle in the 4-6 room to finish off the term.
'Guess how many computer lead ends are in the tub… using your estimation skills'
And the winner was Oscar, who was the closest by a long way. He was able to take home the secret prize which had been hidden in the middle of the tub.

This is Kayden's second book completed for the year for the Wednesday program.
Zoe completed her Time Booklet for the Wednesday program.
Well done.