Strathewen Primary School

This week is Harmony Week

Wednesday 20th March 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday March 20th- NAPLAN- Numeracy assessment

- **Isabella and Jane attending Bush Foods afternoon workshop 4-6pm at Edendale Farm**

Thursday March 21st- NAPLAN catch up tests

Monday March 25th- Diane on long service leave until the end of term

Thursday March 28th- Breakfast Club to finish off the term- join Zach, Jane and Deb at 8am in the multipurpose room

- **Last day of term 1- dismissal 2.30pm**

Friday 29th March- Good Friday public holiday and the beginning of the term 1 break

Monday 15th April- First day of term 2

Tuesday 16th April- School Council

Wednesday 24th April- Grade 6 Shrine excursion to attend the Friends of the 15th Brigade - French-Australia ANZAC service

Wednesday 1st May- Grade 5-6 Leadership Day- Panton Hill Hall- full day event

Thursday 9th May- Mother's Day Stall- run by our Parents' Club

Wednesday 22nd May- Sugarloaf District Cross Country Trials- Yarrambat

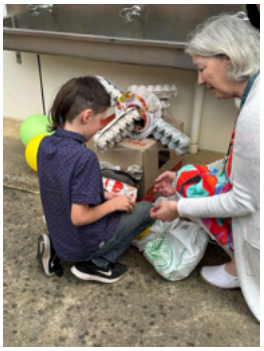
Monday June 17th- Thursday June 20th- Grade 5-6 Bushfire Education Leadership Camp- Anglesea

Monday July 22nd- Friday July 26th- Grade 3-6 Camp to Beechworth

We acknowledge the traditional Owners of the land on which we stand and pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.
We honour and respect the histories, cultures, knowledge and perspectives of First Nations peoples
We value the guidance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as we support and create opportunities for the future custodians- the children
Let us always remember that First Nation children played, danced, sang and learned on this place they called home

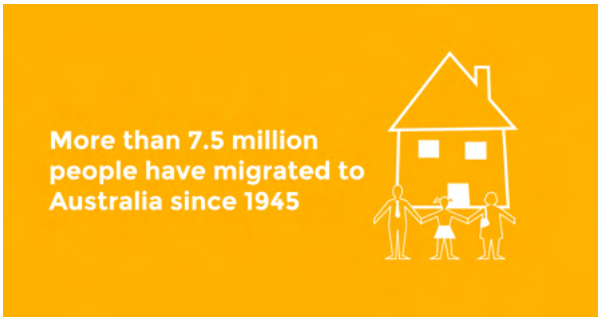
We managed to run the Egg Drop event, despite the last minute showers of rain and the wild wind we'd seen throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who came along for a fun night here at school. It was great to see the Easter bonnets on parade and the egg sports in action. Once again the egg drop contraptions were amazing and everyone got into the fun of the drop. Thanks to Mark for taking on the dropping duties and to Scarlett and Alex for their assistance with pre-hunt duties. Thanks also to Zach, Maree and Diane for giving up their time at home to ensure the Egg Drop was a success. It was lovely to see our young people having so much fun. We've had a big week, as we've also been celebrating Harmony Week with a range of activities across P-6. Tomorrow, we're recognising Harmony Day, with some more fun to come. You might like to have a chat with your young people about Harmony Week and what they know about this celebration.

Jane



Family Picnic and Egg Drop Event

All Easter Raffle Donations gratefully accepted- there's a box in the school foyer
Tickets have been sent home this week
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday March 28th
Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts once again



Harmony Week is about being respectful, kind, caring and being generous. People come from around the world to Australia for a better life.
Jacob and Ellie

Harmony Day is a day where we put our differences behind. We are all people, No matter where we're from, we should all be kind and Harmony Day shows that we can do just that. Harmony Day is special for everyone.
Nash and Jude

People come from different places to Australia. We should all be kind.
Harmony Day is about celebrating people from different countries. We are different and that is a good thing.
Brindabella and Aida

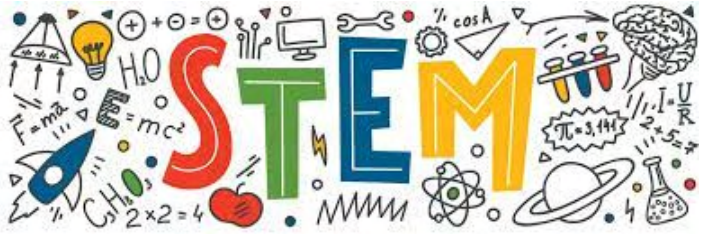
I think Harmony Day is about kindness and being nice. It can also be about helping people. The symbol for Harmony Week is people holding hands and the colour is orange. Harmony Day is about getting together no matter who you are and helping people no matter who they are. Everyone belongs in the world.
Felix and Xavier

- Our first delivery of new smaller sized Djembes arrived this week as part of our work with The Song Room
- The bulk of the NAPLAN testing has been completed, with just a couple of catch-up tests being coordinated by Mrs Galvin tomorrow
- Jane took part in the third Disability Inclusion training workshop online yesterday
- Students enjoyed another successful Breakfast Club last Thursday and we'll have a final one for the term next Thursday
- This week we've welcomed some past pupils back to join us as 'helpers' when they've had pupil free days at high school. It's always great to catch up and hear how they're travelling.
- Grade 5-6 Anglesea Camp forms and information are ready to be sent home and term 2 Interschool Sports forms have also been sent home.
- Grade P-3 enjoyed their online session with Kids Helpline on Friday, looking at Friendship

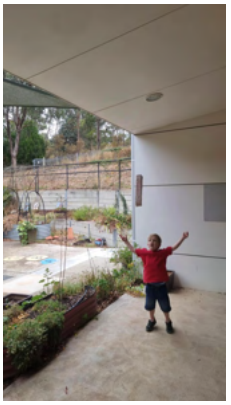
HELPING WITH MATHS AT HOME

Head outside with maths

Get your child's thinking cap on by taking them outside the house at least once a week, and have them solving problems, communicating, reasoning, and understanding the mathematics they are learning. For example, if your child is in year 4, ask them to record the different types of vehicles that pass your house over a 10-minute period, or you might record the types and number of different animals they find outside. Afterwards, have your child share their results and identify the number of wheels for each type of vehicle or the total number of legs for each animal.



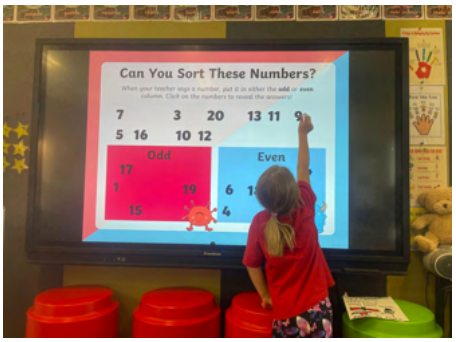
We investigated how to prototype this week. We looked into how to make a prototype that had a specific task to do. We then tested that design to make sure it worked the way we wanted it to. In the junior grades, this meant identifying a test to see how our designs responded to different challenges. In the senior grades, we had to do multiple tests with a specific future use for our prototypes in mind. We learned to create tests designed to achieve certain results and write down feedback for ourselves to assess how well our designs were working.
Chan

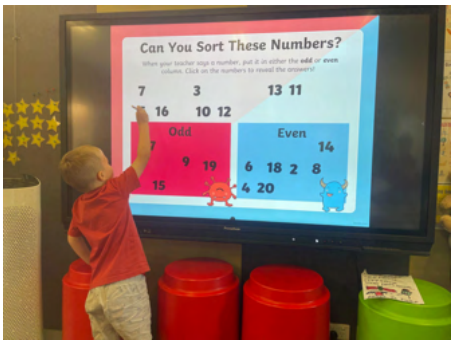


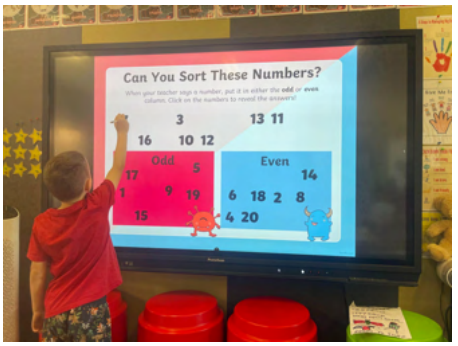
The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program will focus on 8 key areas, these are Emotional Literacy, Personal Strengths, Positive Coping, Problem Solving, Stress Management, Help Seeking, Gender and Identity and Positive Gender Relationships.

THE WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH
A whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships draws on the Victorian Curriculum and links what is taught in the classroom with:
• The social, physical, cultural and spiritual environment of the school
• The school's policies and procedures
• Community partners and organisations that can support the school community.
This whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships draws on a significant body of research, including the Victorian pilot of Respectful Relationships Education in Schools (RREiS), which demonstrated that changes in attitudes and behaviour can be achieved when:
• Positive attitudes, behaviours and gender equality are promoted across the school community
• Classroom learning is reinforced by what is modelled within the school community. A whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships recognises that schools are more than spaces for young people to learn. Schools are also:
• An important hub in the community, with the opportunity to influence and contribute to healthy community culture
• A workplace where all staff deserve to feel respected, safe and valued and to be treated equally regardless of their gender

Breakfast Club next week Thursday March 28th
Come along for an end of term breakfast catch up!







Grade one learning about odd and even numbers

HALL BALL

Strathewen Community Hall
Fundraising Initiative
Be in it to win it!
Every Saturday night
First draw 30th March 2024

RULES:

- **FIRST** Tattslotto number drawn out is the winner
- $200 to the winner each week
- 2 mega draws = $500 to winner (Dec 22nd & July 21st)
- Random allocation of numbers 1 to 45 – This is your number for 52 weeks
- Please register your interest or any questions to Brad Byrne 0428 490 207
- $10 per week for 52 weeks
- All players receive **HALL BALL** stubby holder
- Get in quick – First in best dressed

PAYMENTS:

Set up weekly transaction to

BSB: 633000

ACC:138564992

or pay in full before March 30th

MUST BE PAID UP TO WIN