Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 18th September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday September 19th- Fish and Chip special JSC lunch and movie day

- **Juice Boxes for sale with lunch $1- thanks to Parents' Club**

Friday September 20th- Final day for chocolate box fundraiser money to be sent to school

- **Last day of term 3- 2.30pm dismissal**
- **Whittlesea Show student entry forms and payment to be submitted**

Monday October 7th- First day of term 4
Thursday October 17th- JSC- BLOCK OF COLOUR- dress up day- gold coin fundraiser
Tuesday October 22nd- I am Mindful program- grade 4-6- 10-11am
Friday October 25th- proposed Soccer Day at Kangaroo Ground for senior students 10am-12pm
Wednesday October 30th- Leadership Day 2 for grades 5-6 at Kangaroo Ground PS
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November- Whittlesea Show weekend
Tuesday November 5th- Melbourne Cup Day- public holiday
Friday November 8th- The much anticipated SPS- 'Colour Run' event
Monday November 11th- Visiting educator- Sexual Health and Relationship Program Grade 5-6- full day
Tuesday November 12th- School Council meeting
Tuesday November 19th- I am Mindful program- grade 4-6- 10am- 12.30pm
Tuesday November 26th- 16 Days of Activism- SPS Celebration of Wonderful Women event
Tuesday December 3rd- School Council meeting
Thursday December 5th- Whole day concert rehearsal at the Strathewen Hall- 9.00am-3.30pm
Friday December 6th- Final rehearsal at the hall- 9.00am-2.30pm

- **End of year concert at the Strathewen Hall- 6.30pm for a 7pm start**

Tuesday December 10th- Year 7 orientation day
Thursday December 12th- end of year Christmas excursion- whole school
Thursday December 19th- final school day for students for 2024
Friday December 20th- pupil free day

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

The end of term 3 is almost here. We have plenty to look forward to in term 4, with lots of action and special events planned. Tomorrow we have our fish and chip lunch and the much anticipated end of year concert reveal, which should be fun.

Enjoy the chance to skip school routines for a couple of weeks. Thanks to everyone for their support and commitment to our little school once again this term. There's never a dull moment and our young people are fortunate to have access to so many great learning opportunities.

I'm taking a little bit of long service leave to start term 4, leaving Diane in the driver's seat in my absence. In Nyuh Kuning, I'll be spending some time with the young siblings sponsored through our year of JSC fundraising work and I'll be catching up with my own current crew of sponsored kids, and those who are now tertiary educated adults in the workforce. There will be photos and stories to share with our JSC on my return.

When school is back for term 4, we'll be straight into the swing of concert rehearsals, leadership events, bushfire education presentations, year 7 transition programs and lots more.

If you're heading away during the break, travel safely and we look forward to seeing you all back for term 4.

Jane

Congratulations to Brock, who competed in the Division Athletics Finals at Meadowglen last week. Brock placed first in long jump and will now go on to represent Sugarloaf at the Regional Finals. Well done!

A message from our school office, as term 3 comes to an end…

- Statements relating to outstanding payments will be generated and sent home to families on Friday
- Final date for Parents' Club Chocolate Box fundraiser money/choc to be sent to school is Friday the 20th of September (the last day of term)
- Fish and Chip order and payment- final day is this Friday, no late orders can be accepted
- We still have some families with their swimming and booklist payments outstanding from term 1. At SPS we endeavour to keep costs to a minimum for our families. We don't charge any 'fees', just direct costs for specific items. Our swimming program cost to parents is only for bus travel, with lessons funded using the school budget and while most schools outsource and engage a booklist company to provide student requisite packs, reducing any handling at a school level, we work to keep costs low and source all items ourselves.
- Any payments to the school can be made to our CBA account- BSB: 063 185, ACCT: 1134 6441
- Feel free to speak to Jane or Deb to discuss outstanding payments.

Attendance Matters

…every school day counts!

STEM

This week was an exploration into using our data for good. We learned about how data can be used to help the world and how our digital technology skills can be evoked to helping someone else or the planet. In the senior grades this meant developing presentations featuring research and data that we found to create meaningful presentations. In the junior grades this meant practicing our existing skills and teaching a peer on how we can use that technology to spread kindness.

skipping

We've been working on our skipping in the P-3 room

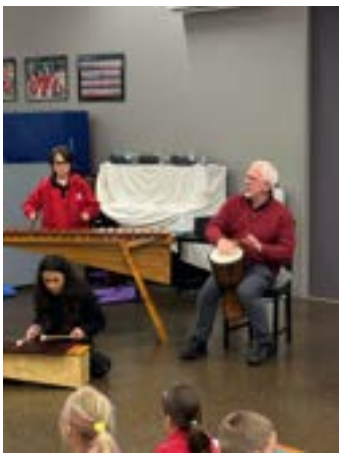
Maths at Home

Fizz Buzz

Fizz Buzz is one of the classic travel games. It's a cross between a counting game and a times table game, and it has the merit of being collaborative rather than competitive. Here's how it works:

You agree on two numbers to be called 'fizz' and 'buzz'. Traditionally, 'fizz' is 3 and 'buzz' is 5, but it's ok to change them — especially if there are three or five players playing. The first player starts by saying '1'. The second says, you've guessed it, '2'. The next says 'fizz', because the number they would normally have said ('3') is a multiple of 3 — and has a 3 in it! It carries on: 4, buzz (5 is a multiple of 5), fizz, 7, 8, fizz, buzz, 11, fizz, fizz (13 has a three in it), 14, fizz buzz (15 is a multiple of 3 and 5), and so on. If anyone says a number when they should have fizzed or buzzed, you have to start again from zero. How high can you get?

We all headed downstairs for a surprise concert on Friday afternoon. Senior students had been working on a few special pieces with Rod and they were keen to perform for us all. Wow! We had two pieces from the marimba crew and four choir items. Thanks to Rod for a great show. We're hoping that we can stage a similar performance at our Celebration of Wonderful Women event in November.



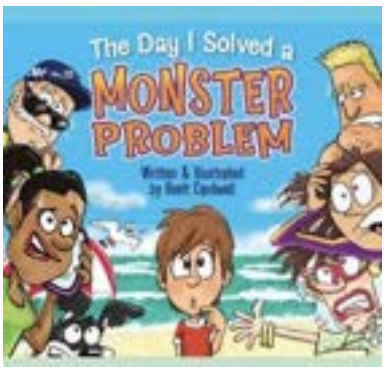
CHILD SAFE: *Strathewen Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students. We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our environments. Child safety is a shared responsibility.*

ENTRY PAYMENTS DUE THIS WEEK

Entries are $1.10 each. Most students will have two personal entries in the education section at the show, so $2.20 total to be paid in entry fees and some senior students have opted to enter a poem, a story and a piece of artwork, so $3.30 in total entry cost.

Please send along payment by the end of the week, or pop in to see Deb to discuss.

It was great to see Ellie present her camp project in powerpoint format last week.
She shared all her highlights from the week in Beechworth.



On Friday, we were visited by local author and artist Brett Cardwell, who worked with us here at SPS many years ago. Brett popped in to present us with a signed copy of his new children's book, 'The Day I Solved a Monster Problem'. It's fantastic. Brett is the artist responsible for our painted pavement games, our stage mural, our Fairy Garden wall, stair wall art and more. He'll be back next term for a longer visit.

RESILIENCE
RIGHTS &
RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS

R U OK?

On Thursday, we recognised RUOK day. P-6 got together for the afternoon to learn about RUOK Day and to find out about being a good friend and checking in with others. Students worked with a partner to complete a task about 'the Keys to Being a Good Friend'.

Congratulations to Nash, who completed his 2024 TIME BOOKLET this week. Great work Nash!

Behind the scenes...

- This week, we've been in touch with The Song Room to get in early with a booking for Dan in semester 1 next year.
- We have been successful in our application for a grant through Nillumbik Shire for our Celebration of Wonderful Women event, as part of recognising the 16 Days of Activism in 2025. Planning is well and truly underway for our great event.
- With Diane as our certified instructor, all staff completed the required online modules in Anaphylaxis management on Monday. Tonight, it's time for the practical side of training!
- School photos have been sent home and our 2024 whole school photo is now hanging in the hallway.
- On Friday, our fire services were checked as part of a monthly inspection
- Deb has the costumes well under control for our end of year concert.
- The P-3 grade have been weeding the raised garden beds and they've planted out some flower seeds to hopefully attract good bugs to our gardens
- Whittlesea Show creative writing and art work pieces have been receiving the finishing touches, ready for delivery to the showgrounds

Brin- for excellent work learning her Magic Words. What a terrific effort!

Jack- for excellent work mastering his Magic Words this term. Great effort Jack!

Ava- for her enthusiastic story writing and a wonderfully illustrated front cover!

Fred- for showing persistence in completing the illustrations in his show story book. Great work Fred.

Hurstbridge Hub

Emergency Relief

Outreach program

This program provides Emergency Relief to residents of Nillumbik unable to access the DVCS Greensborough office.

This service will be available on:

- Tuesday, 24th September
- Tuesday, 29th October
- Tuesday, 26th November

Bookings are essential, please call 9435 8282 to complete an intake form.

DIAMOND VALLEY community support

Services Provided :

Emergency Relief
Information and Referral
Education Assistance
and more

Location :

Hurstbridge Hub, meeting room 1
50 Graysharps Rd, Hurstbridge

Eligibility:

To be in hardship and live in the Nillumbik or NE Banyule
Must provide relevant (in area) ID

More Information :

(03) 9435 8282
www.dvsupport.org.au
info@dvsupport.org.au

NEED HELP?

If you're in need of support or resources, reach out to us.

Our team is ready to provide assistance and help you through tough times.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Hardship Relief
- Information and Referral
- Food Support
- Community Development
- Volunteers Hub
- Education Assistance
- Legal Advice
- Financial Counselling & Tax Help
- Gift Appeals

Supporting the areas of North East Banyule and Nillumbik

We're here for you. Reach out today

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Things to do with kids over school holidays **continued from last week…**

6. Go to the movies at home
Hold a series of themed movie afternoons to revisit favourite films you might have missed from your kids' repertoire. Get younger kids to make movie tickets, set up cinema seats, make your own choc-top cones and cook up a bowl of microwave popcorn before you settle in.

7. Get cooking
Get creative with what's in the pantry. Younger children can be your 'kitchen assistant' as you cook, grating cheese, peeling potatoes and setting the table. Take it in turns to be the 'chef of the day' and prepare dinner for the family.

8. Bird time
Keep going with our bird watching adventures. Spotted some feathered friends in your neighbourhood lately? You can use Birdlife Australia's bird-finder tool to identify any you see in your backyard or neighbourhood.

9. Brick by brick
If you have a mountain of old Lego tucked away, try setting up a table in your living or play area and challenging the kids to design and build a cubby house, rocket ship, unicorn, playground, car, dinosaur, mini city, spinning top, fairy land... You might find yourself joining in.

10. Roll the Dice
Drag out your old board games or invest in some new ones. Play classics like Cluedo and Monopoly. Play some whole family tournaments- set the game up on a table, prepare the snacks and settle in for some fun.

15. Hidden treasure
Set up an indoor or backyard treasure or scavenger hunt for younger children. Give them a list of things to find – use pictures for those too young to read a list – and whoever finishes the list first wins. Make it a hunt for nature-based treasures or get out early and hide some special items of your own.