Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 9th October 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday October 7th- First day of term 4

Friday 11th October - Whittlesea Show student entry forms and payment to be submitted

Thursday October 17th- JSC- BLOCK OF COLOUR- dress up day- gold coin fundraiser

Prep transition session 1

Tuesday October 22nd- I am Mindful program- grade 4-6- 10-11am

Thursday 24th October- NO Pre-prep or transition

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

Thursday October 31st- Halloween Dress Up day and buy a 'spooky' cupcake

Prep transition session 2

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November- Whittlesea Show weekend

Tuesday November 5th- Melbourne Cup Day- public holiday

Thursday November 7th- Prep transition session 3

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

Thursday November 21st - Prep transition session 4

Tuesday November 26th- 16 Days of Activism- SPS Celebration of Wonderful Women event

Thursday November 28th - Prep transition session 5- last one.

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.

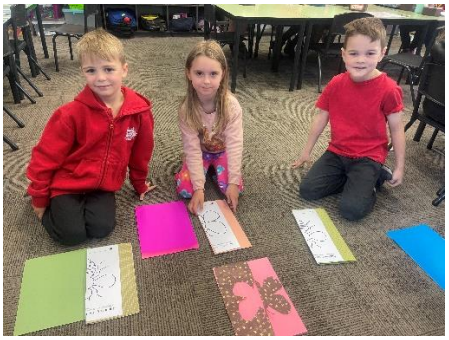
We honour and respect the histories, cultures, knowledge and perspectives of First Nations peoples

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

Welcome back to term 4, I hope everyone had a good holiday break. Term 4 is always a busy one, especially with the school concert in December. There was much excitement in the last few days of last term with our fish and chip movie day and the announcement of the play for the end of year concert - Charlie And The Chocolate Factory! The senior students selected their parts and the junior classroom students were very excited to find out which character they were allocated. Before Ms Hayward left on holiday the script was completed and adjusted to ensure every student in the school had some lines in the play. We began rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday this week.

Diane Phillips



<u>Some activities in the junior classroom this week</u>
Grade 1 Maths students learning about symmetry. Foundation students using the whiteboard to match letters and sound combinations to their pictures.

Behind the scenes…

- Geoff- The Pest Man- has been in over the holidays to check our rodent traps and update our ant spraying.
- Deb has continued to work on costumes for our end of year concert.
- Whittlesea Show registration for entries were completed by Diane and Maree.
- Our wonderful gardeners were in over the holidays and mowed the lawns, did weeding and spraying. They will return in a few weeks to do some more work in our large garden.

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.*

Transition: A Positive Start to School.

Starting school is a major life transition for both children and their families. Children's confidence in managing change is enhanced when they feel secure in their relationships with others, including parents, early childhood professionals and peers. Children who are supported to manage change build resilience as they develop and try out a range of skills and strategies while moving between contexts.
Transition into Prep is important as it helps younger children to adjust to their new school environment and lets them become more familiar with the classroom and school routines. It also provides them with opportunities to make new friends and build relationships with teachers. Importantly, attending these sessions allows for a smoother transition and allows your child to feel part of the school community before beginning their Prep year in 2025.
Each session students will get to immerse themselves in the school environment by taking part in activities in Literacy, Numeracy, playing games in Sport, joining in with some Halloween fun, as well as exploring our school ground and gardens in a scavenger hunt.

Transition sessions start week 2 of term 4. The children starting school next year join the rest of the students for recess break straight after their regular lessons from 9-11. Students go home at the beginning of lunchtime break.
There will be 5 sessions, and the dates are as follows

Week 2- October 17th
Week 3 – no session this week
Week 4- October 31st
Week 5- November 7th
Week 6 – no session this week
Week 7- November 21st
Week 8- November 28th – last session

If you have any questions about your child's transition, please feel free to have a chat with me.

Diane Phillips

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.

Junior School Council

Block colour dress up day next week – Thursday 17th October. Gold coin donation

Brock -for maintaining his reading diary so well over the holidays- well done Brock!

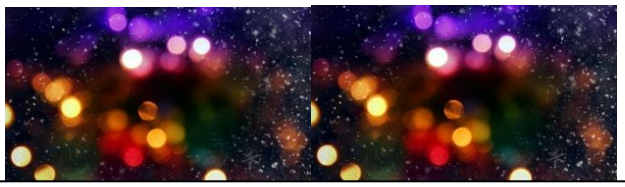
Ellie -for maintaining her reading diary so consistently over the holidays- well done Ellie.

Aiki - for her organisation with completing her art work tasks.
Well done Aiki.

Ava - for her efforts in maths and finishing her set work.
Great job Ava.

KINGLAKE RANGES

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SINGING GROUP



The Kinglake CWA are organising to celebrate Christmas with a BIG tree decorated with lights to go outside the library.
At the lighting of the tree, they are hosting a BBQ and Christmas Cake on Saturday December 16.
Christmas Carol singing is such a tradition and this year will be lead and performed by children from the mountain schools coming together under the direction of local teacher Tess Kesting.
There is no cost to join this singing group, first rehearsal is October 14 and parents may drop their children at 4:55 and collect at 6pm from the Kinglake Community House.
Please bring a drink bottle, singing is thirsty work!

YOU ARE INVITED TO
A VERY SPOOKY STRATHEWEN COMMUNITY DINNER
OCTOBER 31 | AT 6:00 PM
STRATHEWEN RECREATION RESERVE
BBQ DINNER PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A SALAD TO SHARE
ACTIVITIES AND TREATS FOR KIDS
DRESS UP ENCOURAGED

KINGLAKE CRICKET CLUB

EST: 1888

CRICKET BLAST

FOR KIDS AGED 5-10

HAVE SOME FUN, LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

STARTING THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

5 PM START

KINGLAKE MEMORIAL RESERVE

SIGN UP ONLINE AT PLAYHQ.COM

EMAIL THE CLUB FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
NMCA.KINGLAKE@GMAIL.COM

TEAM BUILDING | LEADERSHIP | COMMUNITY

KINGLAKE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED

KJFC

JOIN OUR 2025 SEASON

U 13's, U 11'S and U 9'S

Please get in contact with the club

kinglakejfc@gmail.com
f- kinglakejuniorfootballclub

Hurstbridge Hub

Emergency Relief

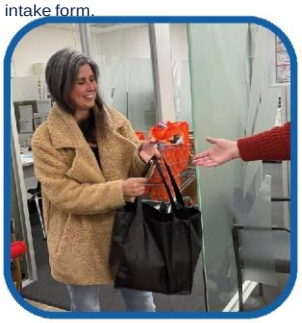
outreach program

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

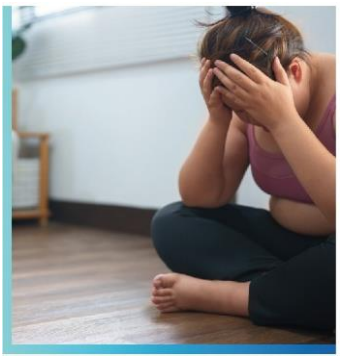
More Information :

(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.



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

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