Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 13th November 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday November 14th- Pre-prep 9-11am, but no extension session today
Monday November 18th- Diane attending professional learning day on decodable reading texts
Tuesday November 19th- I am Mindful program- grade 4-6- 10am- 12.30pm
Monday November 25th- special CFA workshop- morning visit- whole school
Tuesday November 26th- 16 Days of Activism- SPS Celebration of Wonderful Women event- everyone welcome
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
Tuesday December 17th- Grade 6 Big Night Out with staff celebration
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

We've had a busy week! The Colour Run was a great success and a day enjoyed by everyone. I'm sure the washing basket was overflowing in most homes at the end of the day. It's a fundraising event, but it's also a real highlight for all ages and a great opportunity for community connectedness.
Hopefully you have seen the parent consent form and information for the whole school Christmas excursion that was sent home this week. It's always a lovely way to celebrate the end of the year and once again our regular contacts have looked after us, so we have our own theatre and a great meal deal.
We're currently completing the planning for the end of year grade 6 event. Information and permission forms for the grade 6 night out will be sent home soon.
Our regular concert rehearsals are continuing and we're working on stage presence, prop management and acting skills. Senior students will be aiming to deliver their lines without checking their scripts next week, so there might be some extra work on memorising lines happening at home.

RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

- Topic 1: Emotional literacy
- Topic 2: Personal strengths
- Topic 3: Positive coping
- Topic 4: Problem-solving
- Topic 5: Stress management
- Topic 6: Help-seeking
- Topic 7: Gender and identity
- Topic 8: Positive gender relationships

Why provide social and emotional learning?

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the term used to describe research-informed teaching and learning which explicitly promotes mental wellbeing by improving students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. Studies show that well-devised and well-implemented SEL programs help students to develop the relationship skills needed in everyday life, such as emotional awareness, empathy, perspective taking, self-regulation, cooperation, problem solving, positive coping, responsible decision making, peer support and help seeking. SSEL initiatives have been found to be most effective when delivered within a broader wellbeing curriculum that incorporates a range of social, physical and mental health issues, when delivered by the classroom teacher, and when provided in a positive relational climate.

Research into the effectiveness of SEL education highlights positive impacts in wellbeing, social and academic outcomes. Students who participate in SEL are more likely to relate in positive and inclusive ways with their classmates.

FOOD BANK SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is up and running, with our first sitting on Monday and our second today.

On Breakfast Club mornings, the front door will open for students at 8:15am.

We'll be meeting and eating in the upstairs project space and sitting around the tables there.

Healthy breakfast options will be provided. These include a variety of cereals and milk (full cream milk will be on offer, please send along alternate milk options from home for your child if required) and we will also have some sliced fruit, toast and spreads (butter, vegemite & honey) on the go. On Wednesday we will add a 'hot breakfast option' of baked beans or spaghetti on toast.

We'll be sitting down to eat from 8:15am, with breakfast concluding at 8:45am, ahead of the dining room tidy up before classes begin at 9:00.

At this stage we will aim for Monday and Wednesday as our Breakfast Club days, but please keep a keen eye on the weekly newsletter in case of any changes due to other events taking place.

Thanks to the Breakfast in Schools program, we're also enjoying fresh fruit and veggie snacks a few time a week!

Student Book Lists for 2025- please let us know your preference

On the last day of term 3, an information pack was sent home to all families regarding student book lists for 2025. The information pack included the itemised list of student requirements for each year level.

All families were asked to let Deb know their purchasing preference for book lists- either confirming that they were happy for the school to complete the purchase of all items, with families making the associated payment to the school (as has been done in the past) or that they would prefer the option of sourcing and paying for all listed items required by their child/ren for the classroom next year themselves, ensuring that students are set up and ready to go for the first school day in 2025.

At this stage we have only had ten of our school families let us know their preferred option (all have opted for continuing with the school managing to source items in a cost effective manner and packaging up booklist items for each child and the family paying the school for this).

We're hoping not to need to engage an outside company to manage booklists for us, to save on additional costs to families.

Please let us know this week what the preferred option is for your child's booklist for next year and we can proceed accordingly.

Thank you

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.
Being just ten minutes late each day adds up.
As well as missing out on warm up activities in daily maths sessions, being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted.
Children need to arrive on time, ready to settle into their school work.
Arriving 5 minutes before a 9am start allows your child to interact with their classmates and teacher and get themselves ready for the day.

Huge thanks to Isabella and Beau for their terrific work in the kitchen garden area last Thursday. After a wonderful tidy up, they'll be back again this week.

Parents' Club Christmas Raffle
Thanks to those who have sent along some items to add to our hampers.
Tickets are $2 each and booklets have been sent home this week. Additional books are available at the office if you're keen to keep selling.
Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Kayden who has now completed both of his teacher created workbooks for measurement this year.
Well done!

Maths at Home

Number Recognition

- Encourage children to find/read the numbers on the recipe, scales, packaging, oven etc.
- Look at speed limit signs as you're travelling, or how many kms it might be to the next town
- Check out the numbers on letter boxes when you visit people

Sorting

- Sort cooking ingredients by colour / size / shape etc
- Sort the wet/dry ingredients for a recipe
- Sort buttons or pegs into colour group

When sorting items into groups, chat about the reasons for the sets being made- size, shape, colour etc

Behind the scenes...

- Isabella and Beau led the team on Thursday for some wonderful work in the kitchen garden and they plan to return for more action this week
- Grade 5-6 spent the day working with visiting teacher Robyn on Monday, working on the Sexual Health and Relationships Program
- Our diesel fire pumps and equipment were serviced on Monday
- Today the Tradeflex test and tag process was completed
- Today Fern has collected some great donations for our Christmas raffle from Hurstbridge Liquor, Evie's Evergreen and Mitre 10

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.*

You're Invited!

Come along and join us!

Please come along to our special whole day event, as we share in some amazing stories and activities. As part of the annual 16 days of Activism event, we have been fortunate to receive grant funding from the Nillumbik Shire for a very special day to be held at SPS on Tuesday Tuesday November 26th..

We will be celebrating some of the

WONDERFUL WOMEN IN OUR WORLD!

Students will be meeting fabulous guests throughout the day, as we focus on intergenerational storytelling from some wonderful women. It will be a day event, but you're welcome to come along for an hour or two, or the day. Our guests will be provided with a light lunch and morning and afternoon tea. We'll also be treated to a little bit of music, thanks to Rod and our students. We'd love to see you here at SPS on the 26th.

What is the 16 Days of Activism?

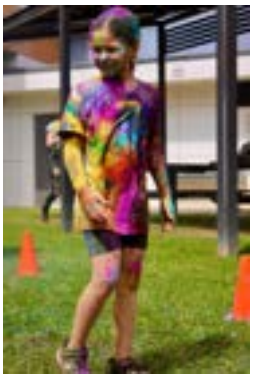
We all deserve to be safe, equal and respected. More than 1 in 3 women have experienced men's violence. Safety for women is not a given in any community – and neither is respect. It doesn't have to be this way. During the 16 Days of Activism, communities around the world join the call to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

What a great day we enjoyed on Friday. We started out looking clean and bright in our white tops and then...

Huge thanks to Carol, Nina and Rowan (Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges) who volunteered their time and equipment to provide a terrific BBQ lunch for all.

Thanks to Kylie for her fabulous 'wet sports' activities, as a warm up before the run

Thank you to everyone who registered to fundraise for this event. The final tally is pending, but your efforts were fantastic. Please make sure you have completed the gift selection process with your child by the 17th of November to complete the Colour Run process.



Thank you to Darren, from our local CFA, for his fire hose contribution, adding some extra fun to the Colour Run.

And thank you to all of our helpers on the day- Scarlett for her fairy floss effort, Giselle who managed the soft serve service, Rachel for her event management skills, Deb for her work behind the scenes and setting things up for us, Johanna for her amazing photography and everyone who came along and helped out.

Congratulations to this week's All-Star Students. Well done!

Wes- for being the most enthusiastic squirrel Wonka has ever seen!	**Vivi- for her terrific effort during rehearsals and great acting skills!**	**Nash- for his consistent effort in reading and his great comprehension work!**	**Siana- for her excellent effort in rehearsals and her willingness to step up and fill in for others**

Child safety and wellbeing at Strathewen Primary School: information for families and the school community

Strathewen Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: http://strathewenps.vic.edu.au/

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Jane Hayward, our school principal on 9714 8278.

Lift the Lid Day in Kinglake on the 17th November - a full day for the family and friends.

Lift the Lid Walk starts at 9.30am with Up to 5.8km walk & talk, with kids activities along the walk.
Free BBQ Lunch

Guest Speaker "The Unbreakable Farmer"
Warren Davies is not just any average Farmer. There is more to this farmer than meets the eye. His eventful life has tested his Resilience, Persistence and Determination. All having a massive impact on his young family, relationships and finances.

Free BBQ lunch for all walkers - vegetarian & vegan send us a message.

Live Music, free face painting, Best in Show, kids activities, Kid's Beard Competition, Bikes & Cars at Kinglake Ranges Show N Shine to continue the day!

Guest speaker, local man, Mitch Tripney from BYO Chair Podcast, talking on the topic of mental health and injury.
Mitch is a paraplegic after a motorbike accident
Rotary Club Kinglake Ranges