Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 19th February 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Intensive swimming program- whole school- Thursday 20th, Thursday 27th and Tuesday March 4th-

Thursday 20th February- No Pre-Prep this week due to staff attending funeral

- **Jaffle Hot Lunch Day- (provided through Breakfast Program)**
- **Prompt after school pick up required today as all teachers are required to attend Professional Learning Teams sessions at 4pm in Hurstbridge**

Friday 21st February- The Song ROom with Dan (change of date due to swimming)

Tuesday February 25th- Sugarloaf District Swimming Trials for keen and capable swimmers (3-6)

Wednesday 26th February- School Review day 1

Monday 3rd March- Bookings for parent teacher chats open- see Deb at the office

Wednesday 5th March- School Review day 2

- **Division Swimming Finals for qualified swimmers**

Thursday 6th March- Gr 3-6- Science webinar workshop- 'Interesting Insects'

Monday 10th March- Public holiday- Labour Day

Tuesday 11th March- NESST- Small Schools' Combined Curriculum Day- pupil free day

Wednesday 12th March- NAPLAN begins for years 3 and 5 (NAPLAN window until 24th March)

- **Senior students- author workshop whole day writing event**

Thursday 13th March- Prep- CFA workshop -am

- **no Pre-Prep this week due to NAPLAN**

Tuesday 18th March- Super Science and Arts workshop day at Diamond Valley College- grade 4, 5, 6

Wednesday 19th March- Parent Teacher mid-term catch ups- 4-6pm

Thursday 20th March- Parent Teacher mid-term catch ups- 4-6pm

Tuesday 25th March- School Council meeting- election of office bearers and reporting to community meeting

Wednesday 26th March- Cardytoons- a morning of cartooning workshops with Brett Cardwell

Tuesday 1st April- Family Easter Egg Drop event- evening picnic and Easter sports

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

As most people within our community will have noticed, our narrow roads have been seeing an increase in traffic lately. With the Melba Highway closing on Monday, for six weeks, traffic is moving through the area on alternate and often very unsuitable routes. Calls have been made to VicRoads and the police regarding road use and there is some media coverage, particularly following the accident on the St Andrews Rd yesterday. We've noticed an increase in traffic passing our school, often speeding through the 40km zone and quite a few oversized vehicles attempting to use School Rd and Bowden Spur Rd. Many near misses have been reported to us at school and there have already been many local road accidents this week. Please take care on our

roads and expect the unexpected.

On Thursday, we will be joined for the day by retired teaching-principal Glenn, formerly from Doreen PS, who will be stepping in to help us out. Glenn will be joining Maree and Deb to supervise swimming, so that Diane and I can duck out for a couple of hours to attend a funeral. We'll also have Glenn with us on Wednesdays over the next two weeks, assisting with teacher coverage during the review process.

Unfortunately, Chan won't be back with us on Wednesdays until the 12th of March. His recovery is taking longer than anticipated, so we look forward to having him with us after the curriculum day.

Jane

School Council

We'd love you to join us?

Have you considered becoming a member of our School Council?
We have casual vacancies and we'd love to hear from you.
Please see Jane or Deb for more information or to grab a nomination form.

Topics areas we work on as part of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program

Topic 7- Gender Norms and Stereotypes

Students consider the influence of gender norms on attitudes, opportunities and behaviour. They learn about gender equality, inclusion, human rights and the importance of relationships that respect people of all genders.

Term 1- Parent-Teacher Chats

Coming up on Wednesday March 19th and Thursday March 20th- 4pm-6pm

There will be a booking form at the office from Monday March 3rd, allowing parents to book in a suitable time to have a chat with teachers about how the year has begun for their child/children

As always, if you have any concerns or just want to touch base for a chat, don't wait. Parents are encouraged to speak to teachers throughout the term. We're always here!

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Felix- for his excellent work in the classroom and the swimming pool!

Poppy- for working hard and her great support of the younger students in class

Ellie- for her consistent work in the classroom and her fantastic diving efforts!

Jacob- for his positive attitude, determination and great VHAP work!

Get Swimming

It was all about the diving in the big pool on Tuesday!

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.

FOOTBALL

On Monday, our football (soccer) sessions with coach Ramadan began, with all year levels enjoying a focus on skill development and some game time. Our PE program will feature ball skills through until the end of term.

CASH FOR CONTAINERS VICTORIA

Did you know that our Junior School Council collects and returns cans and bottles through the 10c Cash for Containers program?
Deb regularly returns our bags/boxes of collected cans and bottles and we've already raised $24 this year.
If you're not collecting and returning your own eligible containers, we'd love to have them.
JSC funds go towards chosen student leadership projects each year and also support the educational sponsorship of Cinta and Mang Adi in Bali.

the ART ROOM

In the Art Room this week, the grade 3-6 group learnt about the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kasuma. The artist currently has an exhibition at the NGV- National Gallery of Victoria until the end of April. We did our own dotted pumpkins based on her work.

FOOD BANK SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club on Monday and Wednesday mornings continues to provide the opportunity for a bit of social dining each week. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast at 8.15am. Toast and spreads, a range of cereals, SPC fruit pots each morning, with hot spaghetti and baked beans added in as options on Wednesdays.

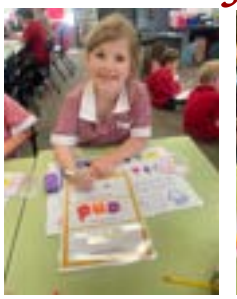
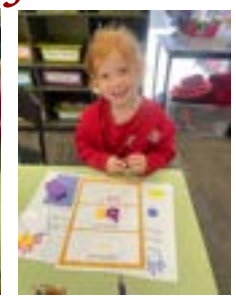
Thanks to Deb for her regular set up work behind the scenes and to our senior students who help with the pack up when we're done.

Behind the Scenes

- Have you checked out the renovations in Cubbyland? Darren Bradshaw and Darren McKinnon have been working to update paintwork, replace weatherboards, address any wear and tear and tackle the picket fence.
- Brett has been working on the pavement art in the garden courtyard. It's looking great and he'll be back for some further work in the next few days.

In the Junior Classroom this week....

Take a look at some of our Foundation/Prep students measuring the length of their feet and hands and they've been working on their Magic Words

Our Grade 1 crew have been getting stuck into measurement activities too!

Family Picnic and Egg Drop Event

Coming up on Tuesday April 1st

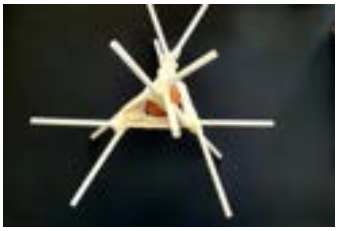
Students are encouraged to put their STEM skills to use as they work to create their own Egg Drop Contraption, to safely deliver a fresh egg from the upstairs balcony to the pathway below.

When: Tuesday April 1st 5.00pm- 7.00pm
Where: Here at school!
What do you need:

1. An Easter Bonnet for the parade (if you're joining in and we'd love to have a good crowd!)
2. An 'Egg Drop Contraption'- made at home to safely transport a fresh hen's egg from the upstairs balcony to the concrete pathway below
3. Bring along your Family Picnic for dinner- whatever you choose and a picnic rug
4. Bring along drinks for your family
5. Come along and have fun with your friends and neighbours

We begin with the hat parade just after 5pm and move onto some 'Easter Sports', including the 'egg and spoon races and the 'egg toss'. Everyone enjoys their family picnic and we host the much anticipated 'Egg Drop', with a very keen audience watching closely. The night finishes up with the 'Great Egg Hunt'.

Mark the date on your family calendar!



GARDEN CLUB

Look what's happening in the garden!
As well as a steady stream of tomatoes, we've got rhubarb taking off, beautiful eggplants hiding amongst the leaves and cute little pumpkins hanging around.
Thanks to Isabella for leading our Garden Club.

This week at our Junior School Council meeting we talked about planning some fundraising events and these will be held when our swimming program has finished. The first thing we're going to do is have an Ice Cream Sundae Day- but we'll send out notes to let everyone know when it gets closer.

We held our election last week to see who got to be what. On JSC this semester we have Louie as President, Quinn as Vice President, Van and Matilda are sharing the role of Treasurer, Marley is the Secretary and she's also managing the Suggestions Box, I am responsible for having something ready for the newsletter each week, Kayden and Nash are responsible for notes and posters and Fundraising is organised by Jacob and Aiki.

Don't forget that we're trying to fill our silver coin tube in the hallway. If you have any spare silver coins, please add them to our tube.

Thank you, Ava