Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 26th February 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 27th February- Whole school Swimming session 5

Friday 28th February- Red Balloon Day- Thank You CFA

Monday 3rd March- Soccer workshops- Session 3- P-6

- **Bookings for parent teacher chats open- see Deb at the office**

Tuesday 4th March- Whole school Swimming- session 6- final session

Wednesday 5th March- School Review day 2

- **Division Swimming Finals for qualified swimmers**

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

- **JSC- $2.50 Ice Cream Sundae Day**

Friday 7th March- The Song Room with dan

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**

Friday 14th March- The Song Room with Dan

Monday 17th March- HARMONY WEEK begins

- **Soccer workshops Session 4- P-6**

Tuesday 18th March- Super Science and Arts workshop day at Diamond Valley College- grade 3- 6

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

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

- **Jaffle Hot Lunch Day- lunch provided**

Friday 21st March- The Song Room with Dan (returning to Tuesdays after today)

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

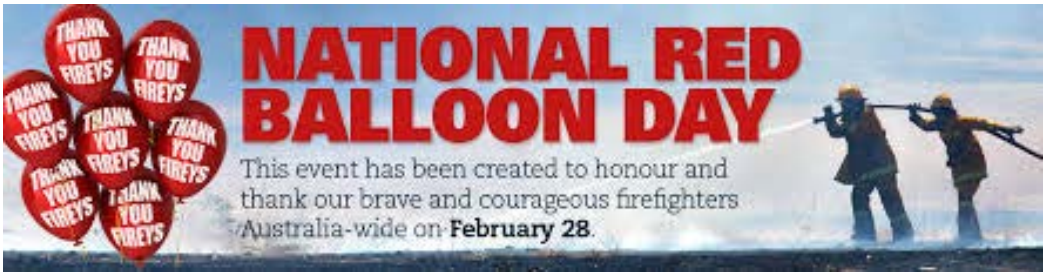
Friday 4th April- Last day of term 1- 2.30 dismissal

Monday 21st April- Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April- First day of term 2

Thursday 24th April- Grade 6 excursion to the French-Australia service at the Shrine

Friday 25th April- ANZAC Day public holiday



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

Tomorrow we're heading off for our fifth day of swimming, with the final session scheduled for Tuesday. Once again this year, we've experienced excellent coaches and a well structured program across all ability groups.

This year's Red Balloon Day- thank you CFA projects have been completed and look fantastic. We'll have a board displayed at both the Strathewen and Arthurs Creek brigades, ready to surprise our volunteers on Friday morning.

The first day of our School Review process was completed today and it was certainly a positive experience. Panel members spent some time in classrooms, observing literacy and numeracy sessions in action and met with staff. Day two is set for next Wednesday, and we'll explore the future planning, goals and targets. Following day two, our reviewer will document and complete his report.
Jane

Congratulations to our squad of four swimmers- Ava, Brock, Kayden and Xavier- who competed in the Sugarloaf District Swimming Trials at Diamond Creek yesterday. What a terrific effort!

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.

Aussie of the Month

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Congratulations!

The Aussie of the Month award program recognises students for their good citizenship, personal endeavour and achievement. Congratulations to our two February recipients, Alana and Marley.

Alana- in recognition of great leadership in the junior classroom and her willingness to step up and support others

Marley- in recognition of outstanding leadership and her continuous support of younger students

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

Topic 8- Positive Gender Relationships

As mentioned previously, all learning involves age appropriate content. In this topic, from years P-10, students develop an understanding that verbal, physical, emotional, financial and sexual forms of violence are harmful, and that these forms of violence can also be gendered. They learn about safe and unsafe behaviours, consent and their rights to bodily autonomy. t they practice strategies they can use to assert their rights to bodily autonomy, to be free from coercion or violence. They develop self-care, peer support, peer referral and help-seeking skills that they can use in response to situations involving gender-based violence within family, peer, school, community or online relationships.

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!

In the Song Room with Dan, we're learning all about pitch and rhythm and the senior students from 3-6 are working on a ukulele program We're all strumming along, learning chords and reading music. We learnt how to play Iko Iko (my bestie). We've also written our own rap song 'Be Careful, Don't Hurt Yourself' and we're working on it and getting it organised. Eminem would be proud.

We're doing a lot of songs and so are the little grade. I could hear them doing 'We will rock you'.

Ellie

Astoria- for her enthusiasm and wonderful singing in Dan's Song Room

Maisie- for working so hard learning her 'Golden' Magic Words

Matilda- for her wonderful attitude to learning and her consistent effort

Kayden- for his terrific artistic efforts and his great work presentation

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.

Everyone was busy and active on Monday during our football (soccer) sessions with our visiting coach, Ramadan.

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.

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

- We had our Prep Health nurse visiting us on Monday, catching up with our prep students
- Our rubber safety door jamb covers have been being replaced this week, due to wear and tear.
- Brett has finished his work on the pavement art games that were the most worn, and they now look terrific.
- Construction of the rooftop cover of the chicken yard is underway, meaning that in the near future, we can have some hens once again and keep them safe from eagles and foxes
- With our swimming program in full swing, have you been in to check out the wall of photos on display in the hallway?

- The two white cubbies have had a paint job and are looking terrific and the picket fence has been painted too. Next will be some restoration work on the mud brick cubby, which was built as part of a student leadership project between Diamond Valley College and our school in 2006 and survived Black Saturday.
- We've had Jason and Kirk with us, working on the installation of some junior play equipment pieces
- We've been working on our 'Red Balloon Day- Thank you CFA' display, ready for February 28th
- This week, we've had the annual safety inspection for our building exits and pathways and the fire services inspection completed, which included the annual diesel fire pump check
- Have you noticed our senior students wearing their special edition 'Grade 6' uniforms this week? Huge thanks to Tara who coordinated the development of the design once again this year.

Family Picnic and Egg Drop Event

Coming up on Tuesday April 1st

Have you started to work on an egg contraption at your place?

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!

Thursday 6th March

JSC- Ice Cream Sundae Day

Delicious, creamy ice cream sundaes will be available for a special treat

Don't forget to bring along your $2.50

40 Presents

ALL SHOOK UP

youngAPart Edition

21st-29th March 2025

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ALL SHOOK UP YoungAPart™
Inspired by and featuring the songs of ELVIS PRESLEY ®
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PERFORMANCES

Friday 21st March 7pm
Saturday 22nd March ..... 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 23rd March ..... 2pm & 7pm
Friday 28th March 7pm
Saturday 29th March ..... 2pm & 7pm

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TICKETS

Adult $37
Concession/Student $32
Child (under 18yrs) $20
Family (2 adults, 2 children) $100

KINGLAKE RANGES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

MARCH @ THE HOUSE

"Bringing people together"

The Neighbourhood House welcomes individuals and groups of all ages, abilities and walks of life, creating opportunities to enrich their lives through connections they might not otherwise make.

- MONDAY MORNINGS POP-UP CAFE. Coffee with friends, read a book or just chill!
- MOULD MAKING. Session 1 - making a simple two part mould. $75. BYO small bowl.
- FIBRE FRIENDS. Knitting/crocheting. 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. $3 per session.
- HEALTH ABILITY. Free information on aged care services in the Ranges.
- FIRST AID R/OR CPR. Saturday. $150 Full Level 2, includes CPR. $75 CPR Only.
- ESSENTIAL OILS. $30 per person. Includes all materials.
- MAKE-UP MASTERCLASS. $30 per person. Includes a "Lucky Dip" gift!
- HELPING OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE. $5 donation goes directly to help local wildlife.
- NATURE JOURNALLING. $120. All materials provided. Bring a plate to share for lunch.
- WINTER GARDEN PREPARATION. $10 per person. Free packet of seeds to take home!
- EASY CAT ENCLOSURES. Learn how to build your own cat enclosure. $15 per person.

To register and pay online visit: www.kinglakeranges.com.au

Help shape Nillumbik – **Now** and **Beyond**

The new Council is about to develop important plans for the next four years, and we want to hear what's important to you.

Share your thoughts

This is your chance to have your voice heard. Help us understand your priorities by completing our survey.

Your feedback will help us develop important strategic documents for Nillumbik including the Council Plan 2025-2029, the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 and other key strategies, plans and initiatives.

Complete our survey by 2 March

Visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/now-and-beyond or call 9433 3111.

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