Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 5th March 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 5th March- School Review day 2

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

- **JSC Mothers Day Raffle tickets coming home.**

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- Harmony Day- JSC- Dress up in ORANGE day

- **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

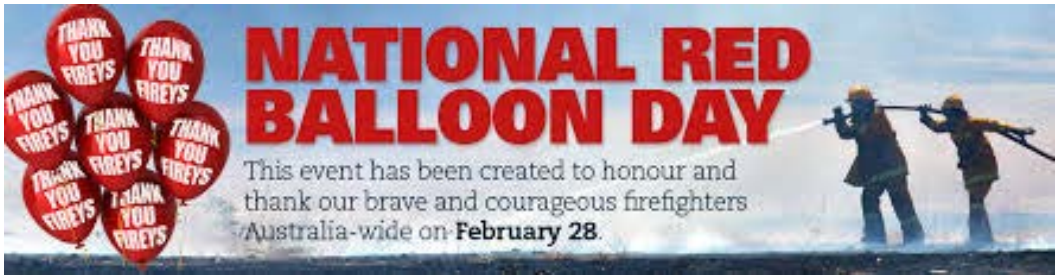
We acknowledge the traditional Owners of the land on which we stand and pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.
We honour and respect the histories, cultures, knowledge and perspectives of First Nations peoples
We value the guidance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 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

Today we finished up the second day of the School Review process. Our panel spent some time chatting with parents and a large group of students from across the school. From here, once our Reviewer's Report is completed, we move onto the next step of finalising our School Strategic Plan, which will determine the future direction of our little school for the next four years. The targets in the Strategic Plan set the framework for each year's Annual Implementation Plan, which is usually completed in term one of each year. It has been a very productive and positive review process. Thanks to everyone for their involvement and special thanks to Deb, who managed the catering side of things, ensuring everyone was well fed.

Just a reminder that we have a pupil free day coming up on Tuesday, which will see all staff heading off to the venue near Uni Hill, for a full day of professional learning, with our colleagues from across our small schools' team. We'll be back on site and ready for action on Wednesday, kicking off with our usual Breakfast Program.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Jane



Our displays looked pretty terrific. They were delivered to the Strathewen and Arthurs Creek stations for Red Balloon Day on Friday, thanking our amazing volunteers.

- 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

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program

Parents and carers are a child's first and most important teachers, particularly in relation to teaching core values and key social and emotional skills. The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program encourages students to talk with parents, carers, Elders and family members about what they are learning in class.

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!

Iyla- for her great swimming effort and her terrific jumps into the pool!

Alethea- for her terrific effort throughout our swimming program

Brock- for his wonderful week of work and his determination to get things done!

Van- for his enthusiastic approach to all learning and his great writing!

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.

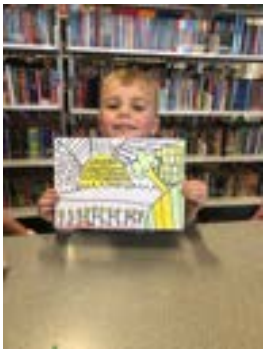
School Council

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.

the ART ROOM

In the junior class this week, we learnt about the artist Romero Britto. He loved to use bright colours and lots of different patterns.
The grade 3-6 group have their completed Yayoi Kusama work on display in the corridor this week.



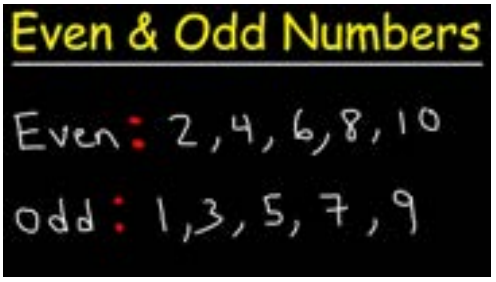
CASH FOR CONTAINERS VICTORIA

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.



This week, the grade 1 students have been working on odd and even numbers

Behind the Scenes

- We have now completed our collection of wonderful, 'Deadly Science' books for use in the senior grade. We're currently looking at animal adaptations and doing quite a bit of research
- Our new compost bin has arrived, thanks to the Nillumbik Shire. The big new bin comes complete with the mesh plate for underneath it and a special 'twister' for turning over the compost.
- The booking lists for upcoming parent-teacher catch ups are at the office, so we'd love you to call in and book a time slot.
- We have purchased a set of 10 Andrea Beaty books, which will be used in both classes.

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!

Our final swimming session saw all groups participating in water safety and rescue activities. Everyone enjoyed time spent in the big pool and there were life jackets all round. We worked on safe water entry, attracting attention when you get into difficulty, rescuing others and swimming in difficult conditions. There was even a bit of time for a game to finish off.

This week was a bit different. We learnt all about water safety, how to put on a life jacket and how to use it properly in the water. We also learnt how to save people using pool noodles and kick boards. The two experienced groups joined together. We learnt how important it is to keep yourself safe when you're rescuing someone. We had two teachers with us this week in the bigger group. We spent most of our time in deep water. We had to try swimming through moving water, like a rip. Aiki	For our last session, I learnt how to save lives with a pool noodle. I learnt what not to do if someone's in trouble. Swimming with a life jacket on is quite weird. You think you're going to sink, but you don't. We had to line up on two sides and make strong waves and people had to swim through the current. The swimming program has been really good and I learnt how to do breast stroke. Van

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

Have you noticed the fancy artwork coming home on your JSC notes?
Kayden and Nash have the job of designing the notes using the uni poscas and they're doing a great job.

On Wednesday, March 19th, JSC is holding a dress up day to celebrate Harmony Week.

Bring along a gold coin, wear something orange and join in the fun.

JSC Mothers Day Raffle tickets
being sent home Friday - 1st Prize 60 minute massage, 2nd Prize 30 minute massage

Ramadan has taught us lots of games and drills. Sometimes he switches sides and teams, because he plays with us. *We play using actual soccer rules and use the mini goals that are hard to score in. I'm enjoying soccer because it's full of fun games, team races and we have captains.* *Arthur*	*Our soccer coach, Ramadan, who comes from Palestine, is teaching us different types of drills that help build on our soccer skills. After thirty minutes of training, we get to play a game with fifteen minute halves.* *Most of these games have equal teams and are balanced.* *Ramadan's soccer skills are very impressive and he has been a good coach. We've got a few more sessions because soccer is running til the end of term.* *Kayden*