Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 21st May 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 19th May -	Cross country training with Mark 9:15am for cross country competitors
Wednesday 21st May	Sugarloaf Cross Country Trials at Yarrambat Park – 10am start
Friday 23rd May -	Interschool Sports – St Andrews Primary School
Monday 27th May -	Smile Squad Dentist 9:30am
Thursday 29th May -	JSC – Baked Potato Lunch Day
Friday 30th May -	Interschool Sports – St Andrews Primary School
Monday 2nd June -	Song Room sessions with Dan – day change
Tuesday 3rd June	Grade 3-6 First Aid training workshop through our Bushfire Education Partnership.
	Prompt after school pick-up required due to all staff attending Doreen PS First Aid training evening at 4pm
Monday 23rd June	Pupil Free Day at SPS – Report Writing Day

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday Oct 26th – SPS fundraising role – car parkingsupport at the Kinglake Market

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

The cold weather has begun and we have had some very chilly starts to our mornings this week. The icy weather did not deter our cross-country runners today and Mrs Galvin and parent helpers headed off early to Yarrambat Park. The five eager competitors were Louie, Quinn, Matilda, Arthur and Xavier and they ran in either the two km or three km races. Our students are always great sporting representatives for our school. Well done kids!

There was much anticipation and planning last week for the Junior School Council fundraiser 'Dress up as something starting with the first letter of your name'. Van had the biggest 'costume' and came as a van and he even managed to work inside his construction for most of the day. The children (and parents) were very inventive, and we had aliens, mermaids, fighters, minions, acrobats, pixies, angels, water, hot chocolate, Michael Jordan, Jack Sparrow and many more. JSC raised $48.00 from this fundraiser.

I would like to thank Mr Simondson who is filling in the senior classroom while Jane is away on bereavement leave. We have had so many people ring and call to offer their condolences and also offer their support in any way they can. The numerous messages are being passed on to Jane and truly show the high esteem and respect in which our principal is held.

Diane Phillips

Do you have any spare 5c coins hanging around? We'd love you to add them to our silver coin tube collection in the hallway, so that we

Dress Up Day – Come as something starting with the first letter of your name

ANGEL

VAN

ARIEL

ALIENS

JACK SPARROW

WATER

PIXIE

HOT CHOCOLATE

MINIONS

MICHAEL JORDAN

Grade 3-6

Sovereign Hill Camp

Monday August 4th- Friday August 8th

We'll be staying at the Sovereign Hill Camp venue and basing ourselves there for a week of historic exploration, adventure and amazing opportunities. We have a number of educational workshops booked in and we anticipate a week of immersive activities and experiences.

The complete itinerary and forms will be sent home shortly.
The camp cost for this year is $695 per student, which confirms that camp costs have increased since 2024. After our community survey last year, the unanimous vote was to continue with our week-long camp program for grade 3-6 and that's what we're doing.

We recommend that families consider a payment plan over the months ahead to ease the last minute financial burden. Many families have some remaining School Savings Bonus funds remaining in their accounts for this year, which can be put towards the cost of camp. Check in with Deb to see what your Savings Bonus balance is or to discuss a payment plan- bank transfer or cash to the office.

Our school bank details are:
Commonwealth Bank
Account name: Strathewen Primary School
BSB- 063185
Account No: 1134 6441

Grade 3-6 Interschool Sport- Term 2

We're off to St Andrews PS on Friday morning for interschool sport. Four small schools- SPS, Arthurs Creek, Christmas Hills and St Andrews, will be combining to form teams and playing a four week rotation of competition in flag football (non-contact), netball and a version of Hot Shots tennis on the adjacent courts. We'll select sports this week, so that we have numbers and we're ready to go.
We'll play our four rounds (May 9th, 116th, 23rd, 30th May), with the possibility of extending this further.
Assistance with parent transport each Friday will be greatly appreciated.
We'll leave school just after 9am and return to school by 11am.
Deb will have a transport roster on the go at the office if you're able to assist.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our runners at the Cross Country Trials today. It was a cold start to the day but what a great effort they did. Thankyou to Mrs Galvin, Rachel and Johanna for transporting students and being the cheer squad.

Results

Arthur – 39th
Xavier – 19th
Matilda – 4th
Louie – 17th
Quinn – 31st

Congratulations to you all.

Louie for his great effort at Cross Country training

Quinn for always offering to help with sports equipment organization during breaks.

Iyla for her great efforts in attempting to write a sentence.

Jude for his efforts to complete his daily maths quiz this week.

This week was an investigation into wind power! We used motors and sails to harness the power of the wind. In the junior grades this we made pinwheels and the way that the mechanism of a turning device works. In the senior grades we investigated how to change different aspects of our designs to suit the task at hand with a focus on working with electrical circuits safely as part of bigger design elements. Overall it was a ton of fun working with wind and motors and we came up with some incredibly creative ways of harnessing the wind.

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.

Behind the scenes…

- On Monday Mark (Airconditioning Tradesman) – bought in new air conditioner remotes for Multi purpose room.
- On Tuesday we had an inspection of our roof area in relation to the Shelter in Place audit
- This morning we had Fire Plumb for their monthly inspection of the pump house, and CBC for the annual paths of travel and discharge to exit inspection.
- Michelle from Smile Squad Dentist picked forms in preparation for Mondays visit.

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

The RR program begins in the first year of school and continues from there. Some topics covered in the junior classroom include:

- ways we help to make a safe and happy class
- acts of friendship, with a focus on empathy
- acts of kindness
- personal and cultural strengths
- knowing and showing respect
- respecting and valuing difference
- positive coping- cheering up and calming down

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.

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.*

Rotary
Kinglake Ranges

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM

Each year, the Kinglake Ranges Rotary Club sponsors young Learner & P Plate drivers from across the Kinglake Ranges & Surrounds to complete the Murcott's Defensive Driving Course.

- 18th of May, 2025 - All Day
- Limited Spaces Available
- $100 Deposit with $50 refunded upon completion.
- Sponsoring 20 Participants
- Terms & Conditions Apply

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