Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 28th May 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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.
Monday 9th June	KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
Tuesday 10th June	Prompt after school pick-up required due to all staff attending Doreen PS First Aid training evening at 4pm
Friday 15th June	Interschool Sports Gala Day
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

Last Friday we had a whole school discussion about what Sorry Day is and how it came about. It was National Sorry Day on Monday and we put on display our student's messages and artwork along the school carpark. This week is also Reconciliation week. Learning about reconciliation helps young learners develop a deeper appreciation for Australia's diverse histories and cultures, including the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This week Deb has been very busy continuing to put together the camp program for grades 3-6 in term 3. Permission forms will be coming home in the next few weeks when everything is finalised. This would be a good time for parents to discuss payment plans with the office.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our past and present parents for their support at the funeral of Jane's husband Paul yesterday. It was a lovely tribute to Paul and your thoughtfulness and help throughout the day was truly appreciated. Thank you also for all the offers of help to the staff and to Jane at this time.

Another thank you to Jackie Abrahams, principal at Diamond Creek PS, who was onsite yesterday to oversee our school programs and offer any assistance if needed. Thank you also to Saint Andrews PS, Christmas Hills PS and Arthurs Ck PS who released Chan so he could work in the senior classroom.
Anyone wishing to donate to the Bali Orphan Day Centre please speak to Deb.

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

Jack for his thoughtfulness in making his class bookmarks.

Felix for his achievement in completing his 300 Magic Words. Well Done.

Vivi for her work ethic in attempting all set work and putting in a great effort.

Xavier for his planning work on his STEM project.

Grade 3-6

Sovereign Hill Camp

Monday August 4th- Friday August 8th

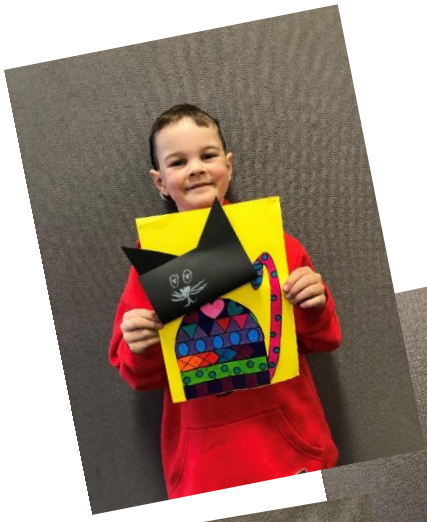
We'll be staying at the Sovereign Hill Camp venue and basing ourselves there for a week of historic exploration, adventure and amazing opportunities. We have a number of educational workshops booked in and we anticipate a week of immersive activities and experiences.

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.

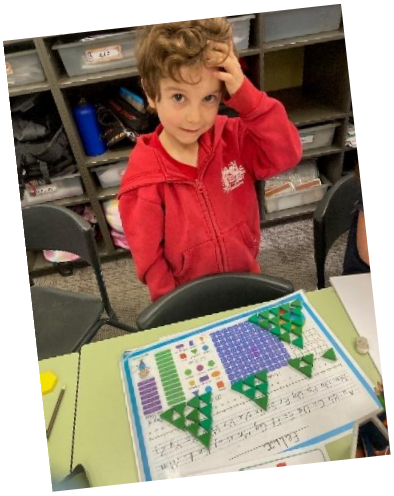
We recommend that families consider a payment plan over the months ahead to ease the last minute financial burden. Many families have some remaining School Savings Bonus funds remaining in their accounts for this year, which can be put towards the cost of camp. Check in with Deb to see what your Savings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

In the Art Room with Mrs Galvin



MATHS LESSON



Tuesday Maths in the Junior Classroom was all about patterns. Learning to extend and grow patterns is important and it forms the basis of mathematical concepts. Also it's a lot of fun!

We had the Smile Squad dentist crew out on Monday. Smile Squad is the Victorian government's free school dental program and it delivers free oral health promotion, dental check-ups and treatment. A number of our students had check-ups on Monday however, if you missed this service, you can still be seen for free. They are situated at 917 Main Rd Eltham and you can contact them on 94309100.

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, 16th, 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.

Behind the scenes…

- On Tuesday Tradeflex conducted their monthly cleaning audit.

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

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.

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.*

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.

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KINGLAKE RANGES
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BONE HEALTH EDUCATION

Wednesday 11th June

11.30 - 12.00

Kinglake Community House

Did you know bone density naturally declines with age?

Why does bone density matter?

How bone density can change with age

Role of resistance and weight bearing exercise

#BoneHealth #StrongerWithAge #LiftForLife #HealthyBones

🦴 Strong bones = a strong future! 💪

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