Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 4th June 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Thursday 12th June	JSC – Dress up in your favourite sports gear fundraiser – Gold coin donation
Friday 13th June	Interschool Sports Gala Day – St Andrews Primary School 9am – 2pm
Monday 23rd June	Pupil Free Day at SPS – Report Writing Day
Tuesday 17th June	School Council Meeting – 4pm

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday Oct 26th – SPS fundraising role – car parking support 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 senior grade had a very successful First aid lesson on Tuesday morning. The aim of this lesson is to equip students with essential skills to handle minor injuries and emergencies, fostering confidence and promoting safety. The instructor, Kellie Clarkson from Trained Now Solutions, was very impressed with how much our students could remember from last year's training. As the photos below show our students were very keen to practise their bandaging skills and CPR and they could also remember how to use an EpiPen correctly. A special thanks goes to our fabulous CFA crew for organising this and to Lisal, Ivar, Sue and Darren for attending and helping our students.

The task for the junior grade speaker's session last week was to bring in a game from home to talk about and explain how to play it. Then on Friday afternoon we had 'games time'. All students really enjoyed rotating through the games with a partner. Some games were harder to play than others and Pictionary drawings were especially funny. Speaker sessions are crucial for young primary students as they enhance communication skills, build confidence, and they provide opportunities to practice speaking, listening, and engaging with different perspectives.

The Junior School Council baked potato fundraiser was a big hit last week. The JSC try to plan a fundraising event every 2-3 weeks to ensure they have money coming in to support the Bali Orphan Day centre. There will be another event next week – a dress up in your favourite sport day on Thursday the 12th June.

Just a reminder that supervision of students begins at 8.45 each day and 8.15 on Monday and Wednesday for breakfast club. Anyone needing to drop students off earlier please contact myself or Deb in the office to organise this.

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 in your favourite sports gear –

Thursday 12th June 2025

Gold coin donation

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.

Ava for her help and assistance with the younger students during our Emergency Drill

Aiki for her great listening and enthusiasm during the music sessions.

Aida for listening to the beat and following the rhythm in Dan's music lesson.

Astoria for her eagerness to join in with all class activities and offer her ideas.

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.

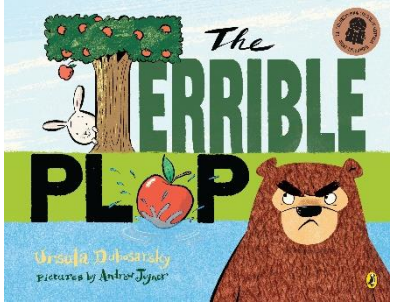
The complete itinerary and forms will be sent home shortly.
The camp cost for this year is $695 per student, which confirms that camp costs have increased since 2024. After our community survey last year, the unanimous vote was to continue with our week-long camp program for grade 3-6 and that's what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

Jimmy Pike Inspired indigenous art



In the Pre-Prep session this week we read 'the Terrible Plop'.

Our 4 wonderful Pre-Prep students made 4 Terrible Plops!

CFA First Aid Session

Yesterday we had our session with the CFA and it was a very good experience. We learnt a lot, while having fun doing it. Everyone helping us do the workshop was very nice…..Aiki

We learnt how to use an EpiPen and Kelly was there to help us do it right. To use the EpiPen you need to point the blue end to the sky and yellow to the thigh. I also learned that for a baby you do not use 2 hands for CPR, you use your 2 fingers or 2 thumbs. We learnt lots and had fun, it was good that Dad was there too… Vivi

This week was an investigation into water! We delved into how ground water feeds our aquifers and their role in the landscape. We also looked at how the water could be slowed down in a landscape and therefore add to the groundwater supplies. After that the junior grades had a crack at making something that could carry water from one place to another. In the senior grades we explored how to make our own wells, using a template or designing our own ingenious techniques!

RESILIENCE
RIGHTS &
RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS

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

Behind the Scenes:

- A lockdown drill was enacted yesterday 3rd June and all students reacted in a calm and orderly fashion.
- Diane, Glenn and Maree are working on testing in preparation for school reports.
- Deb and Diane worked on updating our Sun Protection Policy.

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.*

Whittlesea PHYSIOTHERAPY and Clinical Pilates

Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc.

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!

with Clare Barbosa

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Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House
6 McMahons Road Kinglake

WHAT'S ON @ THE HOUSE

HOUSE OF WELLBEING

HEALTH ABILITY
Wednesday 11 June. 12.00pm-2.00pm
Free information on local aged care services.

BONE HEALTH EDUCATION
Wednesday 11 June. 11.30am-12.00pm
Free information session on bone health as we age.

HOUSE OF LEARNING

PROVIDE CPR
Saturday 14 June. 9.30am-10.30am
$75.00 CPR Only

PROVIDE FIRST AID (INCL. CPR)
Saturday 14 June. 9.30am-12.00pm
$150.00 Full Level 2

COMMUNITY HOUSE & KITCHEN

A TASTE OF SOUTH AFRICA
Friday 6 June. 6.30pm
$60.00 per person

COMING IN JULY ....

WINTER WARMERS IS BACK!!

Thanks to the generous support of Kinglake Bendigo Bank our Winter Warmers program is back in 2025!
Mark your calendars for Wednesday, 30th July – the first of six hot lunches at the House. Join us for a delicious, nutritious meal, friendly company, and a warm welcome.
Stay tuned for more details next month, and be sure to follow us on Facebook for updates!

Contact us:
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More information/bookings:
www.kinglakeranges.com.au

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