Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 11th June 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Tuesday 17th June	Song room School Council Meeting – 4pm
Monday 23rd June	Pupil Free Day at SPS – Report Writing Day
Tuesday 25th June	Song room
Friday 4th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – 2.30pm pickup
Tuesday 22nd July	Camp paperwork and payment due.
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August	Grade 3-6 Annual camp to Sovereign Hill

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

Firstly, a big congratulations to Matilda Wheaton for representing our school in the district cross country competition last week. Well done to Matilda, we are proud of your effort.

Deb had a busy time travelling to Ballarat and putting the finishing touches to the senior camp program/activities last Thursday. The senior camp is early next term, and all permission and medical forms went home this week. It looks like a fun packed week of events in and around Ballarat and Sovereign Hill. This camp is based around our teaching units and aims to help our students understand how the discovery of gold significantly changed colonial life in Australia, leading to new settlements and shaping the nation's identity and democracy.

This Friday Grades 3-6 are heading off to a Gala Sports Day at St Andrews Primary school where they will compete alongside students from other small schools in our network. Students will be put into groups and rotate through different sports throughout the morning- including netball, footy, rounders and a leadership game called Cops and Robbers. At 1 o'clock here will then be a BBQ lunch (for a gold coin donation) after which students head back to school. It looks to be a chilly start to the day on Friday but I'm sure everyone will warm up quickly!

Don't forget that JSC is running a fundraiser tomorrow Thursday the 12th – Dress up in your favourite sports clothing. Gold coin donation.

Diane

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.

Ellie for her fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for her work.

Matilda for her fantastic effort in Cross Country. Well Done.

Arthur for always enjoying BTN and putting in a great effort.

Maisie for her great effort in learning her magic words.

Grade 3-6

Sovereign Hill Camp

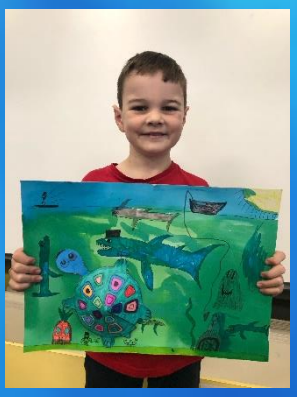
Monday August 4th – Friday August 8th

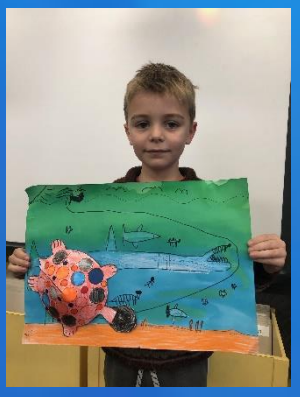
Paperwork for this years camp went out on Tuesday 10th June. If possible, could all forms be returned before end of term.
The Itinerary has been received from Sovereign Hill and Deb will finalise the final arrangements.
The camp cost for this year is $695.00 per student, which confirms that camp costs have increased since 2024.
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 in their accounts for this year, which can be put towards the cost of camp. Check in with Db to see what your Savings Bonus balance is or to discuss a payment plan – bank transfer or cash to the office.
Our bank details are:
Account name: Strathewen Primary School
BSB: 063 185
Account Number: 1134 6441

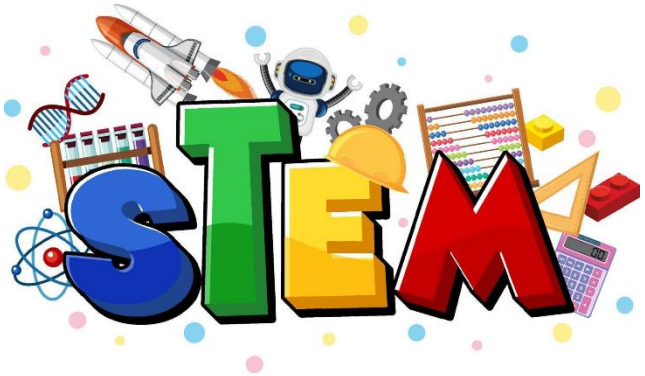
In the Art Room With Mrs Galvin

Sea Turtles in the Ocean.

Watercolour ink wash background







This week we pushed into hydraulic theory, see what I did there? We had a crack at making hydraulic lifts and devices to develop devices that worked. In the senior grades, we designed our hydraulics using step by step diagrams and then used that to develop our designs with intention. In the junior grades we simply explored the pushing power of the hydraulic and pneumatic systems we made and made close observations about how the size of the pipes impacted their power!

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:

- Samuel from Environmental Health Solutions came today to do the 5 year VSBA Asbetsos Audit.
- Kinglake Plumbing came early this morning to carry out their quarterly service on our septic system.
- Diane, Glenn and Maree are working on testing in preparation for school reports.
- Tuesday 10th June, Diane, Maree and Deb attended the Refresher CPR session held at Doreen Primary School.

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.*