Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 25th June 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 25th June	JSC – Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day $3.50
Friday 4th July	LAST DAY OF TERM – 2.30pm pickup
Monday 21st July	START OF TERM 3
Tuesday 22nd July	Camp paperwork and payment due.
Thursday 24th July	Basketball Day
Wednesday 30th July	Concert with Dan the Music Man 3.45pm – 5pm
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August	Grade 3-6 Annual camp to Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 13th August	CFA Program resumes
Tuesday 20th August	CFA Program
Thursday 21st August	DVC School Production – Cinderella at DVC 9.30am

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

We've had a few animal visitors last week. Maisie brought in her skink to the classroom to visit before she was releasing it back into the bush. 'Skinky' drew lots of attention as our classroom pet for a few days. We have also had a visiting wombat in our grounds who has been a bit of a nuisance and we have been gently persuading him to find a home elsewhere.

Will O'Brian has been teaching the senior grade Coding and Programming during semester one. Our students have been learning how to make their own websites using Python, a high-level programming language known for its readability and simplicity.

Dan the Music Man has been with us for the first semester teaching both grades a range of songs and instruments. Over the last few weeks in particular they have been busy practising in preparation for a miniconcert next term. This concert will be after school on Wednesday 30th July, from 3.45-5.00. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Today we had our last JSC fundraiser for the term – a hot Milo and biscuit morning tea- which was very welcome with today's Arctic blast of weather.

Diane

CODING WITH WILL

Over the past two terms, I've had the joy of guiding the Year 5 and 6 students through the world of coding. We kicked things off with drag-and-drop programming using Scratch, where the kids built their own games.

From there, each student designed and built their own website. We had everything from digital art galleries and bike shops to top 10 Star Wars countdowns.

This week they started dipping our toes into Python programming which means writing real code, line by line! It's been amazing to see how quickly they've picked things up and the energy they bring to each session is a highlight of my week for sure!

SPORTS FITNESS 'BINGO' with Mrs Phillips

The junior grade has been doing 'fitness bingo' as part of their sport over the last few weeks and instead of ticking off numbers the card contains different exercises or fitness challenges. The grade was broken into groups and the year 2 students were the leaders. This activity promotes physical activity and teamwork and it is a lot of fun. They have also been running laps of the fitness track.

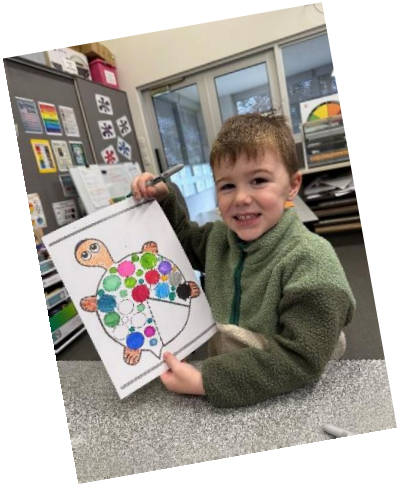
ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Jacob – For the way that he always gives his best effort across all subject areas.

Brock – For his enjoyment of doing his music project.

Alana Great nightly reading. Over 116 nights already this year.

Jude – Really enjoying reading his take home reader – Ninja Kid!



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JSC

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

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.

In the Art Room With Mrs Galvin

'the Bungle Bungles' in WA with Grade 3-6

Grade 3-6

Sovereign Hill Camp

Monday August 4th – Friday August 8th

Paperwork for this year's 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

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:

- Thursday 19th June – Tradeflex (cleaning) meeting to review what will be covered during the Term 2 break.
- VSBA - an online design discussion with regarding the building improvements to be made so the Shelter-in-Place building is compliant.
- Fire Plumb came in for their monthly service and to supply and fit lagging to exposed fire pump exhaust pipe work – All is now compliant
- ESM came into today to conduct their annual audit on Emergency planning, Fire Blankets/hydrants, paths of travel and Emergency Escape.

STRATHEWEN LANDCARE MEMBERS ONLY

Log Splitter available for hire!
Borrowing donation: $20
Pick up Strathewen
Questions and bookings can be made via emailing
enquiries@strathewenlandcare.org.au

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.*

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 Ja

WHAT'S ON

KINGLAKE LIBRARY

July 2025

School HOLIDAYS

8 JULY — **School Holiday Kids Movie**
Tuesday 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Ernest & Celestine Winter Tales.
Popcorn and refreshments provided.

10 JULY — **Decorate your own treasure box**
Thursday 11.00 - 12.00 pm
Supplies provided. Places limited to 10.
Bookings essential.

15 JULY — **Winter Movement**
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.30 am
Moving games in the library: Hopscotch, Elastics, Paper aeroplane challenge.

17 JULY — **Scrapbooking**
Thursday 10.30 - 11.30 am
Bring along printed photos, instax or polaroids. We provide books and decoration to make your own keepsake journal of memories.

24 JULY — **Coding**
Thursdays 24 Jul-18 Sep - 3.45 - 4.45 pm
Get started learning and playing with coding. Have fun creating your own game. Registration is essential. Laptops provided or BYO.

26 JULY — **Author talk - Kerryn Mayne**
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30 am
After a popular event at Yea library, crime writer Kerryn Mayne will be at Kinglake sharing her stories and experiences.

28 JULY — **Pageturners**
Monday 3.30 - 5.00 pm *Winter afternoon time
Find your next great read. A casual group sharing reading recommendations with a selection of books specially selected by our library staff.

Regular Programs

Digital Literacy
Mondays
11.00 - 12.00 pm

High School Drop In
Mondays
4.00 - 5.00 pm

Storytime - Baby bounce
Tuesdays
10.30 - 11.30 am
During school terms

Boomerang Bags
Wednesdays
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Storytime 2 - 5 years
Fridays
10.30 - 11.30 am
During school terms

Craft
Fridays
2.00 - 4.00 pm

Bookings are essential.
Book online at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/libraries or call us on 5772 0333.

Murrindindi Shire Council

Abilities Unleashed | Banyule City Council

Receive a $100 voucher to play at a sport club in Banyule

Banyule Abilities Unleashed

A free, fun, and inclusive day of activities connecting people with disabilities to local sport and active recreation opportunities.

Thursday 17 July, 2025
Adults: 10 AM - 12 PM
Kids: 1 PM - 3PM
Banyule Nets Stadium,
2 Somers Ave, Macleod VIC 3085

Registration links:
Click here for Adults
Click here for Kids

Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au

This project has received grant funding from the Australian Government managed by the Australian Sports Commission.

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