**Strathewen Primary School**

# Wednesday 2nd July 2025

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 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*

It has been an unusual term and an extremely busy one for staff and I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Galvin who has not only supported me but who has worked many, many late nights at school with me over the last 3-4 weeks writing the senior students reports. A huge thank you also to Deb who has not only done her usual office job but who has also taken on extra roles to support myself and keep the school running efficiently. It certainly has been a team effort- thank you both.

As I mentioned last week, early in term 3 we will be having a mini music concert to showcase the work our students having been doing in the Songroom program. Dan will provide a link that will be forwarded to all families, if any students would like to practise during the holidays.

Just to let parents know we have had a confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth in the junior classroom this week.

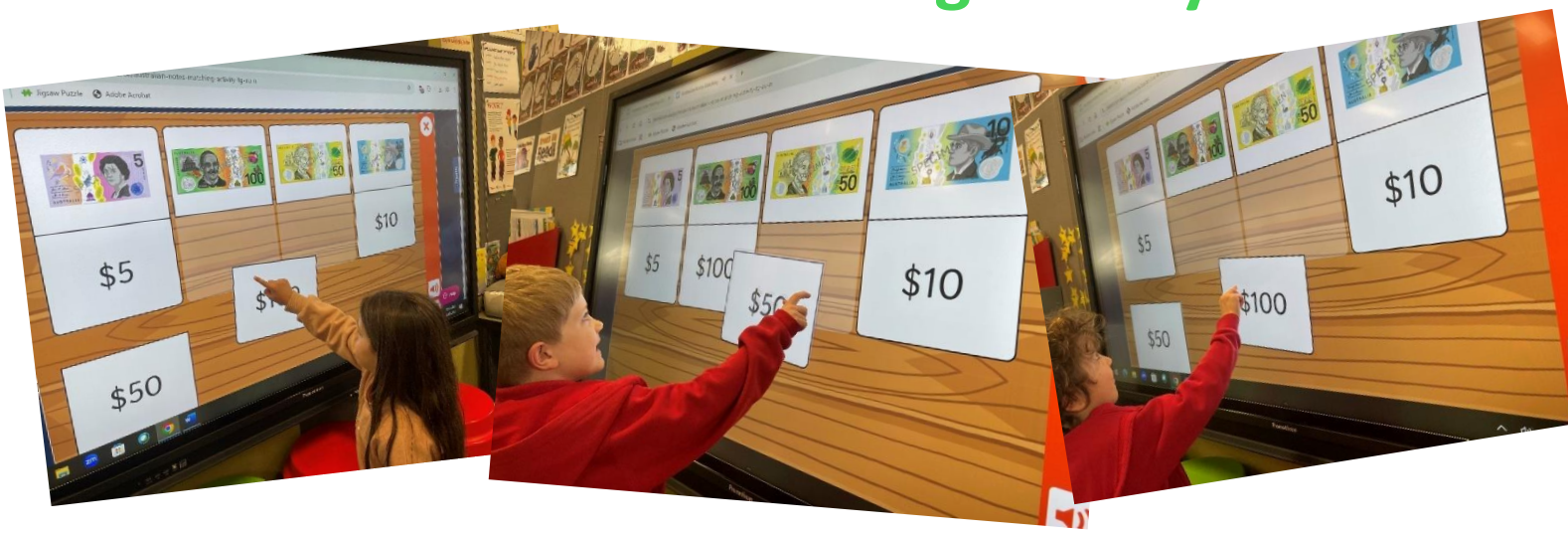
We had a sweet treat this week as Felix made a chocolate salami to share with all of the staff and students. The consensus from everyone was that it was delicious- thank you Felix that was a very thoughtful thing to do.
We have certainly had a very busy term and I'm sure that our students are ready for a break.

Our visiting wombat was treated last week and is still hanging around. He visited yesterday and we were able to get an update that he is doing well. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.
Diane

Felix's special Chocolate salami – what a wonderful treat this was and everyone said it was delicious!!

This week, we combined our knowledge to create designs that utilised the different things we've looked at this term. We combined catapult design, wind powered machines, well technology and a host of other unique design ideas to make inventions that tackled specific problems. We came up with a range of theories and ideas and then set about building them. Some of us made motorized powerboats that picked up rubbish, others some food catapults and some of us made some interesting hydraulic powered robots!

# Grade 1 – Matching Money




## PRe-PRep

Last weeks book was "The very Hungry Catapillar"

**Practising our scissor skills**

This weeks book was "Hello Baby"

# ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Awesome Effort!

Thea for her participation in music, she listened well and made a great effort at following the movements.

Marley for her enthusiasm in the art room. Fully engaging with the art materials on offer.

Van – for his enthusiastic attitude in music, and he is a wonderful drumming coach.

Iyla – for her writing this week. She is sounding out and looking at her magic words.

Well Done to Jacob who has completed his teacher created work book

Well Done to Marley who has completed his Time work book

Well Done to Matilda and Jacob for completing their first BTN books

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

## 'Completed 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:

- Last Thursday Playsafe workers came in to make minor upgrades to our playground equipment.

**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 Jane Hayward, our school principal on 9714 8278.

# 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.

Presented by Disability Sports Australia | MatchWorks | Australian Government Australian Sports Commission | PLAY WELL | variety

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DIAMOND CREEK

# BLUE LIGHT DISCO

7-9.30 PM | 8 - 13 YEARS | $8 ENTRY

DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE ROAD, DIAMOND CREEK

CONTACT: SERGEANT JO JAMIESON 9438 8300
PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ON THEM

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# Farmers

No matter what size farm, business or lifestyle

## Dry Season – Drought Management Workshop:

*"Won't give you the pot of gold, water or feed"*

This Event: @ No Fee, just your valuable time!
*Will give you an opportunity to better manage:*

- Yourself + Finances + Livestock + Farm Environment

Link: Dry seasons and drought support | Farm management | Agriculture Victoria

Date: Saturday July 5th 2025
Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm Place: Arthurs Creek Hall
Afternoon tea: supplied
Click here or scan QR to Register by Tues 1st July

*Information & discussion presented and facilitated by Malcolm J Cock, who has extensive experience in livestock farming, drought management as well as farm business and lifestyle management consultancy. 0418 316 009*

*This event is supported by Agriculture Victoria's Drought Support Package.*

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Support from

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# STAPS

## OSHC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### July Holidays 2025

Tues 8th, Wed 9th, Thurs 10th and Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th July

**To Book In ...**
**Email: st.andrews.ps@education.vic.gov.au**
**or message the OSHC mobile on: 0427 245 921**

**STAPS OSHC Vacation Care is available to all STAPS students and is also available to students from other schools.**

*ALL students MUST have completed a 2025 STAPS OSHC enrolment form, and supplied any relevant medical plans.*

**Please note that STAPS OSHC has a maximum number of 15 bookings for each day.**
**Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July**
**Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July**

**Costs:** Flat rate per student per day applies - special activities vary the price - see above
*(Child Care subsidies apply to eligible families if registered)*

**Times**: Available from **8:30 am to 5:30 pm**.
*Children can attend for the whole day or part of the day, but please note that the flat fee applies.*

**Activities:** The day will include outside games, relaxing "downtime activities" (possibly including watching a movie/short show), and **Special Activities (as listed above)**

**Food**: **BYO LUNCH**, with Fruit, and Snacks offered on the day
**What else:** Students MUST bring a water bottle each day, and wear closed-toe shoes and suitable clothing - coats are advised. (Gumboots/Slippers are also welcome)

**OSHC Educators**: Tracey, supported by other staff as required

***Please note re Fire Ratings: If the day is EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC Fire Danger Rating, STAPS OSHC Vacation Care will be cancelled on that day.***