Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 24th July	Basketball Day
Tuesday 29th July	Song Room with Dan School Council Meeting 4.30pm
Wednesday 30th July	Concert with Dan the Music Man 4pm – 5pm
Thursday 31st July	JSC – Dress up as a Popstar day
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August	Grade 3-6 Annual camp to Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 12th August	CFA Program resumes
Wednesday 13th August	School Photos
Thursday 14th August	JSC – Pie/Pastie/Sausage Roll Day
Tuesday 20th August	CFA Program
Thursday 21st August	DVC School Production – Cinderella at DVC 9.30am
Thursday	

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

I hope everyone had a good holiday.

We are starting off another busy term with the 'Strathewen Globetrotters' heading off for their basketball day tomorrow with Mr Simondson. We know they will have a great time competing against students at Doreen PS and Kangaroo Ground PS.

A reminder for next week is our Song Room concert, which is being held after school on Wednesday the 30th from 4-5 pm. Our students are keen to show you what they have been learning so please come along and join us and share in our afternoon tea after the performance.

The senior camp is in only a few weeks away and it will very likely be a bit chilly up in Ballarat. Please look over the packing list in preparation- coats and spare shoes will be a must. The program for the week looks wonderful with lots of time at Sovereign Hill as well as a range of other activities around Ballarat.

The NAPLAN results have arrived this week from the Education Department. Grade 3 and 5 parents can pick these up from the office. Information about your child's results is included but feel free to come along and have a chat about them with Mr Simondson if you have a query.

Diane Phillips

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Louie for his leadership with organizing the sports equipment and activities.

Felix – for his enthusiasm and effort when completing his English quiz book each day.

Margaret- for her work on her winter poem- nice sounding out of words Margaret.

Vivi for her enthusiastic effort on her bobble headed cat in art this week.

Music Event Wednesday 30th July

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4.00pm start

Our school ensemble performing with "Dan the Music Man"

Afternoon tea and coffee & biscuits will be provided.

Everyone is Welcome

Sovereign Hill Camp

Monday August 4th – Friday August 8th

The Itinerary has been finalised and we are set to go. If all paperwork could all forms be returned by Friday 25th July 2025.

The camp cost for this year is $695.00 per student, which confirms that camp costs have increased since 2024. If payments or arrangements could be finalised by Tuesday 29th July. 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 Deb 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

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

JSC - Don't forget we have our Popstar dress up Thursday next week

31st July

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.

The Bradshaw family have again been very busy over the holiday break. Deb and her daughter Ruby made another trip up to Ballarat to finalise the planning for the upcoming senior camp. Restaurants were reviewed and the Ballarat Amazing Race was run to check times. Deb also headed up to Beechworth to pick up our Beechworth honey to purchase our Planting for Bees Learning Kits which will be starting this term.

A very special thank you to our resident very handy men Darren and Darren for coming to our aid again. Over these holidays they have fixed our broken path as it had become a tripping hazard. The concrete underneath the pavers had cracked and our path was on a slant. Darren also removed all of our flyscreens so the cleaners could complete their holiday cleaning.

In the Art Room With Mrs Galvin & THE 'Bobble Headed Clay Cats'

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:

- Darren and Darren fixed the front entrance path way.
- Darren B removed all the fly screens in preparations for window cleaning.
- Nipun from Tradeflex came in and cleaned all the external windows.
- Water filters cleaned and changed.
- Mrs Galvin, Mrs Phillips and Mr Simondson headed off to Doreen PS for our catchup First Aid Training.

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.

WINTER WARM UP - LIVE MUSIC -

STRATHEWEN COMMUNITY HALL

DATE - SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025

- **LIVE COVER BAND - MODERN VINTAGE**
- **BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES**
- **7.00PM TILL LATE**
- **INVITE OPEN TO FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS**
- **TICKETS $15.00 PER ADULT AND UNDER 18 FREE!!**

- **BOOK NOW – SEE LINK BELOW**
- **https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1438614**

Tuning in to Kids™

Emotionally intelligent parenting - Six week group program

Join Family Support Worker Joan Lauricella for this six week program to learn how to:

- Improve how you communicate and understand your child
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Help prevent behavioural problems in your child
- Teach your child to deal with conflict

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Please scan to book:

Booking link:
https://events.humanitix.com/tuning-in-to-kids

For more information:
Email: joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au

9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesdays 6 August, 13 August, 20 August, 27 August, 3 Sept and 10 Sept

$80 per adult, $130 per couple, $50 concession

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