Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 29thJuly 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 – The Group photo in the package is the photo of the Class your child/children are in.
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
Tuesday 26th August	Sugarloaf Athletics Day grade 3-6 – Willinda Park, Greensborough

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 Strathewen Globetrotters had a great day of basketball last Thursday. Their first stop was Kangaroo Ground Primary and their principal, Laurie Murray gave our students some new sport singlets to play in. After this they all headed over to Doreen PS. Our students had a wonderful day and they also enjoyed looking around the other schools and meeting their senior classes. A big thank you to both schools and their principals for helping to make this day happen and of course especially to Mr Simondson for organising it all. Thanks also to Jack from the junior classroom who went along to help with the grade 3-4 team numbers.

This term in Mrs Galvin's Art lessons the classes are working with clay. The photos further down in the newsletter show the children's wonderful creations. When they have finished their pieces, they will be fired in our kiln. These art lessons are fun and messy and our students love them!

The senior camp is next week so I hope everyone is almost packed and ready. Deb has sent home the packing list again earlier this week. We are attempting to leave the school hopefully by 9 o'clock so we are requesting that everyone to be at school by 8.30 so we can pack the trailer and be ready to go as close to that time as possible. While the senior grade is away next week the junior grade will have a bit of a fun week. The theme for this special week is 'gold'- in particular the goldrush and how it affected children. There will be art based on the goldrush, sport activities like children played at the time of the gold rush, and a gold themed lunch on Friday. A note will be sent home to parents about this special lunch next week.

As part of our ongoing Shelter in Place requirements this week again you might have seen Darren Bradshaw and Darren McKinnon working in our school grounds. This time they are moving our greenhouse to a new spot near the chicken run. It's been another big job, as it required digging out a flat area and concreting foundations. Before the greenhouse could be moved.

Just a reminder that the NAPLAN results for the grades 3 and 5 students and are available for pick up at 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 this week if you have a query.
Diane Phillips

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Quinn for his help in emptying the greenhouse in preparation for the relocation.

Jack for going along and helping fill our team at baskbetball.
Well Done Jack.

Stori for her great work in singing and practicing for the Songroom Concert.

Marley for her great effort in Clay art this week. She took time to add wonderful detail to her frog.

Sovereign Hill Camp - Update

Monday August 4th - Friday August 8th

The Itinerary has been finalised and we are set to go.
Thankyou to all families who have paid. 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 Friday 1st August.
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

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

JSC - Don't forget we have our

Popstar dress up

Thursday 31st July

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.

the Strathewen Globetrotters

Headed off to Kangaroo Ground to play basketball against the grade 5/6 team, then headed to Doreen to play against their team. While we were at both schools Mr Murray and Mr Simondson showed us around their newly renovated schools. Both teams were fair and kind towards our school. I had a good time, had a few shots at goal and managed to get 3 in. Van

Last Thursday we went to Kangaroo Ground and Doreen Primary schools to play against their basketball teams. It was abit difficult at the beginning getting used to the basketball rules as I am used to netball. Against KG I had a few opportunities at goal, but didn't manage to get any in. At Doreen more opportunities and managed to get 2. It was fun to catch up with kids we had met at Leadership Day. It was good to get out and have some sporting fun with other schools. I great day. Marley

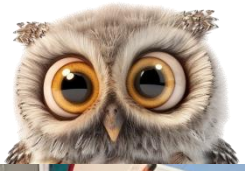
Last week I went to play basketball with the grade 3's & 4's. It was abit hard but it was fun. At Kangaroo Ground their team beat us by lots and at Doreen we won. I almost got a goal, but the other team blocked me. I had a very good day. Jack

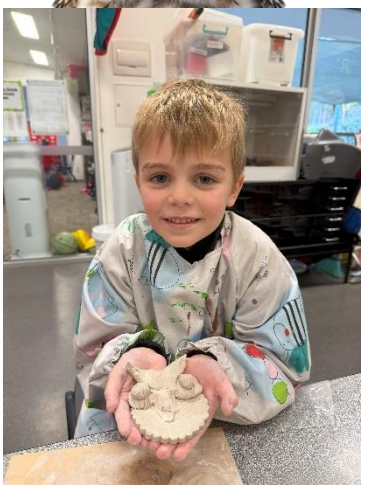
It was really fun and we got to play against the Future Stars from Kangaroo Ground and Doreen. The grade 3-4 from Strathy would play against the 3-4 from KG and Doreen and the Grade 5-6 would play against the 5-6 grades. We also got to have a tour of both schools so they could show us their new buildings. Ellie.

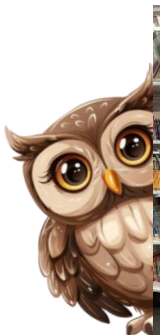
Last Thursday we played basketball against Doreen and Kangaroo Ground. We played 2 x 12 minute halves against both Doreen and Kangaroo Ground. We won against Doreen and lost against KG.
I had a couple of shots at goals, but didn't get any in. I had a great day. Nash

In the Art Room With Mrs Galvin

the clay OWLS







Pumped to be back on the first week! Hope you all had a great week, we pulled our way out of bed and into some physics with our lesson in winches. We learned about how winches use a pull force to bring things closer and shift large weights. In the junior years this meant creating our own winches and testing it on things around the room, in the senior grades we learned how a basic circuit works and then used that to make winches out of motors and recorded the results of our tests

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 B put all the fly screens back
- Darren and Daz began foundations to move the Greenhouse up beside the chicken coop as per regulations for Shelter in Place
- Fire Plumb came on Tuesday to do their monthly service.
- Pre OHS audit meeting was held to go through the requirements that will be needed for the audit

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

2025 Art Exhibition

Artsbridge JUNIOR

Artist Call Out

Primary & Secondary students

Sunday 31st August 10am - 3pm

Part of the Hurstbridge Wattle Festival
presented by **Hurstbridge Primary School**

Awards and Prizes

For more information and enquiries:
https://www.hbridgeps.vic.edu.au/
hpsartsbridge@gmail.com

Entries close Wednesday 27th August

Proudly Supported by: Bendigo Bank

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WHAT'S ON @ THE HOUSE

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www.krnh.org
admin@kinglakeranges.com.au
6 McMahons Rd, KINGLAKE 3763

WINTER WARMERS

WEDNESDAYS 30 JULY - 3 SEPTEMBER
12PM - 1PM

Thanks to the ongoing support of the BENDIGO BANK we are able to provide this service to the Kinglake Ranges community.
Join us for lunch at the House and enjoy a delicious meal, good company and a warm welcome, for only a small monetary donation. Bring your friends, family & neighbours - everyone is welcome!

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

MEDITATION & SOUND BATH
Saturdays, 2 & 30 August
12pm-1.30pm | $70 per session

FIRST AID & CPR
Saturday, 9 August
9.30-10.30am | $75 (CPR ONLY)
9.30am-12.00pm | $150.00 (Full course, Incl. CPR)

PAINT & SIP
Friday, 15 August
7pm-9.30pm | $65 | BYO drinks/nibbles

DRY FELTING PICTURES
with Gay Chatfield
Saturday, 16 August
1pm - 3pm | $50 (incls. all materials)

GLUTEN FREE MUFFINS
Friday, 22 August
6.30pm-8.30pm | $60 (incls. all materials)

HORTICULTURE ADVANCED
with Kathleen Tants
Fridays, 22 August - 7 November
10am- 1pm | $70 for 10 sessions

BOAT LICENCE
Saturday, 30 August
9am-1pm | $180 Boat & PWC | $80 PWC Only

MAKE YOUR OWN NATURAL PERFUME
with Diane Boede
Friday, 29 August
9.30-11.00am | $25 per person

VOLUNTEER @ THE NOOK

Can you help out on a Friday, Saturday OR Sunday shifts from: 11am – 1pm &/or 1pm – 4pm
Whether you can do a full day, half day, or even just an hour, your time makes a difference. No experience needed – we provide full training and support. To join our friendly and dynamic team, contact Laura on 5780 1301 or laura@kinglakeranges.com.au

SEMESTER 2 PROGRAM - OUT NOW
Keep up-to-date with all our workshops, courses and activities at krnh.org
Follow us on Facebook, or pop in and see us at the House or The Nook!

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
- healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham Vic 3095

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