Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 13th August 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 14th August	JSC – Pie/Pastie/Sausage Roll Day
Tuesday 19th 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
Tuesday 27th August	CFA Program – 5/6 Program – CFA T-Shirts Compulsory
Tuesday 2nd September	CFA Program - 5/6 Program – CFA T-Shirts Compulsory
Thursday 4th September	Fathers Day Stall
Tuesday 9th September	CFA Program - 5/6 Program – CFA T-Shirts Compulsory

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

What a busy and fun week it was for all our students. After a fabulous 5 days at Ballarat the tired senior campers and teachers returned on Friday. We were very lucky with the weather while we were away and, although it was a bit chilly, we only had one day of patchy wet weather. Last Wednesday was the much anticipated scavenger hunt around the centre of Ballarat – it was hotly contested and although there was some interference (mainly by staff and/or parents) the race was a lot of fun as students had to follow clues to find items/places around the Botanical Gardens and Sturt St. Thursday we were at Sovereign Hill again and our students were very keen to pan for gold and I think everyone brought home a small container of gold. Interestingly staff who oversee the panning said that Sovereign Hill management put $2,500 of gold through the water each week. Thursday night was the talent quest and trivia night and it was a lot of fun trying to remember things that had happened throughout the week. After packing up on Friday morning we headed over to the Memorial Arch, the Grieving Mother statue and the Prisoner of War Memorial, where students eagerly looked for possible relatives listed there. Then we headed to the old Ballarat Cemetery and spent an hour strolling around. Students were very interested to find some graves of the Eureka Stockade members as well some of the troopers.

Our students eagerly participated in all activities during their time away, they were respectful and represented SPS in a wonderful manner. I would also like to say how professional the Sovereign Hill staff were, they certainly helped to make this a great camp. A special thank you to Mareen Galvin, Darren Bradshaw and John Harrison for taking time away from their families to help make this camp so successful and fun.

The junior class rounded off their fun week on Friday by panning for 'gold' and having their golden lunch. They also dressed up as children from the goldrush era. When I returned, they excitedly showed me the gold they found. Thanks to Deb, Clare and Bianca for helping to make this a special week for the younger students.

Diane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Heli for her wonderful attitude to working and her amazing efforts in math this week.

Alana for persistence and attitude to learning with a special effort on her home reader and measurement activities.

Ava for helping and supporting the younger students on camp.

Van for being so positive on camp, embracing all aspects of our Camp.

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.

Campers Awards

Best Sovereign Hill Camp Book

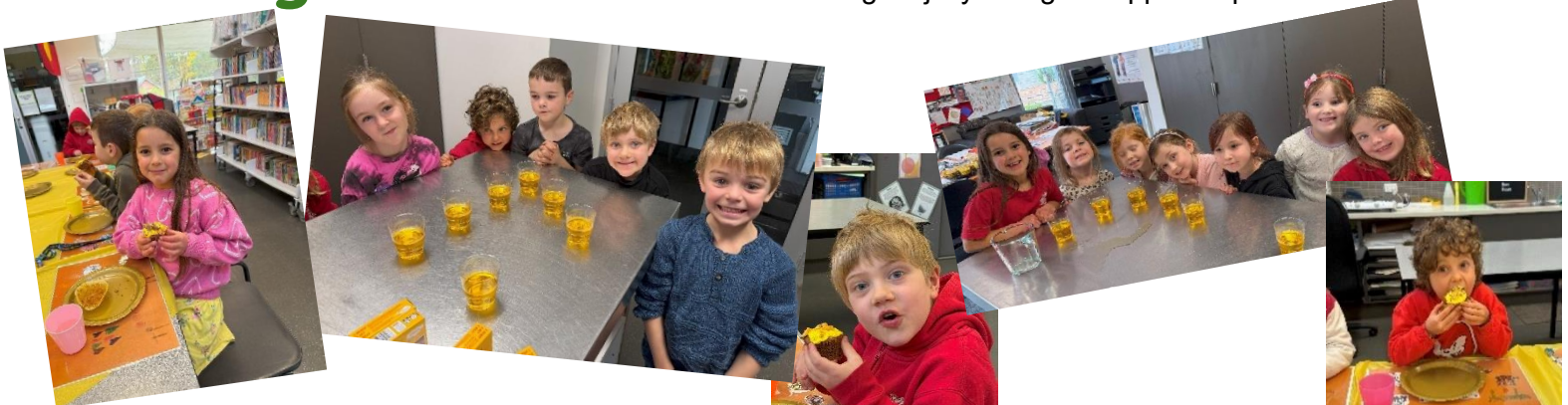
Winners of the Camp workbook award – Kayden 1st, Matilda 2nd and Vivi 3rd

Campers of 2025

Gold has come to Strathy

Cooking with Bianca

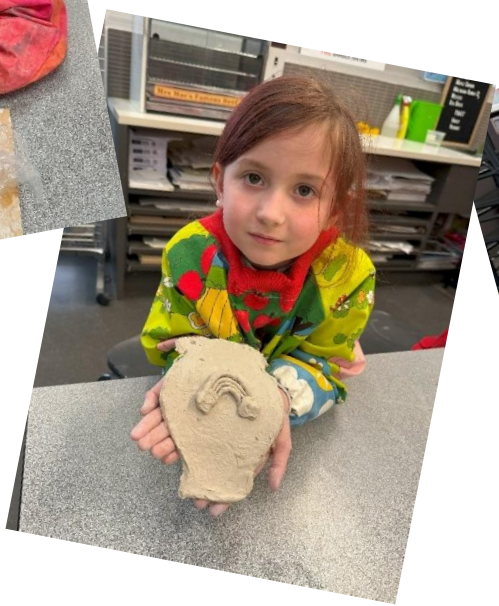
This week while everyone was on camp we made gold jelly and gold topped cupcakes



In the Art Room With

Mrs Galvin

Clay Vases



This week was a gravitational force investigation. We learned about the pulling force of gravity and how it pulls us to the earth. In the junior grades we explored how to make a marble run and how marbles use gravity to go down a marble run. In the senior grades, we explored different materials of marbles and various balls and learned how to compare the friction coefficient of these materials to see which would go fastest through a course.

CFA is back at SPS this week with Captain Lisal and Darren Grade 5-6 had their first sessionwhich was about brainstorming their ideas for this year. They looked at former projects and discussed new ones. Ideas being formulated will be narrowed down and they will begin planning.

A reminder that SFA polo shirts are compulsory

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:

- CBC – Aug 2025 routine servicing Fire Extinguishers: Portable & Wheeled, Emergency Planning, Path Of Travel & Discharge To Exit and Fire Blankets
- All passed (except 1 emergency light needs to be checked next electrical service)
- VSBA Cleaning Audit - ensure that all the cleaning service providers have been adhering to the standards set out in the Melbourne Metropolitan Cleaning Model.
- Spiire VSBA Bushfire vegetation Review
- All staff completed their First Aid training - doing their final anaphylaxis update
- Glen has been training the senior students in preparation for the Athletics sports … coming up on 26th August
- Deb and Diane have been continuing to prepare for the upcoming OHS audit – working through the list of task outlined in the preaudit visit

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.

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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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
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