Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 4th September- Father's Day Stall
Tuesday 9th September- CFA Program- grade 5-6- CFA uniform required
Tuesday 16th September- School Council Meeting 4.30pm
Thursday 18th September- Fish and Chip Lunch and Movie Day
Friday 19th September- Last day of term 3- 2.30pm finish

Save the date… Sunday October 26th- SPS fundraising role- car parking support at the Kinglake Market- Parent's Club fundraising event

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

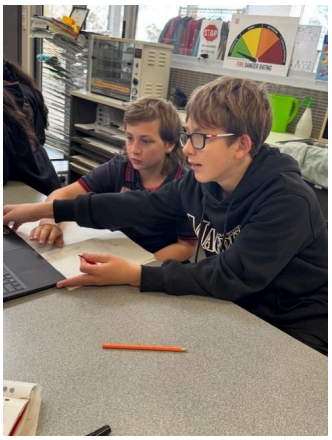
To all the dads in our S.P.S. community
Happy Father's Day
Here's to the dads, step dads, grandfathers, great grandfathers, dads to be, foster dads and special people
Enjoy your day

Parent's Club
Father's Day Stall
Here tomorrow morning
Gifts from $1.00- $6.00

Well, here I am, back in action at school after a lengthy period of personal leave. The welcome back has been heartwarming and it's good to be on deck again. Expressing my gratitude and thanks to our school family will never be enough. Thank you for the incredible support and kindness shown every step of the way. This community really is something special. Thank you to Diane for stepping into the leadership role in my absence and doing such a great job. Huge thanks to Maree, Deb, Rod, Bronte and Chan who kept things ticking along (and our trusty relief teachers who filled the gaps when needed). Glenn saved the day, giving up his retirement lifestyle to return to the classroom once again, which was fabulous. I was able to focus on attempting to make sense of things and managing what needed to be done in my world, knowing that our children were in great hands.
Thank you to our school community for supporting the team and our school in my absence. There is still a great deal for me to navigate, as I've found the wheels turn very slowly in many areas, but I'm very happy to be back at school.
This week, we say goodbye to Bronte, who finishes up in her well being role with us today, having secured a full time position in her chosen field of animation. We thank Bronte for all the work she has done as part of our team and we wish her all the very best in her new position.
Jane

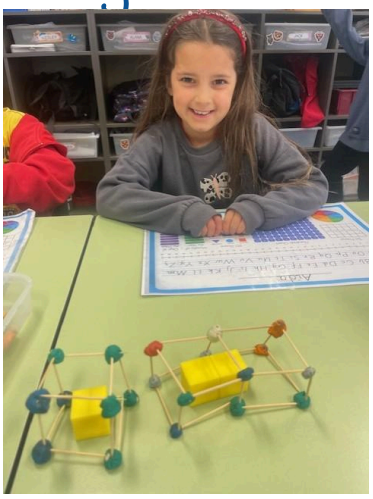
Congratulations to everyone on a terrific team effort at the Athletics Day last week, there were plenty of ribbons and plenty of smiles. After his very successful result in the 100m, Brock now goes on to represent the Sugarloaf District at the next level of competition. Well done Brock.

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership Program 2025



Yesterday in our CFA program session with Darren and Sue, we were working in our teams on the things we started last week, such as banner designs, scripts for videos and posters. Nash and I are looking at First Aid kits. Ava and Marley are working on volunteering with the CFA and Quinn and Louie are working on facts about fire season preparation for people new to the area. Matilda and Aiki are also working on bushfire information on high risk days. We have all been having lots of fun and we can't wait to see how things turn out in the end.
Jacob

Grade 1 doing their 3D shape work



Grade Prep reading out their Magic words into our 'whisperphones'

Gardening Club

Thank you to Isabella and Hollie for spending time in the garden with our students last week. Lots of spring tidying up was tackled and the kitchen garden area is looking great.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Maisie- for sharing games and her wonderful imagination with friends

Felix- for his great attitude to learning and his terrific work ethic in the classroom

Brock- for his outstanding effort in the 100m event, qualifying for the next level of competition!

Kayden- for his enthusiastic script writing and great sense of humour in CFA

School Council

We'd love you to join us?

Have you considered becoming a member of our School Council? We have casual vacancies and we'd love to hear from you. You're welcome to come along as an observer to see what we do and if joining our council is something you might be interested in. Please see Jane or Deb for more information.

Congratulations to Van and Ellie who have completed work on their Time Booklets with Mrs Galvin this week! Well done.

A bit of Art with Bronte… directed drawing as part of P-2 story writing for the Whittlesea Show

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 can plan a special challenge this term.

JSC

Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun of PJ Day.
We raised $37 for our JSC projects.

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*

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.

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.