Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 10th September 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 16th September- School Council Meeting 4.30pm

Thursday 18th September- Fish and Chip Lunch and Movie Day… the Great End of Year Concert Reveal!

Friday 19th September- Last day of term 3- 2.30pm finish

Monday 6th October- First day of term 4

Sunday 26th October- Kinglake Market- carpark support volunteers needed for SPS fundraising event

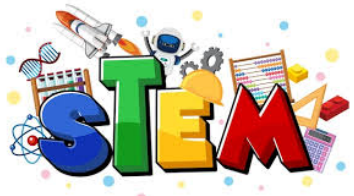
Friday 5th December- End of year concert at the Strathewen Hall

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

Everything is rolling along smoothly this week. We kicked off the week with table tennis coaching sessions on Monday and our Bushfire Education program on Tuesday. We have Deb back with us after her amazing Highland adventures and the junior class has been well supported by Clare and Bianca while Diane enjoys her week of long service leave in paradise with her family.
Next week sees the end of term 3 and we'll be sharing a bit of celebratory fun with our Fish and Chip Lunch and Movie Day on Thursday the 18th. The excitement is building, as our movie will reveal which production we'll be working on for the end of year concert. After a few final tweaks, the script is complete!

Jane

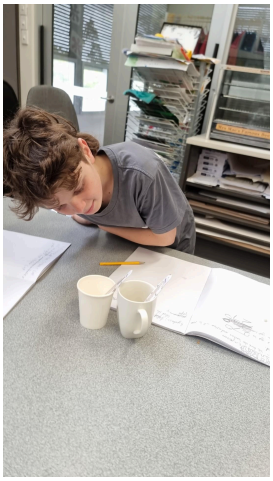


To the wonderful S.P.S. community,

Next week in STEM we're doing a marshmallow bridge building activity with the students. The students will be given a chance to eat one or two marshmallows as part of the activity to finish the term with a little fun.

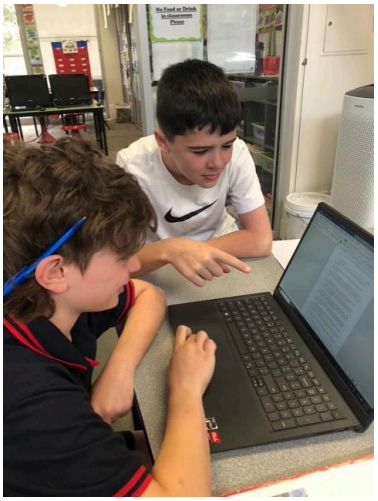
If you have any queries or concerns please let Chan or another staff member know.

Last week in STEM we explored sound in the junior grades more in depth. Learning about how sound travels through different mediums including solids and liquids. We thought about how it might make different pitches and tested our predictions to see if they were correct. In the senior grades we investigated how different cups work differently to keep heat in by comparing paper cups to plastic lined and ceramic cups. We had to think about the properties of the material to make an informed comparison. In Grade 5/6 we enhanced our understanding of how light travels, and practiced making detailed observations to ensure that we recorded observed phenomena accurately.



Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership Program 2025

Lisal has been away for a few weeks, running Fireline Leadership Training courses all around the country, so when she joined us yesterday, everyone presented the projects they've been working on. As always, she was impressed with the ideas and what's been done in her absence. We loved her encouragement and her feedback.



ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Heli- for showing kindness and being a great friend

Aida- for doing such a great job working on her Magic Words!

Ellie- for showing great initiative and taking time to sort out the classroom science kit!

Nash- for his enthusiastic writing and his terrific poetry effort this week!

The Art Room

Art this week in the 3-6 classroom

What a great effort! Congratulations to Brock, who did really well at the Athletics Division event on Monday, placing 4th overall in the 100m.

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.

FISH AND CHIP LUNCH AND MOVIE DAY NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH
ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON
PLEASE FILL IN YOUR ORDERS AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE WITH PAYMENT

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.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- There has been a lot of productive work going on in the Art Room and Mrs Galvin has had the kiln running over several days, firing students' clay masterpieces
- Yesterday, Deb me with our cleaning company to organise the periodical deep cleaning requirements for the school holiday period
- Our concert script is complete and ready for the big reveal
- There has been plenty going on behind the scenes in relation to the scope of work involved in the Shelter in Place requirements. This will continue to be a focus next term.

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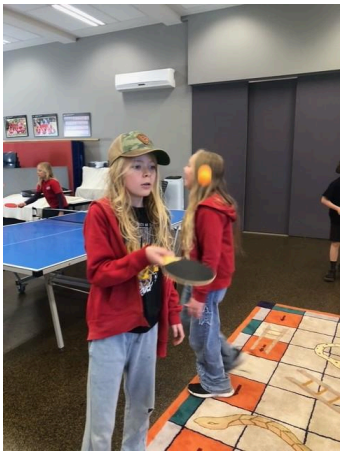
We have one more table tennis session next week to finish off the term.