Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 17th September 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Tuesday 21st October- re-scheduled School Council meeting

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

We're moving into the final days of term 3 and the much-anticipated Fish and Chip Movie lunch and end of year production announcement is all set for tomorrow! Despite many pleas for hints from students… it's still a secret. Behind the scenes, our concert plans and costume preparations are in full swing.

Students are working on their entries for the Whittlesea Show, putting together a piece of artwork and a piece of writing each. There's plenty of story writing happening in the junior classroom and the poetry pieces are coming along nicely in the senior room. There's plenty of action in the art room, with everyone working on their special piece of work. Just a reminder to families, that the cost for each entry is $1.20, payable to Deb at the office.

Just a reminder that the roads adjacent to our school are speed limited to 40kmph at all times, not just school pick up and drop off times. Children very often don't have a strong sense of road safety and can move impulsively and unexpectedly in carparks and traffic. As drivers, we need to be aware at all times.

While as a school community we have no control over the driving speed of the general public and people passing by, it is our shared responsibility to make sure that our own driving speed is safely maintained at or below the 40km limit.

I am acutely aware of the risk and outcome of vehicles impacting pedestrians. Even with a vehicle speed of 40kmph, the risk of pedestrian fatality is significant, with children being at a much higher risk level.

Let's all make sure that we protect our young people, focus on pedestrian safety, reduce our driving speed and encourage others to do the same.

Enjoy the two week break from the routines of school life and we'll see you back refreshed and ready for term 4. We have plenty to look forward to before the end of the year. I will be on leave for the first week of term, as I'm going ahead with my annual Bali adventure, although it will be a very different experience this time around. As always, I'll be spending time with the team at Taman Permata Hati, in Nyuh Kuning, and catching up with our JSC sponsored siblings Santi, Cinta and Mang Adi.

Take care

Jane

This week we got stuck into friction. We learned about how different surfaces produced more or less friction in the junior years and tested the concept with marbles. We learned that smooth surfaces are very effective at helping the rolling friction of marbles. In the senior grades we investigated how series and parallel circuits work and tried our hand at making a basic series circuit with multiple lights.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Stori- for using her great imagination and enjoying her story writing

Jack- for bringing his reading diary along each day and his great nightly reading

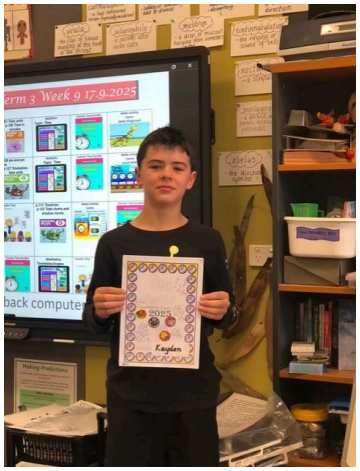
Aiki- for her effort and focus during maths work and testing this week

Van- for his great attitude to learning and his enthusiasm for poetry writing

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

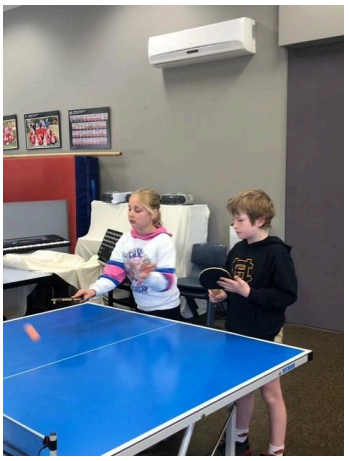
Our Pre-preps were making rockets this week, after reading 'Where the Moon Lives' with Mrs Galvin.

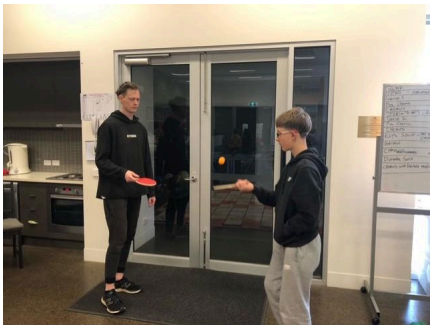


Congratulations to Kayden, who completed his Time Booklet this week.

Great work Kayden!

Our final Table tennis coaching session on Monday





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.

STAPS OSHC Vacation Care is available to all STAPS students and is also available to students from other schools.

ALL students MUST have completed a 2025 STAPS OSHC enrolment form, and supplied any relevant medical plans.

Please note that STAPS OSHC has a maximum number of 15 bookings for each day.
Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th September
Tuesday 30th September and Thursday 2nd October

Costs: Flat rate per student per day applies – special activities vary the price – see above
(Child Care subsidies apply to eligible families if registered)

Times: Available from **8:30 am to 5:30 pm**.
Children can attend for the whole day or part of the day, but please note that the flat fee applies.

Activities: The day will include outside games, relaxing "downtime activities" (possibly including watching a movie/short show), and **Special Activities (as listed above)**

Food: **BYO LUNCH** and Snacks, with Fruit, and other Snacks offered on the day
What else: Students MUST bring a water bottle each day, and bring and wear a sunhat, and wear closed-toe shoes and suitable clothing – coats are advised for wet weather. (Gumboots/Slippers are also welcome)

OSHC Educators: Tracey, supported by other staff as required

Please note re Fire Ratings: If the day is EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC Fire Danger Rating, STAPS OSHC Vacation Care will be cancelled on that day.