Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 15th October 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 21st October	Re-scheduled School council meeting
Wednesday 16th October	**RE-LOCATION DAY TO DIAMOND VALLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE**
Tuesday 22nd October	CFA Program - 5/6 Program – CFA T-Shirts Compulsory
Friday 24th October	Grade 5/6 – Soccer Day Kangaroo Ground
Sunday 26th October	Kinglake Market- carpark support volunteers needed for SPS fundraising event
Thursday 30th October	Leadership Day 2 – Panton Hill Hall 9.30am
Tuesday 4th November	**CUPDAY**
Tuesday 2nd December	Celebration of Wonderful Women
Friday 5th December-	End of year concert at the Strathewen Hall

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

Well, I'm back into the swing of things, after a very enjoyable time away. I managed to catch up with our sponsored students in Bali, which was fantastic once again. It's pretty incredible to see just how far our support funding goes for our young people, making a real difference to their lives.

As you'll now be aware, despite the fact that the official fire season hasn't begun, we find ourselves with an Extreme Fire Danger Rating declared for our Local Government Area of Nillumbik for tomorrow. This means that our Relocation Plan is activated and we're all set to relocate for the day to Diamond Valley College as planned. Both grades let out a cheer when they were told that our school will operate at DVC tomorrow!

We'll meet in the carpark area at 9am and proceed to our usual space. The learning packs and supplies are loaded and we're ready to go. Thanks to all families for their support with this process. It's certainly beyond our control and something that we simply need to plan for and manage. We've had to postpone our hot dog day, and students will need to bring along their water bottles, snacks and lunch.

See you at DVC tomorrow.

Jane

Congratulations to Aiki & Matilda for finishing their Time Booklets

Ellie crocheting granny squares at Breakfast Club.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Matilda for her enthusiasm in spelling activities and our BTN work.

Kayden for his work ethic in all his artistic endeavors.

Jack for his excitement at story writing.

Iyla for listening well for the sounds in words when writing

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 can plan a special challenge this term.

Postponed until next week due to re-location

Hotdog Day

Wednesday 23rd October

$3.00

RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

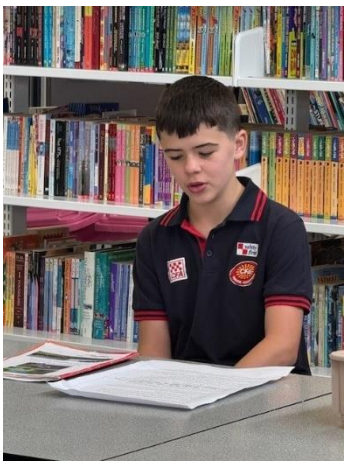
- Topic 1: Emotional literacy
- Topic 2: Personal strengths
- Topic 3: Positive coping
- Topic 4: Problem-solving
- Topic 5: Stress management
- Topic 6: Help-seeking
- Topic 7: Gender and identity
- Topic 8: Positive gender relationships

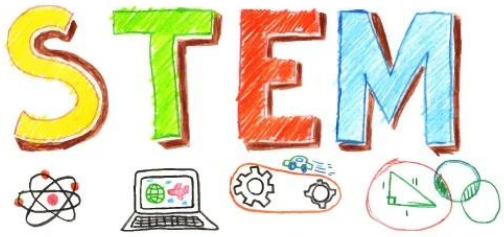
The RR program begins in the first year of school and continues from there. Some topics covered in the junior classroom include:

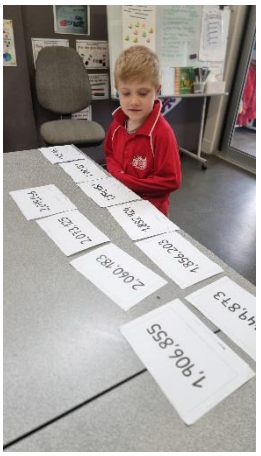
- ways we help to make a safe and happy class
- acts of friendship, with a focus on empathy● acts of kindness
- personal and cultural strengths
- knowing and showing respect
- respecting and valuing difference
- positive coping- cheering up and calming down

In the Art Room with Mrs Galvin and the crafty caterpillars

Continuing to put together short movies addressing different fire safety topics and presenting to Commander Mark Riches







Great to be back this term! We're looking at digital technologies and understanding how computers work. This week we looked at how computers think. In the junior grades we learned about how computers use sorting techniques to sort data so they can understand it. These are known as algorithms and we tested our brains to sort data ourselves. In the senior grades we explored the components of the computers from the CPU to the Hard Drive and their relative roles. We then had a crack at an algorithm game that compared different ways of sorting numbers.

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.

Christmas in Kinglake

Let's light up the town

Saturday
November 29
7 pm
at Kinglake Library

- Family fun and BBQ
- Xmas Music
- Hampers
- Raffles ... and more

CFA Santa will visit for children

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BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW (LIMITED NUMBERS)

A Kinglake CWA Project with
special thanks to Bendigo Bank, Murrindindi Council,
local community volunteers and businesses

JOIN OUR FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SINGING GROUP!

For Ages 5–14

- **Meeting:** Fridays 5:15–6:00 pm
- **Location:** Kinglake Neighbourhood House
- **Rehearsals Begin:** Friday, October 17
- **No Rehearsals:** October 31 & November 28
- **Led by:** Tess Kesting
- **Special Performance:** CWA Light Up Kinglake, November 29
- **Details & Registration:** Contact Kinglake CWA Facebook Page or Chrissy Eustace – 0408 729 580

Get ready for a joyful holiday season filled with **music and cheer**!

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Rabbit Management Workshop

Come and enjoy beautiful outdoors at a demonstration day hosted by Nillumbik Shire Council and Strathewen Landcare.

Take this opportunity to join Nillumbik Shire Council's Environmental Officers, Strathewen Landcare Group and rabbit control professionals as we discuss the best options for effective management and the resources required for rabbit control on your property.

Please wear sturdy closed cap shoes.

We are committed to and inclusive and accessible event environment for all attendees. If you have any accessibility or inclusion, requirements please contact environment@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Date Saturday 18 October

Location
Private Property, Strathewen

Time 10am to 12pm

Scan the QR Code to register.

Strathewen Landcare Group

nillumbik.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Nillumbik
The Green Wedge Shire

KINGLAKE RANGES

LIFT THE LID WALK

PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH

SUN 17TH NOV

9:30AM START

5.8 KM

Rotary Districts of Australia

Australian Rotary Health

TO WALK & TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Rotary Kinglake Ranges

STARTING POINT

MEET AT KINGLAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
1 EXTON RD KINGLAKE CENTRAL

ENTRY FEE $30

FOR ADULTS, KIDS WALK FOR FREE.

T-SHIRT & CAPS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

GUEST SPEAKER - AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH - MENTAL HEALTH

FREE BBQ LUNCH TO ALL WALKERS, FREE FACEPAINTING, BUBBLE PLAY, SENSORY TOYS, GAMES, MUSIC, ICE CREAM, COFFEE VAN, MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES, WANDERING WILDLIFE DISPLAY & A SCAVENGER HUNT ALONG THE WALK. 10 SITES TO TAKE A PHOTO, COLLECT THEM ALL TO EARN A GOODIE BAG

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walk with us and be kind to your mind

Murrindindi Shire Council

Bendigo Bank

Australian Government

ROTARY CLUB KINGLAKE RANGES,
KINGLAKE AUTOMOTIVE, RIDGELINE 4X4
- PRESENTS

KINGLAKE RANGES

EST. 2023

Show 'N' Shine

SUN 16TH NOV 2025

CARDBOARD BOX RALLY

Enter to win $100

RAISING AWARENESS & MONEY IN SUPPORT OF "LIFT THE LID" MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH

BBQ | PIZZA | ICE CREAM
CLASSIC BIKES, CAR & 4X4
MINDFUL PAINTING | FACE PAINTING
REPTILE EXPERIENCE | BUBBLES
WIN A BIG JAR OF HOT WHEELS CARS
2 LIVE BANDS

1 EXTONS RD, KINGLAKE CENTRAL

10AM TO 2PM

COMPETITION TIME

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO DESIGN, BUILD, SHOW OR RACE THEIR VERY OWN CARDBOARD CAR.

GIVE YOUR CARDBOARD BOX A GLOW UP, MAKE IT ABSOLUTE FIRE AND SLAY THIS RACE TO BECOME THE G.O.A.T — IT'S ALL ABOUT CREATIVITY AND FUN! THE BEST CAR WINS $100 CASH!

SO GRAB SOME BOXES AND START BUILDING!

REGISTER ON THE DAY, COMP STARTS AT 11:45AM

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