**Strathewen Primary School**

# Wednesday 19th November 2025

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| Thursday 20th November | No Pre-Prep<br>Prep Transition morning 11:30am – 1pm |
| Friday 21st November | Chocolate Money due |
| Tuesday 25th November | CFA Program - 5/6 Program – CFA T-Shirts Compulsory |
| Thursday 27th November | No Pre-Prep<br>Prep Transition morning 11:30am – 1pm<br>JSC – Crazy Hair Day |
| Friday 28th November | Hosting visiting students for a music morning with Rod |
| Tuesday 2nd December | Celebration of Wonderful Women – Everyone Invited |
| Thursday 4th December | Concert Rehearsal at the Hall – from 8.45am to 3.30pm |
| Friday 5th December- | End of year concert at the Strathewen Hall – 7pm Start<br>Supper at the end of the concert, supplied by families, with tea and coffee. |
| Tuesday 9th December | Year 7 Orientation Day |
| Wednesday 10th December | School Council – last meeting 2025 |
| Thursday 11th December | Christmas Excursion – Greensborough Movies – 9.30am KFC Carpark |
| Tuesday 16th December | Grade 6 Big Night Out. |
| Thursday 18th December | Last Student Day – Kris Kringle |
| Friday 19th December | Student Free Day |

*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*

There's certainly been plenty happening in the classrooms this week. Students have been finishing off a range of projects in the senior room, including their 'Million Dollar Challenge' posters, researching wish lists and creating financial spreadsheets to account for their spending of $1 000 000. We're coming to the end of the 2025 Bushfire Education Partnership program and grade 5 and 6 students are finalising their short films, with the editing process in full swing, and they're adding the finishing touches to their community information posters. Next week, we might even manage to fit in some extinguisher training and invite the 3-4 group to join us over the road at the station!

Concert rehearsals are stepping up, with everyone working hard to master their lines and deliver them in character and strengthen voice projection. We have budding musicians preparing their performance pieces and our song items are being polished. Grade six students are chatting about their graduation speeches, and it sounds like some are already being written. Concert night looks like being a terrific school event once again this year.

End of year testing continues in both classrooms and teachers are working on semester 2 reports, which will be sent home at the end of term.

Senior students have been designing postcards to promote the message 'it all starts with respect', which is the focus of this year's 16 Days of Activism campaign. Selected postcards will be printed off ahead of our Celebration of Wonderful Women on Tuesday December 2nd, and we've used some of our grant funding to have special banners made, which will be on display. We hope you've added this event to your calendar and can join us for some or all of the day.

With the 'Light up Kinglake' Christmas event coming up, P-6 students are working on decorating their canvas panels to add to the community display. This event is run by the Kinglake CWA and always it's great to the artistic efforts of our young people on display for the festive season.

It was lovely for everyone to catch up with Diane today, with Deb picking her up and bringing her along to school for a visit. The P-2 bunch erupted with excitement when Di appeared in the doorway. Intensive physio is continuing and we're really looking forward to having Diane back with us soon.

Jane

Margaret - for working hard on learning her magic words.

Wes for knowing his lines for the play off by heart.

Van for his super maths focus, tackling catch ups and skill building.

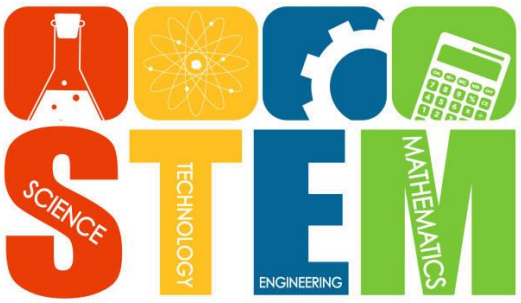
Jacob for his consistent effort and great teamwork.

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 Crazy Hair Day

Thursday 27th November 2025

Gold Coin Donation




This week, we did some more measuring, in the junior grade we either made creations to measure or did our own measuring using standard and non-standard measuring units. We learned about being specific and using instruments correctly and the idea that measuring twice is important! In the senior grade we played with scale, we investigated how to make Tinkercad 3D Designs that functioned to deliver scale models we could actually use in our day to day lives!

Concentration of finishing off their information posters and editing their short films.

## Behind the Scenes:

- External AED Defib was serviced

**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.

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INVITES YOU TO THE

# STRATHEWEN
# Christmas
## COMMUNITY DINNER

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
6:30PM

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

BOOK TICKETS AT
TRYBOOKING.COM/DHCMQ

# 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

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Log Splitter available for hire!
Borrowing donation: $20
Pick up Strathewen
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