Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 12th February 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 12th February	SWIMMING
Tuesday 17th February	SWIMMING / JSC selling Zoopa Doopers from today
Thursday 12th February	SWIMMING
Tuesday 24th February	SWIMMING and District Swimming
Thursday 25th February	SWIMMING
Monday 9TH March	LABOUR DAY
Tuesday 10th March	NESST CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE

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

SWIMMING PROGRAM There was much excitement as we boarded the bus bound for the Eltham Leisure Centre yesterday for our annual swimming program. For our first session, the swim teachers observed skills to determine each group they were allocated to. The program runs each Tuesday and Thursday until the final session on Thursday 26th February. We were so impressed with how the children conducted themselves on our first outing for 2026.

SCHOOL COUNCIL I posted a call for nominations at the end of last week and urge all families to consider joining our School Council. Thank you to all families who completed the survey to determine the most suitable day and time. Our final meeting of the 2025 Council will select the date and time then communicate this with the community via the school newsletter.

SCHOOL POLICY INFORMATION School policies are developed in line with Department guidelines and the community's educational aspirations for its children. Policies are statements of purpose, which are implemented on School Council's behalf to achieve many of the objectives stated in our School Strategic Plan as well as areas, which need to be addressed to ensure our programs and practices are followed in accordance with the needs of the community in mind.

A range of Child Safety, operational, curriculum and health and wellbeing policies are available on our school website, providing detailed information about how the policy topic is implemented at our school. All policies are reviewed and updated on a cyclical basis.

Our Child Safety and Wellbeing policy communicates to our school community how we create and maintain a safe, supportive and inclusive school environment consistent with our school's values. Strathewen Primary School is committed to providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for all students. We understand that students reach their full potential only when they are happy, healthy and safe, and that a positive school culture, where student participation is encouraged and valued, helps to engage students and support them in their learning. Our school acknowledges that student wellbeing and student learning outcomes are closely linked.

Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Nash for helping his leadership and communication skills when working with the younger grade.

Jacob for helping the younger students at swimming.

Thea and Stori for maintaining their great nightly reading.

Heli for her enthusiasm for learning.

Congratulations

To Aiki for becoming this years first President of the Strathewen Primary School Junior School Council

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.

Zoopa Doopers are being sold from Tuesday 17th, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

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Our first week back and we chatted about our procedures and being ready to learn. We also explored how to set up and run an experiment in S.T.E.M. But specifically, we focused on the most important step, asking questions! We need to be able to ask questions in order to do good science and we thought about all kinds of questions to ask and answer. We had a little fun with a stand up without your hands experiment and exploding rocket canisters to help guide a little science inquiry too! Great first week, looking forward to an excellent Term in S.T.E.M.

STEM
SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

With Mrs Galvin

General Studies

WALKING WITH
DINOSAURS

October
November

Behind the Scenes:

- Strathewen Water Cartage – refill CFA water tanks
- Daz painted the new Cubby House

Hollie and I spent a wonderful couple of hours last Friday morning in the veggie patch with our enthusiastic helpers: Jacob, Nash, Felix, Heli Storia, Matilda, Leo and Aiki. After a month or two of very little rain over the Christmas break, the garden was looking a bit tired — but the kids were more than ready to bring it back to life.

Nash led the charge on pruning our pot plants, giving them a much-needed tidy-up, with Jacob and Ike adding some excellent pruning work of their own. Meanwhile, Heli, Felix, Storia and Leo took on the important task of seed-saving from the old hollyhocks, and then got stuck into fertilising (Matilda's favourite job!) and mulching across the beds.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, the patch is looking far happier — and we're hoping to plant some "summer-loving" veggies together next time.

See you all on Friday, 20 February!

Isabella

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.

Blue Light

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Please ensure children have an emergency number on them.

13 FEB 7-9.30PM

8-13 YEAR OLDS | $8 ENTRY

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Diamond Creek Community Centre
28 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
Contact: Diamond Creek Police 9438 8300

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE & VOLUNTEERS

DIAMONDCREEKBLUELIGHTDISCO

Diamond Creek Blue Light Disco

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Borrowing donation: $20
Pick up Strathewen
Questions and bookings can be made via emailing enquiries@strathewenlandcare.org.au

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