Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 18th February 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 17th February	SWIMMING / JSC selling Zooper Doopers from today
Thursday 12th February	SWIMMING
Tuesday 24th February	SWIMMING and District Swimming
Wednesday 25th February	JSC - DRESS UP DAY – Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 26th February	SWIMMING
Monday 9TH March	LABOUR DAY
Tuesday 10th March	NESST CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE
Tuesday 17th March	Parent Teacher afternoon 4pm – 6pm – enter time onto the sheet on Debs Desk
Wednesday 18th March	Parent Teacher afternoon 4pm – 5pm – enter time onto the sheet on Deb's Desk

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

RELOCATIONS Due to a larger number of Extreme Fire Danger Ratings for the Nillumbik LGA, we have been required to relocate to Diamond Valley College each week so far. We are, of course, very grateful for the ongoing support of the DVC staff and students, who accommodate us so well and make sure the children have the best experience possible! The students are so flexible and adapt to relocation so well, and it is so lovely to see how well the older children support their younger counterparts. It's already obvious to me how this is a strong feature of our school's sense of community. During our relocation yesterday, I was attending a Principal Forum and Rod Waterman, a casual relief teacher well-known to you all, replaced me in the class.

RESPECTFUL, SAFE AND ENGAGED: Shared Expectations to support student behaviour The Department of Education provides resources and support for schools to build positive student behaviour and foster positive relationships between schools, students and families. There is an expectation that **students** will demonstrate respectful, safe and engaged behaviours, such as following staff instructions, keeping themselves and others safe from hard and going to school each day, being on time and ready to learn. Just to name a few. **Parents and carers** can help by knowing the school rules and supporting them at home, working together with staff if your child is having problems at school to understand and resolve and issue and helping your child to attend school every day, because every day counts. **Schools** can support students to meet behaviour expectations by explicitly teaching, modelling and acknowledging expected respectful behaviour, having clear policies and procedures to prevent and respond to bullying and keep students safe and delivering evidence-based, inclusive education that meets the needs of all students.

PARENT TEACHER CHATS – TERM 1 will be held on Tuesday March 17th from 4-6pm, and Wednesday March 18th from 4-5pm. There is a booking form at the office, allowing parents to book in a suitable time to have a chat with teachers about how the year has started for their child(ren).

SCHOOL COUNCIL Thank you to those parents who have submitted a nomination form to join our School Council and for letting us know your most suitable days and times – a decision about this will be made at our final meeting for the current council. This will be held on Tuesday 24th February at 4:30pm.

Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Leo for how well he is learning his letter names and sounds	Heli for her work in her daily maths mentals quiz	Vivi for her leadership and willingness to help others	Alana for giving challenging things a go!

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.

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

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Dress Up Day

Next week on Wednesday the 25th Strathewen is having a dress up as something that starts with the first letter of your name day!

Example: T- Turtle

Make sure to bring a gold coin donation!

This week, we launched into our own scientific inquiries. In the senior years, this meant designing and conducting our own experiments. In the junior years, we focused on how to make a good prediction and learned about what they are. We had a bunch of fun mixing various compounds to see what happened, with messy but interesting results! We made use of the Diamond Valley College science room that their Primary Outreach Coordinator Kim and their Principal Sam generously went out of their way to organize for us!

LET'S GO
SWIMMING
Week
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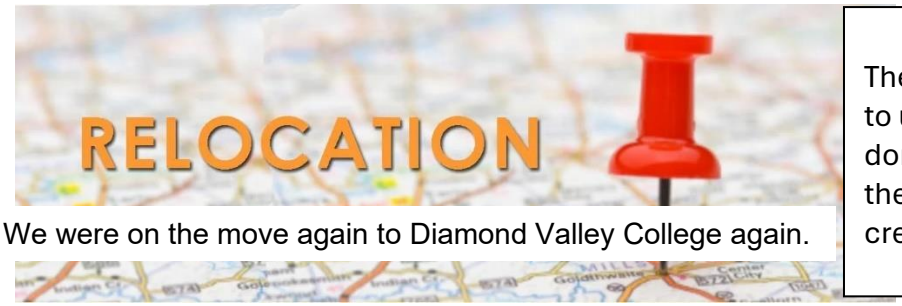

We were on the move again to Diamond Valley College again.

Bracelet Making at DVC

The Strathewen students were lucky enough to use the materials left over from a project done at Diamond Valley College based on their Values learning. What a lot of fun we had creating our own bracelets over a session.

And a bit of music with Rod

Behind the Scenes:

- Daz has continued to paint the new Cubby House
- CBC/Fire Plumb – monthly service to Pump House and hydrants

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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Log Splitter available for hire!
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Questions and bookings can be made via emailing
enquiries@strathewenlandcare.org.au

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