Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 25th February 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 23rd February	Tennis Program
Thursday 26th February	SWIMMING
Monday 2nd March	Tennis Program
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

SCHOOL COUNCIL Tuesday night was the final School Council meeting of the 2025 members. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to retiring parent members, **Isabella Amouzandeh**, **Emma Scriven** and **Bianca Augustine**, whose terms have been completed, and, in some cases, their children have all graduated. I would especially like to acknowledge the service of long-term President, **Rachel Harrison**, for whose work we will always be grateful. All the best to those retiring members, and the retiring community member, **Darren Bradshaw**. The new and current School Council members will be announced in next week's newsletter. The next meeting will be held in the Project Space on *Monday 23rd March* at the new time of 3:45pm. All are welcome to attend.

BREAKFAST CLUB The School Breakfast Clubs Program is a Victorian Government commitment, delivered by Foodbank Victoria. Schools can receive weekly deliveries of nutritious food items, ensuring that all students can access breakfast at school, helping them fully take part in learning and social activities. Our program is delivered by the school's Wellbeing Officer, Devina Chapman, every Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:15-8:40am. The program is fully funded and comes at no cost to our families or the school. There are lots of yummy options, from toast and cereal to hot food such as baked beans! It's a lovely way to start the day and to get the social battery started as well. All students are welcome and we would love to see more vegemite faces!

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL The Zooper Dooper sales continue to be a great success, and two new initiatives were decided upon at recent meetings – a dress up day that was held today (see photos below!) and a sausage sizzle, set for Week 7 (more details coming soon).

SWIMMING PROGRAM & DISTRICT SWIMMING This is our final week of the 2026 Swimming Program at the Eltham Leisure Centre, which has been a great success! It has been wonderful to see the children's growing confidence and skill development, under the excellent coaching of the ELC swim coaches. One more session to go tomorrow, with five fewer senior school participants. This is because Jacob, Nash, Matilda, Aiki and Ellie are headed off to the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool for the Sugarloaf District Swimming Trials. They have been busily practising their skills and challenging themselves to swim 50 metres. Good luck to them – we wish them all the best!

TENNIS PROGRAM As swimming draws to a close for another year, our tennis program begins! Tennis coach Sky delivered the first lessons for the term on Monday, where the children warmed up their tennis skills with some drills and games. Check out the photos below!

Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Wes for enjoying reading 'Rascal' books.

Maisie for her excellent effort at swimming!

Brock for his thoughtful work with the junior students in General Studies.

Matilda for her convincing persuasive arguments during partner work.

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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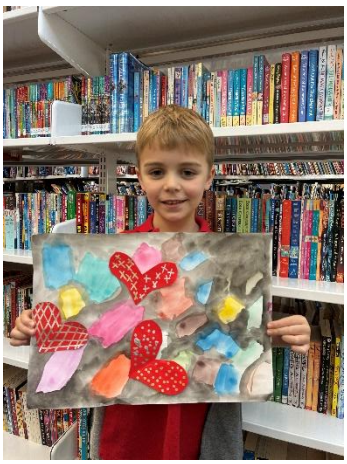
This week was a very inquisitive week. We settled in to experiment design in the senior grades and practiced some skills around science inquiry. In the junior grades we thought about safety in the lab and learned how to use hand lenses sensibly and with care. We then used those hand lenses to investigate things we found around the classroom and in nature. Turns out beetles are really interesting up close, with lots of hair and bumps on their skin!

In the art room with Mrs Galvin

Will You be my Valentine?



LET'S GO
SWIMMING
Week
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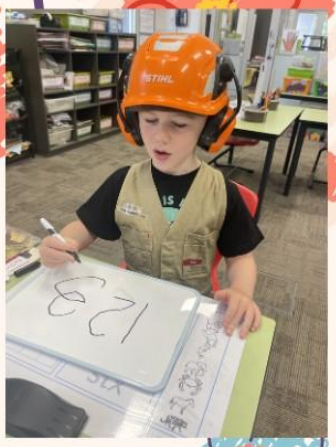
LETS PLAY
TENNIS

JSC

Dress as the first letter of your name Day!



Behind the Scenes:

- Casey Collins from Spire came to do a follow-up Bushfire Preparedness audit.

CBC/Fire Plumb –
Feb 2026 routine servicing: Fire & Smoke Control: Fans & Motors

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.

STRATHEWEN LANDCARE MEMBERS ONLY

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

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https://www.nillumbiklandcare.org/strathmember

Interactive Open Afternoon

DIAMOND VALLEY COLLEGE

Thursday 26 March 2026

Auditorium, Diamond Valley College

Information Sessions 4:00 & 6:00pm
(school will be open from 4:00 - 7:30pm)

Grade 5 & 6 students and their families are warmly invited to join our school community and enjoy a sausage sizzle and light refreshments while learning about Diamond Valley College.

Semester 1 School Tours

9:15am 27 Feb | 4 Mar | 18 Mar | 24 Apr | 4 May
3:30pm 15 Mar (Twilight Tour)
Sports Academy Tours 31 March - 4:00pm
28 April - 9:15am

***Bookings essential**, scan the QR code to book a tour.*

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