Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 4th March 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 9TH March	LABOUR DAY
Tuesday 10th March	NESST CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE
Wed 11th – 23rd March	NAPLAN period
Thursday 12th March	Sausage Sizzle – JSC Fundraiser
Monday 16th March	Tennis Program
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
Monday 23rd March	Tennis Program
	School Council meeting – 3:45pm
Thursday 2nd April	Term 1 concludes
May 18th-22nd (Term 2)	Year 3-6 School Camp - Woorabinda

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 We officially welcome new and returning parent and community members to the 2026 Strathewen Primary School Council. Thank you to all who nominated and filled vacant positions: **Isabella Amouzandeh** has nominated for another term, and we welcome **Katie Byrne** as a new parent representative. **Darren Bradshaw** is undertaking another term as a community member representative. We also thank **Fern Miller** and **Johanna Wheaton** for their continued service, whose terms will be complete in March 2027. Our first meeting will be held in the Project Space on Monday 23rd March at 3:45pm.

DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS Well done to Aiki, Matilda, Jacob and Nash for their participation in the Sugarloaf District Swimming Trials at the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool last Thursday. Congratulations to Ellie, who came 2nd in her heat – what a tremendous achievement, Ellie!

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2026 Our school swimming program at Eltham Leisure Centre wrapped up last week after a busy and fruitful three weeks! All students made progress in the ability groupings and should all be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements. Once again, our students represented the school with pride and showed respect for other patrons at the centre, making it an enjoyable experience for us all!

RED BALLOON DAY National Red Balloon Day is a significant event for the Country Fire Authority and the communities it serves. It is a day to honour and thank the brave firefighters across Australia, and of course, we want to particularly thank the Arthur's Creek and Strathewen stations for all they have done and continue do for our community. Creating the red balloons is a way of showing our appreciation and acknowledge the vital role the volunteers play in protecting lives and properties and assisting with important community causes. Thank you to Lisal, Darren and Sue, who visited the school last week to chat about the education program at our school. They loved the creative work the children had done so diligently for Red Balloon Day.

TENNIS PROGRAM Tennis looked a bit different this week due to the (much-needed!) rain on Monday, but Sky and the children adapted beautifully to the conditions as you will see below!

Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

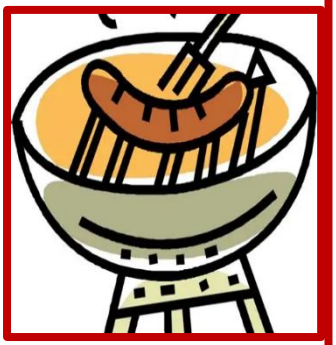
Iyla for her great work with her daily English quiz

Felix for his consistently good work with his daily Maths quiz

Ellie for her excellent efforts at the District Swimming Trials

Vivi for the resilience she has shown to write with her left hand due to an arm injury

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 Sausage Sizzle – Each sausage in bread with tomato sauce costs $2.50. Buy your sausages on Thursday 12th March at lunchtime!

Zooper Doopers are being sold on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

STEM

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

This week we learned about how to set up an experiment cleanly so that we can find a clear result. In the junior grades we practiced making accurate predictions using our knowledge of milk and detergent. In the senior grades we back tracked and had to develop questions and hypotheses to match. We then tested our theories and discussed the science behind the experiment!

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LET'S GO
SWIMMING
Week
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Sugarloaf District SWIMMING TRIALS

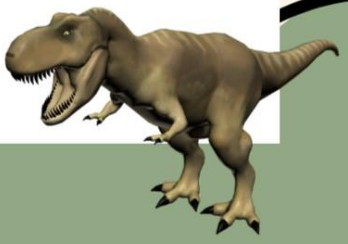
THURSDAY

26TH FEBRUARY

DIAMOND CREEK OUTDOOR POOL

Dinosaurs

GENERAL STUDIES



LET'S PLAY
TENNIS

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

Log Splitter available for hire!
Borrowing donation: $20
Pick up Strathewen
Questions and bookings can be made via emailing
enquiries@strathewenlandcare.org.au

👉Not a member - Join NOW!! by clicking on the following link -
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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