Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 11th March 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Tuesday 31st March	Egg Drop event
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

PARENT TEACHER CHATS I'm sure you are all aware that these take place next week on Tuesday, 17th March 17 and Wednesday 18th March. These 10-minute meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to share important information regarding your child, information that will help the classroom teacher best support them to ensure that they can succeed in 2026

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) from this week and started today! The following table shows our schedule:

	Writing	Reading	Conventions of Language	Numeracy
Year 3	Wednesday 11th March 9:30am On paper	Thursday 12th March 9:30am Online	Thursday 17th March 9:30am Online	Thursday 19th March 9:30am Online

	Writing	Reading	Conventions of Language	Numeracy
Year 5	Wednesday 11th March 11:45am Online	Thursday 12th March 11:45am Online	Thursday 17th March 11:45am Online	Thursday 19th March 11:45am Online

You may have seen that there was a big technical glitch with the online assessment today. We were fortunately not impacted and the assessments were completed without incident!
Make up assessments for students who are absent for any of the assessments will be provided within the assessment window (between Thursday 12 March and Monday 23 March). Make up tests will only be provided for students in line with NAPLAN administration guidelines, after they have returned to school, where possible. Students who arrive late to school and miss the instructions, will not be able to sit the assessment with their peers and will join a make-up session group.
Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Alethea for her concentration in class and completing set work.

Junior Student

Aiki for her active listening and engagement with classroom discussions.

Senior Student

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

$1 ea

Maths fun! Playing subtraction games in Grade 2 and size dinosaur sorting in Prep

STEM

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

This week we designed and developed our own experiments. We had to come up with a question, hypothesis and method and then carry out the experiment to see the result. In the junior grades this meant learning how to use a thermometer and surprising ourselves with the result of their readings. In the senior grades, this meant learning how to combine materials accurately to generate a replicable result. We had a ton of fun mixing things together.

Creating dinosaur silouhettes in Prep-2

ART CLASS

WITH MRS GALVIN

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.

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

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