Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday 18th March 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 11th – 23rd March	NAPLAN period
Monday 23rd March	Tennis Program
	School Council meeting – 3:45pm
Monday23rd March	Year 5/6 Leadership Day – Panton Hill Primary School
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

SCHOOL COUNCIL The first meeting of the new School Council will take place next Monday, 23rd March at 3:45pm in the Project Space. The Annual Report will be presented for ratification, and we will elect the new office bearers.

PARENT TEACHER CHATS It has been great to meet with various families this week to discuss how our students have settled into the year, how they are progressing with their learning, and to talk about their social/emotional wellbeing. As your children's teachers, we find these conversations so valuable. We gain insights into how things are going for everyone and can make plans to work together to support anyone who needs it. Life is busy, and we understand not everyone could make an appointment so please feel free to reach out when it suits – or stop for a chat at pick up time!

STAFFING As you are likely aware, Diane Phillips is taking some much-deserved Long Service Leave and is jetting off to Spain and Morocco for a fabulous holiday. Familiar faces in Clare Chambers, Bianca Augustine and our very own Maree Galvin will be taking the F-2 class in Diane's absence.

TENNIS LESSONS

It's been so lovely to see many of the children playing tennis together during recess and lunchtime. Sky's wonderful program is certainly creating broad engagement where lots of people are enjoying 'having a hit' and making it a social occasion! Without any adult interference, the children organise themselves into lines to ensure everyone has a turn and lots of words of

Jane

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Maisie for her fantastic enthusiasm and effort when learning her Magic Words!

Junior Student

Brock for being responsible with the tennis equipment and shed key so that all children have an opportunity to play tennis during recess and lunchtimes.

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.

Zooper Doopers are being sold on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more fundraising fun coming soon!

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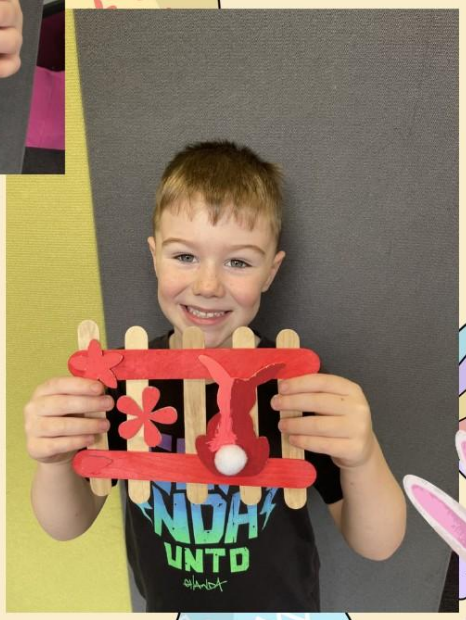
Easter Fun!

ART CLASS

WITH MRS GALVIN



STEM

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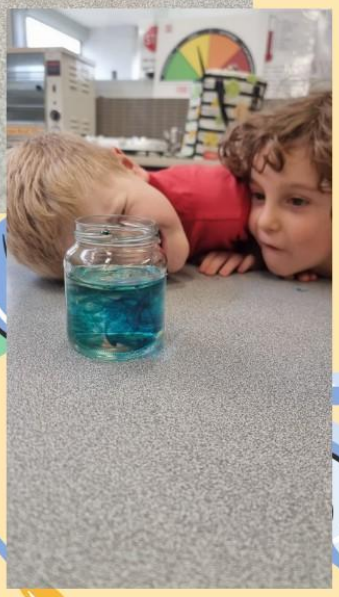
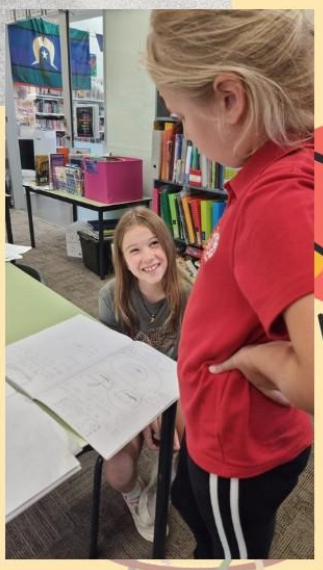
This week we investigated how to make cool experiments using oil and water. In the senior grade we thought about how to design an experiment from scratch. At the end of the experiment we discuss how writing up an experiment accurately is super important and shared with each other our write ups to see if we could understand and replicate the experiments of our peers. In the junior grades we either made strong questions or predictions about what would happen when we mixed oil, water and food colouring. We then got to see some amazing effects of the different things that happen when these things mix!





LETS PLAY
TENNIS

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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