Strathewen Scoop

Wednesday 27 May 2026

Dates to Remember

27th May - 3rd June	National Reconciliation Week
Thursday 28th May	JSC Jaffle Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School Council Meeting 4pm
Monday 8th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th June	Pupil Free Day
Friday 12th June	JSC Sausage Sizzle Day
Friday 26th June	Term 2 concludes 2:30pm
5th -7th August	CFA Anglesea Leadership Camp

SCHOOL COUNCIL will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd in the Project Space and via a TEAMS link, at 4:00pm. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that School Council member and minute-taker, Isabella Amouzandeh has decided to step away from the role. I would also like to sincerely thank Isabella for her invaluable commitment and contributions to the School Council and for her dedication to the school generally. As a result of Isabella's resignation, I seek expressions of interest from any parent who would like to be co-opted into the positon for the remainder of the term, which concludes in March 2028. Please email me or let Deb know if you are interested.

WOORABINDA CAMP was a huge success, and the children (and adults!) had a wonderful time in the beautiful Gippsland bush setting. The camp, which is owned and operated by the Department of Education, was extremely well run, and catered for the needs of each child in attendance. The activities and challenges were thoroughly engaging and each and every one of our children grew in maturity with each day. We were so proud of how they represented themselves and our school. I would also like to thank our parent volunteer, Ivar Lehtsalu who took time away from home and work to support the camping program. His thoughtful and practical help was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Maree Galvin for her attendance and active particpation.

CFA ANGLESEA LEADERSHIP CAMP for students in Years 4-6 will take place between 5th - 7th August (Term 3). We ask that permission forms be returned to the office as soon as possible, to faciliate the organisation of this event.

PRE-PREP PROGRAM Many of our children experienced this engaging program under the care of Maree Galvin, and I'm pleased to say it will recommence from Thursday, June 4th. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for information and spread the word!

Jane

Acknowledgement of Country

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 Nations children played, danced, sang and learned on this place they called home.

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PRE-PREP PROGRAM

for pre-school children aged 3 and over

FREE

- ☑ Run by school staff
- ☑ Encourages play & social interaction
- ☑ Outdoor exploration
- ☑ Art & Craft activities
- ☑ Puzzle Time
- ☑ Musical Adventures
- ☑ Loads of stories and more!

Learn | Connect | Belong

A small school where everyone is valued and known, lifelong learners are developed and encouraged, and curiosity flourishes.

SESSIONS: THURSDAYS
9:00AM-11:00AM
Please call or email the school to register your participation.
*All participants must be toilet trained

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Star Students

Junior Class

Leo for working hard to learn his Magic 100 words - you're almost there!

Senior Class

Jude for his engagement with National Reconciliation Week.

Junior School Council

Our next fundraiser is Jaffle Day, on Thursday 28th May at a cost of $2.50 per jaffle! Choices of fillings include baked beans and tinned spaghetti and it's starting to be the perfect weather for it!

Meeting discussion points:

- Camp was amazing!
- Open Day Wednesday - Grade 6 students to lead tours
- Reconciliation Week activities happening in both classrooms across the week

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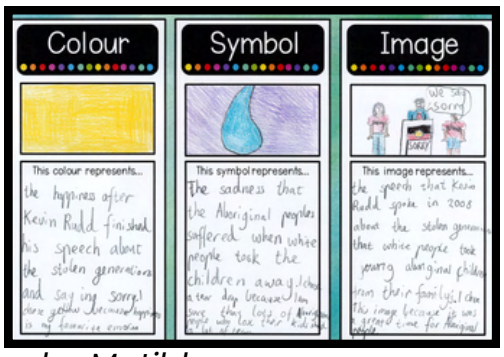
National Reconciliation Week

The **Senior Class** learnt about the theme for Reconciliation Week 2026 'All In', which means working together. We learnt about the Stolen Generations, the Mabo High Court decision about Land Rights, and the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology in the Federal Parliament in 2006. We read *Sorry Day* by Coral Vass on Sorry Day and reflected on what Closing the Gap means for First Nations Australians. Here are the Colour, Symbol, Image pieces of work that showed students' thinking.



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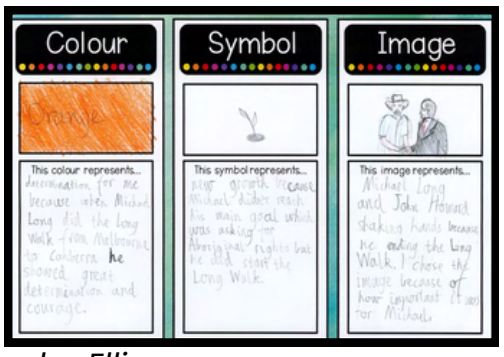

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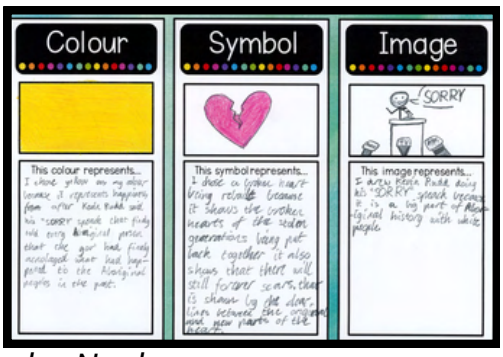

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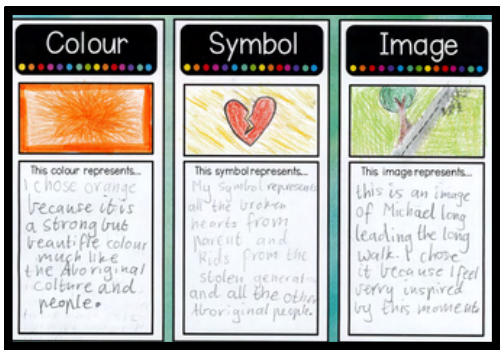

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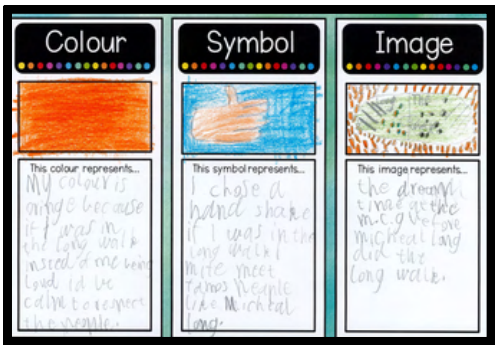

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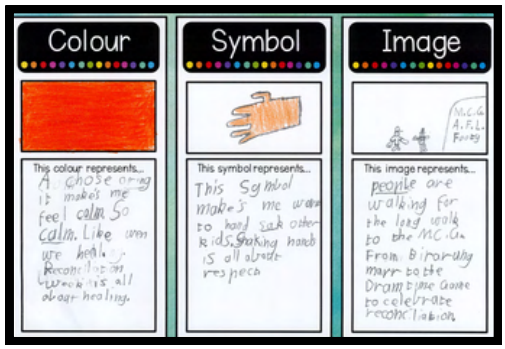

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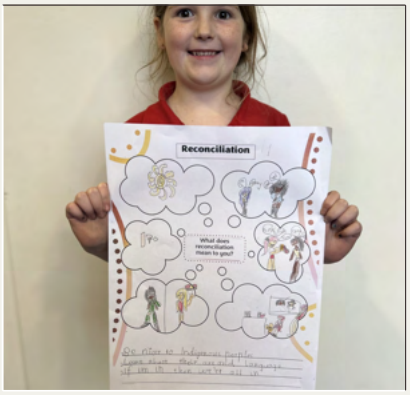

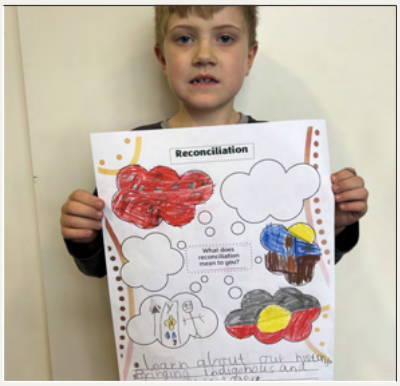

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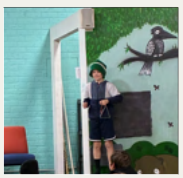

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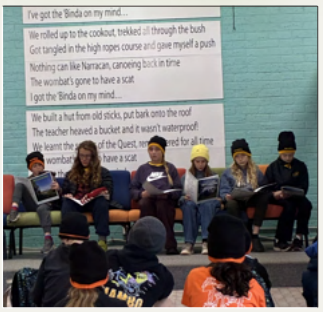

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Behind the scenes

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

Landcare

Dear Land Carers,
Strathewen Landcare Group is commencing a program to support farmers impacted by the January bushfires through fencing assistance.

Following some welcome recent rainfall, many farmers are now trying to return stock that had been agisted across Victoria back onto their properties. While pastures have recovered to some extent since the fires, a significant number of farmers still do not have sufficient fencing to safely contain their stock.

Andrew Perry, who grew up in Strathewen (son of Agnes) and is now a Yarck local and community leader, has asked whether we may be able to assist farmers in the Yarck area. Andrew, John Drysdale, and other Yarck locals generously supported Strathewen farmers with fencing after the 2009 fires. We now have an opportunity to return that support.

Initially, we will be working with John and Heather Drysdale, fifth-generation farmers managing over 6,000 acres. They lost their home and most of their fencing in the fires and are currently travelling more than 1,000 kilometres each week checking cattle spread from the South Australian border to Gippsland.
You can listen to their story here.

It would be wonderful if members of the Strathewen community could once again come together to help bushfire-impacted landowners rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

We are organising our first work team for Friday 29 May (and Saturday 30 May if we have sufficient volunteers). The work will involve completing approximately 2 kilometres of fencing over a number of visits. End assemblies have already been completed, and the remaining work includes installing approximately 250 galvanised star posts and running and straining 14 kilometres of plain wire.

No special skills are required; however, a reasonable level of fitness, a strong back, and a generous spirit will certainly help. It is also excellent exercise and very rewarding work.

If you are able to assist on either of these days, or would like to help with future weekend or midweek work teams, please contact Steve Pascoe:
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Email: pascoes01@gmail.com
Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

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