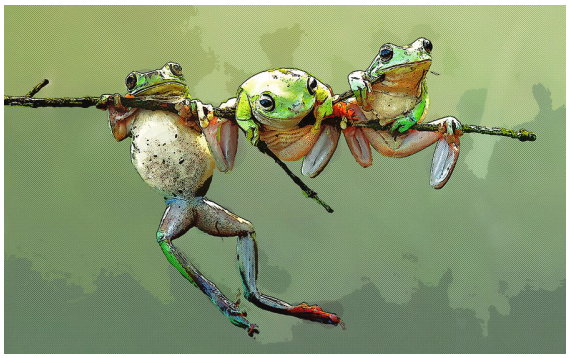
Wednesday July 21st 2021

Strathewen Primary School

Dates:
Friday July 30th- Grade 3-4 Basketball Hooptime Day at Diamond Valley Stadium, Greensborough
Friday Aug. 27th- Grade 5-6 Basketball Hooptime Day at Diamond Valley Stadium, Greensborough
Wednesday September 1st - District Athletics trials for keen grade 3-6 students
Monday September 13th- Friday September 17th- Grade 3-6 Camp- Phillip Island



Greetings to all of our school families and friends. Once again, our ability to adapt to change is being tested as we continue with Remote Learning and all that this entails. Thank you to parents and carers for assisting with learning from home. We know that this is a difficult time and that face to face time in the classroom is everyone's preferred model, but we need to roll with the changing directives and make the best of the situation. It has been great to see the number of students joining the daily class Webex sessions. This gives us a chance to check in with everyone, discuss work packs and resolve any issues, chat about what's going in the world, share a story or two and simply see one another and remain connected. At this stage, we're stepping out our home learning program booklets in short bursts as we navigate the latest lockdown news. Here's hoping that we're able to be back in the classroom next Wednesday. We have our fingers crossed.

As we experience our fifth lockdown period, student engagement and attendance remains a major focus for schools. Throughout this and previous home learning experiences we have been required to maintain attendance records. To begin with, we are recording student participation in daily Webex meetings. We are aware that several of our families have had difficulties with their internet dropping out etc, but we've been endeavouring to touch base with those affected and maintain contact. Just as in usual times, school 'attendance' is expected, unless a student is unwell, has an appointment or meets any of the other approved reasons for absence. Engaging in home learning programs is expected for all of our students. It's certainly not easy, but with the many disruptions we've had to onsite learning, developing a school day routine at home and getting stuck into learning tasks is important. Please reach out if you have any questions about home learning at your place.

I'm happy to say that Diane Phillips returned safely from her travels in New Zealand, having happily had the chance to meet and spend time with her baby grandson and his family. Diane left the relative freedom of New Zealand and returned to a very different situation here. Similarly, Rod has been on leave, enjoying time in Far North Queensland. He finished up snorkelling on Magnetic Island to head back to a lockdown situation as well. Thank you, as always to all members of our little staff team, including Kylie who joined us to help out on Friday. Once again, everyone has pulled together, adapted with short notice and managed to have learning booklets ready to go.

Given that we had planned to be in Anglesea from Monday evening until this afternoon on our CFA Leaders Camp this week, we've had to go back to the calendar. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule our camp and amazingly our accommodation and expert presenters were available. We'll get the details finalised and information will be sent home shortly.

The JSC Honey Fundraiser has been a huge success. The final orders have been sent through, with a total of 105 buckets of honey sold. That's 105kg of beautiful, local honey and $525 raised for JSC. Lisal has begun dispatching orders and sending them our way. We will contact families as soon as their order is here and arrange distribution. Thanks to Lisal for this great opportunity. What a fantastic fundraising effort.

Take care
Jane

A hundred Honey Pots labelled and ready to go and a filled and finished tub ready for pick up!

behind the scenes...

- Anthony has been able to continue with his amazing concrete art work project on site. There are certainly no issues with social distancing. He has managed to clean the pathways and we have the beginnings of a beautiful waratah being created at the top of the stairs. We can't wait to see this new artwork progress.

Anthony's current work in progress at SPS 'The Waratah'

- Our roosters have now left the building, leaving our six red hens feeling much happier about life. We were very pleased to find an alternate pathway for the boys, as they had become a bit of a pecky problem and our food bill managing nine hungry 'teenagers' was becoming ridiculous. 'Rooster Wrangler' has now been added to Deb's job description.

TERM 3—2021 PROGRAM REGISTRATION!

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN—not just basketball players!
4 Age Groups (5-7, 7-9, 10-12) and Teen Night on Mondays!)

6 Week Program Starts SOON!
Sunday/Monday
July 25th/ 26th !

Register NOW!

****Only $10.00 to register!**

- Program is on Sundays and Mondays

KRCBA, INC.

Registration NEVER closes! To register or for more information:

0403 290 871
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KRCBA "4 KIDS"

The KRCBA is pleased to announce our up-coming basketball program for Term 3, 2021.

This program has been a resounding success and is designed to provide a safe and fun positive learning experience. EVERY child has a chance to shine, with professional leaders, music, mascot, cheerleading and more!

STRATHEWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Community Pantry

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED ... SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

A community pantry is a service that provides food directly to locals experiencing food insecurity. Some community pantries rely purely on local donations, ours is restocked thanks to the support of local agencies. Community pantries operate on a trust system and encourage donors to give what they can, and recipients to take only as much as they need.

At SPS we are proud to provide this service to our local and wider community.

Bushfire Resilience Inc. (BRI) is a local community organisation whose aim is to provide bushfire information to households based on science, experience and best practice. This will enable households to acquire knowledge, and by being better informed, empower them to make better decisions in preparing for, and responding to the threat of bushfire.

BRI's primary target audience is the Nillumbik community, however we also want to engage with surrounding at-risk communities.
bushfireresilience.org.au

bushfireresilience.org.au/promo provides information you can choose to use

Webinar 1 21 July 7.30pm
Reduce your house and property risk
Justin Leonard from the CSIRO will provide practical knowledge and strategies to assist in preparing your home to reduce the risk of damage from bushfire.

Webinar 2 4 August 7.30pm
Get water ready: tanks, pumps and sprinklers
What tools and systems do you need in place to help prepare your house for bushfire? Hear from industry expert Justin Leonard from the CSIRO about best practice to prepare your home for the upcoming bushfire season.

Webinar 3 19 August 7.30pm
Your physical and emotional preparation
An expert panel including Dr Rob Gordon will provide vital information on how to look after yourself, family and friends in the event of bushfire.

Webinar 4 1 September 7.30pm
Triggers to take action
Hear from Dr Kevin Tolhurst and an expert panel what you should consider when developing your bushfire plan and knowing when to take action on high-risk fire days.

Webinar 5 **1**5 September 7.30pm
Your sheltering options
Dr Raphael Blanchi from the CSIRO and an expert panel will explain why the best-laid plans sometimes do not work out. What are your survival options if this happens to you?