

Wednesday November 24th 2021



Strathewen Primary School

Dates:

Thursday November 25th- Prep Transition Session 4

Back by popular demand- JSC- ice cream day fundraiser- \$2.00 ice creams at lunch time

Thursday December 2nd - Prep Transition Session 5

Tuesday December 7th- Grade 6 to Year 7- Transition Day- all secondary schools

School Council- final meeting for 2021

Wednesday December 8th- Grade 6 Graduation- afternoon event at school 5pm-6pm at school

Thursday December 9th- Whole School- Christmas Special Day at school- Christmas shopping market, special lunch & movie day

Tuesday December 14th- Grade 6 Big Night In- afternoon activities, dinner and evening at school

Thursday December 16th- final day for students- School wide Kris Kringle morning, 1.30 dismissal- short day, no lunch at school

Friday December 17th end of term- pupil free day- pack up

Today Donna and I had a further meeting with our newly appointed Out of School Hours Care/Before and After School Care provider, Big Childcare. We worked through what needs to be done and sorted prior to the commencement of the new school year and we'll have quite a bit of action in the multi-purpose room over the next few weeks. From the beginning of next year our program will be up and running, which will provide a wonderful service for our school families. Enrolment and information packages have been sent home today with students, so be sure to have a read through. The ability to offer a school holiday program, providing activities and care during term breaks will support many of our families. I would encourage all families to enrol their children with the service, allowing casual use of our OSHC program for those days when an early drop off is essential to allow parents to make medical appointments etc or if you're running late for an afternoon pick up. In 2022, any students arriving at school prior to 8.45am will need to be registered in our OSHC program for those mornings and after school, any students not being picked up by 3.40pm will need to be registered for OSHC. No doubt it will take some adjustment, but we're really looking forward to having this great service available for our families.

We have a few highlights coming in during the final weeks of term- the whole school 'Excursion to Nowhere', the Grade 6 Big Night In, Grade 6 Graduation, our whole school Kris Kringle, a bit more badminton, our special hot lunch Thursday and of course our Prep Transition sessions continue. Meanwhile, we're all working hard in the classroom and finishing off some wonderful work.

Yesterday's CFA program saw grades 3 to 6 head over to the CFA shed for a great session with Captain Warren and Lisal. Our focus was on responding to a fire in the home, sadly very topical this week. All students had the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket and Warren was able to provide some fire safety demonstrations for all. Knowing how to respond to a kitchen fire is important. Do you have a fire blanket at your place? Do you have an extinguisher suitable for a kitchen fire? Do you know where these items are and do you know how to use them? It's always a good time to have a conversation about fire safety at your place. Just a reminder to parents and carers to notify the school in case of student absence. We are required to follow up on all student absences and enter information into the system daily. Your assistance in sending us a quick text or giving us a call is much appreciated.

Don't forget it's ice cream day tomorrow.

Take care

Jane



Our six hens are laying happily!
We have packs of fresh eggs for sale. All incoming funds will go towards purchasing chicken food, nesting straw and JSC.
SPECIAL SPRING PRICE
\$2.00 a dozen
For sale here at the school entrance

we'd love to take your old egg cartons off your hands

Any money raised through selling eggs goes directly towards covering the cost of chook food, straw etc. Help to support our wonderful school chook program and buy some eggs

Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



What do you know about our R.A.P working group?

A [Reconciliation Action Plan \(RAP\)](#) is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation. Our school has formed a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. We plan to work together to develop a plan for SPS. Through this work we aim to promote reconciliation in education, while focussing on strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school and with the local community. We'll keep the community updated as we move forward. If you have any questions about our working group, please contact Kate Fawcett.

Grade 6 Graduation Event Wednesday December 8th- 5pm-6.30pm at SPS



This year we are able to hold an onsite graduation event for our grade six students. This is set to take place on Wednesday December 8th, here on the lower school lawn and stage area, weather permitting. We'll have seating set up on the lawn for families and friends joining us. We will organise to film the ceremony for those unable to attend. Students have been discussing their graduation speeches and making a start on them! We'll kick off with the formalities just after 5pm, hear from all involved, make our presentations and then finish up with a cuppa or cold drink and a covidsafe light afternoon tea. If the weather isn't suitable we will move the event into the multipurpose room. In line with current requirements, in the case of an indoor event all adults attending will be required to show evidence of full vaccination status to enter the building. We plan to conclude the evening by 6.30pm.



Congratulations to Molly on her rep ball team selection with the Nunawading basketball Club. Go Molly!
What a great achievement.



We've had some big bash cricket action at lunchtime this week, thanks to the arrival of the newly donated cricket equipment.

Strathewen Primary School Bushfire Emergency Management Planning

A question for all school families...

In the event of a day of EXTREME fire danger for our area, when our Relocation Plan would be enacted and we'd be operating from Diamond Valley College, would you plan to send your children to school or plan to enact your own home bushfire plan?

In working with prospective student numbers on an EXTREME day, it would be helpful for us to have an idea of what your plans are.

behind the scenes...

- Thank you to Nicole, Ben and Ava and the Laurimar Cricket Club for the great donation of cricket gear this week. It has already been put to good use.
- Jane and Donna had an onsite meeting today with the team from Big Childcare to review the OSHC space and planning for 2022
- The shopping is underway for our end of year Christmas Market for students on December 9th
- Hot chip lunch order forms have been sent home and are due back on Monday



S.P.S. Supporting the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal 2021- we'll have a box set up at the school entrance for easy drop off

Bring some joy to those in need by donating to the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal this year. We're collecting donations at SPS- unwrapped new toys for 0-5 year olds, gift vouchers, special Christmas food items etc. Help us make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.



Parent's Club Christmas Hamper Raffle

We're planning on holding our special end of year Christmas Hamper Raffle, which is always a highlight for our students.

We're putting out the call for donations of suitable items to add to our baskets. All donations can be dropped off at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

Thank you



In our classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We're continuing to look at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend and a good person. Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others.

This week's Better Buddies Kindness Bear is awarded to Zoe. Zoe is a kind and helpful class member who looks out for her friends and is always keen to help others. Congratulations Zoe.



Kris Kringle 2021



This year we will again be running a Kris Kringle involving students and staff. Everyone will draw a 'secret' name out of a hat and this will be written on a note to come home.

(Only the person with the note will know who they are to buy for.)

Each participant then purchases a small, suitable gift (approximately \$5 to \$8), wraps and labels the gift with the name of the recipient and marks the tag- 'from Kris Kringle'.

Wrapped gifts can be placed under the class Christmas trees at any time from the first week in December. Both grades will get together on the last day of school (Thursday 16th Dec.) for the fun of gift giving and guessing. These gifts will hopefully remain anonymous until the day they are given out. If you would prefer your child not take part in this year's KK, please let a staff member know next week and we'll take them off the list.

Strathewen Primary School

Community Pantry

*Take what you need ... Share what you can
Do you know anyone needing a little help at the moment?*

Did you know the evidence shows that across the Nillumbik-Banyule area there are approximately 13295 currently experiencing food insecurity?

Agencies have recorded a 380% increase in food provision in our area since 2019/20.

Having a tight week? Know of anyone who might need some assistance?

That's what our pantry is here for.

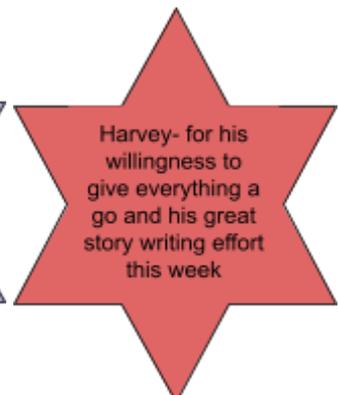
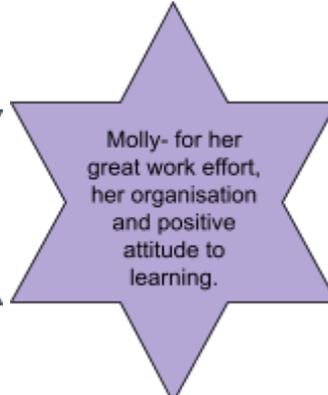
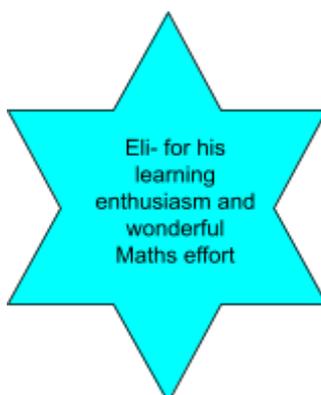
Our pantry was restocked yesterday and there's plenty there.

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.

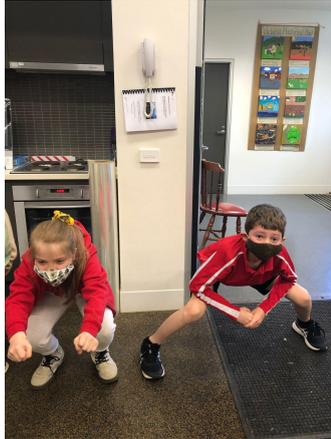
Be sure to spread the word.



Our star students this week are Ava, Eli, Molly and Harvey. Congratulations to you all.



*Today's P-3
Badminton
action*





JSC Icecream Day
Lunchtime tomorrow- Thursday
November 25th
Bring along your \$2.00



Aussie of the Month

Purpose

Recognising and celebrating active citizenship that demonstrates inclusive Australian values in our primary schools

Values

Fair go- not just in how we apply ourselves but also providing opportunity for all

Mateship- generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need

Respect- of self, others, of our community and the environment

Inclusion- celebrating difference and the rights and freedoms we are all entitled to

At SPS we have registered to participate in the Aussie of the Month program, a primary civics and citizenship recognition program, which is delivered under the auspices of the Australia Day Council's National Network. The focus is to encourage and recognise students for their contribution to their community through a demonstration of Australian values as outlined in the Values for Australian Schooling and Curriculum framework. These are values outside of academic application, instead they're about active contribution to school, community and peer groups.

Each month, students will be nominated and one student will be selected for recognition with an award certificate and badge. We're hoping to invite special visitors along to present the award each month.

Junior School Council- Hot Lunch Fundraiser

Hot Chips & Potato Cakes

Thursday December 2nd

ORDERS & MONEY MUST BE RETURNED

TO SCHOOL BY Monday Nov 29

The cost is per order is \$5.50 (cash only) for a serve of chips and 2 potato cakes. Orders will be separately packaged and distributed for lunch.

This is a special term 4 treat!

Please complete the order form and send along to school by Monday with the correct money in cash, so that our bulk order can be placed over the weekend and be paid for ahead of time. **Orders coming in after Monday afternoon cannot be accepted.**

Thankyou



On Monday we were sitting in class listening to Mrs Phillips and I randomly spotted an echidna walking down the stairs outside. At first I didn't know what I was looking at. I thought it was a rock or something, but then it moved. We all raced to the window to have a look and Mrs Phillips took some photos and made sure it was safe. Van has named the echidna 'Jeremy' and we hope he visits us again.

Sage



