



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday March 2nd 2022

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 2nd March- Volleyball session 2

Thursday 3rd March- JSC- Day 2 of Ice Cream Sundae fundraiser- \$2

Tuesday 8th March- Jane and Maree completing NAPLAN online training updates 9am-12pm

Thursday 10th March- 'Discovering Wadawurrung' whole school workshop session with Parks Vic

- **Respectful Relationships training workshop- Hurstbridge- staff**

Friday 11th March- PUPIL FREE DAY AT SPS

Curriculum Day- NESST school group combined professional learning day for school staff

Tuesday 15th March- First Aid training evening for school staff- session 2- 4-7pm at Doreen- please arrange after school pick up 3.30 sharp or book children in for our OSHC program

Thursday 17th March- Grade 5-6 Leadership Day 1 at Panton Hill Hall

Friday 18th March- The World's Greatest Shave- special event at SPS

Monday 21st March- AFL coaching sessions P-6

Thursday 24th March- AFL coaching sessions P-6

Monday 28th March- AFL coaching sessions P-6

Tuesday 29th March- Family Egg Drop Night and Picnic Event- tentative date 5.30- 7.30pm

Thursday 31st March- SPS DAY IN THE SURF at TORQUAY- whole school event 8am-6pm

Friday 1st April- Whole school Italian Carnivale Day- a great day is planned, more details to follow

Tuesday 5th April- Drumming workshops for 4-6 and P-3 with Mind Beatz

Thursday 7th April- Drumming workshops once again, rehearsing performance items

- **Family Night at the Strathewen Hall- Drumming Performance and BBQ 5-7pm**

Friday 8th April- final day of term 1- 2.30 dismissal



An annual tradition here at SPS is to express our thanks to our local CFA brigade volunteers on Red Balloon Day, February 28th.

Thank you for all that you do. We think you're amazing.

We're already at the mid-way part of term one. The calendar for the coming weeks is looking jam packed with some great events and there is plenty to look forward to. As well as our 'Day in the Surf' we have our drumming workshops for students and the special performance event and BBQ at the Strathewen Hall to finish off the program where students will share their drumming skills with parents. Our volleyball coaching sessions continue for the next few weeks and we're managing to fit in some AFL skill sessions as well. The Easter Family Picnic and Egg Drop is planned for the second last week of term and this is always a highlight for our students. Next week we have an online workshop with Parks Vic for P-6, which will see us 'Discovering Wadawurrung'. We have an Italian Carnivale Day planned and The Greatest Shave coming up too. So many highlights to enjoy!

Our Torquay bus is full and we're all looking forward to our big day in the surf. The four spare seats on our bus have been filled and places confirmed with travellers, so if you're planning to join us for the day, please chat to other families about car-pooling for travel. We'll need to know exactly how many adults are joining us so that we can lock in details for catering. Here's hoping we have great weather for our travels.

Jane



We've been visited by many interesting critters here over the years- ferrets, ponies, rabbits, lambs, lorikeets, chickens, a cat, goats, rescued wombats and joeys, guinea pigs, a litter of puppies and pet snakes to name a few. Yesterday, we had a bit of fun when Esmay brought along a couple of her 8 week old piglets who are moving on to their forever home at Arthur's place.

Behind the Scenes:

- *This week we've had a representative of Promethean Technician out to present options for interactive whiteboard replacement in the P-3 room. Their board has had its day and it's time for a replacement.*
- *Our Blue Whale cross-age project program is in full swing on Monday afternoons*
- *Diane and Jane had a meeting with our Specialist Support Services lead on Monday evening*
- *Thanks to the creative flair of Mel Brady, we're looking at creating some special surf day photo books for our crew at Torquay, to thank them for their many years of support.*
- *Last Friday was the last day for our visiting technician Ben working at SPS, as he takes on a larger school, and we now have Andrew joining us each Thursday to support our tech needs.*
- *Maree and Jane are sorting out our trial run of NAPLAN online to ensure that we're ready for the formal testing period for grades 3 and 5 next term.*
- *Our gardener Renate has been in pruning along pathways and tidying up*



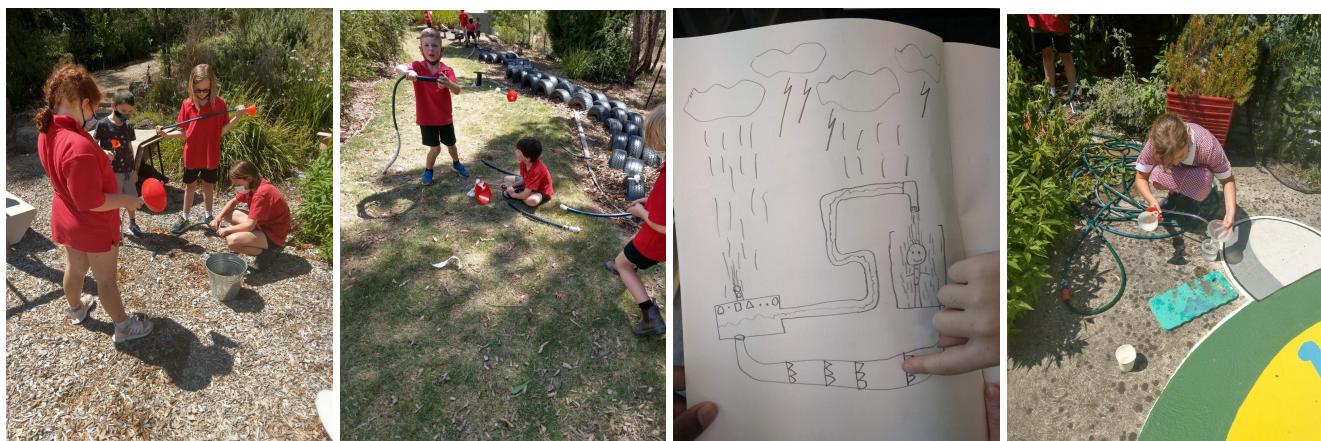
SHAVING EVENT- here at SPS on Friday March 18th
A lunchtime big shave event

Mason, Eli, Oliver, Oscar and Chase are seeking sponsors and making plans for the great shaving event. All sponsorship support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Mel Brady, who has secured the support of local hairdresser, Julie Reeves, who is happy to come along and get the shaving happening. We're hoping for a nice day and the stage area will be set, with our keen audience out on the grass area.

We're getting organised for our big day out! The catering is being sorted, thanks to the Rotary Club of Torquay who will provide their BBQ trailer and equipment, their volunteer hours managing things and our food for the day. The Strathewen Bushfire Relief Company has generously approved our grant application for funding to support this day of well-being and adventure and the day is locked in. Permission forms have been sent home today, along with an information page, outlining what's needed for the day. Payment of \$25 per student is requested and this is required prior to the day of the excursion.

We have filled our 48 seat coach. We only had a couple of spare seats, so unless your place on the bus has been confirmed in a chat with Jane and locked in, car-pooling is recommended for any parents or grandparents planning on joining us for the day. We always kick off the surf session with some basic training on the sand with our experts. Wetsuits are provided for all and we love to have parent volunteers join the surf group in the water to provide extra assistance, particularly with the younger group. Please let a staff member know if you're planning to come along or meet us there, so that we can lock in catering numbers.



Our recent STEM session was all about the application of our thinking and research. We investigated how irrigation works and how it is super important to get our seals right when creating irrigation. We found out that sometimes designs need to be made and remade to be effective and this is really important in the design process. Some of the creations were absolutely ingenious and showed how tenacious and dedicated to outcomes we are as S.T.E.M. thinkers!



Aussie of the Month- February award presentation held on Monday



Huge congratulations to grade 6 student Sarah Raftery, who was the very worthy recipient of our first Aussie of the Month award which was presented on Monday. Sarah was recognised for her active citizenship efforts this year and should be very proud of her achievement. During the summer holidays, Sarah collected the eggs from our school hens and sold eggs, along with her homemade lemon curd and orange cordial, at her roadside stall, raising funds for JSC. In addition to this, Sarah has implemented a lunchtime 'gardening group' and with her band of volunteers, she regularly spends time tackling and tidying specific areas in our school grounds. Our VIP presenter was Malcolm Hackett, our school neighbour and an outstanding local who, through his continuing work within the local and wider community, has himself demonstrated the active citizenship values of the Aussie of the Month program.

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

As we start back for 2022, 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.

SWIMMING 2022- Thank you to those families who have let us know about contributing to the cost of bus travel for a swimming program. Please let us know.

To date, we have had parents of 25 students confirm their willingness to contribute to the bus travel cost of this year's intensive swimming program. The full cost of lessons and pool entry will be covered by the school and the bus cost will be subsidised, resulting in a heavily reduced cost to parents. Grade 6 students will have all of their program costs covered under targeted Departmental funding for Year 6. For all P-5 parents who have not let us know, please confirm as soon as possible whether or not you're happy to contribute to swimming bus travel this year, so that we can move forward and book in our program for later in the year.



Just a reminder to make sure that parents have registered their children with our OSHC program so that in a last minute situation, before or after school care is accessible.

As well as some fabulous art and craft projects which have been on the go, our OSHC kids have enjoyed pancakes, picnics, a sausage sizzle and even baked banana bread! There's always something great happening with Jayde and it's lovely to see such excitement about attending OSHC.



At S.P.S. we focus on our school values and what they mean. We continually look at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend and a good person. Kindness is never wasted.

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 Marley, for her consistent support of younger students and classmates. Congratulations Marley.



PARENTS' CLUB

The annual Easter Raffle is planned again for this term. Our parent volunteers will be putting together hampers of interesting bits and pieces for our raffle prizes. We'd love it if families in a position to do so could pick up a little something extra with the weekly shopping to donate to our hampers. Easter bits and treats are always great, but we welcome all sorts of contributions- anything you think a prize winner would be happy to find in their basket. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our star students this week are Emily, Esmay, Oliver and Quinn



Emily- for her work completing an excellent power point presentation on Penguins and stepping up as a leader in class

Esmay- for her great effort with writing this week. It's great to see such enthusiasm!

Oliver for showing great initiative and really stepping up to take on additional roles in the classroom

Quinn- for always being such a terrific class member and regularly stepping up to help others

*District Swimming
Trials- well done to our
team of competitors*



Junior School Council



Back by popular
demand...\$2 ice
cream Sundaes at
school
tomorrow

Respectful Relationships Definition

*Respectful Relationships Education is the **holistic approach** to school-based, primary prevention of gender-based violence.*

It uses the **education system as a catalyst** for **generational and cultural change** by engaging schools, as both educational institutions and workplaces to **comprehensively address** the **drivers** of gender-based violence and create a future free from such violence.

Our Watch Victoria, Respectful Relationships Education in Schools: Evidence Paper, December 2015



We're back on track and we'll be collecting and weighing our lunchbox litter starting next week.

We're aiming to see as many 'rubbish free lunchboxes' as possible across the school.

The two classrooms will be competing each week to see who gets to hold the trophy!

Let's reduce what goes into landfill and limit the packaging and wrappers in lunch boxes.

We collect food waste for the chickens, worm farm and compost.