



## Strathewen Primary School

### Wednesday May 18th, 2022

#### **Dates to Remember:**

**Thursday May 19th- whole school Edendale Farm incursion 12-1pm- 'What a load of rubbish!'**

**Friday May 20th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at Arthurs Creek**

**Thursday May 26th- Grade 6- invitation to attend the Nillumbik Shire Sorry Day event in Eltham**

**Friday May 27th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews**

**Tuesday May 31st- BIG SISTER program for grade 5-6 girls- 1:3-3:30pm**

**- PARENT EVENING- Anxiety: What all parents need to know- 6-7pm- all parents, carers & grandparents welcome- please try to join us for this important event**

**\*Please note, we will be providing child supervision onsite for the evening, with Brooke, from Big Childcare, staying around to supervise a group upstairs. Students will be watching a movie on the big screen and have a light snack, while the adults meet downstairs.**

**Thursday June 2nd- Whole school wellbeing excursion event to Healesville Sanctuary- P-6**

**Monday June 6th- Whole school curriculum day- report writing- pupil free**

**Wednesday June 8th- Cybersafety Day- student workshops grade 3-6**

**and Cybersafety information evening event for parents and carers- save the date!**

**Friday June 10th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews**

**Monday June 13th- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

**Friday June 17th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at Kangaroo Ground**

**Monday June 20th- BIG SISTER program for grade 5-6 girls- 1:30-3:30pm**

**Friday June 24th- interschool sport grade 3-6 at St Andrews**

**- Last day of term 2**

Today we had 14 competitors from SPS take to the track at Yarrambat Park to run in the Sugarloaf District Cross Country Trials. Completing either the 2 or 3 km circuit, these runners braved the chilly conditions and proudly represented our school. Thanks to the parents and grandparents who transported and supported our team and thanks to Maree who supervised students and made sure they lined up for the correct event. Back at school we enjoyed a different kind of day, as I taught a P-6 classroom for the morning. When I started at SPS, back in 2007, I taught a P-6 grade of 22 students, so it was a little like stepping back in time. Diane became unwell at school early yesterday (not covid) and is recovering at home. We're hoping for a speedy recovery. At this stage she will be back on deck tomorrow. There are plenty of bugs around at the moment. As well as our ongoing covid battle, influenza A is doing the rounds, as is a nasty gastro virus.

The latest advice from the Education Department is that from Monday next week, students and staff will not be required to continue Rapid Antigen Testing twice weekly, as we have been doing. If you are non-symptomatic, no RAT is required. Any time students or staff become symptomatic (temperature, sore throat, cough, body aches, runny nose, sneezing, headache etc) a RAT is required. RATs are also required to be used daily for 5 days if a student or staff member attending school is a close contact of a confirmed case. For staff or students who are a close contact, testing negative on a RAT and symptom free, wearing a mask when indoors at school is required.

On Monday, staff spent their Professional Practice Day focusing on writing moderation. We also took part in an interactive whiteboard workshop and additional planning sessions. This week is officially ES week and we recognise our Education Support Staff, Donna and Deb. We've shared some special treats to celebrate. It's also officially National Volunteer Week and a great time to recognise and thank the many volunteers

involved in our school on a daily basis. From parent drivers for special events, to School Council members, our Parent's Club crew, classroom helpers who come along to assist in many ways, Kylee and our gardening and cooking parents, working bee attendees, sports and event photographers and everyone who manages to support our wonderful small school in some way throughout the year- we say thank you.

Take care

Jane



Parent's Club  
'GUESS THE LOLLIES IN THE JAR'  
The challenge is on!  
Pay \$2 for a guess for a chance to win  
Call in at the office to check out the great prize



## Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp August 1st- 5th

Just a reminder that camp is coming up early next term for our group of 28 students in grades 3-6.

Our itinerary is closely based on last year's planning and details are being finalised. Permission forms and cost details will be sent home soon. The anticipated cost per student is over \$500, so a payment plan is recommended to make this manageable for families. Feel free to see Jane for more information or pop in and have a chat to Deb or give her a call if you need help to organise a payment plan.



## J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022



We have been offered the opportunity to run another Honey fundraiser this year.

**1kg buckets of delicious Arthurs Creek Honey- \$20**

We're raising funds to support JSC projects and some of funds will go towards covering the grade 5-6 leadership extension camp in term 4

We're currently designing the new label for our honey buckets.

Order forms will be sent home soon.



*Congratulations to the 14 students who took to the track at Yarrambat today for the District Cross Country Trials. Well done to everyone who took part. Running 2 or 3km isn't easy and you all finished and survived. Back at school we received photos and messages updating us on each event. We now have three students progressing to the next level of competition, with Arizona placing 4th in the 9-10 Girls' race, Sarah coming in equal 1st place in the 11 year old age group and Esmay placing 3rd in the 12 year old race. Congratulations to these three students. We wish them well for their next events. And to all of our runners- well done.*

## Outstanding Booklist Payments for 2022

Last year all school families were contacted regarding how we would proceed with organising student booklist supplies for the coming year. All families agreed to have the school purchase student booklist requirements for 2022 and to pay this once the school year began.

As first term comes to an end we are following up on this, reminding families that payment for each child's booklist is required. If you're unsure of whether your payment has been made, please check with Deb or Donna at the office.

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CHILD CARE

## here at Strathewen Primary School

Monday's OSHC program was a big hit... and there might have been a load of colour involved.

Just a reminder that our Out of School Hours Care program will be operating on our next pupil free day this term (June 6th). Brooke is planning a special program for this day.

An attachment outlining the program planned for the upcoming school holiday period has been sent out to families today. The program looks fantastic. This school holiday program is open to SPS students and students attending other schools nearby. Online bookings will be open next week.



*Did you know that in a crisis we need some people to coordinate the community. These people need incredibly good communication skills so we practiced these this week. The Grade P-2s had a go at some communication activities where they needed to instruct and be instructed to save some critters from a minefield and also do some battle robots. The Grade 3-6s thought like operational command and had to digest a lot of written or verbal information and summarize it so they could make a succinct plan for a bushfire threatening an Artic Base.*



## LOST PROPERTY from Drumming Night

Did you leave something behind at the drumming night event at the Strathewen Hall last term?

Are you missing an adult sized blue denim jacket?

If so, we have it. It was picked up by 'Drummer Dave' at the end of the night and he's posted it back to us. We're hoping to return it to its owner.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

- This year's NAPLAN testing for grades 3 and 5 for 2022 has been happening, although health related absences have certainly taken their toll on attendance
- Mid-year student assessment is up and running, with teachers having established a timeline for the completion of specific assessment tasks over coming weeks
- You might have noticed that Renate has been in and done some tidying up around the grounds, keeping on top of pruning and weeding and the invasive blackberries
- On Monday we saw the arrival of eight new air filtration units, which have been distributed around the school and set up for use to assist with covid management
- Grade 6 Transition forms regarding high school preferences have been returned and the process has begun
- Deb has dropped off two student ipads to have batteries replaced
- Grade 6 jackets have been sent off to have their special 'class of 2022' embroidery completed
- On Friday, Jane took part in an online workshop focusing on our upcoming building works and today, Deb completed her training program relating to school building management and compliance.

## ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Xavier, Nash, Harvey and Sarah

Xavier- for his wonderful work in class each day and his great home reading. He simply loves to share books and read.

Nash- for his great writing effort. It's wonderful to see him growing in confidence and happily getting his ideas down on the page.

Harvey- for his fabulous effort and awesome team work on the football field each Friday.

Sarah- for her excellent work in the classroom every day and her willingness to step up and assist others.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



# Interschool Sport



***Week 2- interschool sport  
Our combined team vs Panton Hill PS  
Check out the action with our T-ball and  
Football teams.  
We'll try for some netball photos this  
week!***

## CFA - Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



*...and the workshop sessions with Jimmy have begun for grades 5 and 6. This week we mapped out our plans for this year's project and took a look at some story boards. We've got our teams sorted and we're ready to roll. We reviewed previous claymation messages and we're up and running with 'Project 2022'.*



## Cyber Safety

Wednesday June 8th

With Susan McLea of CyberSafety Solutions

Here at SPS (time to be confirmed for evening session)

### Save the date!

An evening workshop with an expert in the field.

Parents, grandparents, carers and friends are welcome. Open to SPS adults and the wider community.

Adults only- no under 18's to attend

Spread the word, invite your adult neighbours and friends to join us.

Susan is an expert in this field and we are extremely fortunate to have her joining us for the day.

- Trusted Education Provider – eSafety Commissioner
- Member – National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB)
- University Certificate in Child Safety on the Internet – University of Central Lancashire UK
- Protecting Children Online Certificate – Fox Valley Technical College USA
- Protecting Children Online Training Program – Internet Crimes Against Children USA (2007/2012)
- Teaching Digital Citizenship Training NetSmartz USA 2015
- ASIST – Certificate in Suicide Prevention Education
- Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment

\*Please note, we are hoping to provide supervision for children upstairs while the parent session takes place



## Anxiety: What all Parents Need to Know

**\*SAVE THE DATE! Here at SPS- Tuesday May 31st- 6-7pm**

An informative workshop founded on research and life experience. Learn tools to support your young person through anxiety and everyday stresses they may be facing.

All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come along for this evening event. The session is not suitable for under 18's and we are currently investigating the possibility of providing a supervised movie session upstairs for children to support parent/carer attendance.

Anxiety is a concern in our young people. We'd love to have all families represented at this session, as we work together to provide the best possible support for our children.

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**Brought to you by The Big Sister Experience**

(supervision of children onsite will be available- Brooke, from our OSHC program, will be supervising students upstairs with a movie and a light snack, while we meet downstairs in the MP room )