



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday June 1st, 2022

Dates to Remember:

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

Friday June 3rd- JSC Hot Lunch Day- hot chips and potato cakes

- **No interschool sport this week due to scheduled BYE for our team**

Monday June 6th- Whole school curriculum day- report writing- pupil free- check out the OSHC flyer for the day and remember to book in

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

6-7.30pm Cybersafety information evening event for parents and carers- save the date!

Thursday June 9th- Division Cross Country event at Bundoora Park

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**

Well, thankfully this week is slightly different to last week. We managed to get through recent times with the help of Kylie stepping in as class teacher and Chan and Rod being incredibly flexible. Thank you all. Diane and Deb are back with us this week and as of today, we have Maree back on deck, which is great. We only have a few current COVID cases isolating, so here's hoping we're seeing a bit of a break on that front. There are still several students managing a range of other coughs and colds and needing time at home. We continue to do our best here, encouraging mask use, hand hygiene, room ventilation, distancing where possible etc, but it's not easy.

Tomorrow we're all off to Healesville Sanctuary. The weather this week hasn't been great, but we'll do what we can to make the most of our day. We have indoor education sessions booked in and no doubt we'll have a great time exploring the sanctuary and learning plenty. The bus leaves school at 9:30am and we'll be back before the end of the school day. Red school uniform tops are required for our excursion event, but no doubt a raincoat on top will be needed. We've had some requests for a stop at the sanctuary gift shop at the end of the day, and we can manage this, so students can bring along a little spending money if this works for your family. A light backpack containing lunch, snacks and a drink bottle are all that's needed.

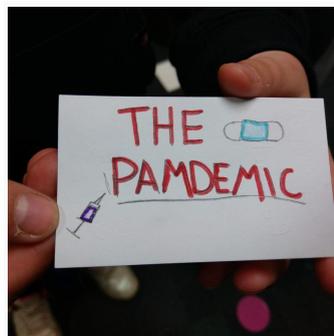
Last night's Big Sister Experience session for adults, focusing on Anxiety, was well attended and certainly worthwhile. Thank you to all who came out on such a dreary night to make the most of this important learning experience. Coming up next Wednesday evening we have Susan McLean presenting a parent workshop here at school. Susan's session, from 6-7:30pm, is a must for all adults. She is an outstanding presenter and we're so pleased to be able to have her with us. This session is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Strathewen Bushfire Relief Company and I would recommend every family come along. The session is only suitable for those over 18 years of age. Having attended Susan's presentations before, I guarantee you will find her engaging and informative. Here's your chance to learn how to best support the online safety of your young people. I hope to see you all here.

Take care

Jane



We're off to the Healesville Sanctuary tomorrow! The bus will be leaving SPS at 9:30 on the dot and we'll be back by the end of the school day! Rug up, it's chilly. Coats and gear suitable to the current weather advised. Remember to pack lunch, snacks and a drink in a backpack which will be carried all day. We've got educational workshops to look forward to and plenty to see and do. If we get time, we will stop at the gift shop before heading home. This outing is part of our school's approach to support student well being and engagement and is made possible thanks to the Positive Start program.



This week we focused on life as a research scientist. We learned about different diseases that scientists have helped prevent and cure over time. The Prep-2s had an explore into what a virus and an antibody do and made their own viruses and antibodies. The Grade 3-6s investigated a famous disease and explored how they work as well as how they were cured. After that, they made a board game based on these diseases to highlight how they work and test their knowledge of them. Some of the ideas were absolutely brilliant!



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

THE Big Sister EXPERIENCE

Our evening event for parents and interested adults was well attended last night. Huge thanks to Brooke, from Big Childcare, who supervised a bit of a movie session upstairs for young people, while we gathered in the multipurpose room. Kritz presented an informative session for us, as we looked at all aspects of anxiety and how to support children when they're feeling anxious. I think we all took something away from this very practical session. Thank you to all who came along on such a dark, chilly night, and big thanks to Deb for the lovely fresh scones and jam and cream!

Our grade 5-6 girls took part in their second Big Sister Experience session yesterday. This week we looked at mental health and what that means and we spoke about and experimented with strategies for managing our own worries and concerns. We also discussed staying safe online and both the positives and the challenges of social media use.



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



THE ORDERS ARE COMING IN!

Every bucket of honey sold brings in another \$5 to assist our fundraising effort to send the grade 5-6 bunch off to take part in an immersive leadership learning experience at Anglesea in term 4. We're attempting to fundraise and access grant funding of approximately \$5000, so every honey tub sold takes us one step closer to our target.

Our label has been designed and Yvie's great label will be on our buckets of honey.

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

If you need another order form, let us know.

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.



here at Strathewen Primary School

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. Remember to book in online.

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

- We're slowly seeing our attendance numbers return to a more normal level as we continue to battle a range of health issues. Only a couple of COVID cases remain at this stage. Thank you to families for keeping sick students at home while possibly contagious.
- Additional Rapid Antigen Test kits were sent home yesterday to families. Remember, twice weekly testing is no longer required, but testing at any sign of symptoms is important.
- Last week, we had the CFA contractor in to check on all of our fire services equipment.
- This week the principal office admin computer has finally given up, so all work is being managed via laptop, which is challenging to say the least. Out of necessity, a replacement system has been ordered.
- Our Friday hot lunches have been ordered by Deb this afternoon.



The Grade 6
 'Special Edition'
 school uniforms arrived this
 week and the crew looked
 pretty happy with themselves!

ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

Our Star Students this week are Jacob, Arizona, Oliver and Chase

Jacob- for his incredible work ethic and fabulous attitude to learning. Well done Jacob!

Arizona- for the wonderful research and planning work she has done ahead of developing a healing garden at SPS. Fantastic!

Oliver- for his effort and enthusiasm working to instruct others on equipment use as part of our Bushfire Education Program

Chase- for his fantastic story boarding work, planning a short film script, as part of our Bushfire Education Program



Reconciliation Week

We didn't get to attend the Sorry Day event in Eltham, but we did have the chance to create our own Dreamtime Stories using our own story stones.





Cyber Safety

Wednesday June 8th- NEXT WEEK

With Susan McLean of CyberSafety Solutions

Here at SPS from 6pm

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.

We encourage every school family to have an adult representative attend this important session.

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



STRATHEWEN- ARTHURS CREEK BUSHFIRE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

In this week's session with Lisal, our short film story boards were finalised, our animation studio space has been organised and we've reviewed our use of the specialised equipment. This week each team was given the task of introducing their fire science tool to the grade 4 students, giving them a chance to be part of the program.

Next week Jimmy will be with us to begin workshops of the art of animation.



*Monday afternoon's integrated studies
'The Sea'*

Groups presented their projects on the different zones in the ocean




Waste Free Lunch Challenge

We're seeing plenty of change here at SPS.

Last week we finished up with the senior class weighing in with 23g of landfill waste and the junior grade weighing in with 50g. And so... the trophy returns to the big grade for now!

It has been great seeing the transformation in so many lunchboxes- less and less rubbish is being loaded into the collection boxes. Many students are proudly chatting about how they're packing their own lunches and snacks, using containers and really thinking about their choices. Once we have our soft plastics collection point set up, there will be even less going into our red bins.



Have you seen our aluminum can recycling bale at the school entrance? As part of our work on reducing waste and promoting recycling, we're collecting crushed aluminum cans here at school and encourage everyone in the local and wider community to collect their cans and drop them off.