



## **Strathewen Primary School**

### **Wednesday July 27th, 2022**

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

**Monday August 1st- Friday August 5th- Phillip Island Camp- grades 3-6**

**Monday August 8th- School Dental visit onsite**

**Thursday August 11th- first day of school swimming program P-6- Eltham Leisure Centre**

**Friday August 12th- second day of school swimming program P-6- Eltham Leisure Centre**

- **Jane and Diane Numeracy School Leaders Workshop 9am-1pm online**

**Tuesday August 16th- School Council meeting**

**Thursday August 18th- Swimming day 3**

**Friday August 19th- Swimming day 4**

**Monday August 22nd- SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Thursday August 25th- Swimming day 5- No Pre-Prep on this date**

- **Jane and Diane- Headspace mental health wellbeing training online 9-4 Jane and Diane**

**Friday August 26th- Hooptime Basketball Tournament Day- Grades 5 & 6**

**Thursday September 1st- Sugarloaf District Athletics Day trials at Willinda Park- keen 3-6 athletes**

**Friday September 2nd- Grade 3-4 Hooptime Date - please note the change of date-**

**Tuesday September 6th- Indian Classical Dance workshops- Regional Arts Vic**

**Thursday September 8th- Division Athletics Competition for qualifying competitors**

**Friday September 9th- Kids teaching Kids event at Edendale Farm- our senior students presenting**

**Tuesday September 13th- School Council meeting**

**Friday September 16th- Final Swimming Day 6-**

- **Last day of term 3- 2.30 dismissal**

### **Hooptime Grade 3-4- change of date**

*The previously advised Hooptime date for this week was incorrect and has now been confirmed as Friday September 2nd (our swimming program has been changed to accommodate this).*

*Please mark the new date on your calendar.*

As usual, it has been a busy week here at SPS. Your young people might have told you that Felicity joined us for the first time last Friday. Quite a few of our students know Felicity from our interschool sports mornings at St Andrews, where she teaches part time. With Rod on long service leave, we had our Italian/Music position vacant and the possibility of filling Rod's shoes weren't great. Italian and Music is an interesting specialist combination. The exciting news is that we're fortunate to have discovered Felicity's talent in these areas! After coming for a visit in week one and being given an entertaining tour by some senior students, we have a new specialist teacher. Felicity will be with us each Friday, continuing the after lunch music group workshops with grades 3-6 and teaching Italian sessions week-about with the junior and senior classes.

On Monday evening we had Kritz, from the Big Sister Experience, join us to deliver a parent presentation on Nurturing Resilient Independent Young People. It was great to see quite a few families join us for this valuable session, as we work together to promote resilience in our young people and build resilience skills.

If you see tradespeople onsite on Saturday, it's part of our ongoing Shelter in Place work program ahead of the fire season. We'll have the shutter technicians here on site, working on our fire safe shutters. Darren Bradshaw is doing the open up for access, so thank you to Darren. Let's hope we have everyone on deck, ready for camp on Monday. I'd recommend some early nights in the lead up to our travels. Time to get packing!  
Jane



*Just a reminder that our whole school swimming program for 2022 begins on Thursday August 11th. Please ensure that you have completed your child's permission form and sent along the payment of \$35 prior to the program. Thank you*

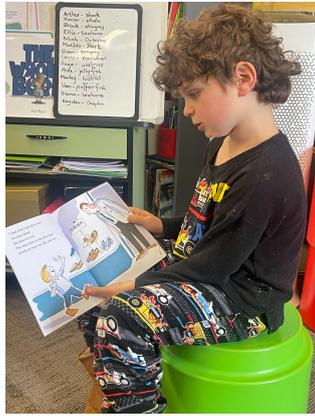
## **Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership**



You might have heard that we ran a competition in grade 5 and 6 to design the new logo for our Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership. What a great effort from these three. Chase's logo design will be the new face of our program. All three entrants received a special CFA hoodie prize from Lisal.

## **And the Grade 3 Guest Readers Continue to do their thing...**





This week we had Sarah and her dog Reef come in. They showed us a bunch of different things that Reef could do and we got up and worked on training with him. We also learned a lot about how to treat different dogs, when to engage and when to ignore dogs, what they need from us and what our responsibilities are. We all work on our little booklets and look at our rights and responsibilities and the dog's rights and responsibilities. We finished the session with our breathing and meditation exercises.

Mary and Eli

In the Grade 5 Canine Comprehension session, we learnt that when the dog is on its mat, you don't pat it and you can only pat the dog when the handler gives permission. We learnt about recognising dog emotions and behaviours. We had a different person and a different dog this week. Reef was very cute and he could jump over a hurdle, go through hoops, jump really high and do all sorts of tricks for treats, but he can't roll over yet.

Oscar and Logan H.



# The Annual CFA Cup

Congratulations to Oscar and Harvey, who represented SPS and played in the CFA Cup at Panton Hill on Saturday. Fantastic effort you two!



## PYJAMA DAY



## J.S.C. HONEY DRIVE 2022

**NEW ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED ONE  
WE HAVE ANOTHER 15 BUCKETS ORDERED THIS WEEK!**

There is still honey available, so if you're able to grab some more orders, we'll get them sorted. 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.

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



## Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp

**ONLY 4 DAYS TO GO!**

Has the bag packing begun at your place?

We'll be all set to depart school at 8:45am

We'll be loading the bus from 8:25.

Have you sent back the dietary information form for your child?

Parents are also asked to complete the Medication Form, sent home for each student this week. These forms will be collected and added to the folder on Monday morning and student medication will be added to the Medication Box. Please ensure that all medication is named clearly and that all prescription medication is in original packaging from the pharmacist, clearly stating the child's name and dosage details.

Does your child take paracetamol or similar when they develop a fever or headache? If so, please complete the medical form advising of this and provide the required medication for use 'if required'. We are not able to administer any medication without parent consent. Given the potential for illness, as we're in the midst of a pandemic, the provision of required medication and parental consent for paracetamol use if a child becomes unwell may mean we can avoid a possible 2am phone call to you! As previously advised, if children become symptomatic on camp (fever, headache, sore throat etc) parents will be notified and the collection of your child from camp will be arranged. We are unable to accommodate any unwell participants on camp.

As previously advised, if we have anyone on camp test positive while we're away, the process in place is for supervised Rapid Antigen Testing of all campers from then on.

We have our fingers crossed for a terrific week away.

*Our Healing Garden gear is on its way. Thanks to organisers Michelle & Chloe from Bunnings, Mernda. Arizona and Zoe are very keen to bring their planned garden to life.*



### **Outstanding Booklist Payments for this year's student booklist supplies**

*Just a reminder that we have a couple of families with outstanding booklist payments for 2022.*

*As agreed to in term 4 last year, parents elected for the school to undertake the purchasing of student supplies for this year. If you're not sure whether your payment has been made, please see Deb to check. Payment plans are welcome.*

# BEHIND THE SCENES

- We had a building inspector out this week to check on our drainage issues here at school and he'll be back to us with a plan for action soon
- The replacement split system in our server room was installed on Monday, so we're back in action there
- We're continuing to investigate the works required to bring our rooftop solar system up to the new compliance standards. At the moment, our system has been tagged and turned off and we're working with both the Education Department and our solar team to get things sorted.
- The newly fitted metal ember screening enclosures, fitted over our heating/cooling system condenser units have been removed this afternoon, as we have found that these were not required.



*This week was all about the joys of resources. What they are, how they work and how we can use them sensibly. In Prep-2 we searched the school grounds for some resources and found some really cool stuff. Then we thought about how we could use those resources to make different products. In grade 3/4 we looked at how we could convert resources we thought about as disposable into more reusable ideas. The upper grade had a go at looking at different resources we find in the world and how they would fit into a circular economy.*

## ★ ALL-STAR STUDENTS! ★

*Our Start Students this week are Nash, Louie, Hunter and Harvey*

Nash- for readily stepping up and being so helpful in the classroom (and for his good jokes!)

Louie- for being the bravest patient in town and not letting his injury slow him down one bit!

Hunter.- for his terrific work on finishing off his Weedy Sea Dragon poster project this week.

Harvey - for his great participation in both our Canine Comprehension session and our Bushfire Education workshop this week.

