



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday September 14th, 2022

Dates to Remember:

Thursday September 15th- Grade 2 School Sleepover Event!

Friday September 16th- Final Swimming Day 6-

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

Monday October 3rd- First day of term 4

Thursday October 6th - Foggy Mountain songwriting workshop with Carter and Carter

Sunday October 9th- School Working Bee- 9am-11am

Thursday October 13th- Jane commences long service leave

Monday October 17th- Grade 5-6- 'Puberty and Respectful Relationships' whole day program

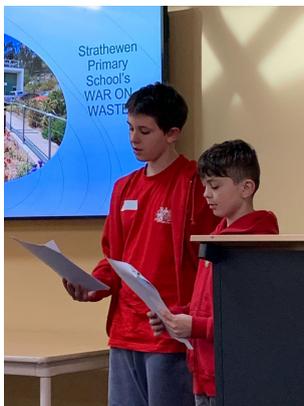
Thursday November 3rd- Big Sister Program- Transition Workshops- grade 5-6/Parent session

Monday afternoon- Nov 14th- Thursday Nov. 17th- Grade 5-6 CFA Leadership Camp Part 2- Anglesea



We're almost at the end of term 3. Tomorrow night we have the Grade 2 Sleepover here onsite, with our little crew having the opportunity to take part in a night away from home. There will be afternoon activities, dinner, a movie night, hopefully some good sleep and breakfast in the morning, before getting ready for the day. I'm in charge of the dinner delivery! Diane and Deb will be sleeping over this time around. No doubt there will be a lot of excitement around the whole event.

Congratulations to Chase, Eli, Mary and Sarah, who represented SPS at the Kids Teaching Kids event at Edendale Farm on Friday. Our little team spoke about our school and the sustainability measures we have in place and those we're working on. What a terrific effort from the team! It was also great to hear about some of the programs and projects on the go at the other schools in attendance.



We'll finish up with our final swimming session at the Eltham Leisure Centre on Friday for all grades. For those of you who are heading off on school holiday adventures, travel safely and enjoy your time away. Stay safe and we'll see everyone back at school on Monday October 3rd, ready to kick off term 4.

Jane



Parent's Club Spring Raffle
The annual Spring Raffle is planned and we're looking for donations.
Thanks to those who have already added a contribution to the collection box!
If you have a business contact or suggestions for sources of donated goods, we'd love to hear from you.
This raffle is always a terrific fundraiser for our school.

Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership

*This week we were mapping with Sue Apted, working on six digit grid referencing.
Do you know how to read six digit coordinates?*



... and we had a group of our senior students take part in the torchlight parade with the CFA at the Diamond Creek Fair on Saturday. Wearing their Junior CFA uniforms, they took to the street. Thanks to Trent Cauchi for coordinating and encouraging our crew. It was a first for our kids and a great opportunity. Thanks to our students for taking part (and to their adults for getting them there).



Our CFA kids also had the opportunity to present to a group of visiting ‘VIPs’ on Monday. Lisal, Warren and Malcolm brought along a touring group of interested council members, locals and CFA personnel, to hear about our bushfire education program. Apparently, the visitors were buzzing with interest after hearing from our students.



November 5th and 6th 2022

After two years of disruption, we’re happy to say that the Whittlesea Show is back on the calendar for November, 2022. The theme this year is ‘Celebration’.



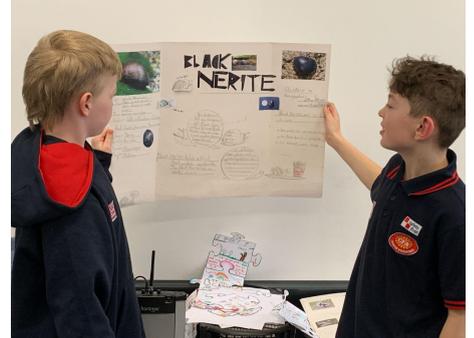
Did you know that our upcoming school holiday program at SPS is organised and ready to go? Bookings are open to all primary school aged children, not just from our school, but from the wider community. There are some great activities and excursions planned for participants. You can book for a day or two, or book whatever is required. Be sure to contact Brooke to get organised. As well as onsite programs, we have the following excursions coming up:

- On Tuesday September 20th- it's a bus trip to the combined OSHC Fun Day at Mernda, where there will be a petting zoo, face painting, arts and crafts and dance moves!
- On Wednesday September 21st- it's a bus trip to the Big Show Day at the Big Childcare head office in St Albans, where there will be show bags, show rides, prizes and heaps more
- On Monday September 26th- it's a bus trip to a Movie Day at Plenty Valley
- On Wednesday September 28th- it's a bus trip to enjoy an Archery Day of dodgeball with foam arrows!
- On Thursday September 29th- it's a bus trip to enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW

Project Presentation in the 4-6 room

We have started on the team project presentations this week. Each group completed research on their chosen sea creature found in the Phillip Island area. We've had some fantastic team work happening.



BEHIND THE SCENES

- We were very excited to have Sri and his wife visiting us this afternoon. Sri, our wonderful cleaner, has been battling brain cancer since January and he is nearing the end of his treatment plan. He hopes to be back with us in about a month and we have everything crossed for his full recovery!
- Our periodical school holiday cleaning has been locked in for during the break, with carpet cleaning, windows and glass and a general deep clean planned.
- The 4-6 class finally managed to enjoy their long planned, post-COVID class party, as a bit of a Tuesday surprise.
- Thank you to Mitre 10 in Diamond Creek for supporting our Spring Raffle. Mitre 10 has donated the wheelbarrow and some garden tools for the prize. We're hoping to fill the barrow with treasures, so feel free to send along your donation and we'll add it to the collection. Again, if you know of a local business or trader who might like to contribute to our prize, we'd love to hear from you. Tickets will be sent home soon and our raffle will be drawn at the end of spring.

Parent's Club



We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year!

We are really hoping to raise \$15,000.00 which will pay for **two Interactive Whiteboards and laptop computers**.

Forms have been sent home and we have almost everyone registered, after signing up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Package!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. We'll be holding the Colour Fun Run at the Strathewen Sports Ground.

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Now is the time to create your online profile for your children for the School Fun Run if you haven't done so already

Here is what to do:

Step 1 🖱️ Use this link: https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/users/sign_up

Step 2 🖱️ Complete the registration and select Strathewen Primary School as your school

Step 3 🖱️ Share your unique link with family & friends to receive donations and earn awesome prizes!

Step 4 🖱️ Participate in the Colour Day and have a fantastic time!

Step 5 🖱️ Receive your awesome prizes for your fundraising efforts!



Our school hens are enjoying the spring sunshine and are back to laying well. We have fresh eggs for sale at \$5 per dozen. All funds go towards JSC projects.





*Fantastic Footy and Sports
Dress Up Day
We had gymnasts, ballerinas,
horse riders, footballers,
lacrosse players, soccer stars,
karate kids, athletes, netballers,
basketballers, motorbike riders
and more!
Lunch was a big hit too!*



★ ALL-STAR STUDENTS!

*Mrs Galvin's Star ART Students for this term are
Ellie, Marley, Esmay and Zoe*

Ellie- for her consistent art enthusiasm, her patience when working and fabulous work!

Marley- for her excellent effort in the Art room, showing support for others and great leadership!

Esmay- for her enthusiasm in the Art room and her fantastic ideas and Whittlesea Show effort!

Zoe- for always putting in a great effort, planning her work and following through to bring her ideas to life!



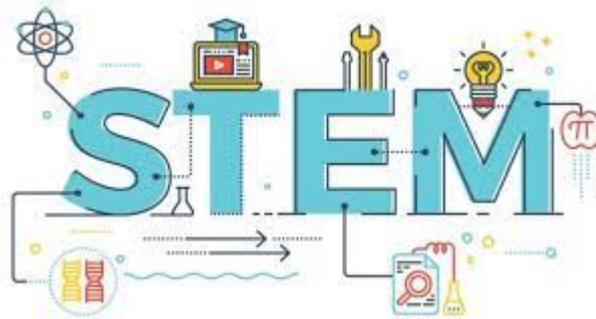
ART AWARDS



Canine Comprehension



Our Canine Comprehension program finished up today. We have been so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Amy and 'Ruby' and Sarah and 'Reef'. The program has focused on self care, what's involved with navigating and supporting friendships, responsibility and resilience, confidence, mindfulness and lots more. Amy left each group with a lovely parting gift- a canine companion to keep in the classroom. This program was made possible through support from School Focused Youth Services and aimed to support the wellbeing, mental health and social connectedness of senior students.



We began our countdown to the end of term this week. We had to think about how to make a waste free school and were able to choose any aspect of the circular economy to achieve that. We investigated textile waste, metal waste, water waste and a host of other things that we looked at this term. In the older grades we thought about how we can make some concrete actions to supplement the learning of the term and achieve outcomes in our school and home lives. The ideas so far have been fantastic such as designing a school tap system that circulates and filters water, a completely self contained garden design, a green club which comes up with sustainable initiatives and many more! We'll continue these into next week too and it'll be exciting to see where these ideas go. Have a great break everyone!

