



Strathewen Primary School

Wednesday May 24th 2023

Friday 26th May- Interschool Sport - at St Andrews

Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June- Grade 3-6 City Camp

Thursday 1st June- No Pre-Prep this week due to school camp

Friday 9th June- Interschool Sport - at St Andrews

Monday 12th June- King's Birthday- Public Holiday

Friday 16th June- Interschool Sport - at Kangaroo Ground

Monday 19th June- Report Writing Day- pupil free day at SPS

Tuesday 20th June- School Council Meeting

Friday 23rd June- Interschool Sport - at St Andrews

- Last day of term 2- 2.30 dismissal



Welcome back to Diane, who has returned with plenty of great stories to share. True to form, our junior students haven't missed a beat and they're straight back into the swing of things.

Congratulations to our team of cross country runners! They all completed the course today, running either 2 or 3 km, and they returned to school smiling! Thanks to our parent drivers and helpers and to Kylie who supervised the event. Special thanks to Mark Peel, who led the training runs in recent weeks, preparing our crew for the event. According to our competitors, who received their place number when crossing the finish line, the results for S.P.S. were as follows- Jacob 65th, Kayden 41st, Logan H. 58th, Marley 26th, Ava 24th and Siana 12th. Well done team!

Our first School Council meeting for term 2 was held yesterday afternoon. Parent's Club presented their planned fundraising calendar for 2023 and updated school policies for Cash Handling, Electronic Funds Management and School Purchasing Cards were ratified. Councillors took part in a surprise tour of the basement, to check out the drainage work in progress. Just a reminder that school policy documents can be viewed at the office in hard copy or accessed on the school website at any time.

I've started to gather my belongings and pack my bags for next week's camp. No doubt we'll need some warm gear. We're looking forward to a terrific week away. On Tuesday, we had a bit of a camp Q and A session and we've reviewed the itinerary with our campers. Please be sure to fill in and return the 'Medication Authorisation' form for your child/ren, this includes authorisation for any paracetamol or similar. Maree and I will collect any medication at the station on Monday morning. Please ensure that medication is clearly named for your child and labelled with specific dosage details. If you have any last minute questions about camp, please let us know.

Jane



Just a reminder that we are fortunate to have an Out of Hours School Care program up and running at S.P.S. This service is operating thanks to a three year grant program to support its establishment. Brooke does a terrific job planning activities and providing great care for our students. We would love to see more of our families accessing this service. Session fees are heavily subsidised and made affordable through the Child Care Subsidy and the Additional Child Care Subsidy for eligible families. Sessions can be regular bookings or occasional days. Please let us know if you'd like more information.

After school

A friendly reminder that given we have a daily after school/OSHC program operating onsite, priority is given to Brooke and the crew for playground use. Any parent supervised after school play for non-OSHC students is restricted to the Cubbyland area. Our hillside slide is not in use at the present, as recent works have seen soft fall mulch moved and a significant top up is needed.

The school day for students ends at 3.30pm and as previously advised, pick up is required by 3.45pm. Given staff commitments, students awaiting pick up after 3.45pm will be sent down to join Brooke in after school care and may be picked up from downstairs when parents/carers arrive. All families are encouraged to ensure their children are registered with our service provider as this will streamline the process.



*After school pickup reminder...
The end of the day is a busy time, particularly with our reduced car park area at the moment. Parents parking across the road are asked to come across to the school pathway, to ensure children navigate the road and traffic safely. Let's work together to keep our students safe.*

Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



This week we continued working on our preparation for filmmaking. Jimmy joined us and helped get things more organised. Logan and Logan are ready for filming after camp. Today, Lisal did an extra workshop with Chase and Oscar, looking at the whirling psychrometer.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- Our replacement heating/cooling system for the administration area has been installed today, so we're looking forward to being able to feel our fingers and toes once again.
- The end is almost in sight for our major drainage works. There is still some work to be done in the basement and some tidying up around the yard.
- Nancye joined us again this week for reading in the P-3 classroom.
- Deb has been doing an amazing job streamlining our art equipment storage and organising the covered outdoor balcony space.
- On Monday afternoon, Jane attended a Respectful Relationships Cluster meeting in Greensborough
- Jane attended a meeting with other local school representatives this afternoon at Middle Kinglake Primary School, regarding the DASH program for our senior students. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.
- We've had the CFA service team out this week to complete the quarterly extinguisher and equipment safety check.
- Our new 'outdoor classroom' has been finished, with the final roof flashing installed on Friday. This gives us a great, covered teaching space in the fresh air! Deb and Jane will now proceed with completing the grant acquittal process.

City Camp- grade 3-6

Before we head off on camp on Monday, we ask that all students take a Rapid Antigen Test.

We need negative tests all around for travellers.

While we're away on camp, we will have a RAT supply with us and in the case of any students becoming unwell, the students will be provided with a RAT to complete themselves under supervision. Parents will of course be contacted, as we will not be able to accommodate unwell children on camp.

Time confirmation for Monday's departure-

8.45am- Students to meet at Hurstbridge Station at the rear carpark, Greysharps Rd. The trailer will be there waiting to be loaded with campers' luggage. Students will travel with just a day pack and our luggage will be waiting for us at camp when we check in later in the day. We'll be catching the 9.26am train and travelling to Melbourne Central. Please ensure that the day's supplies are in your child's backpack for the day- water bottle, snacks, lunch, rain jacket/coat, wallet \$

On Friday, we'll be arriving back at Hurstbridge at 4.13pm and the trailer will meet us there, ready for us to unload and head home for the weekend. We're looking forward to a fantastic week of action and adventures.



Netball Report from Logan H

Last week we played netball and it was a lot of fun. We played at Arthurs Creek against Arthurs Creek. The scores were 8 to 6 our way. Logan Hunt got the best and fairest award and a St Andrews person got the encouragement award.

T-Ball Report from Sage and Zoe

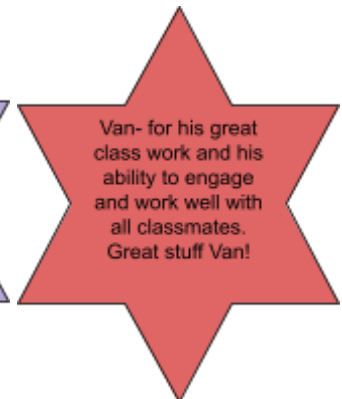
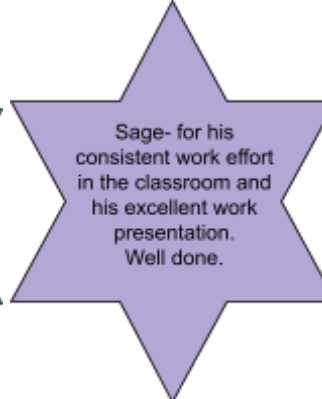
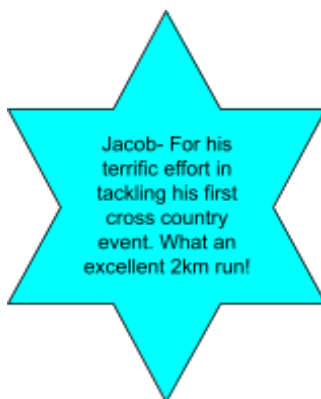
Last week we played T-ball at Arthurs Creek. We won, 33 to 12. Chase and Elly won awards. We started with a quick revision on how to play T-ball. The teams were very fair and we had a good game.

Football Report from Oscar, Louie and Kayden

Last Friday we played Arthurs Creek and it was a really good match. We won, 87-0 and Louie got the encouragement award. We came up with a strategy in our second match to keep one of our tall players in the middle and it worked!



Our star students this week are Xavier, Jacob, Sage and Van. Congratulations on your terrific effort.



Exploring numeracy with your child

Sharing recipes

Discussing maths when cooking can provide a daily maths lesson involving measurement, time, and cost. Here are some activities you could try at home:

- Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millilitres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
- Discuss how you would double or halve a recipe. Encourage your child to record new measurements for the recipe. Discuss why and when you might need to do this.
- Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe. Discuss why different recipes have different temperatures and cooking times.
- Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe. Compare this with the actual cost of items. Ask your child if they think it was better to buy the ingredients and make dinner or get takeaway.
- Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full – for example, l for litre, ml for millilitre, tsp. for teaspoon, tbsp. for tablespoon.
- Investigate the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables available in the supermarkets compared with market vendors.

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28TH MAY**
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