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**Wednesday February 24th 2021**

**Dates to Remember:**

**Swimming Program- whole school- bus pick up at 9.45am**  
Tuesday March 2, Thursday March 4, Tuesday March 9

Thursday February 25th- Grade 5-6 Leadership Day at Panton Hill Hall- **school uniform compulsory**

Friday February 26th- finishing off and setting up our 'Thank You CFA' messages for Red Balloon Day on Sunday

Thursday March 4th- **No Pre-Prep** this week due to our school swimming program

Friday March 5th- Curriculum Day- Pupil Free Day- Small Schools Combined Day

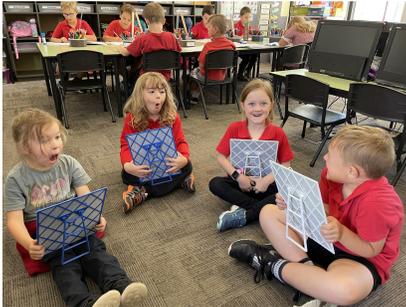
Monday March 8th- Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday March 15th- School Review

- 'Pillowcase Project'- grades P-6- Red Cross workshop with whole school

Wednesday March 24th- School Review- final day

Wednesday March 31st- SPS Family Easter Picnic and Egg Drop Event- 5.30pm-7.30pm at school



*Respectful Relationships in the  
P-3 room  
Looking at how we show  
emotions through body  
language and facial expressions*

Our third swimming session took place this morning and you'll see some great photos in today's newsletter. We certainly have some tired kids after their swim. Remember, we're back in the pool for sessions 4 and 5 next Tuesday and Thursday.

Tomorrow we have our grade 5-6 Leadership Day at the Panton Hill Hall, with the event kicking off at 9.30am. Students need to bring along their packed morning tea and water bottle for the day. Everyone will need a sunsafe hat and as student leadership representatives, school uniform is compulsory. The end of day pick up at the hall is 2.30pm. This is always a terrific day for our students.

Thanks to Mrs Galvin and Mel Brady, who have been working with students on their colourful Red Balloon Day banners to say 'Thank you' to our local CFA volunteers. Our banners will be hung at the two local brigades on Friday. Be sure to drop past and have a look. We hope our gratitude banners bring a smile to the faces of our dedicated friends.

Congratulations to the little team of swimmers who attended the Diamond Creek Pool on Monday to represent SPS at a District level. Well done to Shylo, Mary, Esmay, Eli, Sarah and Emily. It's great to see our keen swimmers take up the opportunity to compete at this level. Well done to all participants and congratulations to Emily, who returned to school with her 3rd place ribbon.

Jane

# SWIMMING



## Leadership Day Event- for grades 5 and 6

Tomorrow our first Leadership Day for 2021.

Students in grades 5 and 6, from around 10 small schools, will meet at the Panton Hill Hall for a 9.30 start, as we work on various aspects of leadership. Students will engage in a range of workshops throughout the morning, looking at running a meeting, public speaking, team work, planning a project and more. They'll enjoy a pizza lunch and then meet our wonderful guest speaker in the afternoon. (Our guest speaker is an inspirational young person, who was in my prep grade in 2004!) It's always a great day. I am transporting 4 students, so my car is full. Hopefully we have all travellers covered and organised by the end of the day.

With the pizza lunch, I have a couple of students who plan to bring along a 'back up' lunch, just in case they're preferred toppings are not on offer- this is a great idea. Everyone needs to bring along their morning tea snacks, a refillable water bottle, their sun safe hat for outdoor activities and of course their school uniform. The day's event concludes at 2.30pm. My travellers will be returning to school with me at this time.

**Just a reminder that school uniform is compulsory for all students attending our Leadership Day and representing SPS tomorrow.**



*In classrooms this term, we're focusing on our school values and what they mean. We've been looking at 'kindness' and the importance of being a good friend. Thanks to a lovely donation of 'Better Buddies' bears, we'll be recognising students for their actions in helping to create a friendly and caring school environment.*



*Our bear presentation recognises the following: friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing difference and including others. Our Better Buddies Kindness bear is awarded to Noah this week, for his great support of younger students. He certainly helps to make our school a better place.*

# BEHIND the SCENES

- Between Mel's workshops and Mrs Galvin's efforts, our students almost have the two Red Balloon Day banners ready to hang up. They'll be on display outside the Strathewen and the Arthurs Creek CEA stations, to say a surprise thank you to our local volunteers ahead of Sunday February 28th.
- Teaching staff have been working to complete online training course updates, in Infection Control, Mandatory Reporting and Risk Management

## Charcoal drawing class

with Lisa Nolan on Sunday 28 February at 10am - 1am at the Strathewen Hall.

All material provided by Strathewen Trust.

RSVP Barbara Joyce 0435027780 to confirm a place. Reminder- charcoal is messy so bring a smock or shirt.



## TERM 1—2021 PROGRAM REGISTRATION!

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN—not just basketball players!  
4 Age Groups (5-7, 7-9, 10-12 ) and Teen Night on  
Mondays!

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## Start of 2021

### Tissues and Toilet Paper

As you know, ours is one of very few schools not charging any annual school fees for families. All items invoiced to parents are for direct purchases, such as the exact cost of book lists, excursions etc.

To help keep costs down and assist with funding, we ask families to send along a packet of toilet paper and a box of tissues at the start of each term, if they are able. Please drop any contributions off at the office. Thank you to those families who have already sent along their supplies.

6 Week Program  
Starts SOON!  
Sunday/Monday  
Feb. 14th/ 15th

Register NOW!

**\*\*Only \$10.00  
to register!**

- Program is on  
Sundays and  
Mondays

KRCBA, INC.  
\$5 Game Fes  
Registration NEVER  
closes! To register or  
for more information:

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The KRCBA is pleased to announce our  
upcoming basketball program for Term 21,  
2021.

This program has been a resounding success  
and is designed to provide a safe and fun  
positive learning experience. **EVERY** child has  
a chance to shine, with professional leaders,  
music, mascot, cheerleading and more!

# PARENTS' CLUB

## EASTER RAFFLE- CALL FOR DONATIONS

Last year wasn't a great one for our Parents' Club on the fundraising front, so here's hoping we can build on that in 2021. We're planning to hold our annual Easter Raffle event this term. It would be

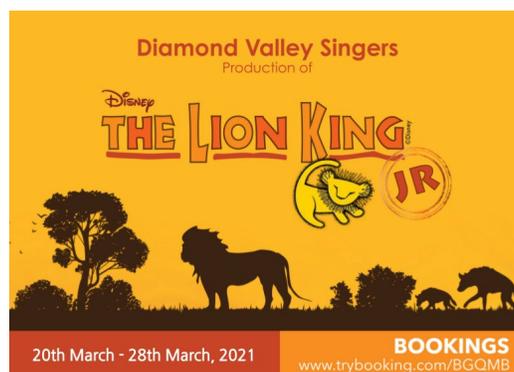
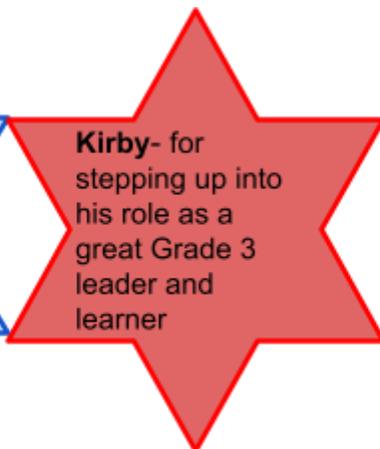
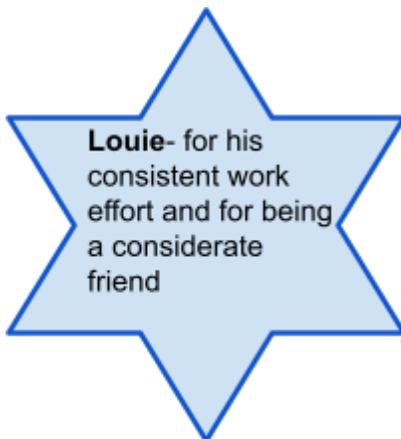
great if families and friends could send along a contribution for our raffle hampers. Remember, donations don't have to be chocolate and Easter goodies, we could put together a gardening basket or a gourmet hamper. All contributions will be put to good use for our baskets. (If you have a spare basket or two you're not using, we would be happy to take them off your hands) Please drop off donations at the office and we'll get sorted with our raffle tickets soon.

We're also hoping to run our Family Easter Night and Egg Drop event again this year, on Wednesday March 31st. Instead of the usual BBQ and shared buffet, this year we're planning a Bring Your Own Picnic event. Each family will be able to bring along their choice of picnic dinner and drinks for their crew. We'll still be running the favourite events- the Egg Drop, the Easter Bonnet Parade, the Egg Sports and of course, the Egg Hunt. Pop the date in your diary.

Thank you

**The Strathewen Star Students**  
this week are... Louie, Kirby, Mary and Emily

**ALL-STAR STUDENTS!**



The Lion King Jr. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colourful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa.

To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. . The Lion King JR. features classic songs from the 1994 film such as “Hakuna Matata” and the Academy Award®-winning “Can You Feel the Love Tonight” as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

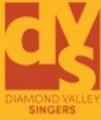
*“The Lion King Jr reaches to our deepest emotions, touching on themes of love, loss, guilt and responsibility. The overarching message of the Circle of Life and our place in it is both humbling and empowering. Lebo M's soaring African music, Elton John's crowd pleasers and the exotic beauty of the African landscape all combine to make this show, to me, the most joyful and moving of the Disney productions.”*

Merinda Gray Director Lion King Jr

Playing from the 20th March until the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Warrandyte High School Theatre this wonderful cast of 50 children aged 8-15 bring this magical story to life.

Tickets are available via try booking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BGQMB>)

About Diamond Valley Singers (DVS): *DVS was established in 1985 to provide a medium for community members in the Diamond Valley and surrounding areas to exercise their talents, and at the same time to raise money for charity. Since our inception, we have donated over \$150,000 to charities, including World Vision, International Needs Australia, Open House, and the Elizabeth Nursery School in Malawi*



# Diamond Valley Singers

Production of



Music and Lyrics by  
**Elton John and Tim Rice**

Additional Music and Lyrics by  
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin  
and Hans Zimmer**

Book by **Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by  
**Julie Taymor**

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and  
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.



## TICKETS

- \$27** Adult
- \$15** Child under 18 years
- \$22** Concession / senior / student / groups of 10+

## VENUE

Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Road, Warrandyte

## PERFORMANCES

- Saturday March 20th 2pm
- Saturday March 20th 5pm
- Sunday March 21st 2pm
- Sunday March 21st 5pm
- Saturday March 27th 2pm
- Saturday March 27th 5pm
- Sunday March 28th 1pm
- Sunday March 28th 4pm

Enquiries **9439 7843**

## BOOKINGS

[www.trybooking.com/BGQMB](http://www.trybooking.com/BGQMB)



# Family Picnic and Egg Drop Event

When: Wednesday March 31st 5.30pm- 7.30pm

Where: Here at school!

What do you need:

1. An Easter Bonnet for the parade (if you're joining in!)
2. An 'Egg Drop Contraption'- made at home to safely transport a fresh hen's egg to the ground
3. Bring along your Family Picnic for dinner- whatever you choose and a picnic rug
4. Bring along drinks for your family
5. Come along and have fun with your friends and neighbours

