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**Strathewen Primary School**

**Wednesday May 5th 2021**

*Dates to Remember:*

**Thursday May 6th- Mother's Day Stall at SPS- from 9am - all items \$3- \$10**

**Friday May 7th- Interschool Sport- at Panton Hill for grades 3-6**

**Tuesday May 11th, Wednesday May 12th, Thursday May 13h- NAPLAN testing for grades 3 and 5**

**Wednesday May 19th- Cross Country District Trials at Yarrambat Park (runners 3-6 opt in)**

**Thursday May 20th- Imaginary Creature Dress Up Day- JSC gold coin fundraiser**

**Wednesday May 26th- Nillumbik Reconciliation Group- Smoking Ceremony event- grade 6**

**Wednesday June 2nd- Sporting Schools weekly Badminton coaching program begins for P-6- Session 1**

**Monday June 14th- Queen's Birthday public holiday**

**Monday June 21st- Curriculum Day- Report Writing/Compilation Day- no school for students**



*Parents' Club*

**Mother's Day Stall**

*Tomorrow morning, here at school*

*All gifts priced from \$3 to \$10*

*Bring along a bag for storage and  
taking gifts home*

***Wishing all of our mums, nannas, grannies and carers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.***

Our Interschool Sports program was off to a great start last Friday, with our Strathewen gang happily combining with the students of St Andrews to take to the court or field. All games were reported as being really enjoyable and it was terrific to see those new to Friday sports getting out there and having a go. Thank you to all who assisted with transporting students. It looks like we are covered for transport this week, as we travel to Panton Hill for our next round.

Next week we have NAPLAN testing taking place with grades 3 and 5. These tests are simply part of the school program and our students are encouraged to just give the tests their best shot. NAPLAN test results are simply a snapshot of student performance on the tests given. Testing will take place from 9.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Testing covers Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy, with four separate tests in total. Grades 3 and 5 will work together in the senior classroom during testing. A NAPLAN report for individual students will be issued later on in the year.

Jane



# Interschool Sport 2021





*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 Esmay Adams. Esmay displayed great kindness when her classmates were feeling a little overwhelmed and she reassured and encouraged them to take to the footy field and do their best at St Andrews on Friday. Well done Esmay. What a champion!***

## Junior School Council

Coming up soon, we have our Imaginary Creature Dress Up Day- Thursday May 20th

What can you come dressed as?

Dress up for some fun!



## PARENTS' CLUB

Tomorrow we're holding our Mother's Day Stall here at school. Gifts priced from \$3 to \$10. All welcome.

Message from Parents Club; Last year was not a good one to fundraise, so we're looking for your feedback on the fundraising ideas you would support to make 2021 the best effort yet! Please fill in this quick survey so we can continue planning to provide great opportunities for our kids.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2YG6RJ>

# BEHIND THE SCENES

- Our tiny chickens are not so tiny this week. We're still keeping them warm under a lamp, but they're getting more and more adventurous and they're not far off relocating to their outdoor henhouse.
- Wasps continue to be a nuisance when the sun shines. This week we had our pest controller Geoff out to inspect the embankment area near the chicken run, as there seemed to be a lot of wasp activity up there. Unfortunately he was unable to locate the nest, so we're still managing small scale trapping systems. Given that European wasps travel up to 400m from their nest to feed, we might be nowhere near their homes. Geoff has advised us that in only a week or two, the weather will have changed and wasps won't bother us for a while.
- Our cross country training sessions have continued, with Kylee taking our keen runners out along the local road sides to prepare for the Cross Country Trials on May 19th.
- Again this week, we've had our grandparent helpers, Margie and Nancye, in at school, working in the junior classroom.
- It's that time of year again and last week the Grade 6 students all took home a Year 7 Enrolment Pack for parents to start work on. It's time to engage in tours as prospective enrolments for 2022 and start locking in secondary school preferences.

## Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership



**The third session of our Strathewen-Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership CFA project took place yesterday, with Lisal and Sue Apted reviewing the use of measurement tools. It was certainly a 'citizen scientist' session, with lots of action and exploration happening. Students used the sling psychrometer, compasses and the Windmate. We've already been working with the Fine Fuels Moisture Meter. Our volunteers are wonderful!**

**Due to NAPLAN, we don't have our program running next week, but we'll be back in a fortnight and it looks like Jimmy will be coming along to work with us.**



## ***District Cross Country Event***

*Students have nominated themselves to compete in this year's cross country. Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at Yarrambat Park in Plenty Gorge 9:30am. The event is generally finished by 11:30am*

*There is a Covid safe plan in place this year so if you're attending, please check in on arrival. There will be bar codes available in the spectator area.*

*Parent transport is required for our competitors.*

*Students will run the same tracks as in previous years. There is a different track for the 2 and 3 kilometre distances.*

*All events will be two laps. The courses will be clearly marked with white flags.*

*Remember to bring/send along puffers for any children with asthma or epipens for those who need them.*

*Children are not able to watch the event from inside the race area. Children and spectators need to stay behind the clearly marked barriers.*

*Officials record the first 10 children in each event as placegetters– only the first eight go through to the Division cross country with 2 emergencies. The emergencies do not attend Division unless the school is notified following a cancellation from one of the eight placegetters.*

*We've had a few training runs, thanks to Kylee taking the team out on the local roads. Additional training at home is recommended, maybe some runs around the paddock, along the driveway or at the local oval.*

*The events will run in this order starting at 9:30am:  
9/10 year old girls then 9/10 year old boys - Two kilometres  
11 year old girls then 11 year old boys - Three kilometres  
12 year old girls then 12 year old boys - Three kilometres*