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**Strathewen Primary School**

**Wednesday May 19th 2021**

**Dates to Remember:**

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

**Friday May 21st- Interschool Sport at St Andrews**

**Monday May 24th- Basketball coaching session 2- P-6**

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

**-Division Cross Country event- Bundoora Park for qualifying runners**

**Thursday May 27th- Staff PD online from 3.45 onwards Respectful Relationships workshop**

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

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

**Tuesday June 15th- Report Writing Day- SPS no students (please note date change- return to original date set)**

**Friday June 25th- Last day of term 2**



Well, the weather was remarkably kind for our Sugarloaf District Cross Country Trials event this morning. With the late scratchings due to illness, we had eight SPS students take to the track to complete the 2 or 3km circuit. Well done to all of our competitors. Each event saw a huge group of runners start off, with up to 74 runners in some age groupings. We now have Sarah, who placed 2nd in her age group, going on to the Division event next week and Arizona (who came in 10th) is the second emergency runner who will be on call. Esmay, (who placed 2nd) has also qualified to head off to the next level of competition. Congratulations to these runners and to all of our competitors. Great effort.

Tomorrow, we have the much anticipated 'Imaginary Creature' dress up day happening, run by our Junior School Council. It will be interesting to see who or what we have presenting for school tomorrow morning! There has been a lot of talk about who is coming as what, and we're looking forward to plenty of fun.

Just a reminder to all in our school community, one of the recommendations coming out of our school review this year was to encourage all school parents, grandparents and friends of SPS to organise their Working With Children Checks. This recommendation is outlined in the school's Volunteer's Policy on the school website ([www.strathewenps.vic.edu.au](http://www.strathewenps.vic.edu.au)). Completing a WWCC as a volunteer is free and a simple process. To all who participate in school activities, such as sports days, excursions, programs and activities with their own children or family members, a WWCC is recommended. When you apply for a check, be sure to name SPS as your place of volunteer work, that way we'll be sent a copy of your completed check as we need to keep them on file.

Jane



*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. This week, our Better Buddies Kindness bear is awarded to Molly. Molly is always keen to look out for others and show her support. Being kind is wonderful- well done Molly.***



*And our Kindness Bear from last week went to Hunter, who is back with us after being away sick.*

Three things in human life are important.

The first is to be kind.

The second is to be kind.

And the third is to be kind.

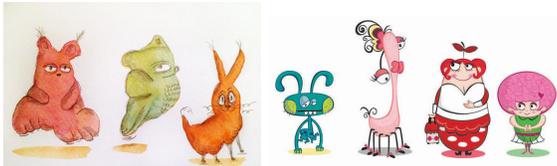
Henry James



*Spread the word... Encourage family and friends to save their postage stamps and send them along to school. We collect them and send them off in bundles to the Women of the University Fund to support their fundraising efforts.*

## **Junior School Council**

Tomorrow it's Imaginary Creature Dress Up Day  
Bring along your gold coin. Dress up for some fun!



We are still working on filling up our silver coin tube. When it's full, we'll have our 'Guess how much is in the tube' competition. We'd love you to drop your small change into our tube!

# BEHIND THE SCENES

- Our first basketball coaching session took place on Monday morning with Dylan. Dylan ran fantastic skills based sessions with both grades.
- On Tuesday, we had our next round of engineers visiting the school to inspect our drainage issues with storm water.
- NAPLAN testing for grades 3 and 5 is over for another year and our box of completed tests was picked up on Monday morning
- Mrs Galvin has been working with students on their On Demand (online) tests across core curriculum areas this week
- Our chickens are living their best lives out in the henhouse and coping well with the change of residence



*This week was all about the power of excel! We looked at how Excel can be used for a variety of different things. We explored patterns with the younger students and how to make accurate graphs with the older students. The graphs had to be fit for purpose and represent the data well and be easy to read. We found out that excel can automatically do our times tables, add days of the week and the months of the year for us. Some of us got really stuck into it and created a Battleships game by identifying how the program recognized the coordinates of each cell.*

## The Strathewen Star Students this week are...

Amelia, Jacob, Eden and Emily



**Amelia-** for her great effort in the classroom, as she always strives to do her very best

**Jacob-** for his consistent effort and terrific learning progress in all subject areas

**Eden-** for her contribution and engagement during our workshop with Jimmy on Tuesday

**Emily-** for her super-human story writing effort this week

# Strathewen- Arthurs Creek Bushfire Education Partnership- grade 5-6



## Skeleton Work in P-3

