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FROM

## THE PRINCIPAL

*Julie Kennedy*

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you enjoyed a happy, relaxing holiday break after a roller coaster 2020. It was a delight to see our students return last Thursday, excited to be back at school and to be seeing their friends and teachers again. Students have settled in well to their new

classes and classroom routines and we are looking forward to an exciting, learning filled year. Today we have had the pleasure of welcoming our delightful new Preps. We have visited the classrooms and playgrounds and our Preps have happily settled into their new learning environment.

We also extend a very warm welcome to families new to our school. We hope you will love our school and school community as much as we do. We encourage you to be involved in the school through helping in classrooms when COVID restrictions are eased, being on School Council or the Parents and Friends Committee or attending a range of events and activities within the school.

This year we have welcomed new staff members: Sharon McMahon has returned after being away from Strathaird for a year; Alana Cooper is teaching in Prep; Emma Craig is teaching in Year 1 and Rebecca Cowman is teaching in Year 3. We also welcome Sarah Crozier who will be providing Education Support.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL—PARENTS WE NEED YOU! THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE EXCITING TIME TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL**

With 10 million dollars of building and grounds development being planned and constructed this year, it is a great time to be a part of our School Council. At Strathaird we are so very lucky, we have a wonderful School Council where parents and staff work together for the good of the school and all of our students and families.

**Over recent years we have struggled to fill vacancies on School Council. It is now a matter of urgency, we must have a School Council but we can't run a School Council without parents. There are six parent vacancies for School Council which need to be filled (four vacancies are for two years and two vacancies are for one year).** Two meeting nights per term is all that you need to commit to.

The School Council is involved in many aspects of the school including buildings and grounds, approving policies and monitoring finance. We encourage parents to please consider nominating, I feel sure you will find it a positive and rewarding way to contribute to the school.

The process and timeline for School Council elections is outlined below. If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021**

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

This year there are **four Parent Member vacancies with 2 year terms and two Parent Member with a 1 year term.**

The election process will commence with a call for nominations from **Monday 8th Feb.** Nomination forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Nominations close and are due to the School Office by **4:00pm on Monday 15th Feb.**

The list of candidates will be posted outside the School Office on **Wednesday 17th Feb.**

If there are more nominations than vacant positions, a ballot process will take place. Ballot Papers will be distributed to all families on **Monday 22nd February.**

All Ballot Papers must be received by the closing of the Ballot at **4:00pm Monday 1st March.**

Counting Ballot and Declaring Poll will take place on **Tuesday 2nd March.**

The first meeting of the newly appointed School Council will be held on **Tuesday 9th March.**

If you would like to read about the role of School Council more information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/get-involved-at-school.aspx>

***A message from Jenny Smith, one of our parents on School Council...***

*"Why I became a School Council parent member and what does it involve"*

*I first joined school council three years ago. As a full time working parent I was unable to drop my son off at school in the morning, pick him up at night, attend school assemblies or other parent activities. I felt disjointed from the school community and uninvolved with my sons education, so thought by joining school council I would feel more involved and I certainly have.*

*School council meets 8 times a year, that's twice a term for approximately 1 hour or less. That's less than 8 hours for the year. We typically discuss items such as; School Policy; Financials; Building & grounds development and maintenance; Uniforms; School Contracts; Education Plans & teacher development; Excursions and Camps; Parent & Friends activities and other general business. As a general member you can be as involved as little or as much as you want to be.*

*Through school council I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know other parents, some of our teachers and senior staff members. I've been able to get involved with decisions regarding the educational direction our school is striving for. I am very proud to be part of the Strathaird School Community and am extremely excited about the future upgrade and modernisation of our school, thanks to the \$10 million dollars we have received from State Government as a result of the forward thinking of our Principal Julie Kennedy and staff.*

*Now is the time to join school council and be part of our schools future development planning. If you are thinking about joining but not sure or have more questions, I'd be happy for the school to pass on my details to you.*



### **PARENT –TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February between 3:30pm. and 7:30pm, or Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> February between 3:30 and 5:00pm.

Parents need to book Interviews using Sentral. Letters will be sent home to all families next week. If you need help booking Interviews, please contact the School Office.

Interviews at this time of the year are designed to give parents an opportunity to inform teachers of any relevant background information which may be of assistance in developing class programs throughout the year. Background information may include your child's strengths and qualities, areas of concern, learning needs, homework expectations and how parents can assist learning.

### **SMILE SQUAD DENTAL VAN**

The Victorian Government's school dental program—SMILE SQUAD—will be visiting our school in March. All students are able to have a dental check-up, preventative dental care and general treatment free at school. A consent form is being sent home today and parents are required to complete and sign the consent form and return it to school by Friday 12th February.

On Friday, each student will receive a gift bag containing a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste.

The Smile Squad will first conduct all the dental check-ups in March and will later bring a Dental Van to perform treatments for students, where required. The Smile Squad will ring parents directly to discuss what treatment is required. The majority of treatments will not incur any out of pocket expense and parents will be advised if there will be any out of pocket expenses prior to the treatment being conducted.

### **PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ZONE**

The pick-up and drop-off zone on Community Parade is only for quickly picking up and dropping off students. When all motorists comply with the instructions the zone works very well but when people do the wrong thing, others naturally become frustrated.

**You must not park there or leave your car there.** The maximum time that your car can be in the zone is **two minutes**. Please also be aware the Council could be here at any time ensuring motorists are doing the right thing.



### **SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The playground is supervised by teachers before school from 8.45 a.m., during morning recess, during the lunch break and after school until 3.30 p.m. Children should not arrive at school early unless they are going to the Before School Care Program.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL / LATE ARRIVALS**

Students are not permitted to leave the school without being signed out. Students must be signed in or out of school at the school office between 9.00 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please enjoy this printed first edition of the 2021 School Newsletter. Newsletters will continue to be electronically distributed on our Sentral For Parents app and posted to the school website.

Download the Sentral app and turn on your notifications to receive the newsletter fortnightly on a Wednesday.

(Step by step instructions are in this newsletter, page 11.)



### **Save the Date**

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Tues 16th & Wed 17th  
February**

**More information coming**

### **Curriculum Day**

**Friday 5th March  
&**

#### **Labour Day Public Holiday**

**Monday 8th March**

### **Grade 6 Camp**

#### **Wombat Corner**

**Monday 15th March  
til**

**Wednesday 17th March**





Litza Waters  
Art Teacher



Hi everyone,

Miss Waters here. I want to wish our whole school community a wonderful start for to Term 1. I know every one is going to have a great year 2021. I am writing this asking for our school families support for a project I have been working on.

Zart Art a company that is our main Art materials supplier is running their first National Art Prize for art teachers. This art competition has different categories for different states and also offers people choice award. By entering myself and our school is in the running to win some wonderful Art prizes. The main prize is worth \$10,000 of art materials for the school to use.

If you wish to vote for my artwork, which is a needle felted painting titled 'Wild' follow the following link.

<https://zart.us.launchpad6.com/ntap/entries?fbclid=IwAR2jr-Toylz2vnAkMh6cx9LI9hMIxJlOLP4qngU3K4ChZXTIM5xEYJaF7E#!popup/ntap/entry/326?hideNavpopup/ntap/entry/326?hideNav>

Thank you in advance for the support. ☺

## Parents – Do you have one of the cards below?



You may be eligible for the Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) of \$125 per child. Fill in an application form at the office for 2021. **Applications close end of Term 1 2021.**

One application needs to be completed per family with all students listed including 2021 Preps. Some student's cards are not eligible to receive the CSEF.



Shelley Smythe  
First Aid Co-ordinator



## Medication Authority Form

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the day (while at school), a purple medication authority form **must** be completed and signed by the parent/carer and submitted to the office. **Please do not place any medication in your child's bag.** (Asthma medication is allowed if there is a current Asthma Action Plan in place and your child's teacher has been notified.)

**All medication must come to the office in it's original packaging.**

Spare Medication Authority Forms can be picked up from the office beforehand, especially if you feel your child may need medication keep at the school ie. Zyrtec for hayfever.

## Asthma Action Plans

Having a child with asthma can be frightening for parents and carers, but with good knowledge and management, it can usually be well controlled.

Asthma in young children is one of the most common causes of hospital admission and visits to the doctor in this age group. It's not easy to diagnose asthma at this age, as there are many different reasons for wheezing and coughing.

Once diagnosis is decided, treatment is often with trials of different doses of medication. The aim of good asthma management is to ensure that children can lead a normal healthy life, while taking only as much medication as is needed to keep them well, and avoid asthma flare-ups.

Every child with asthma must have an Asthma Action Plan which explains how to recognise worsening asthma, and what to do about it.

If your child has ever been prescribed asthma medication from a health professional, it is important that this school has the correct and up to date information on how best to support your child.

**Please provide a current Asthma Action Plans signed by your child's doctor and return to the office as soon as possible.**

<b>2021 Calendar</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>  <b>First Day of 2021 for Prep Students</b>	<b>Thursday 4th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Friday 5th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Sat 6th &amp; Sun 7th</b>
<b>Monday 8th</b>	<b>Tuesday 9th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Wednesday 10th</b>  Grade 6 Camp Form Due	<b>Thursday 11th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Friday 12th</b>  Parents & Friends Prep Morning Tea 9am Canteen Day	<b>Sat 13th &amp; Sun 14th</b>
<b>Monday 15th</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th</b>  Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>Wednesday 17th</b>  Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<b>Friday 19th</b>	<b>Sat 20th &amp; Sun 21st</b>
<b>Monday 22nd</b>	<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	<b>Thursday 25th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Friday 26th</b>  Canteen Day	<b>Sat 27th &amp; Sun 28th</b>



## In the Office



Jess Maurer  
Office Manager

Hello, I'm Jess and the Office Manager here at Strathaird Primary School. I have worked in the office since the school first opened and overtime I have looked after many different tasks in the office. Many of my current roles are done behind the scenes. I look after the school apps Sentral for Parents App and QKR (our payment app). We use the QKR app to process school payments for fees, camps & excursions, canteen orders and purchasing of items such as sun smart hats. Did you know that you can continue to make instalments on your 2021 payment plans, by using the "Enter Amount" option in the QKR App Fees category?



Alex Bradley  
Administration

### School Enrolments

Hi, my name is Alex Bradley and you may have seen me in the office or made contact with me on the phone. I am part of the administration team and I'm responsible for our school's enrolments and student permission forms for school events and excursions.

Did you know that if you have a Health Care Card you may be eligible for the CSEF payment (Camp Sports & Excursion Fund)? If you are a new enrolment and have not yet applied, you are welcome to come visit me in the office and fill out a form.

Any CSEF credits you may have will be noted on excursion/incursion permission forms. If this is the case, we do not require payment and only ask that you sign and returned the permission form for your child.



Shelley Smythe  
Administration  
Attendance/First Aid

### Attendance

Students and parents would know me as Ms Shelley from Sick Bay however I also look after and process student attendance and school absences.

Most parents would now be aware that Flexibuzz is no longer in use and that Sentral is where attendance communication can be made.

Families are required to notify the school of any non attendance. Please access the Sentral For Parents App to notify the school of your child's illness or other absence if they are unable to attend school.

Through this app, parents are also able to notify the school of a future absence and the reason for the absence. This is sent through to the school's absence registry and is then checked and processed by the admin team.



Nazia Ghulam  
Multicultural Aide

### EAL Assistance

Hi I'm Nazia, Strathaird's Multicultural Aide. I provide assistance to our EAL students and families in and out of the classroom. Parents can approach me with any questions they may have. You can find me around the school and in the office 5 days a week. I can speak Dari, Hazaraghi and Persian.

I currently use the Viber app to communicate with families. I have set up a group within this app and send messages and school correspondence translated in Dari. Parents can send me text or voice message if they need help or want to communicate with their child's teacher. I'm always here to help them.

سلام من نازیه هستم . من در مکتب Strathaird کار می کنم . من یک viber گروپ دارم کی از طریق آن خبر های مکتب را به والدین ها عزیز می رسانیم . لطفاً از شما خواهش می کنم فقد در روزهای کی مکتب می باشد برای من مسیج کنید و من هتما جواب شما را می دهم . تشکر نازیه



Allison Mastromanno  
Student Wellbeing Leader

## Student Welfare

Student wellbeing is a priority at S.P.S and I congratulate our students on the calm and positive way they have settled into their new school routines.

### Welcome back to SPS for 2021

It was with lots of big smiles and perhaps a few butterflies, that our students returned to school last week. It has been fantastic to see their happy faces in the classrooms and playground, while they enjoy getting to know their new teachers and classmates.

As with anything new, the 'unknown' can be somewhat daunting. The way we as adults frame children's worries, can have a big impact on the outcome. Some level of anxiety, at starting a new year, can be expected and is considered a normal part of building resilience and facing challenges. Allowing your child to face uncertainty and in the process learn that they can manage it, is a huge learning curve and one which goes along way in building independence and inner strength.

- Later this week, your child will bring home a letter the outlines our school discipline procedures. This includes our school rules, consequences for breaches and how your child's class will reinforce and support positive behaviours. We ask that you support the school's efforts to maintain a high standards in regards to student behaviour, by discussing this letter with your child and returning it signed to their teacher. Rewards and celebrations may vary from class to class which reflects the agreement each group of students and their teacher have come to. Please return these signed slips as soon as possible.
- Our House Captains have also been given an important job already! They are on a daily look out at recess times for students who are displaying the values we love to see at S.P.S. For example; playing nicely, being friendly, having fun, showing kindness or empathy towards others. If your child comes homes with a special sticker that says 'I'm a Great Kid' a House Captain has noticed your child setting a good example and acknowledged them for it. All these attributes support the GEM principles (gratitude, empathy, mindfulness) included in our Resilience Project Program.



We have some great new initiatives for 2021, so the year is set to be an exciting one. Keep a look out for this newsletter page for information on what is happening throughout the school in regards to student wellbeing.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please make a time to see your child's teacher or myself at the office. We want to work together to ensure every student at Strathaird Primary School is happy, confident and achieving their best.



# sustainability



Sarah Nutbean  
Sustainability Teacher

## Our Resource Smart Journey

This year we aim to continue to work towards reducing the amount of waste Strathaird Primary sends to landfill. We are hoping everyone will continue to help us reduce waste by both limiting the amounts of waste coming into the school as well as increasing the amount we recycle and compost. All classrooms will have a compost caddy in their classrooms and allocated food digester or worm farm for their year levels food scraps such as fruit, vegetables as well as crust, and other snack leftovers (digesters only). Once the green team has been chosen, they will be coming out to all grades to explain which system they have, its location

Recycling  
at  
Strathaird

## 2021 Green Team

We are currently asking for passionate environmentalists in Grade 5 to apply to be part of the 2021 Green team. The Green team are an integral part of the sustainability program at Strathaird Primary by helping to organise and run a number of the schools environment programs and events such as Tree Planting day, earth hour, etc, running the Rubbish Free Lunch challenge, attending weekly sustainability meetings and gardening club, coordinating the our schools waste program as well as educating the wider school community by visiting grades, training the water, waste and energy warriors and speaking at weekly assemblies. In order to be chosen students must write an application explaining why they would like to be in the green team and and/or why sustainability is important to them. We will be choosing three students from each Grade 5 class. Please send applications to the office by Tuesday the 9th of February.

ResourceSmart  
Schools

Strathaird is continuing to be a recycling drop off point for many of Terracycle and their partnered companies recycling programs. Terracycle offer a number of free recycling programs to schools which not only enable people to recycle hard to recycle items, also offer a points rewards system which can be used to donate money to our chosen charity Wildlife Victoria. We love being a part of the program and thank the school community for doing great job of bringing in your recyclable material to ensure it wont end up as landfill. We are hoping you will continue to do this and the collection boxes for the following recyclable items are currently located outside of the Library doors in the main building.



ELIMINATING  
the idea of waste!

**Bausch + Lomb Recycling Program**—Recycle any brand of contact lenses and blister packs. No cardboard boxes they come in please, these can be recycled in your local cancel bin.

**Dish and Air Care Recycling Program**—Recycle your dish and air care packaging through this program. For example dishwashing liquid containers, air freshener, dish washer tablet or powder containers, air freshener spray bottles and plastic plug ins.

**Oral Care Recycling Program**—Recycle many of your oral care products through this program. Items that can be recycled include toothbrushes, the toothbrush part of electric toothbrushes, Toothpaste tubes, Mouthwash containers, Flossing containers and toothbrush packaging. Please note they will no longer be accepting the boxes toothpaste come in and ask that you recycle these in your council recycling bin.

**Electric Toothbrush Recycling Program**— Eclectic toothbrush base and handle.

**Bread Bag Closure Program**— Any brand of bread bag plastic closure

**Zuru Bunch o Balloons**— Any of the following Bunch o Balloons brand items, Party balloons, plastic stems and ribbons, party and helium adaptors, water and party foil bags, water balloons, plastic stems, stem caps and water hose adaptors.

**Writing Instruments Program** — All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils, crayons and chalk) are accepted: Any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot (must be empty), correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.

In addition we are also participating in other recycling programs such as-

**They're Calling on you—Melbourne Zoo** —Old, broken or unused mobile phones.

**Battery Recycling Program**—All Household batteries.

**Envision Bottle Top Program**—Any plastic bottle tops. These are recycled and used to create prosthetic limbs.





David Inturrisi  
Literacy Learning Specialist

## Reading at Home with Young Readers

Reading



Most classrooms have commenced take-home reading by now, whereby students bring home books on a nightly basis to practise their skills. These books are usually easier than what your child will be reading in class with their teacher and there are important reasons for this.

Class teachers match students to appropriate levelled texts for classroom instruction. These texts are selected carefully in order to provide ample challenge for students but also where support can be offered for new skills and strategies to be gained. Reading at home has a different, but also important purpose. Please read below to find out why your child is bringing 'easy' books home.

### Why Easy Reading?

Readers are able to hear themselves read in a phrased and fluent manner, "*reading like we're talking*", when there are only a few or no challenging words or grammatical constructions. Reading fluently is a requirement for comprehension. **Comprehension (getting the meaning) is what reading is all about, the reason we read.**

Reading is a complex and dynamic problem-solving process using a variety of strategies. Development of any skill requires repeated practice. The skills and strategies the reader has in place will act as the foundation on which new learning can be built.

Easy books and books previously read, allow the reader to improve the speed and quality of the processing. Each time the reader has to stop to decode a word, the flow of language is lost and the meaning of the story is often suspended.

Readers are able to reinforce knowledge of high frequency words which are repeated in many different books. **Studies show that children need to be presented with a word several times, in a number of contexts, in order to have real control of that word.**

A familiar book is not a memorised book. It is a book that still challenges a reader to do some reading work, engaging with print and picking up new information. The practice of re-reading familiar books encourages confidence and fluency, and provides practice in bringing reading behaviours together.

Children who enjoy reading want to read more! Children who read everyday gain significant benefit over children who do not. Exposure to new words, concepts and topics improves performance in many areas of learning. Your support with this is crucial, particularly in the early years of schooling.

With any book, at any level, you can focus on comprehension.

Occasionally, stop, and have your child predict what will happen next.

Once or twice, as you read the book, stop and check for understanding, ask "who" and "what."

Having your child retell the story in their own words is a difficult, but necessary skill. The more practice they get, the easier it becomes.

Talk, talk, and talk about the books. Participate in this reading journey with your child; the pay-offs will last a lifetime!

**Remember our primary goal is for your child to enjoy reading!**

If you have any questions about the books your child is bringing home, please make a time to speak to your child's teacher.







# Strathaird Parents & Friends



Sharon McMahon  
Strathaird Parents & Friends  
Representative



## Save the Date -

- Friday 12th February  
we will be holding a Prep Parent Morning Tea.
- Wednesday 17th February  
last day for BookClub

## **Book Club**

New Catalogue is out now!

You can view this catalogue and order via the website

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Only a limited number of catalogues will be distributed to  
classes to take home this week

Last day for orders is no later than

**Wednesday 17th February at 4pm**

Preferred payments are online via Loop (See Order form on  
back of catalogue)

## Uniform Donations

Just a reminder, if you  
have any uniforms to  
donate for our second  
hand stall, please drop  
them to the office. We  
have blue donation bins  
for you to put them in.



## Entertainment Books Fundraiser

The 2021 Entertainment books are now digital only. Please follow the link

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/1834v97> to purchase



### Support us today in 3 simple steps:

1. Order your Digital  
Membership on our  
online order page below

2. Activate your Memberships  
& download the  
Entertainment App

3. Log in to the App  
and start saving  
right away!

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Hurry Early Bird offers end 29th February 2020

\*Terms and Conditions apply. See <https://www.entertainment.com.au/promotions> for more information

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the Before & After School Care Room on  
Friday 12th February after the Prep Parent Morning Tea.

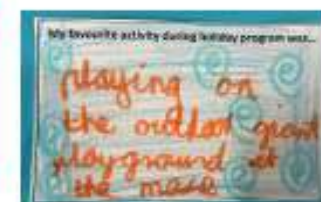
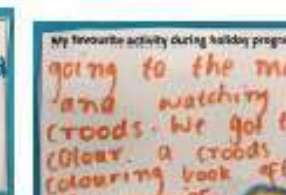
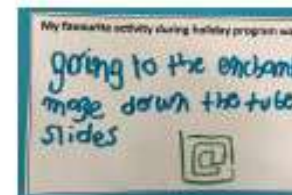
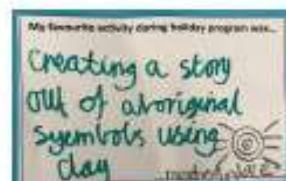
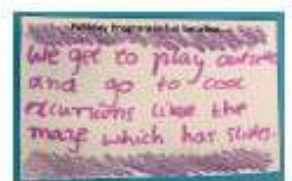
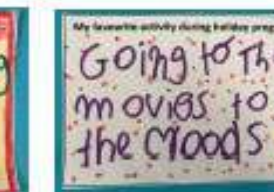
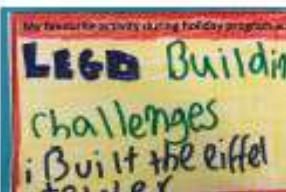
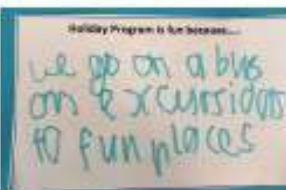
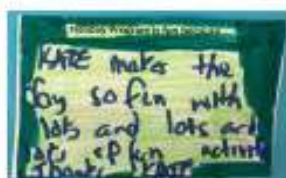


## Our Values

- ★ Safety
- ★ Education
- ★ Nurturing
- ★ Stimulating
- ★ Empathy

## Holiday Program Highlights

Over the summer school holidays, the children trotted around the world and visited a different country each day. Some of the countries we visited were France, China, Russia, Indonesia, Africa, Japan, Antarctica, Hawaii and India.



## Great Fun!

- ★ Outdoor games and Sports
- ★ Arts and Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Cooking
- ★ Indoor Free Play

## Operation Hours

Before School Care: 6:30am - 8:45am  
After School Care: 3:15pm-6:30pm  
Pupil Free Day: 6:30am-6:30pm  
Holiday Program: 6:30am -6:30pm



All menu items are selected in line with the Nutrition Australia guidelines. Children assist educators in selecting the menu items each week.





# Sentral for Parents App

The **Sentral for Parents** app allows families to:

- ✦ view academic reports
- ✦ explain past and upcoming student absences
- ✦ view calendar events
- ✦ book parent/teacher interviews
- ✦ receive sick bay notifications
- ✦ view school newsletters

as well as receive real-time notifications and messages from the school.

## Instructions for accessing the Sentral for Parent App

1. **Download** the 'Sentral for Parents' app. Depending on your device, visit either the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store.
2. **Search** for Strathaird Primary School. Tap Next.
3. **Sign in** using your Sentral username (your registered email address) and password (that you created when Registering). Tap Log In.
4. You are now ready to start using the app.

## If you have never registered on Sentral:

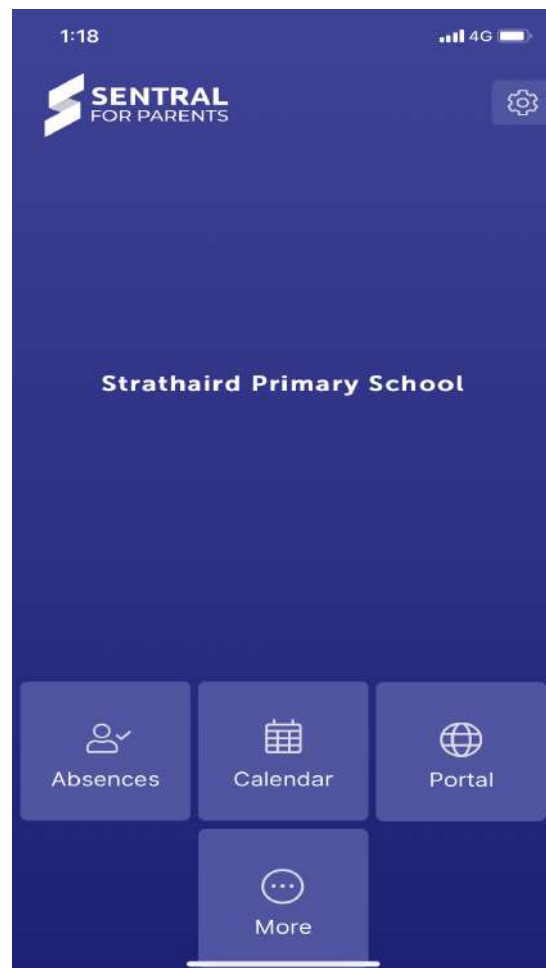
1. Click register here to register a new account. It will ask you to create a user name and password. Enter your email address as your username and create your own password. You will receive a verification email which **MUST** be verified in order to continue.
2. Once verified, log back into the app and use the access key provided by the school to link to your child's details. *The access key will be created for you once your child is attending.*

For a quick overview on how to access the Parent Portal, please watch this short video.

<https://vimeo.com/sentraleducation/review/431752138/968dcb15a8>

If you have questions about using the app, or need some extra help then please browse the list of FAQs at

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**Berwick Lightning Basketball** is looking for new players to join our club in Winter 2021. If you want to learn Basketball, get fit and play with your friends, now is the time to join.

**We are looking for the following age groups**

- U8 Boys and Girls (Born 2014/2015)
- U10 Boys and Girls (Born 2012/2013)
- U14 Girls (Born 2010/2011)
- U16 Girls (Born 2008/2009)
- Mens Fun Team (Parents)

Recommend a friend and get \$10 off your Fees

Boys and Girls aged between 5 and 9 will receive a FREE uniform

Coaches receive \$75 off Fees

Call Jodie on **0419 709 770** to join

### Computer classes to stay connected

Starting on Thursday, 11th February 2021 (8 weeks)  
Time : 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

- Introduction to Computers
- Learn how to access online for email, Banking, shopping etc
- Learn how to access Centrelink & My Gov

**ENROLL NOW**

Oakgrove Community center  
Contact : 03 9704 2781  
Email : [office@oakgrovecc.org.au](mailto:office@oakgrovecc.org.au)





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## Employability Skills

This employability skills course will cover everything you need to prepare you for your search for employment.

- Identify your transferrable skills
- Address key selection criteria
- How to look for jobs online and use social networking sites
- Upload documents to the internet
- Write a resume and cover letter
- Prepare for interview and get ready to start work

Wednesdays between 9.30 to 12.00pm starting 10th February  
Oakgrove Community Centre - 8 sessions - \$25 per term  
89-101 Oakgrove Drive Narre Warren South 3805  
Ph: 9704 2781 Email: [office@oakgrovecc.org.au](mailto:office@oakgrovecc.org.au)





# Our Vision Statement and Mission

## **VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION**

To empower students to strive for personal achievement, embrace challenges and develop the skills and values that enable them to become lifelong learners and engaged responsible citizens in an ever changing global society.

## **OUR VALUES**

We value Wisdom, Respect, Self Esteem and Happiness.

**Wisdom** – Growth through the acquisition of knowledge skills and experiences. It encompasses the qualities of independence, responsibility and goal setting.

**Respect** – The valuing of people's worth and qualities and treating everyone in the school community in a polite and friendly manner. It encompasses the qualities of friendship, cooperation, courtesy, honesty, trustworthiness, compassion and consideration.

**Self Esteem** – A feeling of self worth and confidence. It encompasses the qualities of confidence, achievement, enthusiasm, patience, and positive attitude.

**Happiness** – Appreciation of life and ability to see the positives in most situations. It encompasses the qualities of fairness, forgiveness, safety, and kindness.

Our school motto is: Success, Pride, Self Esteem, chosen by school council as fitting attributes that reflect our underlying values.

## **HOW WE ENACT OUR VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION**

School Council provide Governance and direction through School Policies, the school's Strategic Plan and the implementation of that plan through the Annual Implementation Plans.

The philosophy of our curriculum delivery is based on our vision statement and mission.

We promote our values across the school and include specific presentations on values through whole school assemblies.

Extra curricula activities during lunch times include: library time, gardening, music/choir, Years 2 sports fun, chess for grades 3, 4 and grade 5 and 6 camps, are all aimed at developing this philosophy.

