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THE PRINCIPAL Julie Hennedy

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO INFORM YOU,

We can't wait for school to return as normal tomorrow. Well done to all of our students and families for their quick adjustment to last Friday's five day lockdown. Based on the

SCHOOL WILL RETURN AS NORMAL

TOMORROW.

advice of the Chief Health Officer, this action was crucial in order for Victoria to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. We don't underestimate the challenges the pandemic is causing for all of our families, unfortunately, we believe the challenges, uncertainty and unpredictability of the COVID situation will be with us for some time yet. We will soldier on and get through it like we have each other time. On the bright side, we need to be very grateful we don't live in many other parts of the world because what is happening in many places is too awful to contemplate.

With regard to learning from home, as this has only been three days, teachers provided a range of activities for students learning instead of our online remote learning program. If we are required to return to remote learning again this year, we will switch straight to Seesaw and zoom video conferencing so we ask that parents please be prepared for this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents have answered our call!! A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be on School Council, I am very grateful that we have been able to fill all the six vacancies.

The following parents have been elected to School Council:

- Tamara Smart
- Sima Mohammadi
- Sarah McKenzie
- Sarah Rezay
- Usha Venkatesh
- Naomi Bartlett



Student Of The Week Awards

Check out who received one for last fortnight Page 5

Curriculum Day Friday 5th March & Labour Day Public **Holidav** Monday 8th March

effort you are putting in, excellent job!

Grade 6 Camp Wombat Corner Monday 15th March til Wednesday 17th March

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS -INFORMATION SESSION

This year we are planning to run an English Language Program for Parents at our school. We tried to run this program last year but due to COVID-19 we couldn't follow through with it. This year we are really hoping the program will go ahead without any COVID-19 interruptions. The program is for parents from any cultural background who would like to learn how to speak English more effectively.

There will be an Information Session informing parents about this program on Friday 26th February at 9.30 a.m. in the Staff Room. Parents must wear masks. At the Information Session parents will be able to express an interest in participating in the program. The program will be run by the Doveton Community Learning Centre, who are very skilled at conducting these types of programs.

If you have any questions please contact Allison Weiss or Nazia Ghulam at school.

NO SCHOOL FOR CURRICULUM DAY & LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

We will be holding a Curriculum Day on Friday 5th March so there will be no school for students on that day.

There will be a public holiday for Labour Day on Monday 8th March so again, there will be no school for students on that day. Please ensure you have these dates in your calendar.

washable containers rather than wrappings. ANY WRAPPINGS THAT STUDENTS

BRING TO SCHOOL WILL COME BACK HOME EACH DAY. Thanks for the

PLEASE HELP US TO LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT BY REDUCING RUBBISH.

We are working hard to reduce waste in our school. Parents and children are putting a lot of effort into having healthy and rubbish free lunches and we challenge everyone to give it a go.



In order to reduce rubbish we ask that all students bring snacks and lunches in



STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our staff are continually working to improve their knowledge and teaching practice based on the strongest educational research. They work in professional learning teams every week analyzing student data and refining practices in order to improve student achievement. Curriculum Days provide further opportunities for staff to be engaged in priority professional learning. At the Curriculum Day on March 5th, teachers will be working to improve literacy practices. Focus areas include ensuring that learning in the area of reading is finely differentiated for students in order to meet their needs and improve their achievement; and improving the quality of students writing with an emphasis on word choice, description and voice.

BICYCLE HELMETS and BICYCLES LEFT IN THE BIKE ENCLOSURE

A reminder to parents that students MUST wear a helmet if they ride a bike to school. Not only are helmets a critically important safety measure, wearing helmets is a rule that everyone must follow. Students are not allowed to bring a bike to school unless they are wearing a helmet.

We sometimes have bicycles left in the bike enclosure because students have gone home without them. Due to Occupational Health and Safety concerns these bicycles or scooters etc. will have to remain in the bike enclosure, at the owner's risk. We will endeavour to secure the bike enclosure however we cannot guarantee these items will be safe from theft etc.

GATE ACCESS AND SCHOOL SECURITY

As a security measure and controlling who is on the school grounds during the school day, the Community Parade pedestrian gate and the gate to the Reserve car park are always locked at the commencement of morning recess and opened after lunch. All visitors should enter the school grounds via the Sherwood Rd entrance and proceed to the office.

A reminder that the staff car park is not a student drop off and pick up point. It is not for parent parking and should not be used to access the school grounds.

The gate to the Reserve car park is locked at 4.00 p.m. each day. People entering the school after this time will need to use an alternative entry.

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.



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.

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.

INJURIES AT SCHOOL AND INSURANCE/AMBULANCE SUBSCRIBERS

The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

When an injury occurs at school, staff always endeavour to provide treatment promptly. For serious injuries, assistance is sought from a suitably qualified person. Parents are contacted before medical attention is called unless it is an extreme emergency, and allergy and medical records are checked before first aid assistance is administered. On completion of treatment the appropriate forms are completed so records are maintained and the parent notification notice provided.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport (ambulance) costs.

Unless the student is covered by the families Ambulance Subscription or are covered in some other way, the cost of an ambulance from Strathaird to Casey hospital is around \$1,000.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students and Strathaird Primary School Council has not purchased "whole of school" accident insurance cover for students.

Is other insurance cover available? Yes.

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, EBM and Willis Australia Ltd, which provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. EBM Insurance Brokers 1800 688 820





Student Welfare

Allison Mastromanno Student Wellbeing Leader

Talking to Children about Covid

Covid-19 has certainly impacted our daily lives over the past 12 months. The effect that the uncertainty and disruption has had on children will vary from child to child, just like in adults. The way we as adults deal with the situation can make a big difference to how our children will cope.

Doctors and mental health professionals are telling us that talking about what is going on, may help alleviate children's fears, concerns and misconceptions. However, they also tell us to adapt the information we share to be age appropriate and to be guided by the child. This means, answer questions or initiate a conversation with your child but find a balance between alleviating their fears or concerns and 'over talking' it. Information that might be of assistance to you in talking to your child about COVID-19 is available.

Parentline 13 22 89

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/talkingyour-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19

If you are concerned about your wellbeing or that of your child, please contact me at school so we can talk with you about how we can best assist.

Other sources of support include: Parent Line 13 22 89 and Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.

Always remain positive and offer reassurance.

2021Calendar	February	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th	<u>Sat 20th</u> <u>&</u> Sun 21st
			Canteen Day	Canteen Day	
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	<u>Thursday 25th</u>	Friday 26th	<u>Sat 27th</u>
Secondhand Uniform Stall 8.30—9.30am			District Swimming Cardinia Life Pool	English Language Program Information Session 9.30am	<u>&</u> <u>Sun 28th</u>
	Canteen Day			Auditions School Production	
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Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th	Sat 6th
	Grade 6 Camp Info			Curriculum Day	<u>&</u> Sun 7th
	Night via Zoom 5:30pm		Canteen Day	Friday 5th March (no school on this day)	<u></u>
Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th	Sat 13th
Labour Day Public		-	-		<u>&</u> Sum 1.4th
Holiday					<u>Sun 14th</u>
Monday 8th March					
(no school on this day)	Canteen Day		Canteen Day	Canteen Day	



Jackie Gilligan Physical Education Senior School

School <021 Leadership

We would like to introduce our School Captains, School Vice Captains, House Captains and House Vice Captains and congratulate them on their appointment as our student leaders for 2021. They will have a busy year in their leadership roles completing many tasks such as setting up for assembly presentations, hosting wholes school assemblies, assisting at some school sports events as well as being supportive and positive role models for their fellow students.







School Captains: Captain: Fida Haidery, Ana Pantelic Vice: Sherwin Balendran, Samira Haidari

House Captains:

Freeman (Red) Captains: Thomas Bartlett, Ella Fox Vice: Koby Brennan, Aaliyah Stringer













Fraser (Yellow) Captains: Nawed Sultani, Ella O'Neill Vice: Ethan Morgan, Annabelle Ching

Bradman (Green) Captains: Farzad Hussani, Beatrice Wiseno Vice: Elliott Wilden-Savic, Belle Chubb























CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR WEEKS 2 & WEEKS 3

Junior School

Prep A Kaitlyn & Hammad Prep B Nataliah & Ayaan Prep C Olivia & Levi Prep D Farhan & Chloe Prep E Austin & Fatima A Prep F Maivyly & Christian

Grade 1A Alivia & Jesse Grade 1B Kiara & Aiden Grade 1C Summer & Roxy Grade 1D Colin & Dua Grade 1E Desandu & Kobe Grade 2A Samir H & Olivia Grade 2B Nancy & Abbas Grade 2C Aj & Harper Grade 2D Ashley & Declan

Grade 3A Astor & Cena Grade 3B Tyler Sitaish Grade 3C Anabella & Chase & Taliah Grade 3D Lena & Bahram Grade 3E Khatera & Ruby-Rose

Senior School

Grade 4A Zulfa & Tiana B Grade 4B Tiana V & Fareed Grade 4C Abdullah & Ashley Grade 4D Lucy & Ella

Grade 5A Gayathri & Elias Grade 5B Najib & Isabella L Grade 5C Chelsea & Chloe F Grade 5D Ayuen & Millie Grade 5/6E Wyatt & Ava Grade 6A Jayden & Abdi Grade 6B Kaleb & Beatrice Grade 6C Belle & Isabel



Wisdom



Respect



Self Esteem

Happiness

Strathaird Primary School and IRock present







Production

This year students in grade 3-6 will be given the opportunity to participate in our school production. All students will rehearse as a part of their specialist program and will be attending the dress rehearsal. We encourage all students to take part in the evening performance.

Auditions

There will be auditions held for speaking roles and for the rock band on Friday the 26th of February. These auditions will be during class time. Audition information will be coming out

soon! Speaking Roles Students from grade 5 and 6 may audition. Rockband Students from grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 may audition.

School production @ Bunjil Place Theatre on Wednesday 4th August 2021







Literacy skills and what you can do for your child at home.



David Inturrisi Literacy Learning Specialist

This newsletter item starts off our series with **some great Literacy ideas for home from Birth to Year 2 school age**. Some are very easy and simple activities that can be done at any time. It is amazing what you can do if you just set aside a regular routine time of just 10-15 minutes.

Look out for this wonderful resource on the Sentral for Parents App.

Next newsletter will be Part Two of our series of Literacy ideas for Year 3 to Year 6.



As teachers, we get asked from parents about what can be done at home to help them learn. As parents, I know it can be daunting and confusing what you can do at home for your child.

Talk, talk, and talk at home about anything Literacy related. Participate in this learning journey with your child; the pay-offs will last a lifetime!

<u>Remember our primary goal is for your child to</u> <u>enjoy literacy!</u>

If you have any questions about this information or would like a hard copy of these ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.



Head Lice

Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too.

We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst school aged children.

Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination. 95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels. Ensure that you and your household is protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away;

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other students



For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions. But what does that actually mean? On National Ride2School Day 2020, students across Australia saved 27 tonnes of CO2 by actively travelling to school – the equivalent of planting 187 trees. That's only one day of the year. Imagine if we did that every day. Over a year we'd save 5,400 tonnes of CO2 – the equivalent of planting 37,800 trees!

How amazing is that?

Because of these environmental benefits as well as the many benefits exercise has on our health, Strathaird Primary will be participating in the 2021 Ride to School Day on the 19th of March. We ask that you please get involved and make sure you ride and walk to school on this day and of course on any day you are able to do this.

Thank you and we look forward to finding out how many people joined in and how many trees we saved as a school because of it.



Join more than 250,000 students across Australia who will ride, welk, scoot and skate to school. Register your school at ride2school.com.au



As many of you know Strathaird Primary School is a collection point for plastic lids. The collection tub for these lids is with the schools recycling collection area located just inside the main building entrance down the library end. Lids are collected and then sent to a recycling company who turns them into prosthetics. Please see the picture to the right to find out what type of lids are accepted and please make sure lids are clean and dry before you bring them in. Thank you.

Strathaird Parents

& Friends





Sharon McMahon Strathaird Parents & Friends Representative



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Friday 19th March

Monday 22nd February

May 2021

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Meeting at 9am

Save the Date -

Chocolate Drive

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

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:

Order your Digital Membership on our online order page below 2. Activate your Memberships & download the Entertainment App Log in to the App and start saving

right away!

FUNDRAISING WITH

Hurry Early Bird offers end 29th February 2020.

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

<u>Next Meeting</u>

Our next meeting will be held in the Before & After School Care Room on Friday 19th March at 9am. Everyone is Welcome





STRATHAIRD PARENT & FRIENDS

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Preferred payment is by Eftpos

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021 8.30AM - 9.15AM

The uniform sale will be held outside the BER Building. This is located near the Before and after School Care.



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Where Kids love to be





-Dr. Seuss





Being Dad

Do you want to be the Dad you've always wanted to be?

Being Dad is an interactive group for fathers with children aged 0 - 17.

- The 6-week group will help you explore: .
- Parenting Children's development
- Healthy relationships Managing a work/life balance
- Cyber safety .

Supports and activities available to you and your children

Bookings essential with email addresses. Cost Free

Date Every Wednesday 24th February -31st March

Time 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue ONLINE via Microsoft Teams **You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop or smartphone with webcam, microphone and internet connection.

Get in touch Anas or Craig 03 5990 8400

Uniting



Tuning in to Teens ONLINE

As a parent or carer of a

teenager, you are invited to our 6 session program, designed to give you tools

and tips to strengthen and grow your relationship.

Throughout the program

we will cover a range of topics, including:

- Understanding their

wants and needs

Dealing with conflict

· Improving your conversati

Managing their

· Developing their emotional intelligence

emotions

Are you the parent or carer of a teenager?

Would you like to develop and maintain a strong relationship with them?

Tuning in to Teens is a 6-week program to help improve your relationship with an adolescent in your care.

Cost Free

Date Tuesdays February 16 -March 23 2021

Time 10AM - 12PM

Venue

Venue ONLINE via video conferencing **You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop or smartphone with webcam, microphone and internet ection conn

Get in touch To find out more or to enrol, contact the Group Workers on 03 5990 8400.



... to inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.



Tuning in to Kids ONLINE

Are you on the same wavelength with the children in your care?

Do you have children between the ages of 2-10

years in your care? Tuning in to Kids is a 6 week program to help you tune into your children.



Would you like to learn

- how to: . Better tune into your
- child's emotions?
- Better understand your child? Help your child learn to
- manage their own emotions? Teach your child how
- Tuning in to Kids helps

children:

- ways

Date Wednesday Mornings

Cost Free

February 10 -March 17 2021

Time 10am - 12pm

- Venue Venue ONLINE via Microsoft Teams **You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop or smartphone with webcam, microphone and internet connection.
- to deal with conflict in their life?

- Calm themselves down when distressed
 Get along better with other children
- Express their emotions in more appropriate

03 5990 8400 Bookings essential

Group Workers

Get in touch

For more information, or to enrol please contact





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 <u>https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started</u> or contact us for assistance.

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2021 SEASON PLAYERS WANTED FOR ALL AGES INCLUDES U14S & U16S GIRLS TEAMS

TRAINING AT STRATHAIRD RESERVE, COMMUNITY PARADE, NARRE WARREN SOUTH All skill levels welcome with no experience needed Emphasis on fun and development

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CLUB REGISTRAR: COLLEEN BRENNAN - 0417 552 993 CLUB EMAIL: registrar@narresouthlions.com.au

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The Strathaird Newsletter is a Newsletter published fortnightly on a Wednesday. The newsletter is sent via an app to families within the school and also in a link to our School website.

For queries and prices, please contact Shelley Smythe in the office on 9705 3800.

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PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.





It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources www.education.vic.gov.au/protect















Cyberbullying: the new Children's eSafety Commissioner

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner (the Office) was established on 1 July 2015 to handle complaints about cyberbullying material targeted at Australian children.

The Office can investigate complaints about material considered likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on the child. Where possible, the material should be reported to the social media service first, before it is complained about to the Office. To consider a complaint the Office will need evidence of the cyberbullying material.

Parents, along with schools and the government have a role in ensuring children are protected online. The Office will work with social media services, parents and schools to ensure serious cyberbullying material is removed.

What to do if your child is being cyberbullied

If your child is being cyberbullied advise them to:

- avoid retaliating or responding
- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations
- block the bully and change their privacy settings
- report the abuse to the social media service

If your child continues to be cyberbullied and you believe it is having a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect, we encourage you to assist your child in <u>making a</u> <u>complaint</u> on the Commissioner's website.

More information on the <u>role of the Office</u>, how to <u>deal with cyberbullying</u> and how to <u>lodge a</u> <u>complaint</u> is available on the website.

The <u>Kids Helpline</u> provides a private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service for young people. Encourage your child to speak to them if they are in need of counselling support. The Kids Helpline also manages <u>Parentline</u>, a confidential telephone counselling service providing counselling and support for parents and care-givers.

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, call 000.

The website is: https://esafety.gov.au





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.

