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◆ Parent Newsletter ◆ Edition 3 ◆ 3rd March 2021

FROM

THE PRINCIPAL *Julie Kennedy***NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY OR MONDAY FOR CURRICULUM DAY & LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY**

We will be holding a Curriculum Day this Friday, 5 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. We look forward to seeing students back to school on Tuesday next week.

**LATE ARRIVALS**

In recent weeks we have had quite a number of students arriving late to school. Students **must** be in class ready to learn by 9.00 a.m. Classrooms are open from 8.50 a.m. when a large number of students go into class and commence reading. If students are late, they often have to wait at the Office to be given a late pass and this wastes valuable learning time. Please ensure your child/children are in class ready to learn preferably by 8.50 a.m. but definitely before 9.00 a.m.

**THE RETURN OF MANY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES—FINALLY!!**

I can't tell you how excited we are to recommence many activities that simply could not go ahead in 2020.

- **DISTRICT SPORT**—Swimming- Last Thursday six of our students competed in the District Swimming event at Pakenham Pool. Congratulations to Brian from Year 6 who won the Under 11 boys Backstroke and Camden from Year 6 who was second in his Breaststroke and Backstroke events. The boys under 11 Freestyle relay team (Brian, Camden and Ethan (Year 6) and Ehsan (Year 5) were awesome winning their race. Congratulations to all of our students who competed. Please see Mrs Gilligan's Sports page of this newsletter for further details.

- **DENTAL VISITS**—The Smile Squad Dental Service (provided by the State Government) are in our school over the next three weeks checking the dental health of our students, this is a fantastic initiative for families.
- **MARINE AMBASSADORS EXCURSION**—Next Wednesday 10th March our Year 6 Marine Ambassadors Leaders will be going on an excursion to Seal Rocks to learn many things about the marine environment.
- **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**—The Year 3-6 Cross Country will be held next Friday 12 March. Details are on the Sports page of this newsletter.
- **YEAR 6 CAMP**—Last year we waited as long as we possibly could before cancelling both the Year 5 and Year 6 camps, in the hope that they were going to go ahead but that was not to be. We are very much looking forward to the Year 6 Camp at Wombat Corner in Emerald from March 15-March 17. We know our Year 6 students are so very excited.
- **HOUSE ATHLETICS**—The House Athletics for Years 4-6 will be held on Friday 26th March.

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

We are very much looking forward to our School Production in August. This year we have Jerry Trzeciak from iROCK Music School working with us and preparation is well under way. We are very excited to be able to showcase the many talents of our students.

All Years 3-6 students will be involved and the production which will be presented at Bunjil Place Theatre on Wednesday 4th August. Last Friday students had the opportunity to audition for the speaking roles and for our very own *Rock Band*.



**SMILE SQUAD DENTAL  
SERVICE ONSITE**  
Mon 1st March-  
Fri 19th March

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

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

### **NAPLAN 2021**

After being cancelled last year due to COVID-19, NAPLAN will return this year. Years 3 and 5s will sit NAPLAN on the following dates:

Tuesday 11 May—Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 12 May—Reading

Thursday 13 May—Numeracy

Year 3 and 5s will be undertaking NAPLAN preparation prior to the tests.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS**

A big thank you to all the parents who came to the *English Language Program for Parents Information session* last Friday morning. It was fantastic to see so many interested parents. Due to the excellent response it seems we will need to run, not one, but two programs. Nazia Ghulam will contact parents with further details once the Course presenters notify us.

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

### **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.

### **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 washable containers rather than wrappings.

ANY WRAPPINGS THAT STUDENTS BRING TO SCHOOL WILL COME BACK HOME EACH DAY. Thanks for the effort you are putting in, excellent job!

### **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 Voice, Agency & Leadership Team (SVAL)

Allison Mastromanno  
Student Wellbeing Leader

Stacey Brown  
Year 6 Team Leader

Damon Crossley  
Year 3 Co-Ordinator

Jodie Willshire  
Year 4 Co-Ordinator

### Student Voice, Agency and Leadership

Educational research tells us that voice can and does lead to increased engagement and self worth in students, which ultimately leads to increasing motivation to learn.

Student Voice, in simplistic terms, can be defined as students having opportunity to express thoughts and ideas that are important to them.

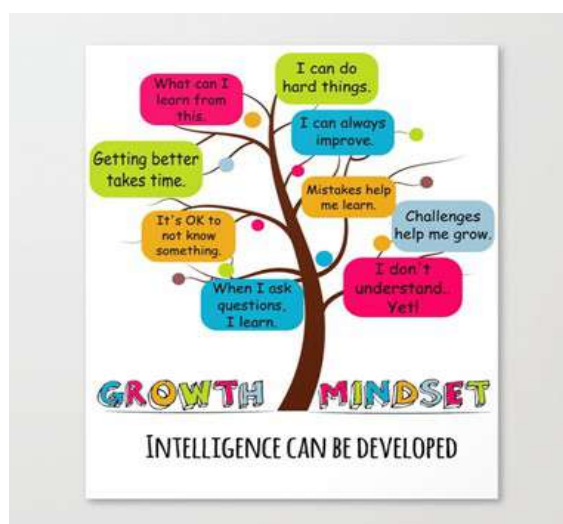
Student Agency is where students have the ability to direct some of their own learning and take responsibility for it. It requires students to be independent and to self-regulate their learning experiences.

At S.P.S we are committed to developing skills of communication, negotiation, reflection, reasoning and confidence to prepare students to become active and effective global citizens.

Essential to this is a positive growth mindset, where students believe they can improve and achieve through hard work, persistence and positive self talk. Please see the page overleaf titled 'Parent's Guide to a Growth Mindset' for further information on this.

At S.P.S we have established a working team of staff to support this across the school. The SVAL team has commenced additional professional learning on how to facilitate student voice in schools and as a result there are some exciting projects and initiatives on the horizon for 2021, including; leadership training for school and house captains & marine ambassadors, an electives program to be introduced in Term 2 and the planning of exciting new learning experiences in Inquiry Learning studies.

Watch this space for more upcoming news!



# PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.  
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*



## PRAISE



### FOR:

EFFORT  
STRATEGIES  
PROGRESS  
HARD WORK  
PERSISTENCE  
RISING TO A CHALLENGE  
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

### NOT FOR

TALENT  
BEING SMART  
BORN GIFTED  
FIXED ABILITIES  
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

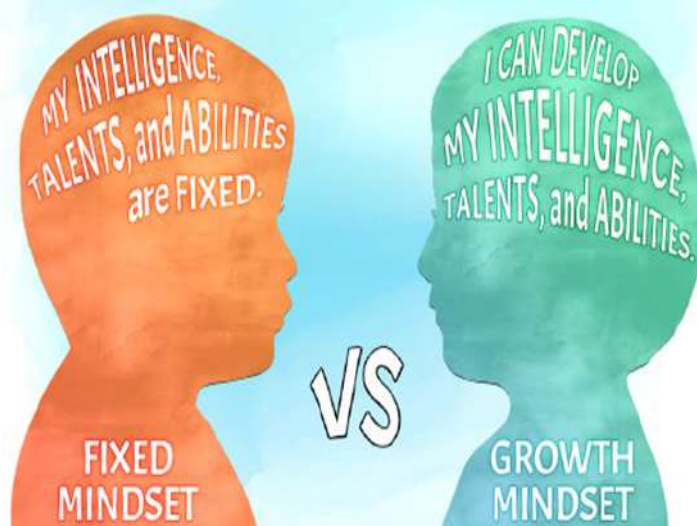
## THE POWER OF

### "YET"

### SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."  
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."  
"IF YOU LEARN AND  
PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

# BRAINS can GROW



## FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

### SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."  
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."  
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

## RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.



## ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"  
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"  
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"  
"WHAT DID YOU TRY THAT WAS HARD TODAY?"



# Student OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK  
FOR WEEKS 4 & WEEKS 5

## Junior School

Prep A  
Haider & Zahra  
Prep B  
Lincoln & Axel  
Prep C  
Hamza & Audrey  
Prep D  
Ali & Ariyah  
Prep E  
Eman & Riley  
Prep F  
Harper & Arlo

Grade 1A  
Cleo & Zecheriah  
Grade 1B  
Sana & Osman  
Grade 1C  
Ethan & Arshan  
Grade 1D  
Meena & Alina  
Grade 1E  
Feriba & Samira

Grade 2A  
Mohammad &  
James  
Grade 2B  
Tabasum & Elise  
Grade 2C  
Lee  
Grade 2D  
Wyatt & Daksha

## Senior School

Grade 3A  
Amity & Jaimin  
Grade 3B  
Emily & Adina  
Grade 3C  
Zion & Karim  
Grade 3D  
Liam & Isla  
Grade 3E  
Madiha & Oman

Grade 4A  
Fatimah & Zachary  
Grade 4B  
Izabela & Ethan  
Grade 4C  
Sapphire & Emily  
Grade 4D  
Zishan & Brandon

Grade 5A  
Sohail & Mehdi  
Grade 5B  
Liam & Marley  
Grade 5C  
Tyler & Theodore  
Grade 5D  
Sarah & Kaden

Grade 5/6E  
Asher & Wisnu  
Grade 6A  
Ozma & Sana  
Grade 6B  
Lily & Imogen  
Grade 6C  
Ruby & Bifan



Wisdom



Respect



Self Esteem



Happiness



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



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.

This newsletter item finishes our series with **some great Literacy ideas for Year 3 to Year 6 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.**

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!

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

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

David Inturrisi  
Literacy Learning Specialist



<b>2021</b> Calendar	<b>March</b>	<b><u>Wednesday 3rd</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday 4th</u></b> CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY Canteen Day	<b><u>Friday 5th</u></b> CURRICULUM DAY (No school on this day)	<b><u>Sat 6th &amp; Sun 7th</u></b>
<b><u>Monday 8th</u></b> LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (No school on this day)	<b><u>Tuesday 9th</u></b> SCHOOL COUNCIL 7PM Canteen Day	<b><u>Wednesday 10th</u></b> MARINE AMBASSADOR EXCURSION DIVISIONAL SWIMMING	<b><u>Thursday 11th</u></b> Canteen Day	<b><u>Friday 12th</u></b> CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 3,4,5,6. Canteen Day	<b><u>Sat 13th &amp; Sun 14th</u></b>
<b><u>Monday 15th</u></b> GRADE 6 CAMP WOMBAT CORNER	<b><u>Tuesday 16th</u></b> GRADE 6 CAMP WOMBAT CORNER Canteen Day	<b><u>Wednesday 17th</u></b> GRADE 6 CAMP WOMBAT CORNER BOOKCLUB ORDERS	<b><u>Thursday 18th</u></b> Canteen Day	<b><u>Friday 19th</u></b> PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING 9.00AM Canteen Day	<b><u>Sat 20th &amp; Sun 21st</u></b> Bunnings BBQ 8am to 4pm
<b><u>Monday 22nd</u></b> FORMS AND PAYMENT DUE HOUSE ATHLETICS	<b><u>Tuesday 23rd</u></b> Canteen Day	<b><u>Wednesday 24th</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday 25th</u></b> Canteen Day	<b><u>Friday 26th</u></b> HOUSE ATHLETICS YEARS 4,5,6 Canteen Day	<b><u>Sat 27th &amp; Sun 28th</u></b>

# District Swimming Sports

Congratulations to our Interschool swimming team that competed last Thursday at the District swimming sports. Our students swam against students from Hillsmeade, St Catherine's, Lynbrook, Lyndhurst and Tulliallan primary school.

The event was held at Pakenham outdoor pool and even though the water was cold our students achieved great results showing great confidence, swim technique and speed in the pool.

Brian placed first in the Under 11 boys 50m Freestyle event and Ethan placed First in the Under 10 50m Backstroke event. Camden placed second in both his individual events which were Breaststroke and Backstroke.



Thomas placed third in his event with Ava having tough competition in the Under 12 girls age group however she was very competitive in all her events. The boys Under 11 50m Freestyle relay team consisted of Brian, Ethan, Camden and Ehsan and they blitzed the pool winning this race.

Well done to our team who had a fantastic, fun and successful day. Thankyou to Mrs McMahon for her help with supervision. All those who placed first now go on to Divisional finals which are held at Doveton Pool, March 10th. We look forward to hearing about their results at this next level.

Jackie Gilligan  
Physical Education  
Senior School





# ANNUAL SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country run has been organised for **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in this event. If the weather is unfavourable on the day, an alternative date of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March has been set.

This competition will take place at school during scheduled sport sessions. All children will be participating in the event as it is a requirement of the Physical Education curriculum and it is also the process for selecting our Interschool cross country team.

If your child has medical reasons for not participating, please provide a note to their class teacher to notify them of this. Parents are unable to attend the cross country as it is run as part of our weekly sport session and is held at different times throughout the day.

Please ensure children wear appropriate footwear for running and it is also advisable that children bring along an extra drink for the day. Children are able to wear their **house colours** to school on this day; no singlet tops are permitted. Children are also required to bring their school sunsmart hat for school however they **WILL NOT** be competing in their hats. Class teachers will have sunscreen available for children to apply before their race if needed.

If children are asthmatics they are required to bring their ventolin puffers or take any preventive medication as required. All children participating receive a ribbon and the top 10 students for each age group will be selected for the school Interschool Cross Country team.

Thank you for your support  
JACKIE GILLIGAN



## 2021 Green Team

We are very pleased to be able to announce the successful Grade 5 applicants for the 2021 Green team.



Gurlin



Caty



Elias



Zaynab



Lyra



Bella



Katherine



Tousif



Riza



Sahrish



Ishmeen



Ayuen

These students will be coming around to all grades soon to introduce themselves, train our water, waste and energy warriors and keep you updated with current environment goals and activities.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the other wonderful students who applied this year. We had so many worthy applicants who applied, making it very hard to choose. I truly wish we could have chosen you all. Thank you again for putting the time and effort into applying and thank you for being so passionate about sustainability.

Sarah Nutbean  
Sustainability Teacher

## ***Clean up Australia Day Sunday March 7th***

Due to Covid restrictions on handling rubbish, this year we are going to do a smaller clean up with just the Grade 2s , Green Team and Marine Ambassadors participating in the clean up of the yard. The rest of the school will be participating in activities focused on reducing their rubbish so we don't have to clean up the yard.

We would like to encourage all families to do some cleaning up in your yards and local neighborhood for Clean up Australia day, Sunday March 7th. Make sure you wear gloves and children are supervised to ensure they are safe. Most rubbish collected will need to go in the rubbish bin as dirty recycling is not accepted (unless it is a super clean bottle).

You may also like to make a family pledge of ways you can step up as a family to reduce your waste. Some ideas can be found on this clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weYOs71Sqc>



**Ideas include:**

- Aim to have a Rubbish free Lunch everyday
- Bring a metal drink bottle of water wherever you go
- Take a metal straw with you when you go out so you can refuse plastic straws
- Take your own reusable shopping and produce bags when you get the groceries
- Take your own reusable coffee cup
- If you own a business find ways to reduce waste

# ICT SENIOR

Over the past few weeks students in years 3 - 6 have been learning about Cybersafety and how to touch type. Below are the programs that we have been using during ICT classes.

## INTERLAND

Kids can play their way to being Internet Awesome with Interland, an online adventure that puts the key lessons of digital safety into hands-on practice with four challenging games. This game works on PC (only using Google Chrome) as well as a tablet.

Search in Google Chrome for Interland or click on the link below.

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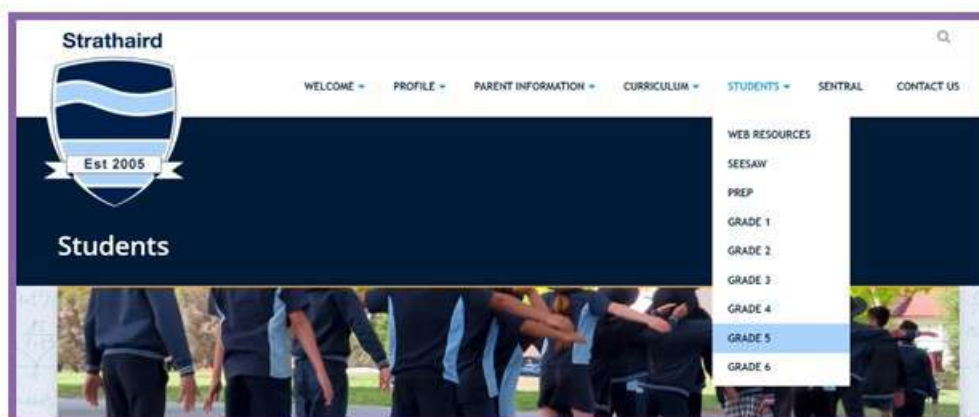


## TYPING CLUB

Typing Club contains over 600 lessons, guiding students from individual keys through to numbers and punctuation. The carefully designed lessons include instructional videos, educational games and other interactive experiences. This program has been paid for by the school and is free for you to use at home.

You can find Typing Club 3 different ways:

1. Type this web address into Google Chrome or Internet Explorer  
<https://strathaird-primary.typingclub.com/>
2. Google Strathaird Primary Typing Club and select the link
3. Go to Strathaird Primary School's webpage, click on the students tab, select your year level and click on the blue Typing Club text  
<http://www.strathairdps.vic.edu.au/>



Mrs Biram



# Strathaird Parents & Friends



Sharon McMahon  
Strathaird Parents & Friends  
Representative

## Save the Date -

Friday 19th March

Meeting at 9am

Sunday March 21st

Bunnings BBQ

May 2021

Chocolate Drive

## Bunnings BBQ



We will be having a Bunnings BBQ on

**Sunday March 21st**

at Bunnings in Cranbourne

Please keep an eye out on further information

## 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.



## 2nd Hand Uniform stall

We held a 2nd hand uniform stall on the 22nd of February, which was very successful. Thankyou to our Parents and friends helper who helped make this possible.

Keep an eye out on our page for the Term 2 stall date



## Entertainment Books

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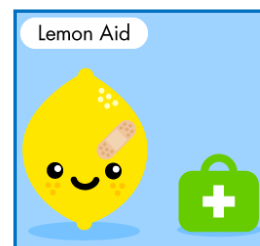


## Next Meeting

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



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## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

### Australian Damper

Damper is the bush-bread of Australia. Drovers baked Damper in camp ovens buried in the hot ashes of their camp fires in the Outback. You can also make damper in your oven. Serves 12

#### Ingredients

- ☐ 4 cups self-raising flour
- ☐ ½ teaspoon salt
- ☐ 1 ½ cups reduced fat milk
- ☐ Extra flour

#### Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 220°C
2. Sift the flour and salt into a bowl and make a well in the middle
3. Pour in the milk and mix
4. Dust a baking tin with extra flour then place dough in the tin
5. Cut a cross in the top surface of the dough
6. Bake in oven for approx. 30 mins



We asked if we could put some of our afternoon tea recipes in the newsletter this week because we are eating very healthy but the food is very yummy and we wanted to share this. We get to help Kate and Rachel make the food which is so much fun then we get to see everyone enjoy eating it and I love to eat it to I like to have seconds. We always try new foods and if we don't like it that's ok but at least we tried. But most of the time we do like it. We get to help choose what we want on the menu each week, we remember that we can have a 'sometimes foods' as a treat for afternoon tea but mostly its healthy and very yummy. By Liam

The rates of overweight and obesity amongst children have almost doubled over the last two decades. Currently 1 in 4 Australian children are overweight or obese. This problem is of significant concern, because dietary habits are formed in childhood and being overweight and obesity are associated with a wide range of debilitating and life-threatening conditions. We are committed to ensuring that children in our care receive a variety of healthy food choices to meet their nutrition requirements for a healthy body and mind. Our weekly menu is created in line with the Nutrition Australia Guidelines for Children :)

### Rice Paper Rolls #

Vietnamese rice paper rolls are full of flavour and can be customised to taste preferences. Serves 15

#### Ingredients

- ☐ 4 carrots (sliced into match sticks)
- ☐ 1 cucumber (sliced into match sticks)
- ☐ ½ capsicum (sliced into match sticks)
- ☐ 1 Rice paper roll per child
- ☐ ½ tin corn (drained)
- ☐ 1 pack Vermicelli Noodles



#### Method:

1. Prepare rice noodles using instructions on the packaging.
2. Dip a sheet of rice paper into warm water, lay flat on a dry surface.
3. Fill by following instructions below

### Lebanese Pizza

This pizza can be cooked in an electric frying pan.

#### Ingredients

- ☐ 3 cups of self-raising flour
- ☐ ½ cup water
- ☐ ½ cup milk
- ☐ ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ☐ 2 tins tomatoes (crushed)
- ☐ 1 tin kidney beans
- ☐ 1 cup grated low fat cheese
- ☐ Grated capsicum and carrot for topping (optional)

#### Method

1. Combine flour, milk, water and vegetable oil to make smooth (like a puree)
2. Pour pizza mixture into electric frying pan
3. Add crushed tomatoes, kidney beans, and shredded vegetables
4. Cook on low heat for up to 30 mins



Serves up to 20



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# Milestone Memories

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-MATERNITY PORTRAITURE

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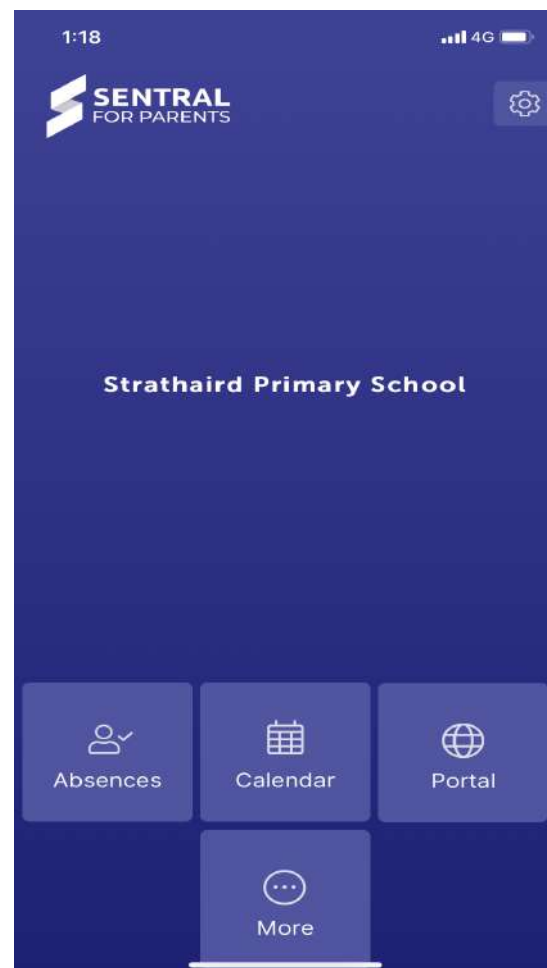
# Sentral for Parents App

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

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

# 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



**Australian Government**

**Children's eSafety Commissioner**

## 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 [making a complaint](#) on the Commissioner's website.

More information on the [role of the Office](#), how to [deal with cyberbullying](#) and how to [lodge a complaint](#) is available on the website.

The [Kids Helpline](#) 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 [Parentline](#), 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>



# 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.

