

STRATHAIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Parent Newsletter Edition 4 17th March 2021

FROM -

THE PRINCIPAL Julie Kennedy

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 IS THURSDAY 1st APRIL

The last day of school for Term 1 is Thursday 1st April due to Good Friday being on Friday 2nd April. School will finish at 2.30 p.m. on that day and return on Monday 19th April.

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week four of our students competed at the Divisional Swimming finals. CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan Van Den Akker who won the Under 10 boys 50m backstroke event and now advances to the Southern Metro Finals, which will be held later this term at Melbourne Sports Aquatic Centre (MSAC) in Albert Park. This is an excellent achievement and we wish Ethan success for this day.

Brian Ezeonyido, Camden Nutting, Ehsan Ali and Ethan were the members of our Under 11 boys 50m Freestyle event. They swam a competitive race placing second on the day which is a great achievement.

YEAR 6 CAMP—Jo Redi and I went to visit our Year 6 students and staff on camp at Wombat Corner in Emerald yesterday. We have waited so long for camp to come around again and it was fantastic to see our students enjoying canoeing, hut building, the flying fox and cooking at the campfire. It was a real pleasure to see our students learning new things and having such a great time. We took some photos from a distance but the Year 6 teachers will have more close up photos in the next newsletter. Many thanks to Stacey Brown, Shanna Wyman, Simone Rellis, Kristen Thorn, Tyson Zimmerle, Matt Wood and Natalie Morales for taking our students on camp, your commitment to our students and camps program is very much appreciated.





HOUSE ATHLETICS Grades 4-6 **Friday** 26th March

EARTH HOUR 2.15-3.15pm **Friday** 26th March

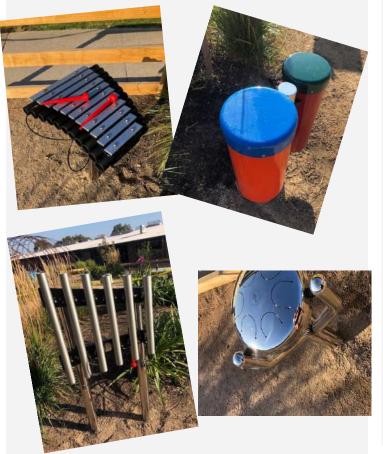
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Thursday 1st of April 2.30pm Dismissal



CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN

This week we have added musical instruments to our Children's Discovery Garden and over the next few months we will add some more bamboo trees to our bamboo forest and then our Garden will be complete. This Garden is a very popular play area and the addition of the instruments has created a great deal of excitement amongst our students.



HOUSE ATHLETICS FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

House Athletics will be held at Casey Fields next Friday 26th March. All students in Years 4-6 will be attending. They will need to wear house colours, bring their hats and sunscreen as well as food and water.

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.

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.

2021Calendar	March	Wednesday 17th Gr 6 return from Camp Last day for Scholastic Book Club orders	Thursday 18th Canteen Day	Friday 19th Strathaird Parents & Friends meeting 9.00am Canteen Day	Sat 20th & Sun 21st Sun 21st Bunnings BBQ 8am to 4pm
Monday 22nd PAYMENT AND FORMS DUE HOUSE ATHLETICS GR 4-6	Tuesday 23rd Canteen Day	Wednesday 24th \$25 instalment due Prep– Gr2 swimming	Thursday 25th Canteen Day	Friday 26th HOUSE ATHLETICS Grades 4-6 Canteen Day	Sat 27th & Sun 28th
Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th Canteen Day	Wednesday 31st	Thurs 1st April Last Day of Term 1— 2.30pm dismissal Canteen Day	Friday 2nd GOOD FRIDAY	Sat 3rd & Sun 4th
Monday 5th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Tuesday 6th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Wednesday 8th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Thursday 9th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Friday 10th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	<u>Sat 11th &</u> <u>Sun 12th</u>





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR WEEKS 6 & WEEKS 7

Junior School

Prep A
Yahya & Jasskirat
Prep B
Kallista & Roy
Prep C
Afsah & Shahzad
Prep D
Terence & Mahi
Prep E
Aaliyah & Campbell
Prep F
Joshua & Anika

Grade 1A
Tiven & Noah
Grade 1B
Noreen & Jay
Grade 1C
Imie & Alina
Grade 1D
Azeta & Reza
Grade 1E
Alya & Macoy

Grade 2A
Patrick & Rayhana
Grade 2B
Mia & Lazarael
Grade 2C
Louise & Baset
Grade 2D
Zainab & A'VahLeigh

Senior School

Grade 3A
Jaxson & Yalda
Grade 3B
Charlize
Grade 3C
Riaan & Saima
Grade 3D
Stephanie & Leon
Grade 3E
Jacob & Megan

Grade 4A

Grade 4B
Neda
Grade 4C
Uahniva & Zavier
Grade 4D
Saaim

Grade 5A
Tamem & Samita
Grade 5B
Anisa & Erin
Grade 5C
Sahar & Irfan
Grade 5D
Eve & Murtaza

Grade 5/6E Kristina & Hailey Grade 6A Nia & Shuja Grade 6B Piper & Aaliyah Grade 6C Levi









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INSIGHTS

Establishing digital boundaries for the screen generation



Parents need to establish digital boundaries and be the pilot (for primary children) and co-pilot (for adolescents) of the digital plane.

Many parents establish screen time limits for their 'screenagers' (i.e. their children and teens) by stipulating how much time they can spend plugged in. Focusing solely on time is not the only digital boundary to consider. It's best to expand our dialogue beyond screen time as the only metric that's used to assess young people's digital behaviours.

We also need to create boundaries around:

The screens kids use

The most critical boundary parents need to establish with their children and teens relates to what they're doing online. Have conversations about the apps, platforms, games, videos, TV shows and media they consume and create. Visit the <u>eSafety Commissioner's</u> or <u>Common Sense Media's</u> websites to help you understand the various platforms and tools, so you're better prepared to know the risks and lessen some of the potential pitfalls.

The time of day

Establish what technology can be used at different times of the day. Ideally, devices would be switched off at least sixty minutes before bedtime as the blue light can delay the onset of sleep and reduce the quality of their sleep. Minimise exposure to rapid-fire, fast-paced screen action before school as this can hyper-arouse the brain and make it challenging to pay attention in class.

Technology zones

As a family, determine the 'no-go tech zones' in your house such as bedrooms, bathrooms, meal areas and play areas. Encourage them to use technology in publicly accessible, high-traffic areas of the home such as the kitchen, dining or lounge area. A young person is very unlikely to be sending nudes whilst sitting on the lounge or kitchen bench!

The people they interact with

Talk to your child or teen about who they're interacting with online and reassure them that if there's a problem online, they need to come and talk to you, as the pilot or co-pilot of the digital plane and avoid withdrawing screen time as a punishment.

Setting and enforcing firm digital boundaries with children young people is vital if we want them to cultivate healthy digital behaviours. These skills are critical if the screen generation is to thrive in the digital world.



Dr Kristy Goodwin

Dr Kristy Goodwin is a digital wellbeing and performance speaker, author and researcher (and mum who also deals with her kids' techno-tantrums!). She's the author of Raising Your Child in a Digital World, and a media commentator who doesn't suggest that we ban the iPhone, or unplug the gaming console (digital abstinence isn't the solution). Kristy translates research into essential information and realistic strategies for parents to ensure kids and teens thrive in the digital world. For further details visit www.drkristygoodwin.com.



SCHOOL HOUSE

CROSS COUNTRY- results

Well done to all the children in Grades 3,4,5 and 6 for their fantastic effort in our Cross Country held last Friday. It was great to see children turn up in their house colours and set themselves the challenge of completing the cross country course. All children completed the course and were given a ribbon highlighting their achievement of finishing and also giving their place position in the race.

The cross country event is planned as part of the PE curriculum which gives children an understanding of long distance running as well as insight into the importance of physical fitness and leading an active lifestyle.

It also gives our students the opportunity to run in a competitive event with the top 10 in each age group forming our Interschool Cross Country Team.

The Interschool cross country team will now begin training for the District event which is held in Term 2 in which they will compete against the top 10 students from the other 7 schools in our District. These primary schools are Narre Warren South P-12, Hillsmeade, Lyndhurst, Lynbrook, St Catherines, Courtney Gardens and Tulliallen. Congratulations to the following students:

Under 10 boys

1st—Zac Goncalves
2nd- Karim Shahi
3rd— Sajad Nazzari
4th Japjeet Bajwa
5th Lincoln Bosch
6th— Alex Valvanis
7th— Justin Hadkis
8th -Zameer Omarzai
9th—Travis Chim
10th— Saaim Haideri

Under 10 Girls

1st—Praganya Logachandran
2nd- Huma Haidery
3rd— Saima Hassani
4th — Anahita Shekib
5th—Lena Ezeonyido
6th— Georgia Hofsteede
7th— Stephanie McDonald
8th—Hope Ryan
9th—Nila Amini
10th— Fatima Rahimi

Under 11boys

1st—Deacon West
2nd- Brian Ezeonyido
3rd— Riza Aliyah
4th—Tyler Ryan
5th—Ehsan Ali
6th— Anandu Rajesh
7th— Logan Tate
8th—Xavier Martinez
9th— Koby Brennan
10th— Sohail Shekib

Under 10 Girls

1st—Anisa Haidari
2nd- Elizabeth Achiek
3rd—Parvana Hamidi
4th—Charlotte Carroll
5th—Imogen Featherstone
6th—Alannah Triffett
7th— Millie Marion
8th—Masoumaeh Nazari
9th—Ishmeen Nagra
10th— Minal Kodigandla

Under 12 boys

1st—Nawid Sultani
2nd- Maysam Abedi
3rd– Milad Ahmadi
4th—Sakhi Alami
5th –Cordell Goncalves
6th– Ethan Morgan
7th– Tyler Donaldson
8th—Kayden Bryne
9th– Leroy Fred
10th– Farzard Hussani

Under 12 Girls

1st—Ella O'Neill
2nd- Ella Fox
3rd—Shyla Bell
4th—Samara Haidari
5th—Hasina Rezaie
6th—Tahlia Grinwis
7th— Hannah Matthews
8th—Georgia Hart
9th—Isabel Cusworth
10th— Nazia Alizada
10th—Catrina Dumitru





ResourceSmart Schools











Resource Smart School Update

2020 slowed up our progress towards our 5th Star but 4th term saw a flurry of activity including renewing our Waste module and completing the final tasks for our 5th star.

This has now been submitted to Sustainability Victoria who have a very long and rigorous process to award the coveted 5th star. The final step which can occur soon in a Covid safe manner is having Sustainability Victoria and CERES staff visit and tour our school to see Sustainability in action. The Green Team and Marine Ambassadors are preparing this tour and hopefully we will have some great news soon!











Marine Ambassadors Seal Rock Excursion

On Wednesday 10th March, the Marine Ambassadors went on a boat trip to Seal Rocks in Bass Strait, home to 30000 Australian Fur seals. I've learnt that seals can sleep under water and that seals can eat human food although it is not great for them. We also learnt that when seals are dry for too long their fur turns into a pale color. Seals are friendly animals.

Humans affect seals in many ways, one of the biggest problems are rubbish, especially plastic. Seals mistake plastic for food and sadly many seals die every year from this. So please remember to reduce, reuse and recycle and bring a rubbish free lunch everyday so we can protect our precious wildlife.

by Hasina and Annabelle Marine Ambassadors











Clean Up Australia Day

On Thursday 4th March Strathaird PS participated in Clean up Australia Day. The Grade 2 and Green team cleaned up the yard with tongs and buckets to be covid safe. Also the Green team and Marine Ambassadors went outside the school grounds around the fence line to clean up. They also went to the frog pond surrounding Endangered Ecosystem garden.

Most of the rubbish we found were micro plastics and paper. We also found quite a few masks, cigarette butts, bottles and cans that have been dropped by members of the community on the paths, in the gutters and on the grass. These items are all dangerous and toxic for birds, insects, mammals, amphibians and fish. They fall into the gutters which run into the storm water drains, into local waterways, rivers and eventually the ocean.

Of particular concern was the amount of dog poo on the grass outside the school where parents and children walk. Not only is this unhygienic but the toxins from the poo run into the water and cause pollution and decrease water quality in our local waterways.

This is a good reminder to put your rubbish in the bin because it helps keep our country's amazing biodiversity healthy and makes for a nicer environment for us too.

By Katie, Gurlin and Elias Green Team members







Bakers Delight

Strathaird Parents & Friends



Sharon McMahon Strathaird Parents & Friends



Save the Date -

Friday 19th March	Meeting at 9am
Sunday March 21st	Bunnings BBQ
May 2021	Chocolate Drive



Bunnings BBQ—

We need helpers!!!

We will be having a Bunnings BBQ on

Sunday March 21st

at Bunnings in Cranbourne. If you are able to help with our BBQ, please contact Sharon McMahon on 9705 3800

Every hour helps





Thank you to the families who have donated towards our BBQ.



We have also been lucky enough to have donations from

Coles Casey Central Bakers Delight at Casey Central coles

If you are unable to help and would like to donate, please drop a

Coles gift card to the office

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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Public Holiday - No Service - Monday 5 April



Suess-Eastic - Tuesday 6 April

We're off on an adventure into a world like no other as we are inspired by our favourite Dr Suess stones. From exploring the Lorax to stacking items like the Cat in the Hat, these are no limits to what could happen today.

Feature Activity: The Lorax Activities Additional Activities: Oobleck, truffer trees craft, worky races, cat in the hats, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.80.



Sounds of Nature - Wednesday 7 April

Today we will be joined by some special guests who will teach us how to be mindful and look after ourselves using stretching and animal poses, all white listening to the sounds of risture. We will keep the film going with plaster prints, play a game of SPUD, and take part in some musical challenges.

Feature Activity: Yoga Session Additional Activities: Plaster prints, SPUD game, munical games and challenges, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Plants bring a towal to use as a yoga mat

As low as \$11.69 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$77.95. Suburb Avg \$14.03.



Aussie Adventures - Thursday 8 April

Today we are off to the Moonlit Sonctuary Wildlife Park where there are roore than 70 different species of Australian fauna waiting to meet you, including kangaroos, wallabies, reptiles, wombats and perhap a dingo or two

Feeture Activity: Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park Additional Activities: Pap stick art, kickball game menute to win it challenges, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure. Planse be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimeted return time is 2:00 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$17.69.



Green Thumbs - Friday 9 April

emember the good ole fashioned Grass Heads? We're bringing them back with a modern twist. Decorate your herb or flower heads, plant your seeds and watch the magic of nature as your herb head.

Feature Activity: Herb and Flower Heads Additional Activities: Bird callers, kits, string art, poison hall, plus plenty of time to choose your own

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World Dance - Monday 12 April

A world of culture, style and costumes. Children learn key steps as they dance away to sounds and styles, experience some traditional dress and fully immerse themselves into many cultures from all over the

Feature Activity: Dance Workshop Additional Activities: Peg planes, passports, tunnel ball plus plenty of time to choose your own

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Stripes vs Spots - Tuesday 13 April

Today we're celebrating everything animalrelated with awesome crafts, games and science experiments. Test your speed in the birds' nest game, make a pipe cleaner mase and make a bowl of fried. rice full of yurnmy vegetables.

Feature Activity: Pipe Cleaner Maze Additional Activities: Eirds nest game, cooking vegetable fried rice, parrot corfs dodgeball, plus plerity of time to choose your own adventure. Lunch will be provided as part of today's

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.80.



At the Movies - Wednesday 14 April

to save their new friends. Popcom & water included.

Feature Activity: Tom & Jeny (PG) Movie
Additional Activities: Snaw pan flutes, tangners,
cut and mouse tag, plus plenty of time to choose
your own adventure.
Plense be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated
return time is 2:00 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.75. Suburb Avg \$17.69.



Mindful Moments – Thursday 15 April

Breathe In, Breathe Out. Today we will be taking a moment to explore mandfulness through hands on activities including giant bubbles, animal poses and a game of red light, green light. We will also get a fantastic Animal Kingdom or Secret Garden mindfulness colouring book to take home!

Feature Activity: Mindfulness Colouring Sook &

Activities
Additional Activities: Giant bubbles, animal poses, red light green light game, balloon powered boot construction, plus plenty of time to choose your own

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$12.29.



Clever Creations - Friday 16 April

it's time to get creative with extraordinary arts & craft, including quilled creature bookmarks, origami forts, and paper mosaic animals. We will also cook up a storm in the kitchen with ANZAC cookies and run off some of our energy outside with a game of ship, shark, shore.

Feature Activity: Quilled Creature Bookmarks Additional Activities: Origami, ANZAC cookies, ship your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60,00. Suburb Avg \$10.80.







Using the service



What to Bring



Food and Drink

- Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be previded.
- Families need to supply a healthy morning tee, lunch (such) es wholemed sandwiches and dips) and a drink bottle just like you would pack for on a normal school day.
- For functions ideas visit http://heas.healtha/cgev.au/ schools/healthy-lunchboxes.
- Due to the risk of anaphylinds items containing nots should. not be included in the lunckbox.
- Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- Water will be available all day to rafill drink bottles.



Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who has been diagnosed with a medical condition, inducing all allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphyabds, esthma, epilepsy or any ether medical condition which may effect the child must have a completed medical management. plan with a colour photo in order to attend.

It is a legal requirement under the Education & Own National Regulations and the Term & Conditions for bookings that these are provided, along with any medication listed on the plans where required.

These can usually be sourced from your doctor or can be found in the FAQs at www.theircare.com.au/holidayprograms.

in the interests of the child's sulety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

Fyou have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.



Appropriate Clothing & Hats

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe. shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- A Sun Smart het similar to the one worn at school is required. Children who do not bring a hat will be unable to play outside,
- Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.
- For more information about being Sun Smort visit www.suremert.com.au.
- We recommend that all items are labeled with the child's name in case they are left behind at the end of the day.



🔀 Perzonal Belongings & Devices

Personal belongings including electronic devices such as phones, Pads, leptops, game consoles, money and valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these remain the responsibility of the family. We can not accept responsibility for less or demage.

Reminders

Kesping Everyone Sefe - COVID-19

We have implemented strict infection prevention and central measures to reduce the risk of spreading communicable diseases: such as COMD-19. We are guided by the Health & Education Departments in your state, along with edvice from professionels.

- Families who are unwell, are showing symptoms of the virus. or have been directed to isolate by the health authority are not to attend the service.
- Regular cleaning of all high touch areas.
- Everyone will wash their hands at least every 30 minutes .
- Social distancing of adults, including limits to the number of edults in the service.
- Hund sanitiser is available at the skyn in desk for families.
- Medifying activities to promote physical distancing. including using multiple rooms/spaces where available,
- All staff have received edditional training in infection control. and supporting children through the pandemic.
- VIC-Masks; All adults are to wear masks when picking up or drapping of their children in line with government. directions. We follow the same rules as the classroom. teachers in relation to educators wearing masks.

Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the lods busy or cancel a day to suit your. schedule, we're here for you.

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant. changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 6:30 am to 6:00 pm on weeksleys.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance. to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun, all changes to bookings, including new bookings and cancellations made within the 5 days of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session) will incur a \$10,00 charge.

When making additional bookings, the \$10,00 is eligible for the Child Care Subddy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your furnities' droumstances.

Changes to year booking

Activities and times are subject change due to unforescencircumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided where possible. If an attemptive can not be sourced, we will automatically update your invoice to reflect the lower fee.



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















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 <u>role of the Office</u>, how to <u>deal with cyberbullying</u> and how to <u>lodge a 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



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.

