



Success

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◆ Parent Newsletter ◆ Edition 6 ◆ 28th April 2021

FROM

THE PRINCIPAL *Julie Kennedy*

UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL WORKS UPGRADE

As you would most likely be aware, in November last year it was announced by the State Government that we were successful in achieving funding for a \$10 million dollar upgrade that would include an eco-cabin and new toilet block for Senior Students.

Over the Summer holidays and since then, there has been a lot of activity as part of the upgrade process.

The School has completed the Asset Management Plan Phase 1 which outlines the specific characteristics of the school, its learning, teaching and curriculum models and the programs and operational structures that we will take forward into the future. There has been a process to appoint Gray Puksand as the successful architects for the project.

This term there are many meetings being conducted with the architects and over the coming months designs will be produced and start to take shape. Construction is expected to start early in 2022. It is a very exciting time for our school and I will update you further as we progress.



STUDENT VOICE AND AGENCY—

TERM 2 Years 3-6 ELECTIVES PROGRAM

Last Friday afternoon our Student Voice and Agency Leadership Team together with Teachers from Years 3-6 kicked off our Electives Program. The Program is being trialed this term with Years 3-6 on Friday afternoons, alternating with whole school assembly.

Students were involved in selecting the range of electives and then preferencing which electives they would like to do. The aim of the program is to develop new learning and skills through participation in the elective but also to support student motivation, engagement in school and student choice.

It would seem from very early indications of the excitement, motivation and engagement that occurred last Friday that we have made a good start towards achieving our aims. Very well done to all our students and teachers!



Mothers' Day Stall

Monday 3rd May

Tues 4th May

Bookclub orders due

Friday 7th May

School Photo Day

Thursday 27th of May



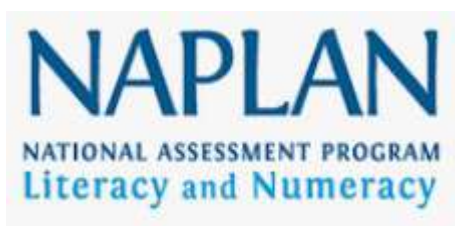
NAPLAN 2021

NAPLAN 2021 is fast approaching and our students have undertaken preparation in class for the tests. Years 3 and 5s will sit NAPLAN during week 4 on the following dates:

Tuesday 11 May—Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 12 May—Reading

Thursday 13 May—Numeracy



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Next Tuesday, 4th May, we will be conducting a Teddy Bears Picnic for our Prep students and Strathaird Kinder children and families. Our current Prep parents are also invited to attend. The Teddy Bears Picnic will take place from 1.30—3.30 p.m. at the Junior Playground/Pirate Ship area. TheirCare will be providing a Sausage Sizzle (halal sausages) and fun activities will be provided by teachers. Can parents please bring a rug and can children please bring their teddy. Please see the flyer in this newsletter.



2021 Calendar	April	<u>Wednesday 28th</u>	<u>Thursday 29th</u> Marine Ambassador Inursion in BER Gr 5 Imax Excursion payment due CANTEEN	<u>Friday 30th</u> Gr 2 Inursion Assembly Gr 4 Inursion payment due CANTEEN	<u>Sat 1st & Sun 2nd May</u>
<u>Monday 3rd</u> Mothers' Day Stall Gr 3 Inursion payment due	<u>Tuesday 4th</u> Mothers' Day Stall Gr 4 Inursion Gr 5 IMAX Excursion Prep & Kinder Teddy Bears' Picnic CANTEEN	<u>Wednesday 5th</u> Mothers' Day Stall @ recess Gr 5 Camp deposit due	<u>Thursday 6th</u> Gr 3 Inursion CANTEEN	<u>Friday 7th</u> Gr 3-6 Electives Bookclub orders due Edition 3 CANTEEN	<u>Sat 8th & Sun 9th</u>
<u>Monday 10th</u>	<u>Tuesday 11th</u> School Council 7pm NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 students CANTEEN	<u>Wednesday 12th</u> NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 students \$25 instalment due Prep-2 Swimming	<u>Thurs 13th</u> NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Students \$ due District Cross Country	<u>Friday 14th</u> Grade 6 Transition Forms due Assembly CANTEEN	<u>Sat 15th & Sun 16th</u>
<u>Monday 17th</u>	<u>Tuesday 18th</u> District Cross Country—KM Reedy Reserve, Hampton Park CANTEEN	<u>Wednesday 19th</u>	<u>Thursday 20th</u> CANTEEN	<u>Friday 21st</u> Gr 3-6 Electives CANTEEN	<u>Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd</u>
<u>Monday 24th</u>	<u>Tuesday 25th</u> CANTEEN	<u>Wednesday 26th</u>	<u>Thursday 27th</u> Whole School Individual & Class Photos CANTEEN	<u>Friday 28th</u> Assembly CANTEEN	<u>Sat 29th & Sun 30th May</u>



*Strathaird Primary School
Prep students invite the
Strathaird Kinder children
and families to a*

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

TUESDAY 4TH MAY
FROM 1.30-3.30PM

**please bring your own Teddy Bear
and picnic rug**

Location: Junior Playground area at Strathaird Primary School, 20
Sherwood Rd, Narre Warren South

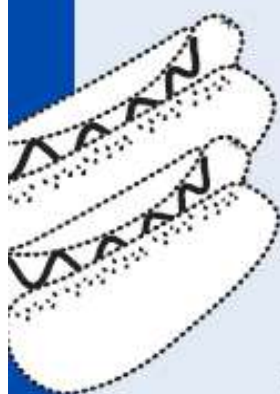
Sausage Sizzle and fun activities will be provided.
Sausages are halal.

Any further enquiries please contact Strathaird Primary School on
9705 3800.

Prep children will need to bring a teddy bear on the day.

2021 Prep Parents are invited to attend.

Parents, please talk to your classroom teacher if you do not wish
for your child to eat the food.





Student OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK
FOR WEEK 10 Term 1, WEEK 1 Term 2.

Junior School

Prep A
Ghadir & Sana
& Archer
Prep B
Fatima & Amer
Prep C
Iqra & Riley
Prep D
Yovaan & Jax & Jaffar
Prep E
Samir & Seth & Liana
Prep F
Akash & Prathna

Grade 1A
Adnan & Ali
Grade 1B
Blake & Tania
Grade 1C
Sajad & Emran
& Kiyannah
Grade 1D
Athena
Grade 1E
Elena & Sanuk

Grade 2A
Leah
Grade 2B
Matilda & Zayn
& Jett
Grade 2C
Maisam & Zainab
Grade 2D
Murtaza & Violet

Senior School

Grade 3A
Paria & Yatra
Grade 3B
Hope
Grade 3C
Roman & Ellaha
& Lachlan
Grade 3D
Hosna & Jasmine
& Masooma &
Isabella

Grade 4A
Jamie & Elham
& Ali Reza
Grade 4B
Zeki & Abigail
Grade 4C
Ashlea & Xyza
Grade 4D
Aaron & Ruby
& Erfan

Grade 5A
Sana & Ruel
Grade 5B
Tommy
Grade 5C
Oliver & Praganya
Grade 5D
Shayan & Natalie

Grade 5/6E
Koby
Grade 6A
Hasina & Suhail
& Farzeen
Grade 6B
Anastasia
Grade 6C



Wisdom



Respect



Self Esteem



Happiness

SENSATIONAL SWIMMING

Congratulations to Ethan for his efforts at the Southern Metro Regional Swimming finals held last Term at Melbourne Sports Aquatic Centre. Ethan said he swam a good race placing 8th in his 50m Backstroke event. He swam in front of a huge grandstand and was against boys who have also advanced through winning at District and Divisional level, so the competition is of a

high level with State finals being the next level. Ethan is only in Grade 4 so is looking forward to challenging himself and improving on his results in future. A fantastic effort Ethan, Strathaird Primary School is very proud of your efforts and I know your peers in Grade 4 were very excited to also celebrate your great achievements.



AWESOME ATHLETICS

WOW!! What a sensational day we had at Casey Fields for our Annual Athletics House competition day for our children in Grade 4,5 and 6. The sun was shining and the track looked amazing. It was great to see the smiles on children enjoying their sports session at such a wonderful venue. The children competed in races and practised their hurdles on the synthetic track. Everyone ran their fastest and challenged themselves to do their best to score points for their house. The field events worked on a circuit rotation with kids doing long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. It was such an amazing atmosphere hearing the kids cheering on their peers in the races and celebrating some outstanding efforts of their peers. We discussed as part of the Physical Education program

competing to your best, acknowledging skill technique of athletics events, celebrating others achievements and enjoying the benefits of being physically activity.

A special thankyou to many for making the day a successful one for not only our Physical Education department but also for the 350 children who attended the event. A special thankyou to Mr Wood for getting there early and setting up the venue, class teachers for recording and assisting on events, Sharon McMahon for First Aid, office staff for the organisational demands leading up to the event and Ms Redi for organisational demands back at school. Well done to our **AWESOME** Grade 4,5,6 students for their behaviour and effort which made the day such a success.

Results recorded will now be used to select the Interschool Athletics team over Term 2 with Mrs Gilligan and Mr Wood still finalising results for a few field events, High jump and hurdles. This District Athletics is held in Term 3 so this gives us time to select events as children can only compete in 2 events and he really. It also will enable to run some training so assist those with their events. Results will be printed in future newsletters.

Mrs Gilligan

Senior PE Teacher



Attendance

Student School Attendance

Daily school attendance of your child is a legal government requirement. In Victoria, it is compulsory for children and young people aged 6–17 years to attend school.

Parents are legally required to ensure their child attends school every day and to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school unless an exemption from attendance has been granted or an exception to their attendance applies.

If your child/ren are unable to attend school due to illness or medical appointments, please assist the school by logging onto the Sentral For Parents app or contact the school directly by phoning the office on 9705 3800 as soon as possible.

Generally, schools advise against planning a family holiday in term time. If your family are going away on holidays outside of the set term holiday periods, you must advise the school prior to the leave occurring to apply for this leave. Preferred method is by completing a future absence request on the Sentral For Parents App. Otherwise, leave slips can be located in the office. Please note that any leave taken less than 5 days will not be classed as holiday leave and will be noted as parent choice and not authorised by the school.

For more information on this, please log onto-

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/health/attendancefaqsparents.docx>

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning

Give your child every chance to succeed ...

The Social and Emotional Benefit of On-Time Regular Attendance

Students at Strathaird Primary School are required to be at school no later than 8:50am to start their day.

At the period of life when young children are moving from the home environment into the broader community of school, there are significant benefits from consistent, on-time school attendance.

- *Sleeping and eating patterns are stabilised with good effects on health.
- *A predictable schedule builds the child's confidence at home and school.
- *Children know what to expect in the classroom because they were there the previous day.
- *Children recognise they are part of a community; their peers and teacher expect and include them and miss them when they are gone.
- *Ongoing, extended conversations and learning are able to be built upon.

*Children learn to increasingly control their emotions simply by being in a consistent environment and on schedule every day.

*Teachers spend less time "catching them up" and more time building on what they learned the day before.

*Parents and families feel more a part of the school community and are able to support and engage with each other.

Early Student Pickup

Our school day finishes at 3:15pm each day unless otherwise advised. It's extremely important the students are given the opportunity to complete their full day of school with little to no disruption. Where possible, we ask that parents arrange appointments outside of school hours. Where early pick up of a student is required, please notify the school ahead of time. When arriving, please allow extra time so we are able to organise your child to be brought to the office. Please consider avoiding break times and assembly times when students will not be in their classrooms.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at 9:00 AM
DON'T BE LATE!



9:00

Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!

Time to avoid where possible-

Recess 11-11:30am

Prep-Grade 2 Junior lunch 12:45pm-1:30pm

Grade 3-6 Senior lunch 1:30pm-2:15pm

Electives/Assemblies (alternating weeks) Fridays 2:15pm-3:15pm

Let's work towards EXCELLENT attendance!

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/attendance-missing-school.aspx>





Strathaird



Primary School

Strathaird P.S. & iRock
PRESENT

iROCK
MUSIC SCHOOL

CAUGHT BETWEEN THE PAGES



SCHOOL PRODUCTION @ BUNJIL PLACE
THEATRE WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2021

Save the date!



PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS ONLINE

FREE for parents, step-parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 3-17 years residing in City of Casey

Join us ONLINE in an interactive program to share experiences, ideas, and learn strategies to support your child

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER

Helping parents, and kids, deal with anger and frustration

RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR

Better understand why children behave the way they do

STRATEGIES THAT WORK

How can parenting be easier and more fun!

TERM 2, 2021 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Tuesday mornings 10.00am - 11.30am
11th May to 15th June (6-weeks)

Thursday afternoons 1.00pm - 2.30pm
6th May to 10th June (6-weeks)

WHERE: Online via ZOOM

You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone and an internet connection. Support to access Zoom is available

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:

Sandra Phillips at ParentZone
Call / text 0447 500 355 or email
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE



Term 2 Activities 2021

Year Level	Activity	Date of Activity	Notes coming home	Due Date	Cost
Grade 2	Inquisitive Kids Incursion	Friday 30/4/2021	26/3/2021	CLOSED	\$9.00
Grade 3	Fur, feather and fins Incursion	Thursday 6/5/2021	19/4/2021	3/5/2021	\$12.50
Grade 4	Science Discovery Dome Incursion	Tuesday 4/5/2021	19/4/2021	30/4/2021	\$9.50
Grade 5	IMAX Excursion	Tuesday 4/5/2021	26/3/2021	29/4/2021	\$23.50
Grade 5	Sovereign Hill Camp – Deposit only	Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th August 2021	31/3/2021	Non Refundable Deposit 5/5/2021	\$20
Grade 5	Sovereign Hill Camp – Payment plans	Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th August 2021	After 5/5/2021	Wednesday 21 st July, 2021	TBA Approx. \$360 in total
Prep – Grade 2	Swimming Program	August-September 2021	March 2021	29/7/2021	\$110 in total
All students	Strathaird Parents & Friends Mothers' Day Stall	Monday 3 rd – Tuesday 4 th May	Term 2	Day of event	\$6 maximum (2 gifts per child, \$3 per gift)

Selected students: District Cross Country Tuesday 18th May, Divisional Cross Country 2nd June, Regional Cross Country 22nd June.

Grade 6: Lightning Prem Fri 28th May . Grade 6 : Footy Gala Day 9th June.

Curriculum Day—Friday 11th June.

Public Holiday - Monday 14th June.

Other
Events



Year 7 2022 Alkira Open Night

When: Wednesday the 5th of May

Time: 5: 15 for a 5:30- start and ending at 7pm

Where: Alkira Secondary College – please meet in the Gym

Parents and future students are invited to attend this open night to be held at Alkira Secondary College



On the night, parents will be able to tour the college and hear information about special programs the college offers (Masterclass and Sports Academy). Information about these programs and applications are also available on the college website.

<http://alkirasc.com.au/virtual-office/enrolment-information-booklist>

Parent should be aware that students who wish to enrol at Alkira Secondary College in 2022 must live within the designated Alkira school zone (as determined by the Department of Education)

<http://alkirasc.com.au/virtual-office/zones>

Parents with siblings already attending Alkira Secondary College are exempt from this zone.

Please not that masks are encouraged to be worn on the night.





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strive to be your personal best.**

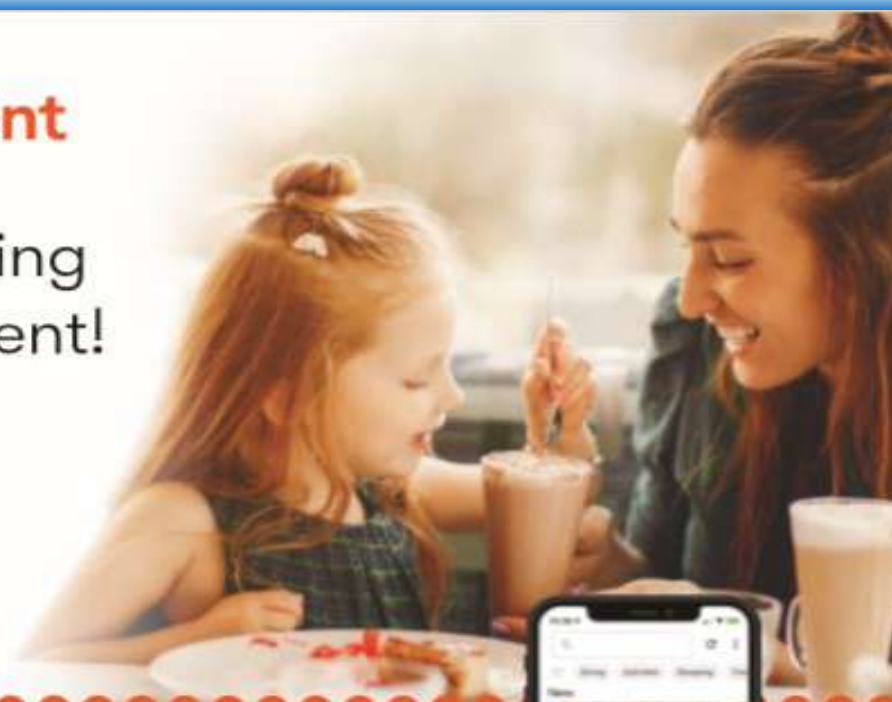
**APPLICATIONS OPEN
MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2021**

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www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au/curriculum/special-programs

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Strathaird Parents & Friends



Sharon McMahon
Strathaird Parents &
Friends



Save the Date -

Wednesday April 28th	2nd Hand Uniform Stall
May 2021	Chocolate Drive
3rd & 4th May 2021	Mothers' Day Stalls

Chocolate Drive



We will be having our chocolate drive this year. Keep an eye out for notices that will be coming home soon. You will need to opt in to receive a box of chocolates to sell. Each box will contain 60 chocolates at \$1 each.



Mothers' Day Stalls



We will be holding our Mothers' Day stalls on Monday 3rd May and Tuesday 4th May. We have selected some wonderful gifts for the

students to purchase. Payments can be made on QKR up until the 30th April. Gifts are \$3 each. If you would like to help on the day, please contact the office on 9705 3800 or return the slip from the notice that was sent home last week.



Uniform Donations

If you have any unused uniforms you would like to donate to the school for our uniform sale, please bring them to the office.



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the Before & After School Care Room on Friday 7th May at 9am. Everyone is Welcome



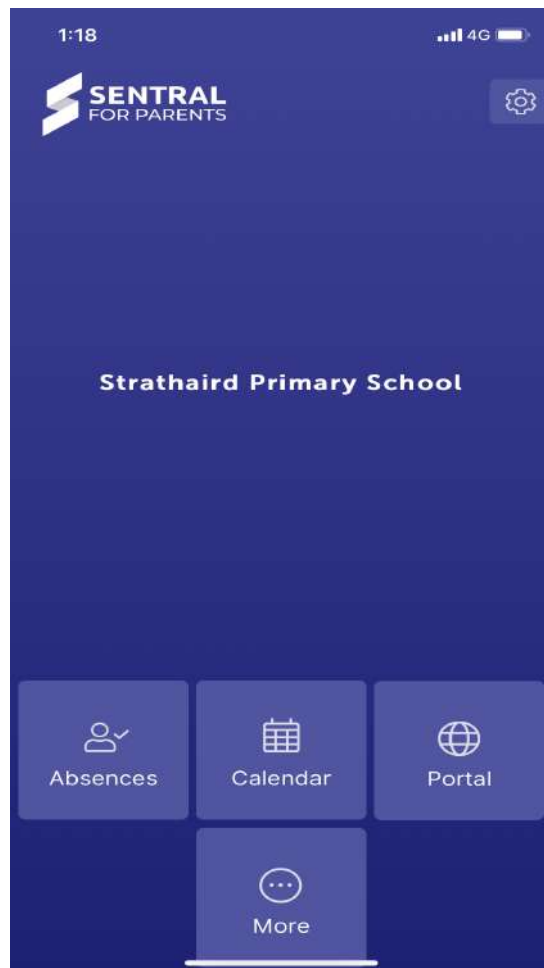
Sentral for Parents App

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



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.

