

THE PRINCIPAL

As we head towards the last couple of weeks of term, we are delighted to hear this morning from the Acting Premier that **school will return for our students this Friday.** Even though school will return on Friday, there still may be some limits on schools, for example, school visitor access. We will advise you once this information becomes available from the Department of Education this week.

Julie Kennedy

Many thanks to all of our students, parents and staff for all that you have been doing over the past couple of weeks during lockdown to maintain learning continuity. We know this lockdown is very challenging for many people. All that we can do in

these situations is to get on with things and do the best we can. Once again our school community has been up to the challenge, you have all done a fantastic job, thanks so much.

## Please continue to follow the Public Health Advice

Please remember it is crucial, for everyone to remain vigilant to the possibility of COVID in the community and to follow the Public Health Advice. Please:

- Always stay home when unwell,
- Wear a face mask where required by the Public Health orders.
- Perform regular hand hygiene,
- Maintain physical distancing from others,
- If your child is sick or has any COVID symptoms, no matter how mild, ensure they remain at home until they are well.
- If you or your child has symptoms, please get tested and stay home until results are known—<u>this is CRITICAL to limiting</u> <u>community transmission.</u>

## Semester One student reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Student reports will be uploaded to Sentral on 17 June and Parent Teacher Interviews will proceed as planned in the last week of term but most likely by phone rather than onsite. We will update you on how we will conduct the Parent Teacher Interviews once we receive advice from the Department of Education.

## SPS Remote Learning Show Case

Even though we are in lockdown and almost all of our students are working remotely at home, that doesn't mean learning progress stops. Most of our students have been working very hard and producing excellent work. We are proud to showcase some of this work in today's newsletter.



Monday 21st June Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm—7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd June Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-5pm

## Friday 25th June Last Day of Term 2

2.30pm Dismissal



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## SPS REMOTE LEARNING SHOWCASE



#### <u>YEAR 4</u>

The Grade 4 students were Scientists! They needed to add one drop of each of the four **colours** of food colouring — red, yellow, blue, and green — to the **milk**. Keep the drops close together in the centre of the plate of **milk**. ... Place the soapy end of the cotton swab back in the middle of the **milk** and hold it there for 10 to 15 seconds. Look at that burst of **colour**!









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#### YEAR 6











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## SAMIRA 6B





KOBY 56E

IF I was Prime Minisher. I would ensure that at least every kid that came to Australia would know how to kick a football so that if they are having a hard time making friends then they could join a game of school fosty and play because they would know how. It could also introduce them to a sport that they never knew of.

### **KRISTINA 56E** Turn this petite into your fav Dianey character!





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## SPS REMOTE LEARNING SHOWCASE

SPECIALISTS—ART







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SPECIALISTS—EAL

SPECIALIST PE

SPECIALISTS—

SARA 2B

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ANDREA 2C



FAREEDA 1A

**SUSTAINABILITY** 



SPECIALISTS—PERFORMING ARTS

**ANNABELLE 6A** 







Week & Term 2—Grade 2 Physical Education from home

Warm up game—Would you rather

watch the video and copy the exercises for the choices you make

Remember to push yourself

## Learning Intention

Today we are learning how to jump safely, remembering to:

- bend your knees
- swing your arms
- Land in the motorbike positions

Continue to watch the video and copy the activities









CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR WEEKS 5 AND WEEK 6 OF TERM 2.

## Prep A

## **Junior** School

Prep B Axel & Kallista Prep C Audrey & Afsah Prep D Ariyah & Terence Prep E Riley & Eman & Aaliyah Prep F Arlo & Joshua

Grade 1A Cleo & Zecheriah & Tiven Grade 1B Osman & Noreen Grade 1C Arshan & Imie Grade 1D Alina & Azeta Grade 1E Samira & Alya Grade 2A James & Patrick Grade 2B Elise & Mia Grade 2C Lee & Louise Grade 2D Daksha & Zainab

Grade 3A Amity & Jaxson Grade 3B Kane & Eda Grade 3C Karim & Riaan Grade 3D Liam & Stephanie Grade 3E Oman & Jacob

## Senior School

Grade 4A Zachary & Ethan Grade 4B Ethan Grade 4C Sapphire & Uahniva Grade 4D Brandon & Ny`Ah-Leigh

Grade 5A Mehdi & Tamem Grade 5B Marley & Anisa Grade 5C Theodore & Sahar Grade 5D Kaden Grade 5/6E Wisnu & Kristina Grade 6A Sana & Nia Grade 6B Imogen & Piper Grade 6C Bifan & Tony







Wisdom

Respect

Self Esteem

Happiness



ResourceSmart Schools

## **Resource Smart School—Rubbish Free Lunches**

Its great to see so many families putting in a terrific effort to have a Rubbish Free lunch. Last week there were a total of 126 100% Rubbish Free Lunches which is 23 more than the week before. Many more students have been making gradual changes to reduce the rubbish in their lunchbox. One useful change is to <u>stop using clingwrap</u>. Sustainable options include:

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- putting your child's lunch in a container
- cutting it up and putting it in a compartment of their lunchbox UNWRAPPED (yes it still stays fresh!)
- purchasing or making a beeswax wrap/ other reusable food wrap (this is a 100% plastic free option)

Using re-usable wraps or containers saves 200 pieces of cling wrap per year per students. That's 148000 pieces of cling wrap a year f the whole school stops using clingwrap!



Available at Biome.com.au and GoingGreensolutions.com.au

prices range between \$15 and \$20 but one wrap used every day will last 3-4 years and is compostable at the end of its life.



Water

Waste

COMING SOON;: PLASTIC FREE JULY Watch this space!!



## World Bee Day—Thursday 20th May

It's World Bee Day and that means we need to celebrate our little Native MURNALONGS(Bees). Do you know we have over 2000 varieties of Native Bee in Australia. Ranging from a teeny tiny 2mm up to 24mm. 1700 of them solitary bees, all making their nests in your garden in the hollows of trees or in clay/sand on the ground. This little blue banded guy is a special "buzz pollinator" he is known as a head banger, banging his head over 350 times per second, this releases pollen from the flower, a bit like a salt and pepper shaker. They grasp the flower and vibrate them with their flight muscles making the pollen shoot out for collection. How amazing is that! It's so important we learn and care of our little Murnalongs, planting Native plants in your garden, leaving habitat and sand patches for them to nest.



## Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

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In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: <u>www.aedc.gov.au.</u>

If you have any questions, you can contact Julie Kennedy on 9705 3800 or Strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

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## STRATHAIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND IROCK MUSIC SCHOOL

Bunjil Place Theatre 2 Patrick NE Dr. Narre Warren

TICKETS ON SALE MID JUNE

## parenting **\***ideas

## On time, every day



During the current COVID-19 pandemic parents are rightfully urged to take a cautious approach and keep children and young people at home if they show symptoms of the virus.

It's a balancing act if you're a parent as one the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools.

According to a report by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment authority nearly 13 per cent of Australian students are missing at least one year of schooling by the time they reach year 10. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It's reassuring to know that you can maximise their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And, of course, regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with no excuse.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
- Follow current COVID-19 health guidelines and recommendations
- Consider catching-up on missed work
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom, which is where unwell kids should be



#### Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including Spoonfed Generation, and the bestselling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.



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#### STRATHAIRD PARENTS & FRIENDS

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

## Preferred payment is by Eftpos

## WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 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 Gallery



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Fire Safety Communication Teamwork First Aid Practical Firefighting Drills

## Contact us or visit the CFA website to find out more!







If you know a youth that lives in Narre Warren South or the surrounding areas, that may be interested in joining the JVDP, Please contact us through the Narre Warren Fire Brigade Facebook Page or visit the CFA Website to register your interest.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

## WE'RE RECRUITING JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS



The CFA Junior Volunteer Development Program (JVDP) provides safe, enjoyable and challenging activities for all youth aged 11 to 15 years of age and there is no cast to join. The program offers exciting opportunities such as:

- Practical firefighting drills
- Map reading and radio use
- First aid training
- Fire safety awareness
- Community service
- Leadership development

Our Junior Program happens on Wednesdays (weekly in summer, fortnightly in winter) at 7pm -8:30pm.



www.facebook.com/NarreWarrenCFA



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

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















#### **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.

