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Primary School









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Principal Page

Remembering TYLER OLIVER

To commemorate the life of our incredibly courageous, steadfast, kind and caring student, Tyler Oliver, we have created a special area in our School garden in his memory. There is a green plaque mounted to a rock, two grevillea's which will have green flowers (Tyler's favourite color) and a beautiful white flowered lilly pilly next to the plaque.

It was very special to have Tyler's mum and grandfather come and help us with the tree planting. THANK YOU Lauren and Shane. Our hearts go out to you.



2023 Community Spirit and Leadership Award

Last Friday we had a special guest come to our Assembly. Gary Maas, our local Member of Parliament, came to present the 2023 Community Spirit and Leadership Award. This Award is presented to a Year 4 student who could be regarded as a future leader in our community and displays qualities such as being considerate of others; showing a willingness to support peers; showing initiative; participating in a range of activities inside and outside of school and demonstrating leadership qualities.

The Award was presented to **Harper Neal-Wilson**, an excellent all-round, thoroughly deserving student. Congratulations Harper \bigcirc

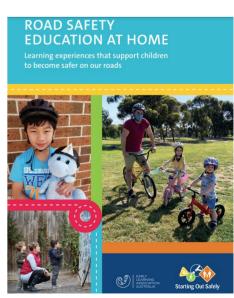
Children and Road Safety - PLEASE READ

Following some recent concerns brought to our attention by Victoria Police and local residents, we are asking parents to please speak with their children about road safety and if necessary, practice with them so they know how to cross roads safely. Teachers will also be speaking with their students about road safety.

More broadly across the metropolitan area, police are seeing a rise in children being hit crossing roads. We have received reports of students from our School not checking both ways before crossing roads as well as students running across the roads in between cars. We have even had a report of four students 'playing chicken' with cars on multiple occasions, we do not know who these students are. Playing chicken with cars is fraught with extreme danger and needs to stop. Crossing the road and using a mobile phone at the same time may also be an issue. All of these behaviours are extremely risky and can very easily have tragic consequences.

If road safety discussions and practice is something your family already does, thank you, that is terrific!





Principal Page

Classes for 2024

Each year in Term 4, the teachers organise students into their future class groupings for the next school year. Over the years, we have had requests from parents that their child not be placed with specific people.

Given strong and valid reasons, we can sometimes take these requests into consideration, <u>not always</u>. Information that we receive this year will be considered, we cannot guarantee that requests made in previous years can be applied.

Teachers will start to organise grades from 20 November.

Students will not know their class teacher or peers until the final week of school.

Once grades have been set they are not to be changed.

All requests from parents must be in writing, preferably emailed, to the Principal by 17 Friday November.

Parent Volunteer Group

Did you know, Strathaird Primary School's parent volunteer group is now called Helping Hands?

There are no meetings, no Committee, just a School Staff member (Sharon McMahon) who coordinates the events and is the key contact. This is not a fundraising group, just a group of volunteers helping to provide special events for our students and families, such as Pancake Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day stall, second hand uniforms etc.

We know many parents would love to help out but don't have the time. If you would love to help with School events and have the time, we would love to have you on board.





School Walues

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Congratulations to the following Students

Week 4 - Compassion

Prep A Fernando Prep B Charnell Prep D Leon **1A** Sana 1B Tahlia 1D Lina 1E Spencer 1F Bentley 1G Evie 2A Arlo 2B Kallista 2E Nui **3A** Elaina **3B** Feriba **3C** Krystalbell 3D Rohina 3E Hanasa 4A Matilda **4B** Aliyana 4C Ebony 4D Savannah 5A Hope **5B** Hamayon 5D Oman 5E Aksh 6A Lola **6B** Ethan 6C Jazmyn

Week 5 - Compassion

Prep A	Asra
Prep B	Jayda-Tay
Prep D	Skye
1A	Yasir
1B	Marwa
1D	Jowakou
1E	Samar
3A	Amelia
3C	Jay
3D	Lilly
3E	Azariah
4A	Sam
4B	Amelia
4C	Ray
4D	Andrea
5A	Payton
5B	Tyga-Li
5C	Nimar
5D	Nimar
5E	Jayden
6A	Isaiah
6B	Ashlynn
6C	Jazmyn



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C T O B E	6th	7th Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday	8th Deposits due 2024 Grade 6 Camp	9th Deposits due for 2024 Gr 6 jumpers	10th No Canteen JNR Assembly SNR Electives Remembrance Day Ceremony
Ŕ	13th	14th Marine Ambassadors Seal Rock Excursion	15th	16th	17th SNR Assembly JNR Electives House Captains Elections
N O	20th	21st	22nd School Captain Interviews	23rd	24th JNR Assembly SNR Electives Gr 6 Graduation Lunch orders Due Gr 6 Swimming notes due
VE M B E	27th	28th School Council 6.30pm	29th	30th	1st December SNR Assembly JNR Electives Marine Ambassadors to visit Kinder Last day for Library
R	4th	5th Gr 6 Graduation Lunch	6th Gr 6 Graduation @ Bunjil 6pm	Excursion	8th JNR Assembly SNR Electives Last day of canteen for 2023
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K	18th Last day of 2023 for students - 3.15pm finish	19th PPD Day for Staff - No Students to attend	20th Curriculum Day - No Students	21st Christmas	Holidays



Week 4

Prep A	Doris	For always working so hard and for beautiful handwriting!
Prep B	Parker	For working hard to form sentences with sounds and punctuation in them.
Prep C	Emi	For being a kind friend!
Prep D	Samera	For working hard and making good choices in the classroom!
1A	Ryland	For working hard during writing sessions!
1B	Saanvi	for your hard work in writing and your beautiful presentation.
1C	Ariella	For always trying her best and challenging herself.
1D	Zahra	For always listening carefully to the teacher's instructions.
1E	Harvin	For making good choices and working hard in class. Well done Harvin!
1F	Aidah	Great effort when reading
1G	Yunus	For completing amazing work regularly at school.
2A	Kawsar	For using her class time efficiently!
2B	Roy	For always being a helpful and hardworking class member!
2C	Taha	For excellent contributions to class discussions
2D	Fawad	For showing improvement in reading fluently and with expression
2E	Mia	For always concentrating and working hard to complete her tasks!
3A	Izzy	For always displaying our school values in everything that she does.
3B	Isaac	for taking onboard feedback and writing a great explanation text
3C	Dua	For always working hard to produce her best work.
3D	Rohina	For your recount about making a windmill at the Bricks4Kidz incursion.
3E	Wasi	For excellent contributions to class discussions
4A	James	For cooperating well during group work!
4B	Ali	For producing an engaging, humourous Narrative
4C	Eddie	For seeking more challenges for himself in Maths.
4D	Laine	For making growth in all subject areas.
5A	Stephanie	For being kind and positive individual
5B	Riaan	For making an effort to remain focused on his work and to do his best. Well done Riaan!
5D	Taliah	For a fantastic effort with all Numeracy tasks. Keep up the amazing efforts.
5E	Ali-Reza	For trying his hardest in all set tasks this week. Well done Ali-Reza!
6A	Fatima	For your positive thoughts and opinions in our classroom discussions
		For her excellent knowledge and understanding of fractions, percentages, and decimals.
6B	Ella	Well done!
6C	Saaim	For his hard work in creating a story for his prep buddy.





Week 5

Prep A	Romannus	For great enthusiasm during Phonics sessions! Keep up the great work!
Prep B	Shayan	For working hard in writing sessions to use the sounds that you know. Well done!
Prep C	Indiana	For taking your time and writing neatly during handwriting and writing sessions.
Prep D	Carter	For showing improvement in reading fluently and with expression.
1A	Michael	For being extra kind and helpful!
1B	Wasel	For taking on feedback and creating a great story.
1D	Finn	For always demonstrating enthusiasm for school and learning new things.
1E	Layla	For taking her time and writing neatly during handwriting and writing sessions.
1F	Beau	For his high level of interest and participation in whole class discussions
2C	Ariyah	For always showing enthusiasm for learning in the classroom
3A	Fareeda	For her fantastic work during our fractions unit of work
3B	Nevaehly	for displaying great confidence when dividing numbers this week
3C	Dominic	For his amazing effort and participation in Reading Groups.
3D	Noreen	For your effort and improved understanding in maths.
3E	Zaine	For contributing more to class discussions, well done!
4A	Lexi	For consistently taking pride in the presentation of your work and earning your pen licence!
4B	Tuitiga	For settling well into classroom routines and working hard to improve his handwriting!
4C	Josephine	For being brave and sharing her ideas!
4D	Savannah	For becoming more confident to ask questions when she is unsure of a task.
5A	Kane	For showing initiative and always assisting in the classroom
5B	Jasmine	For always doing her best and being kind and helpful.
5C	Astor	For doing working hard in all aspects of her education. Well done Astor!
5D	Jake	For always displaying our school values
5E	Madiha	For working really hard on her leadership letter for next year. Well done Madiha!
6A	Zachary	For being a terrific role model to your peers in our classroom
6B	Afia	For her positive attitude towards learning and being a wonderful role model
6C	Mustafa	For being organised with his time and completing most homework tasks
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Specialists

Sustainability	4C	Terrific work on your 'threatened species' artwork
Sustainability	5B	showing responsibility and resilience conducting a litter survey.



Student Attendance

Students learn new things at school every day and sending them to school is the single most important part of their education. This gives them the best opportunities to learn and achieve success.

Families and schools work together to encourage and support student attendance and build sustained learning opportunities.

Parents responsibility:

Students are required to attend school everyday. If a student is absent, parents and carers **must** inform the school that their child is absent on the day or before the day of absence.

Parents will need to provide an explanation for their absence. This is a legal requirement.

How to inform the school:

- 1) Log it on the Parent Portal.
- 2) Alternative call the school (03) 9705 3800
- 3) Send an email strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au

School's Responsibility:

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day. This will be sent via a text message.

Attendance Support:

If you require further support with your child's attendance, please contact our school and speak with our Assistant Principal.

Attendance Matters

Everyday Counts at Strathaird Primary School

If your child is absent:	That equates to:	Which is:	Which means over their 13 years of education, this is:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Almost 1.5 years of learning.
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of learning.
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning.
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning.

Graduation



Outside Admin



All Monies to go towards Graduation 2023

What's Happening

Helping Hands



Strathaird Primary School Helping Hands is our parent volunteer group who put their hands up to come and help at our School. There are no meetings or committees just parents who would like to help without committing to a parent group.

During the year we have key events that parents can choose to come and help. These events include:

- Pancake Day
- Chocolate drive
- Mothers Day
- Fathers Day
- 2nd hand Uniform stalls

Some of the things you might be able to help with are:

- Washing 2nd hand clothes for uniform stall
- Helping hand out chocolates during chocolate drive
- Fathers Day stall
- Mothers Day Stall
- Making pancakes and delivering to classes on Pancake Day

Below is a list of future dates we plan to have events. Any Parent wanting to help in any of these activities, need to have a WWC check and be inducted into our School.

MARCH	TBC	Pancake Day (S)
MAY	6th & 7th 8th 12 th May 20th May 22 ^{thd} May	Mother's Day Stalls (F) Extra Stall @ Recess Mother's day Delivery of Chocolates(F) Send home to students
JUNE	21st June	Chocolates due back
AUGUST	26 th & 27 th August 28 th August	Father's Day Stalls (F) Extra stall @recess
SEPTEMBER	1st September	Father's Day

If you have any questions please contact Sharon McMahon on the school Email strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Or Call and speak to Sharon on 9705 3800

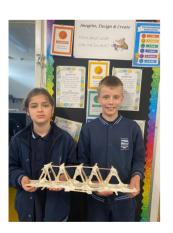
Grade 5

This term, the Grade 5 students have been investigating how the design process, skills and processes are involved in creating new inventions.

Students had to design a bridge and then build it!

Students enjoyed the challenge and made sure that their bridge was able to support a toy car.







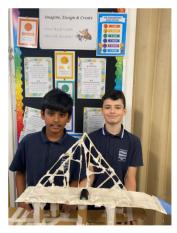














Remembrance Day 2023 - 11th November



The Remembrance day appeal raises funds to support former and serving members of the Australian Defence Forces and dependents when in need. Most of the funds are raised through the sale of Remembrance Merchandise.











National Recycling Week 2023



Launched by Planet Ark, National Recycling Week (13-19 November 2023) aims to raise awareness about recycling and the waste hierarchy, which includes reducing, reusing, and recycling to minimize the strain on finite resources.

Waste and Recycling Information Night Monday 13 November, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Register here.

Join us for an interesting and educational evening learning all about Waste and Recycling in the City of Casey. We'll discuss the current and future of waste disposal (Advanced Waste Processing (AWP)), Recycling, Food and Garden Waste bins and the resulting compost, soft plastics, Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) and more. Speakers will be from council as well as relevant industry speakers. This will be followed by a Q&A panel made up of the speakers, and residents will get a chance to submit questions beforehand and ask them on the night.

Roving refills deliveries discount Wednesday 15 November

Bookings essential through rovingrefillsfrankston@gmail.com.

City of Casey's Waste Education Team have partnered with Roving Refills Frankston to offer 20% off refills for skin, body and cleaning products delivered to your door – just have your empty bottles and containers ready! Help reduce your plastic waste and your impact on our environment.

Textile drop-off day Saturday 18 November

Book here.

Do you have household linens, clothes and shoes that are ready for a new home? Or are they at the end of their lives and in need of recycling?

This National Recycling Week you can drop them off for free so they can be recycled or rehomed through a local charity. Bookings essential.

Library / Child Safety

Library News

The library is open for the students to borrow and return books before and after school.

Morning Hours: 8:30am-8:50am Afternoon Hours: 3:15pm- 3:30pm

The library will be closing on the 1st of December for the end of the year. Can you please ensure that all library books are returned before this day.



Child safety and wellbeing at Strathaird Primary School information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Strathaird Primary school has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on the school website on: www.strathairdps.vic.edu.au

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact

Julie Kennedy Strathaird Primary School Principal



From the Admin

Are your details up to date?

Have you changed your home address, mobile numbers or work details?

Do you have a new parent email address?

Do you need to change your emergency contact details?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please email the school office strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au and we will update the information on file.

School Bags for sale at the office

We have a limited number of school bags available for sale at the office.

School bags are \$40 each and are navy blue with a 3 colour printed school logo on them.

To purchase, please visit the office with cash or EFTPos OR on the QKR App.



2024 Student Stationery

Information about the 2024 Student Stationery was sent home with students last week. Copies of each year level's information can be found on our school website:

https://www.strathairdps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/payment-notifications/

Strathaird Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Strathaird Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

The student stationery supplies will be ordered in bulk class lots and **delivered directly to** classrooms for the beginning of the school year. There will be no book collection day held in 2024.

We have decided to purchase stationery in bulk to take advantage of the cost savings for our families. Bulk buying supplies allows us to supply all students with the correct materials to complete the curriculum and saves families the hassle of sourcing supplies themselves. We welcome all contributions towards the cost of these materials.

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.



Important Parent Resources



Attendance

Please ensure your children are at school on time. Students should be at their class by 8.50am ready to begin class by 9am.

If your child is absent, please notify the school through the Parent Portal on Sentral or call the admin on 9705 3800.



Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.







If the content is not removed within 48 hours apply steps 3 and 4 $\,$



If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)
If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on
1800.55 1800. 24 hours a day 7 days a week



esafety.gov.au/kids



Make good choices









Why do you like it?

Use devices near a grown-up

Time's up







Make good choices

Help children to think about the content they watch and how to manage their time on screens.

Message 1: Why do you like it?

Choosing to say kind things when connecting online is a life-long skill that can help prevent cyberbullying later on. The screen image can be a stimulus to discuss the types of things you should do when video calling,

Message 2: Use devices near a grown-up

Children need to be aware that digital technologies should be used with a grown-up nearby and in a shared space. Children should get used to the idea, from an early age, that devices should not be used in bedrooms.

Message 3: Time's up.

It is important to discuss with children how they will know when it's time to turn devices off and how they will transition to another activity.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- · What do you like to play on devices? What makes you like it?
- Where are these people using devices? Where are you allowed to use them?
- · Have you ever been told you have been playing on a device for too long? How do you feel when that happens? What do you usually do?

Be kind









Say kind things

Take turns

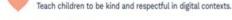
Ask before you take a photo

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Barly Years







Message 1: Say kind things Choosing to say kind things when connecting online is a life-long skill that can help prevent cyberbullying later on. The screen image can be a stimulus to discuss the types of things you should do when video calling,

like saving hello with a smile.

Taking turns is a good way of managing time on screens and building self-regulation skills. The child in the background of this picture is sad because they have been left out of the game.

Message 3: Ask before you take a photo.

The little boy in is taking a photo of himself with his family. The screen image depicts another time when he is asking his family if they would like to be in the photo.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- Have you ever called your family or friends on a computer or tablet like the people in the first photo? What do you think they are saying? How do you know?
- · Why do you think the boy in the middle photo looks sad? What could they do to stop him feeling sad?
- . Do you always ask someone if it is OK to take their photo before you take it? Why?

Be safe









Play with the games and

Only talk with people you know

Some things should be kept private









Help children understand personal information and how it can be protected.

Message 1: Play with the games and apps that are yours.

Devices should be set up so children know which content is for them and that other games, programs or apps may not be suitable for them. The screen image shows the folder where the little girl can find the games and apps just for her use.

Message 2: Only talk with people you know.

This picture reminds children that they should only video call when a grown-up is helping them, and only speak to people they know.

Message 3 - Some things should be kept private.

In this picture the boys are creating an avatar with their Grandad. Avatars can be a practical way of showing children how they can keep their real name and identity private by creating a character to represent themselves in games

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- . Do you play on your Mum or Dad's phone, tablet or computer? Do you have a special place for your games and apps? How do you know what is yours?
- . Do you talk on the computer to your friends and family? Who helps you?
- . Why do you think the boy in the last picture looks confused? If you were going to create an avatar for yourself what would it look like? Why?

Ask for help





Tell a grown-up

Check before you tap

You won't get in trouble









Teach children to ask a trusted grown-up for help with any issue using digital technologies.

Message 1: Tell a grown-up. It is really important for children to know that if something makes them feel worried, scared or sad when they are using a device they should tell a grown-up.

Message 2: Check before you tap.

Before children use a device, they should ask a grown-up. The picture shows the little boy asking if he can play a new video he has not seen before.

Message 3: You won't get in trouble

ldren are playing with digital technology often things happen that they didn't expect. It can be the same for grown-ups tool Children need to know that if something unexpected happens, they should tell a grown-up. They should be assured that the grown-up will know it was important for the child to share the problem even if it happened because they made a mistake.

Key questions when discussing this poster could include:

- Have you ever seen something that made you feel worried, scared or sad when you were playing on a tablet? Who would you tell? What do you think they would say?
- · Who do you ask before you play, watch or tap on something new on a device?

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



Honesty

We are truthful in what we say and do, people can rely on us and trust us.



Responsibility

We make good choices and are accountable for our actions.

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Respect

We value people's worth and qualities and treat them in a polite and friendly manner.



Compassion

We care about others, we treat them with kindness and we help people when they are in need.

