

Strathaird Primary School News

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Strathaird



Primary School

School Values

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

Compassion

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Principal Page

A Free Dental program is coming, Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad is coming to our school to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

Smile Squad is run by Monash Health.

You do not need a medicare card or be eligible for medicare benefits.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit our school soon to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do you need to do?

We need your consent before Smile Squad can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code opposite:



The Smile Squad team will check the student's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If the student needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.

Please complete and submit the consent form by Wednesday 8 June.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the School Office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

If parents need help completing the consent form, please let the School Office know. Nazia will be available at the Office from 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. each morning up until 8 June to help parents where needed.

Education Week Open Afternoon, you are invited! Wednesday 15 May 2.15 – 3.00 p.m.

Education week celebrates the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector and this year is particularly special because we are celebrating 80 years of Education Week.

The theme will be **Spotlight on STEM**, a chance for schools to celebrate and share how they bring science, technology, engineering, and maths to life in the classroom. If you visit on the Open Afternoon you will have the opportunity to join in a Science, Technology or Maths activity with your child.

Today your child will bring home a free show bag. The bag will contain a toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste and some valuable tips to keep teeth healthy.



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MULTICULTURAL DAY is on Friday next week - 3 May

A very special thing about our school is that we have rich cultural diversity which we are proud of and celebrate. No matter what part of the world we come from, we are a very respectful, harmonious, friendly school community and we truly value that. On Friday next week we are celebrating our multicultural community. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in clothing that celebrates the countries their families come from. Whether it is Australia, Afghanistan, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Cambodia, Iran, China, Samoa, South Africa, Sudan, Kenya, United Kingdom, Sweden, Iraq, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, the United States of America or other parts of the world, we want to celebrate your culture! Students can wear traditional clothing or just colours of their flag.

Clothing choices should be school appropriate and students must wear closed shoes. Students will be involved in various activities during the day.

A big thank you to Ms Waters and the Junior School Council for all the effort they have put into organising this event. This is not a fundraising event so there is no need for a gold coin donation.

PHOTOS FROM OUR NEW ECO-CABIN AND ECO-CUBBY

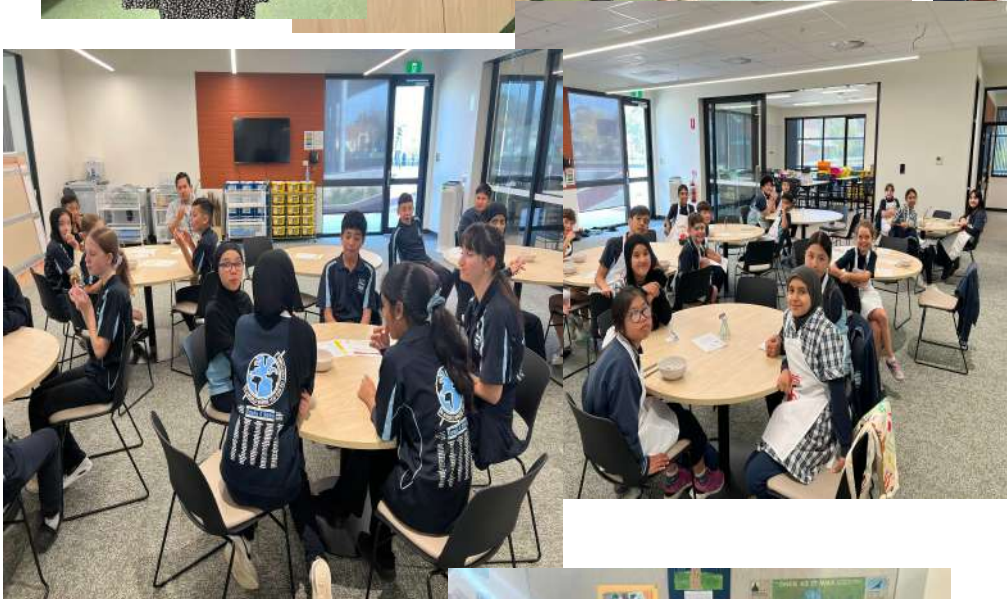


*From Mrs Biram in the
Science and Technology
Centre*



Principal Page

PHOTOS FROM OUR NEW ECO-CABIN AND ECO-CUBBY



From Ms Hearnden in the Kitchen Garden Centre



From Mrs Van Styn and Mrs Burns in the Sustainability Centre



Term 2 2024 - Dates

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15th 1st Day of term 2	16th Gr 4 Science Incursion	17th	18th	19th No Assembly
22nd	23rd	24th \$ due Gr 2 Rockpools Incursion	25th Anzac Day - No Students at School	26th Junior Assembly SNR Electives

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29th	30th Gr 2 Rockpool Incursion	1st \$ Due District Cross Country	2nd \$ Due Mothers Day Gifts Bookclub Last Day	3rd Senior Assembly JNR Electives Multicultural Day
6th Mothers' Day Stalls	7th Mothers' Day Stalls	8th	9th \$ due Gr 5 Imax/Museum Excursion	10th Junior Assembly SNR Electives
13th	14th \$ Due Gr 6 Lightning Prem School Council 6.30pm	15th Gr 5 Aquatics Notices Due	16th Gr 5 IMAX & Museum Excursion \$ Due Gr 3 Botanical Gardens	17th Senior Assembly JNR Electives Gr 6 Lightning Prem
20th \$ Due Gr 1 Mad about Science Incursion	21st Gr 3 Botanical Gardens Excursion	22nd	23rd Gr 1 Mad about Science	24th Junior Assembly SNR Electives
27th	28th 2nd Hand Uniform Stall	29th	30th	31st Senior Assembly JNR Electives Gr 5 Aquatics Day

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3rd	4th	5th	6th Whole School Photo Day \$ Due Prep Woodworkers Marine Ambassadors Excursion	7th Curriculum Day
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Education Week



School Values Awards



Congratulations to the following Students

Week 1 - Respect

Prep A	Diana
Prep B	Josie
Prep C	Deja
Prep E	Aizah
Prep A	Diana
Prep B	Josie
Prep C	Deja
1D	Samera
2A	Oliver
2B	Ariella
2E	Hugo
3A	Nova
3E	Amer
4A	Jakob
4B	Ami
4D	Zoey
5A	Declan
5B	Mia
5C	Narissa
6A	Yasir

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Student of the Week



Week 1

Prep A	Noura	For showing good leadership during reading activities.
Prep B	Levi	For an excellent effort in Writing! Well Done!
Prep C	Carter	For amazing reading during guided reading. Great work!
Prep E	Addy	For showing excellent whole body listening.
Prep F	Aliha-Zahra	For great work in writing this week!
1D	Hope	Trying her best in writing this week!
2A	Adna	For working extra hard on her retells.
2B	Galaxy	For her super reading and excellent attendance this week!
2E	Ethan	For incredible growth in his reading abilities.
3A	Ethan	For inferring the character's feelings and motivations during reading.
3E	Alina	For always being a hardworking member of the class.
4A	Aysher	for her fantastic and smooth transition into learning at S.P.S.!
4B	Will	For his superb contributions towards our class debates
4D	Desandu	For his thoughtful contributions to whole class discussions
5A	Sabhella	For being so confident with your maths and demonstrating how to do our trivia question by explaining how to do the vertical addition!
5B	Zainab	For creating a fantastic sizzling start to her writing. Well done Zainab!
5C	Daksha	For showing confidence in her maths understanding when solving vertical addition sums!



Grade 1

This term, Grade 1 are exploring materials and how they change over time. This week, students classified different items and discussed the features of the different materials they are made from.

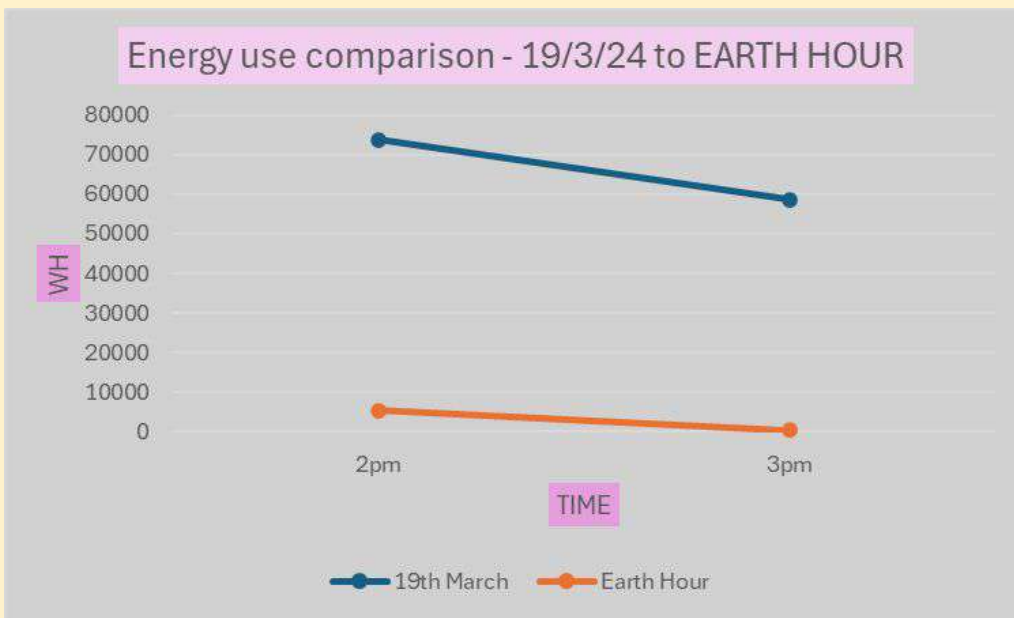


SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



ResourceSmart
Schools

Strathaird Primary School recently achieved recertification of our Biodiversity star. Each module has to be recertified every 2 years. In March the whole school participated in **EARTH HOUR**. The below graph shows how much energy we saved for this hour compared to the same day a week earlier. It is interesting that our energy use for the whole day was much less, the whole school being more focused on how much energy we are using. This year we are continuing to focus on energy use as we recertify our energy module.



Grade 2 -How does a garden grow?

The Grade 2s have been exploring how gardens grow and have planted a variety of vegetables in the new garden near the pirate ship.



Sustainability Recycling Centre



Our new recycling system has been installed in the ECO CUBBY. Students and parents are now able to bring their items to recycle before and after school and place in the appropriate container. Recycling streams include:

- Plastic bread tags for 'Bread Tags for wheelchairs'
- bottle caps (washed) for "lids for kids"
- mobile phones
- plastic writing implements such as pens and textas
- household batteries



Special Events

**STRATHAIRD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Helping Hands



**2ND HAND
UNIFORM SALE**

TUESDAY 28TH MAY

8.45AM - 9.30AM

OUTSIDE ADMIN

Payment is by.

Eftpos Only.

Special Events



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Strathaird Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

Grade 6 Zooper Doopers

Grade 6 Zooper Dooper Sales

Monday and Wednesdays

\$1.00 Each

Outside Admin



Money raised to go
towards Graduation
2024

Library / Child Safety

Library News



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



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.



Parent Information

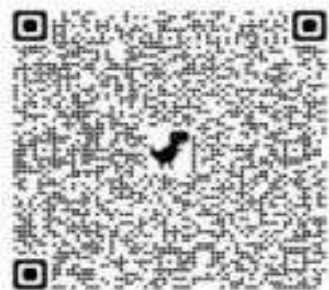


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Goodstart Narre Warren South - Sherwood Road

21-23 Sherwood Rd, Narre Warren South



Book a Tour

ENROL NOW- Limited Spots Available!

Government funding

Early Learning Approved Curriculum

Qualified Teachers

Flexible Hours

Language & Literacy

Social & Emotional Skills

Creative Arts

Physical skills

03 9704 5066

kcc@goodstart.org.au

Parent Information

WIN \$5,000 FOR YOUR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY

**REGISTERED MEMBERS WHO SHOP
AT RITCHIES GO INTO THE DRAW
TO WIN THEIR NOMINATED CLUB,
SCHOOL OR CHARITY \$5000!**

**PLUS! Any Ritchies Member who scans their
app or card will go into the draw to win
1 of 5 \$1,000 Ritchies Gift Cards!**

First drawn out wins their nominated organisation \$5,000.

Terms and conditions apply. Go to ritchies.com.au for full details. There is one \$5,000 Ritchies gift card for one lucky club, school or charity. There are 5 x \$1000 Ritchies gift cards to be won for registered Ritchies Card members who select a club, school or charity. Promotion starts 1/5/24 and ends 28/5/24. *Minimum spend of \$10 in one transaction and excluding cigarette & tobacco products, gift cards, electronic recharge and items marked reduced to clear.

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**RITCHIES
COMMUNITY
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**MORE THAN
\$53 Million**
*Given back to the community
since 1993*

CELEBRATING 30 Years OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Parent Information



COMMUNITY RECYCLING DAY

FREE EVENT

Fun activities
plus waste and
recycling info.
Sit in a real
recycling truck!



BYO cup for a FREE
coffee or hot drink

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LITTLECROFT FAMILY & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 18 May, 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

10.00 am: Recycling right info session

11.30 am: Composting 101 info session



Important Parent Resources

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



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.

Every Minute Counts

Minutes late each school day	Days lost in a school year
5 minutes	• 3 days lost
10 minutes	• 6.5 days lost
15 minutes	• 10 days lost
20 minutes	• 13 days lost
30 minutes	• 19 days lost



In a school year

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.



How to report cyberbullying material

1

Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service



2

Collect evidence copy URLs or take screenshots of the material



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

3

Report it
esafety.gov.au/report



4

Block the person and talk to someone you trust



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

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, like saying hello with a smile.

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 safe



Play with the games and apps that are yours



Only talk with people you know



Some things should be kept private



Be safe

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?

Be kind



Say kind things



Take turns



Ask before you take a photo



Be kind

Teach children to be kind and respectful in digital contexts.

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 saying hello with a smile.

Message 2: Take turns

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 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?

Ask for help



Tell a grown-up



Check before you tap



You won't get in trouble



Ask for help

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.

When children are playing with digital technology often things happen that they didn't expect. It can be the same for grown-ups too! 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 .



Strathaird



Primary School

**School
Values
PROGRAM**

Respect

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



Responsibility

We make good choices and are accountable for our actions .



Compassion

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

