

Strathaird Primary School News

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Edition 3



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.

Strathaird



Primary School



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CURRICULUM DAY

Friday 6 March will be a student free day, therefore students will not come to school on that day.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday 9 March is a public holiday for Labour Day.

School will return on **Tuesday 10 March**.

CURRICULUM DAY

On Friday, our Teachers will be working with a Consultant to continue updating their knowledge and practice in the teaching and learning of Numeracy, in particular analysing common mathematical misconceptions and how to use this information to inform teaching practice and planning.

NAPLAN 2026

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessments on Wednesday 11th March, Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March.

Our students are well-prepared and hopefully will approach NAPLAN with a calm and positive mindset.

It is vitally important that students arrive at school on time on each of these days.

Students should be in their classrooms by 9.00 a.m. getting organised for the start of NAPLAN at 9.15 a.m.

Students who arrive at their classrooms after 9.30 a.m. will not be able to sit the test on that day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations and a big thank you to our new elected members of School Council:

- Buffy Kolmus
- Amitha Kaidery
- Michelle Reid

Insufficient nominations have been received and there is now a call for a further nomination. Nominations will close at 3.30 p.m. on Monday 9 March.

The next meeting for School Council members will be Tuesday 24 March at 6.30 p.m.

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PANCAKE DAY

We celebrated our annual Pancake Day on Tuesday, 3rd March 🥞. Each student enjoyed a delicious pancake with a topping of their choice.

This special event would not have been possible without the generous support of our **wonderful parent volunteers**. We extend our sincere thanks to:

Brooke Bontemps
Sarah McKenzie
Michelle Reid
Buffy Kolmos
Simone Doufexis
Dee Marion

We would also like to acknowledge **Rachel from TheirCare** for her valued assistance on the day.



We truly appreciate you all for generously donating your time and helping make this event such a success. The students absolutely loved this special treat!

A very big thank you to **Sharon McMahon** for her excellent organisation of our Helping Hands events, including Pancake Day.



Term 1 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MARCH

APRIL

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2nd March District Swimming Clean up Australia Day</p>	<p>3rd Pancake Day</p>	<p>4th</p>	<p>5th</p>	<p>6th Curriculum Day - No School</p>
<p>9th Labour Day - No School</p>	<p>10th</p>	<p>11th Grade 6 Camp Naplan</p>	<p>12th Grade 6 Camp Naplan</p>	<p>13th SNR Assembly Grade 6 Camp Naplan</p>
<p>16th</p>	<p>17th 2nd Hand Uniform Stall</p>	<p>18th</p>	<p>19th Bookclub Due Today</p>	<p>20th JNR Assembly Gr 3-6 Cross Country Ride to School Day</p>
<p>23rd</p>	<p>24th School Council Meeting 6.30pm</p>	<p>25th</p>	<p>26th GRIP Leadership Conference</p>	<p>27th Gr 5 Camp Documents Due SNR Assembly</p>
<p>30th</p>	<p>31st</p>	<p>1st April Gr 5 Camp Full Payment Due</p>	<p>2nd Last Day Term 1 Easter Bonnet Parade</p>	<p>3rd Good Friday - No School</p>
<p>6th</p>	<p>7th</p>	<p>8th</p>	<p>9th</p>	<p>10th</p>
<p>School Holidays</p>				

Student of the Week



Week 4



Prep A	Rohan	For always having a go and for being super helpful and kind. Well done Rohan, you are a star!
Prep B	Heliya	For settling in really well every morning this week and trying to start each day with a positive attitude. Well done!
Prep C	Iritana	For being a helpful and kind member of our class. Keep it up!
Prep E	Quinn	For always listening, joining in and trying your best. I am so proud of you Quinn. What an amazing start to school!
Prep F	Matteen	For his amazing listening and a positive attitude in the classroom!
1A	Kavisan	For adding the 5w's to his writing piece. Great work!
1B	Danyal	For always having a go and trying your best. Well done!
1C	Logan	For showing improvement with his reading. Well done :)
1D	Theodore	For settling into the morning routine and doing your reading! Keep it up :)
1E	Yusra	For settling in to a new school easily.
2A	Noyan	For trying his best in all learning tasks
2B	Chloe	for approaching all learning tasks positively.
2C	Ryder	For trying so hard during his Reading and Writing activities. Well done!
2D	Levi	For being an excellent classroom contributor.
3A	Brooklyn	For being a helpful member of the grade
3B	Sachi	For writing an outstanding narrative!
3C	Ariana	For always focussing and completing her work each lesson.
3D	Siran	For taking great pride in her bookwork and pushing herself into new challenges
4A	Subaiya	For being a keen contributor to class discussions
4B	Ramin	For using his imagination to write attention grabbing hooks for his narrative.
4C	Mustafa	For being a great contributor to class discussions. Well done!
4D	Taaliah	For being a kind and helpful member of the grade!
5C	Shikeb	For showing great effort in your learning and staying focused and respectful in class.
5D	Chloe	For taking a chance in her learning, while writing a Narrative
5E	Kayleigh	For taking of feedback to improve her narrative writing.
6A	Timora	For always completing tasks, following class expectations, and participating with enthusiasm.
6B	Adnan	For independently extending his learning in Numeracy.
6C	Aiman	For always being a focussed learner, who achieves her outcomes successfully and for always showing neat presentation in her workbooks.
6D	Jason	For consistently offering a helping hand!

Student of the Week



Week 5

1A	Arian	For his fantastic writing about a giraffe. Great work!
1D	Lilly	For settling into the morning routine and trying your best :)
3A	Bella	For her efforts in Reading this week
3B	Dariosh	For always doing his best during maths
3C	Amiel	For his excellent contributions during Guided Reading
3D	Somaya	For a great start to Strathaird Primary School. What a star!
4A	Natasha	For her independence in the classroom, listening to and following instructions with ease
4B	Elektra	For her consistent dedication to learning through active participation in whole group and small group discussions.
4C	Melika	For always having a positive attitude when completing learning tasks.
4D	Dylan	For showing growing confidence by sharing your ideas during class discussions this week!
5C	Asiya	For being focused and dedicated and completing all your tasks.
5D	Archer	
5E	Timothy	For being a fantastic helper in the classroom this week.
6B	Peyton	For using learned strategies to work out unknown words.
6C	Zaine	For excellent thinking and responses in Guided Reading.
6D	Alivia	For showing persistence and always giving your best effort!





School Values



Awards

Congratulations to the following Students

Week 4

Prep B	Luna
Prep C	Billy
Prep E	Elena
Prep F	Elias
1A	Selen
1B	Bonnie
1C	Farhad
1D	Katelyn
2A	Hamed
2B	Flynn
2C	Komail
2D	Tate
3A	Ruby
3B	Amelia-Jay
3C	Amelia
3D	Asra
4A	Liam
4B	Safa
4C	Melika
5C	Neville
5D	Yasmin
5E	Hamza
6A	Sibtain
6B	Lilly
6C	Muhammad
6D	Aliyah

Week 5

1A	Arian
1D	Lilly
3A	Bella
3B	Dariosh
3C	Amiel
3D	Somaya
4A	Natasha
4B	Elektra
4C	Melika
4D	Dylan
5C	Asiya
5D	Archer
5E	Timothy
6B	Peyton
6C	Zaine
6D	Alivia

Compassion

Respect

Responsibility

Honesty

2nd Hand Uniform

2ND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Tuesday
17th March

EFTPOS ONLY - NO CASH

HELD OUTSIDE THE
ADMIN 8.45-9.30AM



SPORTS REPORT

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to our 19 students who represented Strathaird Primary School in the District Interschool Swimming event, which was held at Koo Wee Rup pool on Monday 2nd March. All children competed well showing great stroke technique and determination with their swimming, whilst also applying their skill in a competitive race situation. Aidan placed 2nd in his Butterfly event, Cedric 3rd in breaststroke, Under 10 girls placing second and Under 12 girls placing 3rd in the relay event. . Sophia won her Butterfly event and placed second in her Freestyle event. **Sophia will now advance to the Divisional finals held later this Term for the Under 12 50m Butterfly event.**

Congratulations to the following 2026 Interschool Swimming team for their efforts and achievements. Aiden Agushi, Natalie Armstrong, Alivia Davidson, Yevin DeCosta, Yovaan Desai, Billie Edwards, Noreen Enayat, Sofia Fuiava, Desandu Garusinghe, Haider Hussaini, Jasskirat Kaur, Olivia Medley, Billie Reid, Chloe Reid, Mikayla Reid, Claire Shi, Christopher Taylor, Cedric Wen and Priscilla Wen.



CSEF Applications



Department
of Education

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



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Strathaird has moved from Sentral to Compass in 2026.

It is very important that all parents are using COMPASS.

You should have received a login, password and instructions.

If you would like to learn about Compass before then, please check out these links:

[Parent Compass App - YouTube](#)

[A guide for parents & families | Compass Education AU](#)

If you watch the YouTube videos, please watch 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 as these are the ones relevant to our school.

Parents can download the Compass app for our school to start receiving notifications.

Kitchen Garden



Term 1 Grade 6 Seeking Kitchen Garden Volunteers

In Term 1, the Grade 6s will be taking part in the Kitchen Garden Program for the last time!

We are **seeking weekly volunteers** from parents, guardians and carers to support the running of the Kitchen Garden Program.

The program runs best when there are **2-4 volunteers per session**

Applicants must have a current **working with children check** or be happy to apply for one which the school office can guide you through. This process is free

KITCHEN GARDEN SESSION TIMES

MONDAY

6A- Mr Zimmerlé - 11:20am-1:15pm

TUESDAY

6B- Miss Brickell- 8:50am-11:00am

6C- Miss Heys- 11:20am-1:15pm

THURSDAY

6D- Miss Chahine- 11:20am-1:15pm

WEEKLY WORKING BEE

every Monday 2:00 - 3:15

Help Miss Hearnden keep the Veggie Gardens and Fruit trees thriving

scan to
register your
interest in
volunteering



You can also **email** the school to say that you would like to volunteer with your name, contact number, day and the times you are available to volunteer to **strathaird.ps@education.vic.gov.au**

Subject: Kitchen Garden Volunteers

Brodie Hearnden - Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator

Grade 5

Drama Box – Body Investigations

Our Grade 5 students recently participated in an engaging and highly interactive incursion, **Body Investigations**, presented by Drama Box. The session combined drama and science to deepen students' understanding of how the human body works.

Throughout the workshop, students explored the key functions of the **respiratory system**, **digestive system**, **circulatory system**, and **nervous system**. Through hands-on activities and dramatic role-play, they discovered how these systems work together to keep our bodies healthy.

A highlight of the session was when students acted out what happens inside an unhealthy body compared with a healthy body. This powerful contrast helped students clearly see the impact that lifestyle choices can have on overall wellbeing. Students showed great enthusiasm and creativity, and teachers also enjoyed stepping into the role play and joining the acting, which added to the fun and energy of the experience.

The Body Investigations program was a fantastic way to bring the science of our bodies to life, and our Grade 5 students should be very proud of their active involvement and excellent teamwork.



Advertising

KIDS KARATE

(5 YEARS & OVER)

(Strathaird Community Centre)

Monday: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

- * Learn Self Defence *
- * Gain Confidence, Awareness Focus, Keep Fit.
- * Learn Respect, Discipline *
- * Affordable Fees *
- * **FIRST LESSON FREE** *



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4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.





7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.



*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)

CASEY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

APRIL 8TH FROM 9AM-3PM AT CASEY FIELDS

NAB AFL AUSKICK



Scan QR codes to register!

NAB AFL SUPERKICK



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 20 March 2026






WALK, RIDE, SCOOT OR SKATE WITH YOUR MATE



RIDE2 SCHOOL



Strathaird Primary School is participating in Ride 2 School Day. We are encouraging all students to ride/walk/scoot/skate to school on Friday 20th March. If you are unable to ride/walk/scoot/skate the whole way, part of the way is encouraged if possible.

ACTIVE TRAVEL & THE ENVIRONMENT

Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too! Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a:



Reduction in noise pollution



Reduction in energy use



Reduction in carbon emissions

For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions. But what does that actually mean?

On National Ride2School Day 2023, students across Australia saved 29 tonnes of CO₂ by actively travelling to school - the equivalent of planting 202 trees.

That's only one day. Imagine if we did that every day of the school year. Over a year we'd save more than 5,700 tonnes of CO₂ - the equivalent of planting 40,000 trees!

I trust my feelings – I ask for help when something doesn't feel right.



Dusty the frilled neck lizard

Remember to:

Listen to your body clues.

Close the screen if something doesn't feel right.

Ask a trusted adult for help.

Meet Dusty's friends

They have an important online safety message for you too!



River the sugar glider



Wanda the echidna



Billie the bilby

I am responsible – I protect my personal information.



Wanda the echidna

Remember to:

Protect your personal information.

Use apps and games for your age.

Look after the devices you use.

Meet Wanda's friends

They have an important online safety message for you too!



River the sugar glider



Dusty the frilled neck lizard



Billie the bilby

I investigate – I question what I see, hear and do online.



Billie the bilby

Remember to:

Make good choices when you're online.

Be curious and ask questions.

Know when time's up online.

Meet Billie's friends

They have an important online safety message for you too!



River the sugar glider



Dusty the frilled neck lizard



Wanda the echidna

I show respect – I am kind and caring to others.



River the sugar glider

Remember to:

Always show respect online.

Take turns and share when playing online.

Ask others before taking or sharing their photo or video.

Meet River's friends

They have an important online safety message for you too!



Billie the bilby



Dusty the frilled neck lizard



Wanda the echidna

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 Compass or call the admin on 9705 3800.

Every Minute Counts

Minutes late each school day	Days lost
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

But I was only a BIT late?



In a school Year

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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School Values PROGRAM



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 .