

# Strathaird Primary School News

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Edition 5



## 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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# Principal Page

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the final school day before the holiday break.

School will finish at 2.30 p.m.

A big thank you to all our wonderful school families for your support this term, wishing you a happy, relaxing holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all when school returns on Monday 20 April.

Parents are welcome to join us for the Easter Bonnet parade on the Basketball courts tomorrow morning at 9.10 a.m.



*Our amazing student leaders did us proud at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre last Friday. Please see report on the Leadership page of this newsletter.*



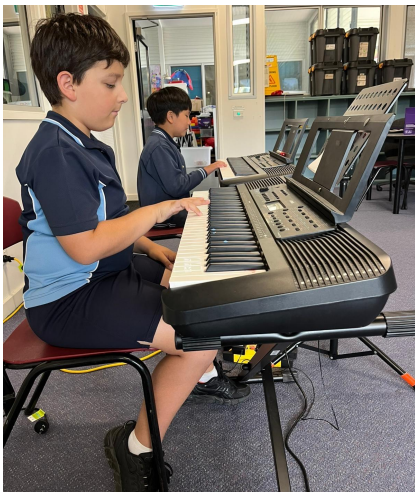
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Congratulations to **Sophia Fuiava** for her recent success in the SSV (School Sport Victoria) swimming events. Sophia won the Interschool District competition in the 50m Butterfly event for Under 12 girls. On the day she was also a valuable member of our Under 12 relay team and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Freestyle event. Winning the Butterfly advanced her to the Divisional finals in which Sophia placed third against 8 other girls. This is a fantastic effort by Sophia with Butterfly being a difficult swimming stroke to execute. Sophia doesn't swim regularly any more as she has turned her focus towards the sport of Basketball, so to achieve such a great placing is credit to her athletic ability. Congratulations Sophia, we are very proud of your achievements.



A big thank you to our Physical Education Teachers, Mrs Gilligan and Mr Wood, for all their excellent organisation behind the scenes to enable our students to compete in a range of interschool competitions and events.



## SPS SCHOOL BANDS

As part of our commitment to the Performing Arts, students who are interested in music have the opportunity to be part of a band and this year we have 13 bands. A total of 119 students from Years 3-6 are taking part in the bands program, receiving tuition in drums, bass, guitar, ukulele, keyboard and singing. Students are very busy practicing to perform at whole school events later in the year. We are very excited to have the opportunity of seeing one of our bands performing at the School Production in early Term 3. Great job by our students and a big thank you to Jerry and his music teachers from iRock for the expert tuition they provide to our students.



# Principal Page



*Have you taken a walk  
along our Eco-trail  
lately?  
Please take a walk and  
have a look at some of  
the interesting changes.*



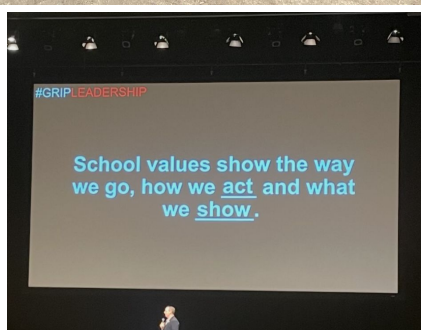
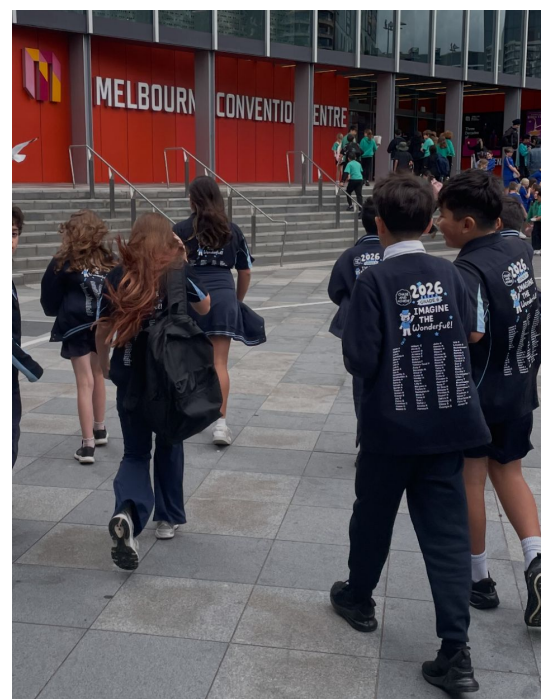
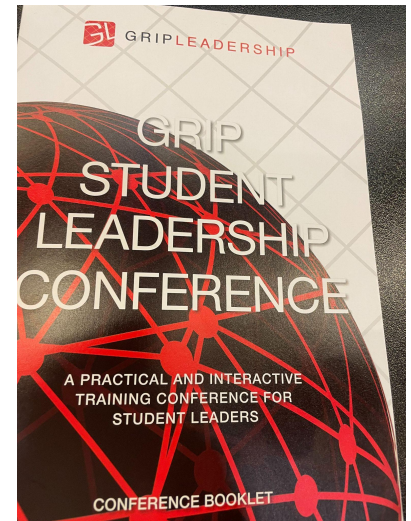
Victoria's plant and animal biodiversity has decreased rapidly over the last decade and the expansion of suburbs into farmland and forested and swampland areas, like our school originally was, is wiping out the variety of plants and animals seen.

In 2024 Strathaird Primary School developed an Eco-Trail, a pathway that circumnavigates the school aimed to educate students and community members about living sustainably as well as creating an animal corridor to promote biodiversity in our school grounds. It links our native trees, vegetable garden and frog pond and landscapers planted a variety of large trees along the trail. In 2025 Ms Van Styn, Ms Burns and the Year 6 students put a great deal of effort into further development of the Eco-Trail. The Teachers and students conducted biodiversity research and then chose an area of the trail to focus on. Classes designed various components to work on such as as creating a lizard garden habitat with rocks, hollow logs, and a water bowl; and bird and mammal gardens with indigenous plants, seating and a bird bath as well as signage to educate the school community, This will be a wonderful habitat for wildlife, we are even hoping to see the return of echidnas, once sighted in our school ground. This project will extend students learning about Biodiversity in Grade 4 and indigenous and bush tucker plants in Grade 5 as well as hands on involvement from other students in developing other small plan areas of our Eco trail.

Congratulations to Ms Van Styn, Ms Burns and last years Year 6 students for outstanding work on Eco-Trail.

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Thursday March 26th our School Captains/ School Vice Captains and our House Captains headed into the city via the train to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. There were approx. 2500 primary school students from over 300 schools seated in the Melbourne Convention Centre. The day focused on what makes good leaders, how to make a difference in schools and the way leaders can inspire others to achieve great things. There were a lot of fun games, video presentations and wise words from the presenters. Our leaders were encouraged to meet students from other schools and exchange ideas while also finding out what other great things are happening in other schools. We hope our leaders had a great day and the conference inspired their inner leadership qualities.



# Term 1 / Term 2 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

30th

31st

1st April

2nd

3rd

Gr 5 Camp Full  
Payment Due

Last Day Term 1  
Easter Bonnet  
Parade

Good Friday - No  
School

6th

7th

8th

9th

10th

School Holidays

13th

14th

15th

16th

17th

School Holidays

20th

21st

22nd

23rd

24th

2027 Prep Enrolments  
begin  
1st Day term 2

Grade 6 Aquatics  
SNR Assembly  
Anzac Day  
Ceremony

27th

28th

29th

30th

1st May

Gr 5 Camp  
Information Night

District Cross  
Country

Last day to  
purchase Mothers  
Day Gifts on QKR

Gr 3 Aquatics  
JNR Assembly

4th

5th

6th

7th

8th

Mothers Day Stalls

Mothers Day Stalls

Gr 1 Moonlit  
Sanctuary  
SNR Assembly

11th

12th

13th

14th

15th

Gr 5 Camp

Gr 5 Camp

Gr 5 Camp

JNR Assembly

APRIL

MAY

# Student of the Week



**Week 8**

<b>Prep A</b>	Jahan	For making a great start at school. Welcome to Strathaird Primary School!
<b>Prep B</b>	Remi	For best efforts during phonics and reading! Great blending!
<b>Prep C</b>	Aubrey	For working hard on your writing this week! Well done!
<b>Prep D</b>	Tamia	For trying her best to sound out words during phonics. Well done!
<b>Prep E</b>	Sadie	It is lovely to see you becoming more comfortable at school, putting up your hand when you want to share or need help. I am very proud of you!
<b>Prep F</b>	Sophia	For her wonderful all body listening!
<b>1A</b>	Sadaf	For her amazing recount this week. Well done!
<b>1B</b>	Hunter	For writing amazing sentences with verbs! Keep up the great work!
<b>1D</b>	Munaza	For an amazing attitude towards your learning and for always trying your best!
<b>1E</b>	Milla	For working hard to sound out words during Phonics and Writing!
<b>2A</b>	Carter	For a can do attitude towards writing sessions!
<b>2B</b>	Mahin	for contributing her ideas in discussions!
<b>2C</b>	Ariana	For always being ready to learn!
<b>2D</b>	Nawid	for sounding out words when writing and for writing a great story.
<b>2E</b>	Byron	For making good choices in your learning! Well done!
<b>3A</b>	Mahrin	For her amazing work in all subjects!
<b>3B</b>	Leon	For his fantastic persuasive writing. Well done Leon!
<b>3C</b>	Billie	For your positive attitude towards all activities. You superstar!
<b>3D</b>	Shayan	For doing an amazing job in X-country and coming 12th! What a star!
<b>4A</b>	Daniel	For his increased participation and attentiveness in class!
<b>4B</b>	Rozbeh	For his fantastic work in guided reading identifying cause and effect scenarios.
<b>4C</b>	Brandon	For the amazing writing skills you use to interest the reader. Well done!
<b>4D</b>	Raahim	For his excellent contributions to number talks!
<b>4E</b>	Yasir	For his kindness and growth mindset
<b>5A</b>	Imogen	For stepping up and being a role to your peers.
<b>5B</b>	Jax	For demonstrating her ability to collaborate with her group on her inquiry topic.
<b>5C</b>	Axel	For his enthusiasm and active contribution to classroom learning.
<b>5D</b>	Hammad	For always willing to help out during Numeracy
<b>5E</b>	Aarohi	For always being organised and ready to learn!
<b>6A</b>	Alina	For demonstrating excellent research skill about her chosen Prime Minister.
<b>6B</b>	Zahra	For pushing herself in all Mathematics tasks
<b>6C</b>	Candice	For always having a positive attitude and for being a great role model for her Prep buddy!
<b>6D</b>	Imran	For an outstanding effort in Cross Country, finishing 2nd place!

# Student of the Week



**Week 9**



<b>Prep A</b>	Baneen	For always trying her best and her wonderful ideas and contributions to class discussions. You are a superstar Baneen!
<b>Prep B</b>		
<b>1A</b>	Shabbir	For his brilliant counting by 2's into the hundreds. Well done!
<b>1B</b>	Bonnie	For showing so much compassion and kindness towards her classmates.
<b>1C</b>		
<b>1D</b>	Zainab	For always being ready to learn and being a kind and respectful class member :)
<b>2A</b>	Harfateh	For your amazing efforts during researching lessons!
<b>2E</b>	Josie	For always being ready to learn and challenge herself!
<b>3A</b>	Romeisa	For her compassion for others in the classroom
<b>3B</b>	Ryan	For his effort during maths this week. Well done!
<b>3C</b>	Vanessa	For your hard work researching your Inquiry project!
<b>3D</b>	Kiara	For doing an amazing job in X-country and coming 14th! What a star!
<b>4A</b>	Armas	For always using his time wisely in class to complete tasks to a good standard
<b>4B</b>	Umrah	
<b>4C</b>	Beau	For consistently demonstrating thoughtful planning and careful consideration in your learning tasks.
<b>4D</b>	Aron	For his excellent 5-star responses in Reading
<b>4E</b>	Qariba	For her dedication to her classwork
<b>5A</b>	Shabnam	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and class discussions.
<b>5B</b>	Cordae	For working collaboratively with his group in relation to his inquiry going further!
<b>5C</b>	Manahil	For her consistent active contribution and enthusiasm towards learning.
<b>5D</b>	Campbell	for approaching all learning tasks positively!
<b>5E</b>	Abolfazl	For approaching all Maths learning tasks positively!
<b>6B</b>	Subi	For his wonderful responses during his Reading assessment.
<b>6C</b>	Dua	For being an outstanding contributor, especially in Inquiry and Maths!
<b>6D</b>	Cleo	For always listening attentively and setting a great example.



# School Values



## Awards

Congratulations to the following Students

### Week 8

Prep A	Charith
Prep B	Zeeshan
Prep C	Seyon
Prep D	Evelyn
Prep E	Sofia
Prep F	Tooba
1A	Hannah
1B	Rabaab
1D	Sarah
2A	Zeeshan
2B	Cody
2D	Tina
2E	Ellexia
3A	Ali
3B	Sachi
3C	Jayda-Tay
3D	Laibah
4A	Liam
4B	Donya
4C	Willow
4D	Selena
4E	Hunter
5A	Stacey
5B	Race
5D	Kawsar
5E	Sienna
6A	Valentina
6B	Yousuf
6C	Meena
6D	Soleiya

### Week 9

Prep A	Tiara
1A	Mohammad
1B	Mehran
1D	Aariz
2E	Shenelly
3A	Indiana
3B	Salvation
3C	Amelia
3D	Siran
4A	Adeli
4B	Subhan
4C	Mustafa
4D	Amitoj
4E	Sana
5A	Kiyan
5B	Lucille
5D	Hiba
5E	Ayaan
6B	Naomi
6C	Sima
6D	Ramin

Compassion

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

# Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all our Strathaird students who took part in our annual Cross Country running event! Every child who finished received a ribbon to acknowledge their efforts. Additionally, the top 8 students from each age group will represent our school in the Interschool Cross Country Team. We will be organising training sessions to be held during some recess times in preparation for the District event, which is scheduled for early Term 2



## Under 10 Girls

- 1st- Ruby Teohoere
- 1stnd- Umrah Jabaree
- 3rd- Samira Haidari
- 4th- Billie Reid
- 5th- Sana Aliyar
- 6th- Priscilla Wen
- 7th- Chloe Alfaro
- 8th- Nargis Sedaghat

## Under 11 Girls

- 1st- Claire Shi
- 2nd- Donia Alizada
- 3rd- Azeta Haidari
- 4th- Kawsar Aliyar
- 5th- Mahsa Mir
- 6th- Chloe Reid
- 7th- Stacey Best
- 8th- Ellie Monck

## Under 12 Girls

- 1st- Noreen Enayat
- 2nd- Peyton Horne
- 3rd- Samira Alizada
- 4th- Isla Sutherland
- 5th- Sima Haydari
- 6th- Meena Nowrozi
- 7th- Maryam Habibi
- 8th- Alina Hadari

## Under 10 boys

- 1st- Yovaan Desai
- 2nd- Omid Mirzayee
- 3rd- Archer Marion
- 4th- Chace Hodson
- 5th- Aron Reza
- 6th- Faizan Ayobi
- 7th- Arman Mirzayee
- 8th- Rory Vanderpas

## Under 11 Boys

- 1st- Armin Ghulami
- 1st- Shikeb Zahir
- 3rd- Jaiwanth Sivakumar
- 4th- Tim Wilkes
- 5th- Arlo Kennedy
- 6th- Haider Hussaini
- 7th- Faraz Hassani
- 8th- Amer Smith

## Under 12 boys

- 1st- Noah Van Den Akker
- 2nd- Imie Ashna
- 3rd- Irfan Tahsin
- 4th- Chris Taylor
- 5th- Mohammad Samadi
- 6th- Reza Mohammady
- 7th- Blake Triffett
- 8th- Ethan Alfaro

## HOUSE POINT RESULTS FROM THE CROSS COUNTRY

Bradman - Green house came 1st with 115 points

Thorpe-Blue house came 2nd with 98 points.

Fraser-Yellow house came 3rd with 89 points

Freeman-Red house came 4th with 75 points



# CSEF Applications



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## 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>



# Compass

You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.

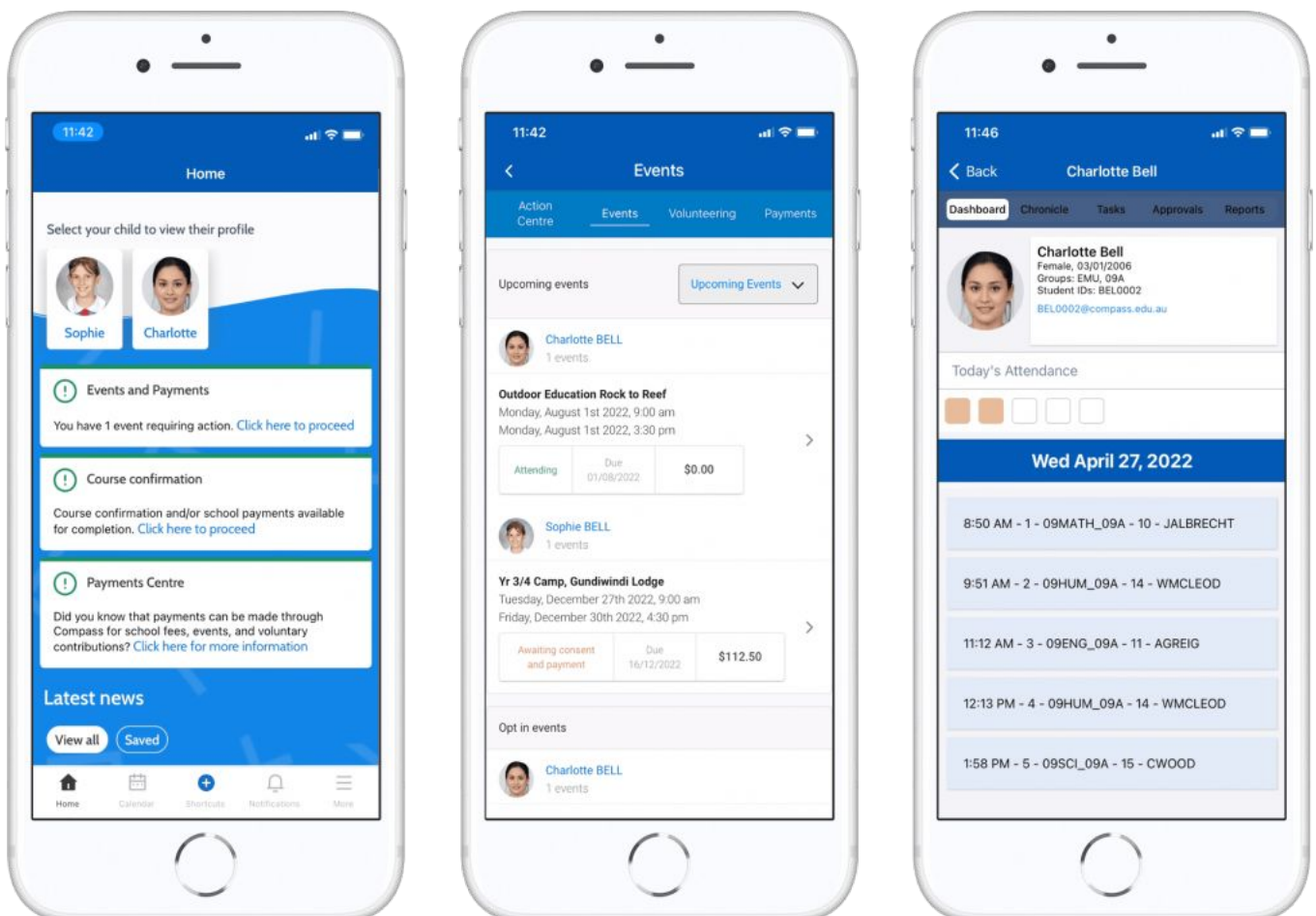
Using the app you can:

- View the school news feed
- Receive messages from the school
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- View Learning Tasks
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Add Attendance Notes
- View academic reports
- Event, Consent and Payments

Learn how to use Compass through the following links

[Parent Compass App - YouTube](#)

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



# SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



South East Water

ResourceSmart Schools

We finally have our Donation Partner code for the Container Deposit Scheme. If you would like to donate your money from your 10cent recycling to the school use the code. You can save this in you Apple or Google Wallet.



Your Zone ID Barcode:  
**C2000075042**

## Water saving advice

Hot spells in summer and early autumn mean we all use a little more water — for our gardens and to stay cool.

But with rising temperatures, lower rainfall, and a growing population, our water supplies are under pressure. That's why it's more important than ever to use water wisely — so there's enough for everyone.

**Here are some simple ways to save water:**

### Bathroom

- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving
- Aim for a 4-minute shower
- Use the toilet half-flush (when you can!)

### Kitchen/laundry

- Wait until you have a full load to use the dishwasher and washing machine
- Use the eco-mode
- Scrape, don't rinse your dirty dishes

### Garden

- Use mulch to help reduce soil evaporation
- Water before 10am and after 6pm when plants absorb more
- Plant drought-tolerant natives

### Permanent Water Saving Rules

These rules are in place every day to help us reduce water waste. They include:



Use a trigger nozzle on your hand-held hose.



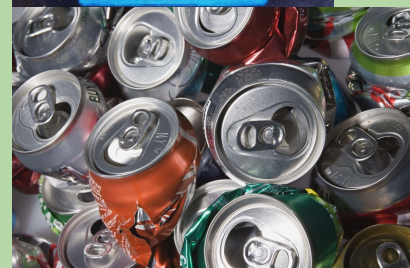
Wash vehicles on the lawn using a pressure cleaner, trigger-nozzle hose, or bucket.



Watering systems can only be used between 6pm and 10am.



Paths, driveways and outdoor areas mustn't be watered down for cleaning — use a broom.





Get more water saving tips


Visit [southeastwater.com.au/savewater](https://southeastwater.com.au/savewater) or scan the QR code.


# Meet the 2026 Green Team!

The role of the Green Team is to help the school work on being a Resource Smart School through leading the recycling, composting, supporting warriors and encouraging everyone to be sustainable with the resources they use.


<b>Name</b>	Jax
<b>My favourite Australian animal is</b>	Koala
	<b>Why I wanted to be in the Green Team</b>
	so I can work and help out other kids and help my friends
	<b>What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.</b>
	a cleaner school


<b>Name</b>	Diva
<b>My favourite Australian animal is</b>	Wombat
	<b>Why I wanted to be in the Green Team</b>
	I wanted to be on the green team because I love animals and the ecosystem + having a leadership role means your helping others.
	<b>What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.</b>
	What I hope to achieve as a greenie is to see others copy me when I pick up Rubbish.

<b>Name</b>	Donica
<b>My favourite Australian animal is</b>	Kangaroo
	<b>Why I wanted to be in the Green Team</b>
	I wanted to have leadership and liked sustainability
	<b>What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.</b>
	To show people to take care of nature

<b>Name</b>	Yovana D
<b>My favourite Australian animal is</b>	Kangaroo
	<b>Why I wanted to be in the Green Team</b>
	Because I want to make the school as sustainable as it could be.
	<b>What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.</b>
	is to be a very good helper.

**GREEN TEAM**

Name	Yevin.D
My favourite Australian animal is	Alligator
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	Because I want to see a cleaner environment and show I care about the environment
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
	I hope to make an impact by encouraging younger kids.

Name	Liv M 5A
My favourite Australian animal is	Platpus
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	because I am really sustainable and responbel
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
	To help some of the Juhions To proply use the bucket and tongs

**Recycling Updates in the Cubby - take to the office or bring to Sustainability lessons**



✓ Floss containers



✓ Interdentals and Floss picks



✓ Mouthwash bottles & caps



✓ Electric toothbrush heads



✓ Manual toothbrushes



✓ Toothpaste tubes and caps



# Easter

Hop on over for our

# Easter

## BONNET PARADE

Join us on the basketball court

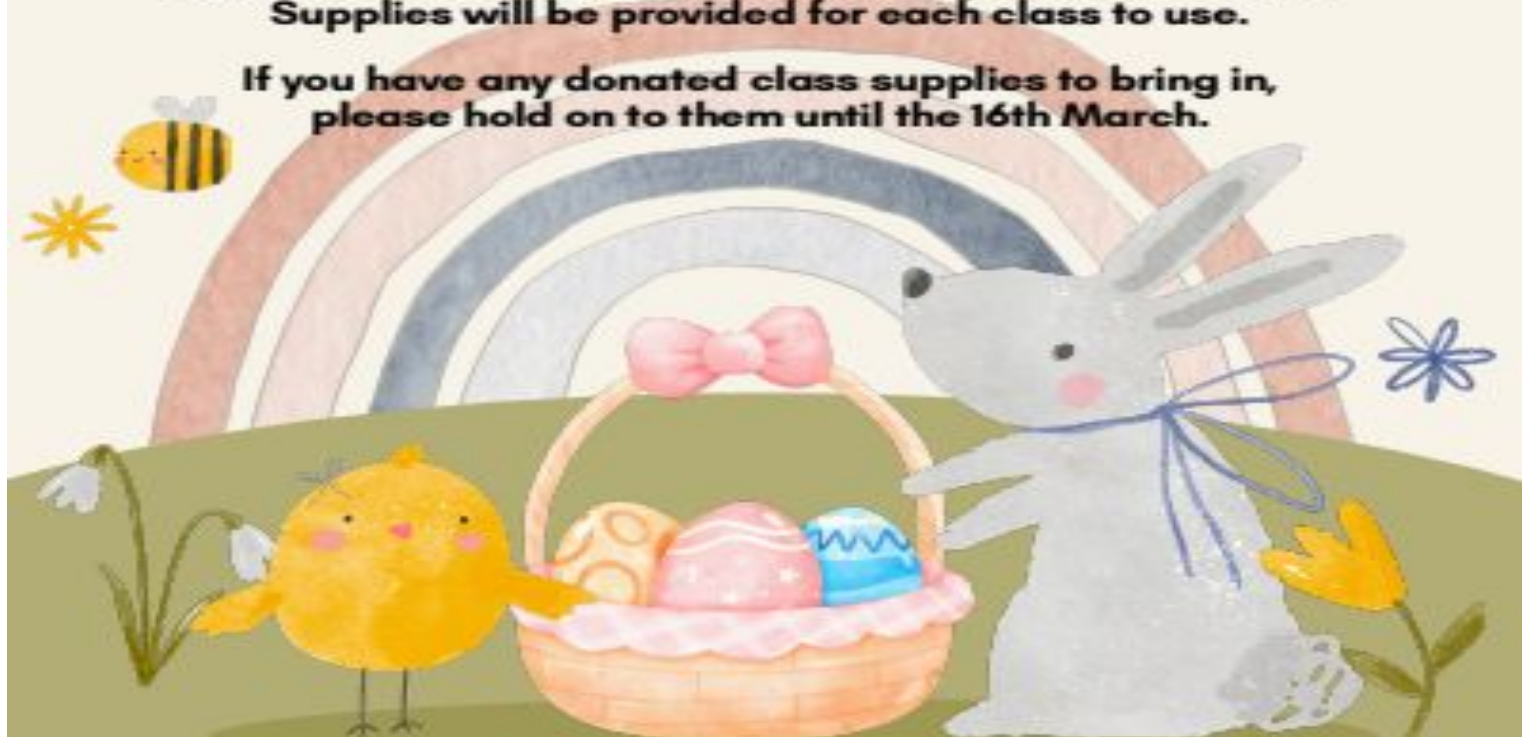
**Thursday 2nd April at 9:15am**

**In the last 2 weeks of Term 1 students will create an Easter Bonnet/decorated hat for the parade during class time.**

**We kindly ask that no hats be made from home and brought in. However, we do need your help!**

**If your child has any craft supplies that they would like to bring in from home to use to decorate their hat, they are welcome to. Supplies will be provided for each class to use.**

**If you have any donated class supplies to bring in, please hold on to them until the 16th March.**



# RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



Thank you to all the students who were able to participate in our Ride2School Day which was held on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

It was fantastic to see so many students riding or walking to school and showing such good patience while putting bikes/scooters away.

Our school data showed that 167 students rode and 181 walked the whole way or part of the way. This means that over half our school participated in Active Travel!

**Class Winners:** These classes had the highest number of active travelers.

6A with 19 students riding/walking to school!

5A with 17 students riding/walking to school!

Prep F with 15 students riding/walking to school!

What an amazing effort!

A huge thank you to all the staff that assisted with keeping bikes and scooters nice and tidy in the bike shed. Your help was greatly appreciated!

This is also just a kind reminder to all students to please remember; you must wear a helmet when riding or scooting to school.

ANZAC DAY 2026

# LEST WE FORGET

We will remember them.

On Friday the 24th of April, our school will be holding an ANZAC Ceremony at 10.45am. This will be run by our School Leaders.

We have invited Ray Heathcote (Welfare Officer and Treasurer at Berwick RSL) to be a part of our ceremony where he will discuss the ANZAC Requiem and speak about what it means.

This is a school based activity, with students and teachers in attendance.

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](http://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 .



## Strathaird



Primary School

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 .