

Strathaird Primary School News

29/04/2026

Edition 6



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



Anzac Day

Last Friday we held an Anzac Day Commemorative Service at school. We are very proud of our Captains who presented at the Assembly. School Captain, Samira, and House Captains, Sana, Irfan and Lincoln showed confidence, responsibility and excellent leadership. Our other School Captains missed the Anzac service due to Aquatics Day.

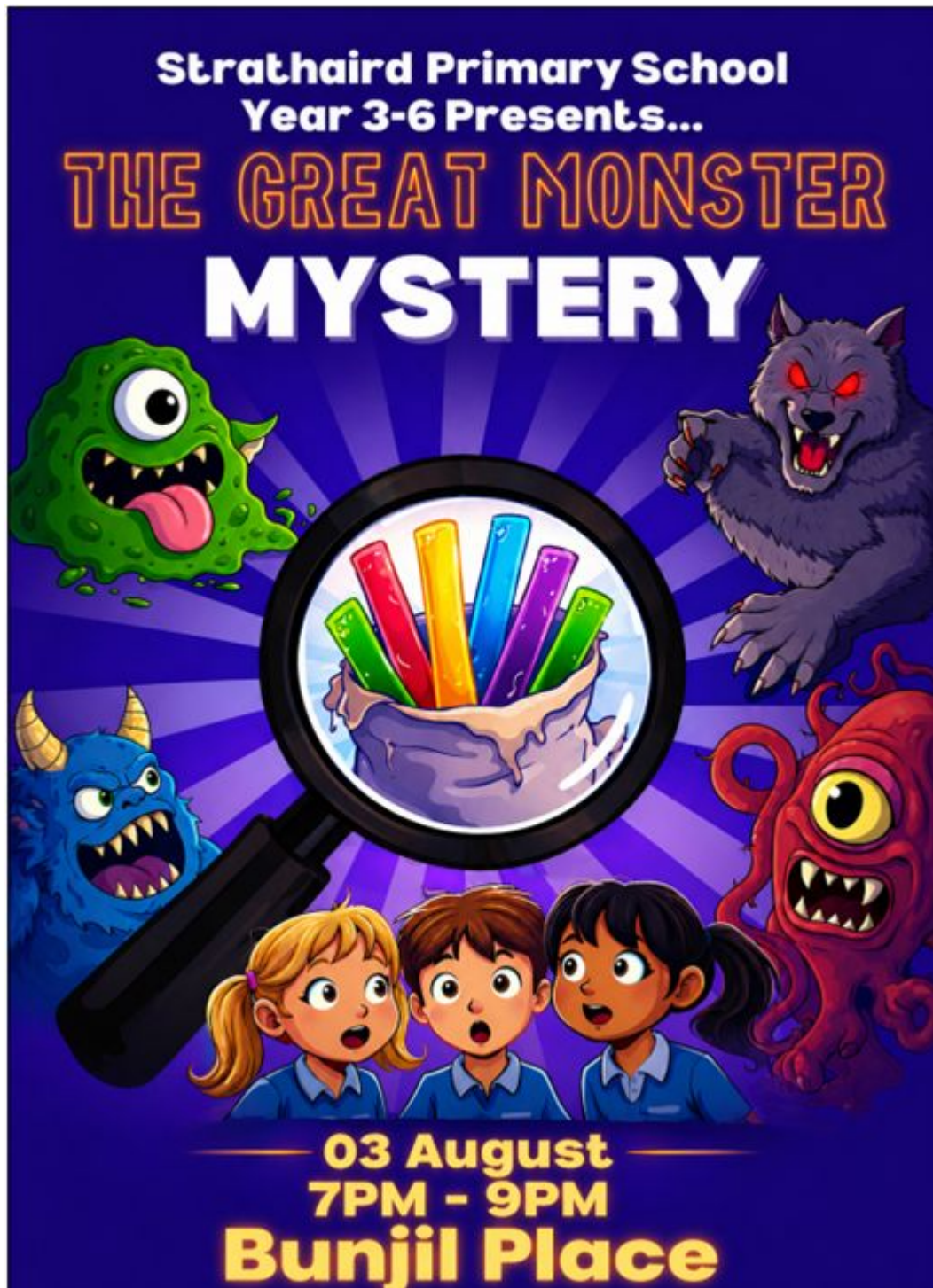
Samira, Sana, Irfan and Lincoln spoke beautifully and gave the whole school a clear explanation of why we commemorate Anzac Day. It is a deeply significant day to Australians, marking the 1915 World War 1 landing of ANZAC troops on the beach at Gallipoli. It also honors the bravery and sacrifice of those who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations over more than 100 years.

A big thank you to Mrs Harkin for her excellent organisation of this event and to Mr Ray Heathcote, our Guest Speaker, who is a retired Vietnam Veteran.



**Strathaird Primary
School Prep 2027
enrolments and tours
are now open.**

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Our School Production

"The Great Monster Mystery" is the title of our 2026 School Production. This story is about an icy pole factory theft. The Police Officer, Detective, Factory owner and Cupcake, the Dog, go on an investigation to discover the thief.

All students from Years 3-6 are expected to be involved in the Production, including Production night.

During Term 2 there is a lot of effort going into the practice sessions and our students are very excited. The Production will be presented at Bunjil Place on 3 August.

A huge thank you to Annika McCann and Jerry Trzeciak who are leading our Production.

Mother's Day

🌸 ✨ MOTHER'S DAY STALL ✨ 🌸 Strathaird Primary School


💖 Celebrate the special people in your life! 💖

 **Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th May**
 **Outside the School Office**

 **Gifts Available**

 All gifts just **\$3 each**

 Spend up to **\$6 per student**

 Students will visit the stall with their class during school hours

 **Be Eco-Friendly!**

Please bring a **reusable bag** to carry your gifts 

 **Payment Details**

Payments via **QKR App**

 **Due by Thursday 30th April**

💖 🌸 Let's make Mother's Day extra special! 🌸 💖

Grades attending Monday 4th May
~ Prep, Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 6

Grades attending Tuesday 5th May
~ Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 5

Preferred Payment Method



Preferred Payment Method



Term 2 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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MAY

JUNE

27th	28th Gr 5 Camp Information Night	29th District Cross Country	30th Last day to purchase Mothers Day Gifts on QKR	1st May Gr 3 Aquatics JNR Assembly
4th Mothers Day Stalls	5th Mothers Day Stalls	6th	7th	8th Gr 1 Moonlit Sanctuary SNR Assembly
11th Gr 5 Camp	12th Gr 5 Camp	13th Gr 5 Camp	14th	15th JNR Assembly Wear it Wild Day
18th	19th Gr 2 Rockpool Incursion	20th	21st	22nd SNR Assembly
25th	26th	27th Gr 4 History Box Divisional Cross Country	28th	29th JNR Assembly House Athletics
1st June	2nd	3rd	4th School Photos	5th Curriculum Day - No School
8th King Birthday Holiday	9th	10th	11th	12th JNR Assembly 2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Student of the Week



Week 10

Prep A	Izzah	For being a kind and friendly student, and for always trying her best. You are a star Izzah!
Prep B	Luna	For her excellent letter formation and sound knowledge during phonics!
Prep D	Yasin	For quickly recording known sounds during Phonics sessions. Well done!
1A	Nora	For being an excellent umpire during our Inquiry presentation.
1B	Navid	For displaying excellent communication skills during our Inquiry game with the Grade 2's! Great work!
1C	Mahnaz	For adding lots of detail in her writing. Well done! :)
1D	Sarah	For displaying confidence and leadership skills during our Inquiry game with the Grade 2's. Well done Sarah :)
1E	Storm	For always trying his best!
2A	Milad	For working hard in all learning areas!
2C	Eliya	For consistently working well to complete independent tasks. Well Done!
2D	Ali	For working hard in Guided Reading and searching for answers.
2E	Sarena	For always being ready to learn and helping others!
3A	Myra	Great multiplication fact knowledge!
3B	Sahar	For an outstanding inquiry poster on Sweden. Well done!
3C	Neil	For your enthusiasm during Numeracy lessons!
3D	William	For doing an amazing job on his Inquiry poster on how children live in China. Keep up the great work!
4A	Janela	For showcasing great thinking skills during Maths problem solving lessons
4B	Ali	For demonstrating determination and independence during our Maths problem solving lessons.
4C	Mahnaz	For showing great Maths skills during the problem-solving lesson.
4D	Muzhda	For always being ready to learn and helping others!
4E	Tahlia	For trying her hardest in Math and demonstrating a growth mindset
5A	Olivia	For constantly being a role model for her peers by demonstrating the school values in and out of the classroom
5B	Seth	
5C	Levi	For showing respect towards his peers and teachers, showing a strong understanding of classroom expectations and showing enthusiasm towards his learning.
5D	Sana	
5E	Nova	For collaborating very well with her Wellbeing idea group. Well done Nova!
6A	Sammi	For being focused and dedicated and completing all your tasks.
6B	Naomi	For working hard to improve her Reading comprehension.
6D	Irfan	For your fantastic effort and thoughtful responses in your reading assessment

Student of the Week



Week 1 - Term 2

Prep A	Samim	For trying super hard and being a kind friend. Well done Samim, you are doing a great job!
Prep C	Nuha	For showing fantastic effort in sounding out words and always trying her best in writing. Well done!
Prep D	Dylan	For working hard to sound out unknown words during Phonics sessions. Well done!
Prep E	Tamana	For trying very hard to show good listening and organisation. Well done Tamana.
1A	Hazel	For her amazing counting and showing her thinking during Maths this week.
1C	Eva	For adding lots of detail to her writing. Well done Eva :)
1D	Luka	For settling into his new school and making new friends. Well Done :)
1E	Alice	For working hard on her handwriting!
2A	Hamed	For being a contributor during our Inquiry discussions
2B	Zenith	for being an active participant in class discussions.
2C	Aliha	For always showing respect and kindness in our class.
2D	George	For working hard to spell unknown words in phonics.
2E	Muhamed	For working hard in phonics!
3A	Doris	Amazing descriptive writing this week
3B	Emi	For trying her best in all her work this week. Well done Emi!
3C	Minuthi	For making new friends in her first week at Strathaird Primary School. Well done!
3D	Daneil	For a terrific 1st week at Strathaird Primary School. What a star!
4A	Oliver	For putting in a great deal of effort to improve his handwriting in all book work.
4B	Ali	For presenting a well developed argument during debates this week.
4D	Yusra	For trying really hard in maths this week!
4E	Rezwan	For trying his hardest and being a fantastic helper
5A	Charlie	For showing up every day with a positive attitude
5B	Nui	For improved listening and successfully completing learning tasks
5C	Jordan	For showing great effort, taking risks in his learning, and making wonderful progress.
5D	Ellie	For taking risks in her learning during Numeracy
5E	Amer	For taking risks in his learning especially with his writing
6D	Athena	For a fantastic start to the term and consistently setting a great example!



School Values



Awards

Congratulations to the following Students

Week 10

Prep A	Jahan
Prep B	Aynaz
Prep D	Ashtar Abbas
1A	Ali
1B	Octavia
1D	Ozil
2C	Tariq
2D	Tate
2E	Ramin
3A	Laila
3B	Sarina
3C	Ava
3D	Ronin
4A	Natasha
4B	Billie
4C	Fariha
4D	Rayan
4E	Rezwan
5A	Ghadir
5B	Austin
5C	Nataliah
5D	Yevin
5E	Kallista
6A	Charlene
6B	Subi
6D	Yahya

Week 1 - Term 2

Prep A	Bliss
Prep C	Sioana
Prep D	Ghazi
Prep E	Mursal
1A	Ava
1C	Taahaa
1D	Theodore
2A	Willow
2B	Mahin
2C	Samim
2D	Noura
2E	Hamzah
3A	Omid
3B	Fernando
3C	Skye
3D	Naweed
4A	Rayn
4B	Billie
4D	Cooper
5A	Makayla
5B	Noman
5C	Roya
5E	Will
6D	Alivia

Compassion

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Strathaird Primary
School
2nd Hand Uniform
Stall

Friday 12th June
8.30am until 9.30am
outside the admin building
Payment only via EFTPOS

**Trackpants
\$1**

**Nothing
over \$5**

Prep Enrolment

WE ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2027

We are open for enrolments and we are offering our 2027 Prep places From 3rd August

If you have not enrolled and would like to be enrolled at our school, please contact the office asap.

Would you like a tour?
Do you have any questions?
Do you have any concerns?

Please contact Sharon McMahon at the office on 9705 3800 or email enrolments@strathairdps.vic.gov.au

2027 Kindergarten

Kindergarten Open Afternoon



If you have a child starting kindergarten in 2027, don't miss the City of Casey's Kindergarten Open Afternoon on Tuesday 19 May.

All council-managed kindergartens will be open from 1.30 pm - 3.00 pm, offering prospective parents the chance to:

- Experience our play-based programs
- Meet our teaching teams
- Explore a sessional kindergarten program with their child

Bookings are not required - just drop in and say hello!



All kindergartens managed by the City of Casey deliver free, high quality 3- and 4-year old funded programs.

Scan the QR code to find your closest council-managed kindergarten.



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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>



Compass

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

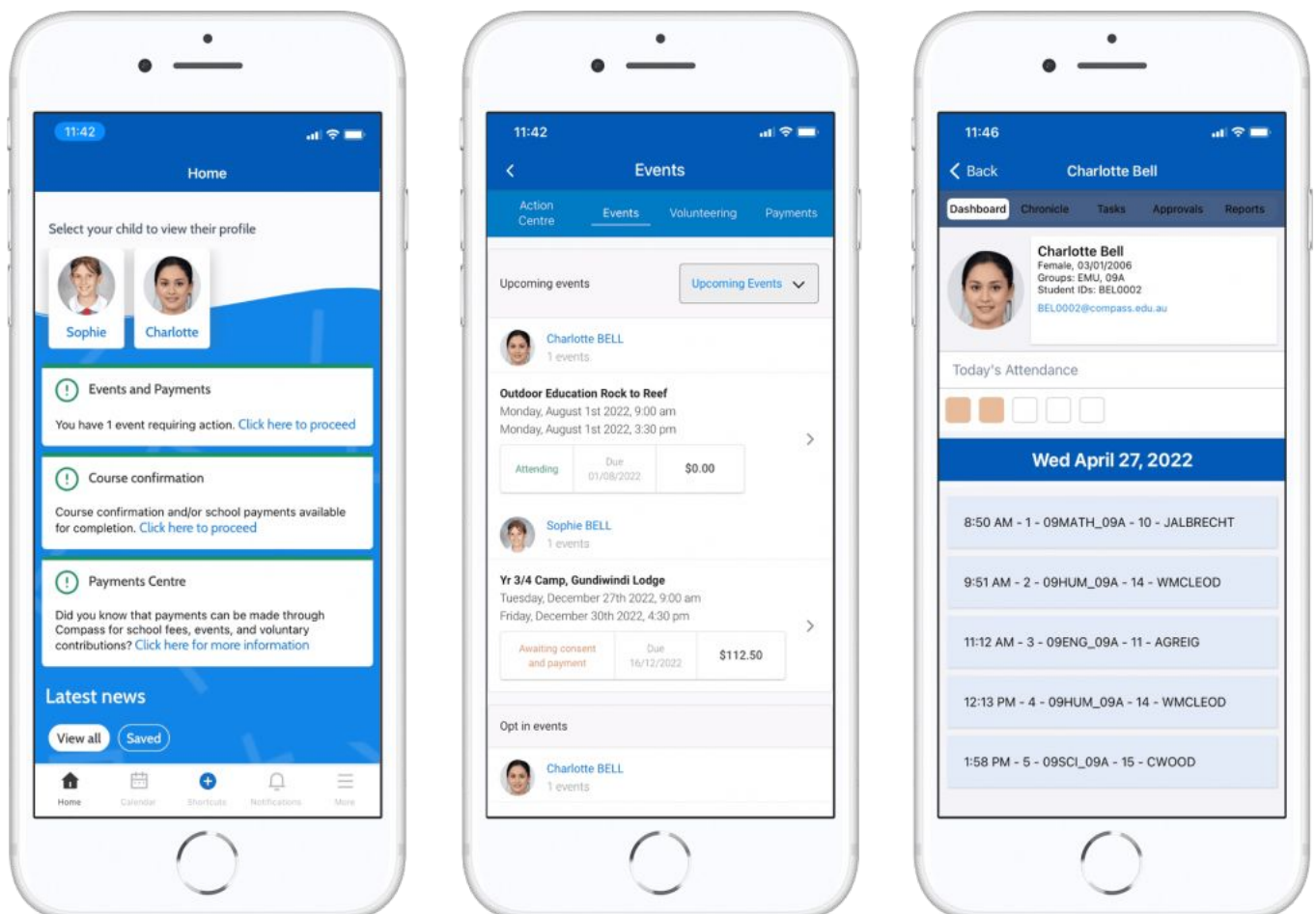
Using the app you can:

- 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



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

Friday 15th May 2026

Dress as your favourite wild animal!



Bring a gold coin donation – all money raised will go to “Fly by night, Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation”.



City of Casey Compost bin Rebate

To help cut down on rubbish going to landfill, we offer a rebate program to Casey residents.

Eligibility

To claim a rebate, you must:

- provide a copy of your receipt
- provide proof that you live in Casey (e.g. a recent utility bill, rates notice or similar)
- provide photo ID (e.g. driver's licence or passport)
- only apply for one rebate per household.

How much you can claim

As long as you have your receipt, you can claim:


- \$40 for a compost bin, Bokashi bucket, or a worm farm.
- If you paid less than \$40, we will only pay you the amount shown on your receipt.
- You can claim a maximum of 1 rebate per property.
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Apply at:


<https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/apply-compost-bin-rebate>


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.

Name	Aayan
My favourite Australian animal is	Platypus
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	I want to protect nature.
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
Show everyone how much I love nature.	

Name	NEVILLE
My favourite Australian animal is	Koala
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	to speak in front of the school. And to inform
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
to make our school better.	

Name	ARCHER
My favourite Australian animal is	Koala
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	so I could speak at assembly
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
Speak at assembly	

Name	Asiya SC
My favourite Australian animal is	The orange belly parrot
	Why I wanted to be in the Green Team
	I want to save the animals.
	What I hope to achieve as a Greenie.
That the school is so clean!	

Wear It Wild Day



When: Friday 15th of May

Bring a gold coin donation to support our charity.

Fly By Night Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation

Wear It Wild Day - Students dress as
an animal to raise funds for
'Fly by night Bat rescue
and rehabilitation'

Grade 4



Grade 4 - Reading Showbags

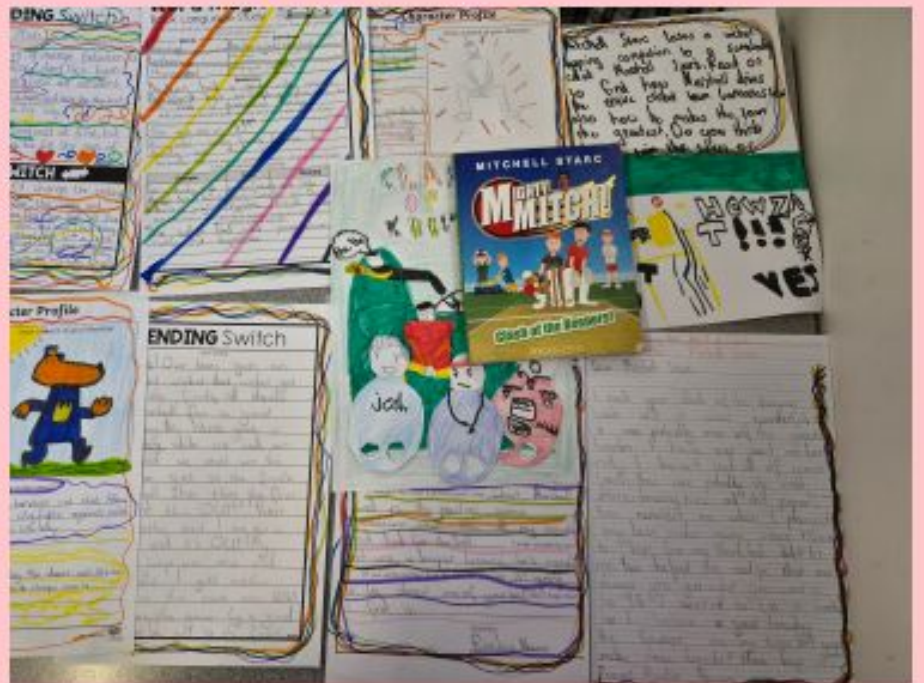
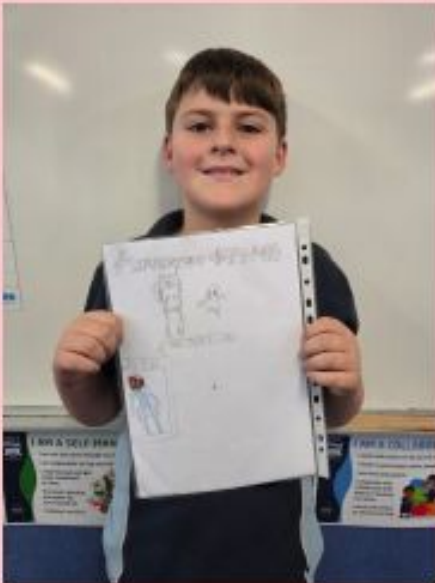
Throughout the final weeks of Term 1, the Year 4 students were hard at work creating their very own showbags about their favourite fictional story. They were able to use books from home, the library or within the classroom to create their masterpieces, demonstrating the knowledge, skills and passion that they have for their chosen book or series.

Each section of the showbag highlighted a different skill or area of focus that was covered during Term 1, requiring students to utilise a number of different strategies, ideas and concepts.

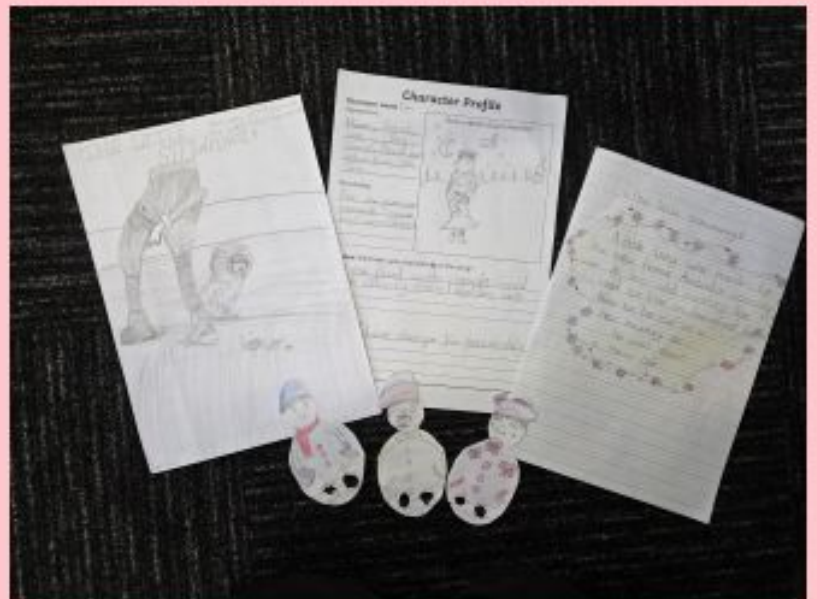
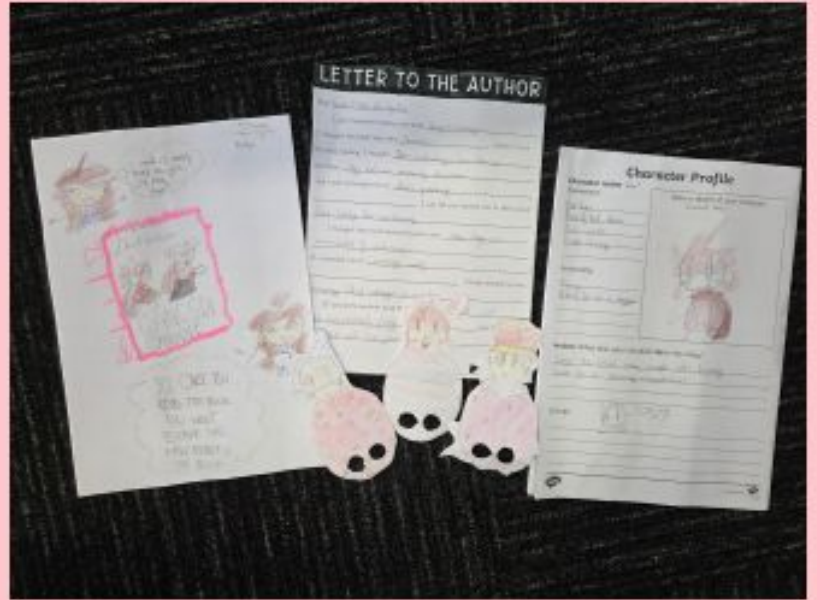
The end result speaks for itself, and the students were proud to show off and present their own passion and learning about fictional texts!



Grade 4



Grade 4



Road Safety

Parents/Carers - Choose safe crossings

Families - always choose to use safe crossings.

Teaching your children to look for safe places to cross the road.

When pedestrians cross in other areas, this causes danger to drivers and also to the pedestrian.



Role Model

When you show your children safe pedestrian behaviour, they will copy you.

Teach your children the 4 safety words when crossing the road - **Stop Look Listen and Think**

Remember when crossing



STOP



LOOK



LISTEN



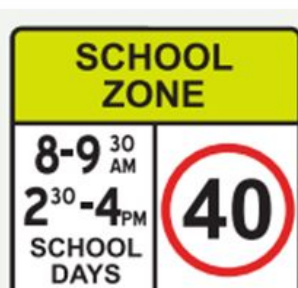
THINK



Hold hands with your children...

Holding hands with young children is such a simple way to keep children safe.

As Drivers - follow the signs around your school precinct



Premiers' Reading Challenge



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 4th September 2026.

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 booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

If you have any questions please contact Annabelle Ericksen, Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Co-ordinator.

To log in go to:

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

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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

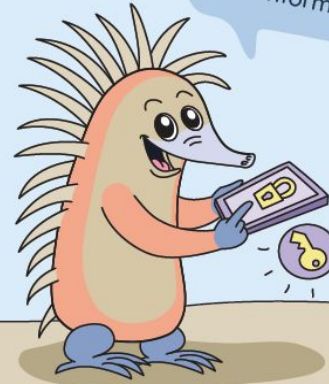


Wanda the echidna



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 .



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 .