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**Newsletter No.13**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## **2022 Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**School Photos**  
Sports at Numurkah
- **Monday/Tuesday 16/17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Life Education Van visit.
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bookfair
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
School council meeting  
Grade 6 taster day at Cobram secondary  
College

## **Bookfair**

This year we will be giving students and parents  
the opportunity to purchase books from Monday  
the 16<sup>th</sup> of May till Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May in

Room 5

Times : 8.15 till 9am

3.20pm till 3.45pm



## From the Principal's Desk

It was fantastic to see so many Mums, Carers, Nans and other special people at Our **Mothers' Day Breakfast** last Friday morning. Leanne and the many P&F and parent volunteers did a great job of organising the whole event.

Also, last week, we all travelled over to the **Kyabram Fauna Park** and had a great time looking at all the animals and birds on display. The weather was much better than expected and the behaviour of the students was excellent, making it a lovely day out.

### GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Glasses for Kids program provides vision screening and testing and, if needed, further testing and glasses for students in the Prep to Year 3 age groups. The program is managed and delivered by State Schools' Relief and is generally a free service (with bulk billing through Medicare). Glasses, if needed, will be dispensed at no cost by State Schools' Relief. This is a great opportunity for your Prep to Year 3 child to have a vision test by qualified optometrists and glasses supplied (if necessary) at no cost. For parents/carers of Prep to Year 3 students an information sheet and consent form went home this week. If you wish to take advantage of this program, the consent forms must be returned to school by **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**. The actual visit by the optometrists will take place in mid August.

### YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION

Information booklets went home on Tuesday with each Year 6 student, outlining the process for parents/carers to put in an application for enrolling at a Secondary College for 2023. There is a tight timeline to this process, so all completed applications must be returned to me by **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**, to ensure each student is able to be enrolled at their preferred secondary school for 2023.

### EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is coming up in the next couple of weeks (23-27 May) and we like to celebrate this special week by inviting parents, carers and their families into the school to see the children at work and to participate in a family event in the evening. We will have an 'open classroom' session between 9:00 and 11:00 on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Family Science Evening on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May (5:00-6:30 pm). I hope many of you are able to come along and make Education Week special at Strathmerton Primary.

### COVID AND THE FLU

The Department is recommending that we continue with the regime of twice-weekly RAT tests for the first four weeks of term. That means that at the end of next week (May 20), we may be advised that this is no longer a necessary precaution. However, they strongly recommend that parents/carers have themselves and their children vaccinated against the flu, as it is predicted that the flu season this year will be particularly severe.

### SETTLED 'VIBE'

The whole school is in a very settled state at the moment. It seems as if the interruptions of the past couple of years are fading into the background and all our students are benefiting from the continuity of being at school regularly, enjoying their classroom lessons and socialising with their school mates. It's wonderful for me to walk into classrooms and see students working productively, and when going outside on yard duty, seeing everyone playing happily together.

Geoff Weppner.

# This week's award winners

## Strathy Stars

Jazmin Argus, Lara Graham,  
April Carter and Charlie Borg



## Literacy Award

Lila Whitaker, Oliver Bramich, Izahk  
Edgar and Macy Carter



## Numeracy Award

Mykel Argus, Claudia Ciccone, Charlie  
Borg and Maisie Hill



## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

