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2022 Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday 13th December**
  Orientation day
- **Wednesday 14th December**
  Grade 6 Graduation
- **Thursday 15th December**
  Presentation evening 6.30pm. Picnic commencing from 5:00pm.
- **Friday 16th December**
  Swimming carnival
- **Tuesday 20th December**
  Last day term school finishes at 1.00pm

From the Principal's Desk

The swimming program got off to a smooth start on Monday, and whilst the weather wasn't great, it was bearable, which was good enough to enable the kids to get the most out of their time in the water. Fiona Hubbard has organised everything really well and the staff and parent volunteers have joined in enthusiastically.

ACTING PRINCIPAL

I am very pleased to announce, that following a thorough application and interview process, Mrs Joanne Paton has been appointed the Acting Principal of Strathmerton Primary, for the first term in 2023. During that term, the position of ongoing principal will be advertised, with the successful applicant to commence at the beginning of term two. Joanne, has already proved herself to be an excellent leader as Learning Specialist, and will comfortably step into the acting role in the interim. I know that she will be a candidate for the substantive principal role, when it is advertised, and I wish her all the best in that endeavour.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Our two training Occupational Therapists, Anna Pinnuck and Karli Battistella have been on placement with us for most of the term. During that time, they have observed the behaviour of students in the classroom setting, and then worked with small groups of students to build their social skills and help them to regulate their emotions and behaviour. They have presented staff with behaviour management information and strategies to assist these students in the classroom. Thanks Anna and Karli, you are to be commended on your professional, enthusiastic approach, and we wish you all the best for the future.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Also finishing at the end of term is our wonderful Chaplain, Chelsea Luxford. Chelsea has built a strong rapport with those children who struggle to manage their emotions, or who need a sympathetic ear, and has spent time helping talk through any issues they may have, as well as providing them with strategies they might apply, when they're struggling. Thank you for all you have done for the students and staff of Strathmerton Primary and we wish you all the best in your role at Numurkah Secondary next year.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van will be visiting in the week commencing the 12th December, for those students whose parents provided consent.

ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday, 13th December is the State-wide Orientation Day, where all Year 6's visit their chosen Secondary College for the day.

On the same day, all our other students 'step up' to their 2023 classroom for the morning, to meet their new teacher and classmates. Our 2023 Preps also come along at 10:00 am and stay until 1:50 pm. The new Preps will need to bring along a morning snack and lunch and have a hat to wear whilst outside.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION EVENING

An early reminder that the whole-school Presentation Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 15th December. The evening will commence with a BYO picnic tea from 5:00 pm, with the actual presentation of awards to commence at 6:30 pm. Please mark the date in your diary, as it would be great to see all our families at this last official event for the year, where we celebrate the successes of the students.

Geoff Weppner.

Strathmerton Primary School

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please support the P&F with donations for the major christmas RAFFLE fund-raiser.

ideas for items...

- food (Christmas staples)
- gifts (pencils, chalk, boardgames)
- vouchers (coffee/breakfast)
- Christmas (lights, decorations)
- Around the home (laundry items)

items will then be bundled into hampers to be raffled off at the end of year celebrations