

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents,
Just a reminder that if you wish to take advantage of your child visiting the School Dental Van for a checkup and (if necessary) restorative work, then you need to return the consent form to the office very soon. All forms will be sent to the provider in two weeks time. If you need a new consent form, ask Leanne at the office.

## SCHOOL FEES

I was really disappointed to hear from Leanne Bramich, our Office Manager, that we have a large number of families that have not paid their school fees, totalling thousands of dollars. Our school has relatively low fees (compared to other local schools) and we rely heavily on that money to provide us with the funds necessary to offer programs and purchase resources over and above that which is provided by the Department. For those parents who have paid their fees, it is really frustrating for them, that they have made that commitment, knowing that other families haven't. If your school fees are in arrears, could you please make the effort to bring them up to date. Leanne is happy for you to pay by instalments if paying the total in one transaction is too big a burden. Invoices will be sent out in the next few weeks.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

The State Government promotes a Walk to School month in October. This initiative is supported by the Moira Shire, who have kindly given us a small grant to assist with the event. We intend to make Thursday, 31st October our Walk To School day and at 9:00am the whole school will walk 'around the block' to focus on the importance of health and fitness. Any parents who would like to join us are more than welcome.

## NEW STUDENT

We enrolled a new student at our school this week. Colby Tillman has come to us all the way from Cairns and we welcome both he and his mum Breanne into our school community.

## KOALAGARTEN

We all know about Kindergarten, but on Wednesday we had 'Koalagarten', with a baby koala coming to school. He was on his mum's back up a gum tree, just near the junior playground - so cute! I often think how lucky Strathy Primary is to have koalas visit the school, as I've never heard of another school that has had that experience.

## GRADE 3-4 CAMP

The Year 3-4's are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming camp at Lake Nillahcootie. It will make a great week for them with the Pupil-Free Day on Monday, $4^{\text {th }}$ November, Melbourne Cup on the Tuesday and then their camp from the Wednesday to the Friday, there is still a number of outstanding payments for this camp that will need to be paid at the office before $6^{\text {th }}$ November.

Have a great weekend,
Geoff Weppner.


Olivia Hanley and Max Bayne are the lucky barrel winners this week.

## We Need You!

Strathmerton Primary School students are invited to design a logo for the Strathmerton Community Steering Committee.

What do you think represents our community? Draw your logo in the circle below or design your logo in a 15 cm diameter circle on the computer and paste it below. The design must include the words Strathmerton Community Steering Committee.

Return your entry form to the Strathmerton Primary School office. Competition closes at 12:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

The top three entries will be displayed at the Strathmerton Primary School Fete on Saturday, 23 November. The winner will be announced that day.

Prize: $\$ 50$ donated by the Strathmerton Community Steering Committee.


Name: $\qquad$
Age: $\qquad$

## FETE DONATIONS

|  | STALL |
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| 1 | BAKE STALL |
| 2 | LUCKY JARS |
| 3 | SHOW BAGS |
| 4 | Flour, sugar, butter, icing sugar, cocoa, Packet mixes |
| 5 | Any item to put into a jar, lollies, toys, teabags, gifts |
| 6 | Any item you would find in a show bag, toys, lollies, ice <br> blocks, rulers, note books, pencils |
| BAKE STALL / HIGH TEA BUDGET STYLE | Chocolates of all sorts, bars, blocks, Freddos <br> Plants potted ready for sale and anything to do with <br> gardening to sell |

## FETE

The Prep grade are running the tattoo and finger nail painting stall at the fete. We need a variety of nail polish colours. We would appreciate any donations. (Half used bottles of nail polish would be accepted)

Thanks you Mrs Sefton


