

## From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents,

The Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion was a great event last Friday afternoon. It certainly was a 'colour explosion', with everyone covered in multi-coloured powders as they ran laps around the school. We all finished up with a sausage sizzle lunch provided by the P&F. Thanks to the P&F for organising the event and all the participants for doing a great job of raising much-needed funds for the school. We welcomed two new students to our school this week - Hailey and Aden McGill. Hailey's in Year 6 and Aden in Year 1. They are already making friendships and settling in well.

## A.S.P.I.R.E PROGRAM

Our Year 5 and 6 students attended a leadership program at the Shepparton Sports Stadium yesterday. This is a really valuable program, presented by former and current Olympians, as it shows the students the importance of setting goals, being resilient, respectful, cooperative and focused to enable you to achieve your dreams. The students all participated fully and their behaviour was excellent.

### 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.

#### 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 Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### THREE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Enrolments for the 3yo kindergarten group next year are really low at this stage, which is going to make it difficult to run. If you have an eligible child who you haven't enrolled as yet, or know of other parents with a 3yo, could you please let Helen at the kinder know, so planning for next year can commence.

Have a great weekend,

Geoff Weppner.

## We Need You!

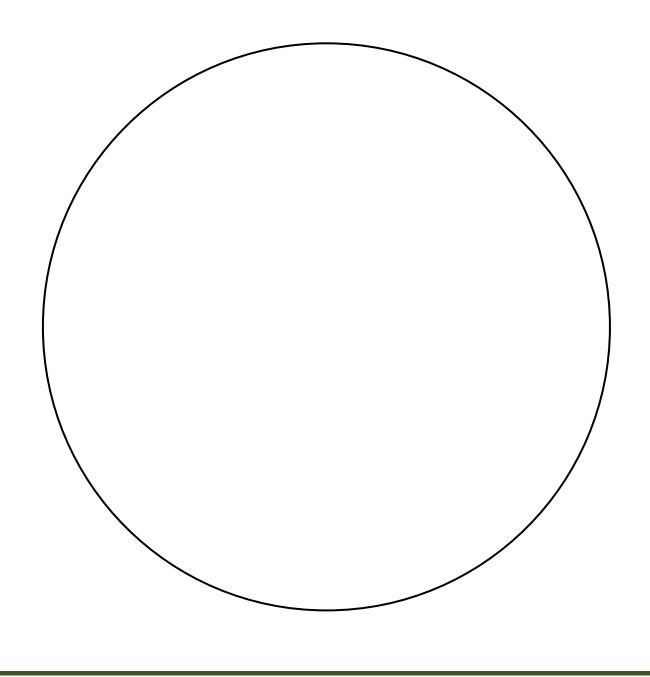
Strathmerton Primary School students are invited to design a logo for the Strathmerton Community Steering Committee.

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.



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Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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