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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Friday 28th August
Zoom assembly 12pm
- ⇒ Friday 4th September
Curriculum day
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th September
School Council 7:00 pm via Zoom
- ⇒ Friday 18th September
End of term
- ⇒ Monday 16th November
School photos

We are an
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SPS Production
2020

Zoom rehearsal times

MONDAYS - 12PM	WEDNESDAYS - 12PM
WEEK 5 - SCENE 1, 2 & 7 MAIN CAST & 5/6 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 5 - SCENE 3 MAIN CAST & P/1 SPEAKING PARTS
WEEK 6 - SCENE 4 MAIN CAST & 1/2 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 6 - SCENE 5 MAIN CAST & 2/3 SPEAKING PARTS
WEEK 7 - SCENE 6 MAIN CAST & 4/5 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 7 - SCENE 1, 2 & 7 MAIN CAST & 5/6 SPEAKING PARTS
WEEK 8 - SCENE 3 MAIN CAST & P/1 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 8 - SCENE 4 MAIN CAST & 1/2 SPEAKING PARTS
WEEK 9 - SCENE 5 MAIN CAST & 2/3 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 9 - SCENE 6 MAIN CAST & 4/5 SPEAKING PARTS
WEEK 10 - SCENE 1, 2 & 7 MAIN CAST & 5/6 SPEAKING PARTS	WEEK 10 - I HOPE WE'RE BACK AT SCHOOL!

We are moving forward with Production for 2020 and are thinking positively and crossing everything that we will be able to go ahead in term 4. Please have a look at the production page on the Remote Learning page to see the rehearsal schedule for our zoom rehearsals for those students with speaking parts. It has been lovely to catch up with students this week and see all of their hard work. The songs and lyrics have been uploaded and I am trying to get the dances up in the next week.

Rachel Olson

Learning Specialist

Grade 1 & 2 Teacher

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Positive news that the Victorian Government and the DET are both suggesting that all students will be back at school to commence Term Four in October. I'm proud that all our staff are managing the Remote Learning period so effectively, but we all miss the children and have a strong desire to have all of our students back with us, learning in the classroom environment. Let's all remember to obey the COVID-19 restrictions, so that they can gradually be lifted and we can return to 'normal'.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AT HOME

As mentioned last week, we are very keen to promote our **SWPBS 'Strathy Star'** values in the home environment. Next Monday, there will be a special Strathy Stars positive reward chart in your child's workpack, which has a list of positive behaviours your child can demonstrate at home, during their remote learning. This chart has tickboxes beside each behaviour, and you are encouraged to put a tick (or ticks) beside those behaviours that you observe each day. Put the chart on the fridge or a pinboard, so they can see their positive behaviours being rewarded. This chart should then be returned to school on the Thursday in their workpack. Those children who have lots of ticks on their chart will be recognised at our virtual assembly with an award each Friday.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

On Friday (28/08) we are going to hold a whole-school 'Virtual Assembly' at 12:00 pm. The Zoom link will be posted on our school Facebook page. Let's hope we have a crowd (including parents and carers).

PUPIL-FREE CURRICULUM DAY

The Department offered every school an additional 'pupil-free' planning day for this term and School Council has approved that day to be **Friday, 4th September**. That means that parents/carers will have to find alternative arrangements for any students who have been attending school for onsite learning on that Friday.

STUDENT SURVEYS

This week we have posted a **Student Survey** for all our children to complete. It's a simple survey aimed at gathering their opinion on their experience of school at Strathmerton Primary. The data we gain from their responses will be used to help complete the School Review process, which will take place in Term Four. Encourage your children to participate. For the younger ones, you may need to read the questions for them. *** Also there is a Parent Survey we would like all parents/carers to complete. It won't take much time and will allow us to consider your opinion about our progress. Both these surveys can be accessed on the Remote Learning site.**

This week, a more formal and comprehensive student survey called the **Attitudes to School Survey** was sent out for our **Year 4, 5 and 6** students to complete. This survey is to be completed by the students at every Government State School in Victoria and is accessed online. In Monday's workpack for these senior students, there was a parent letter explaining the survey, what it's used for and how to complete it. Also on that letter there is a sticky label with the link to access the AtoSS survey with each individual student being provided with a unique logon passcode. I would encourage every 4,5 and 6 student to complete it. For those students undertaking onsite learning, we will administer the survey with them at school.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.