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September 10th 2020

2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Wednesday 9th September
School Council 7:00 pm via Zoom
- ⇒ Friday 18th September
End of term 2.30pm finish
- ⇒ Monday 16th November
School photos

We are an
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Welcome

TO WEEK 10!

CONGRATS
we made it

The teachers have worked together to create a grid of tasks that you can complete throughout the week as a family.

Please make sure to work hard, but also enjoy changing things up a little bit.

Please take notice of the challenges that have been set by each teacher. We would love to see everyone getting involved.

We can't wait to catch up in person with everyone in Term 4!

Next week the teachers have planned a week of activities that can be completed individually or as family groups. There will be one video each day hosted by a different teacher that will guide you through a range of activities.

Students and families will be able to participate in a range of Virtual tours, arts and crafts activities, writing and maths tasks, science experiments, wellbeing and active activities. There will also be challenges facilitated by the teachers throughout the week. Start getting your 'Strathy's Got Talent' Act ready, planning your funny family photos, the best dressed pet, stretch those fingers for the colouring competition and we're looking for the tallest tower that can be built!

This week will look different to the other weeks of remote learning, and we are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful work and effort that has been put in by everyone throughout this difficult time.

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week nearly completed and one more week to go before the holidays. It's apparent that everyone is struggling with the remote learning this second time around. We're trying our best to support the students' learning at home and we ask that you continue to assist your children as best you can. If you have any concerns about the remote learning, or you're struggling to cope, please call me at school and I'll do my best to help.

EXPECTATIONS FOR TERM FOUR

I'm sure you are aware of the 'roadmap out of COVID' that the Government is proposing, but I'll outline what this means for Strathmerton Primary. **Remote and Flexible learning will continue for the remainder of Term Three (Friday, 18th September).** At this stage, **Term Four will commence with the first week of term (5th-9th October) continuing with Remote and Flexible learning, where all students are required to learn from home. Onsite learning will commence from week two (Monday, 12th October)** and hopefully, will continue uninterrupted for the rest of the year. Some schools will commence with a staggered start from week two, but all Strathmerton Primary students will start together on Monday, 12th October. If the Department issues any changes to this return to onsite learning timeline, we will inform you as soon as we can.

The same conditions will apply for parent requests to have their children attend school for onsite learning, during this first week of remote learning in Term Four. Parents must be working and must provide evidence, in the form of a letter stating they are required to work, from their employer.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AT HOME

Loved seeing so many **SWPBS 'Strathy Star'** charts returned to school, that parents/carers have ticked, to recognise their children for following our Strathy Star expectations, in the home environment. Our first award winners will be announced at our virtual assembly on Friday. Could I remind parents that these charts are for them to fill in - not the children!

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Our next whole-school 'Virtual Assembly' will be on this **Friday, 11th September at 12:00 pm**. The Zoom link will be posted on our school Facebook page. We had a great turnout at our first assembly, so let's hope we have even more on the 11th.

SAFE TREE AUDIT

The Victorian Schools Building Authority has launched a 'Safe Tree' program and we were lucky enough to be informed that all our trees will be 'audited' by a registered arborist, who will determine if any of our trees require maintenance (dangerous limbs removed, weight reduction, or in the most serious cases, trees removed). This audit will take place in the holidays. Following the audit any maintenance tasks will be completed. We are lucky to have so many beautiful, large trees on our property, but it's important to know they are all in good condition for the safety of our students.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.

Camp News for this year.

Unfortunately the Grade 5/6 camp to ADANAC has been cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus.

We are planning a trip to Beechworth, in November, with the grade 3/4 as a replacement. The final date and details will be published in our first Newsletter in fourth term.

If for some reason the camp cannot go ahead we will refund or credit money paid towards camp.

We are sending this now so parents and carers can have plenty of notice to make payment arrangements with the office girl.



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