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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Wednesday Nov 4th - Fri 6th
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 camp to Beechworth
- ⇒ Tuesday 10th November
Prep/1 bbq games night
Grade P/1 skillzone
- ⇒ Friday 13th November
School photos
- ⇒ Wednesday, 18 November
School Council (via Zoom)
- ⇒ Monday 23rd November
Prep, 1 & 2 excursion

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SCHOOLCROSSING

Marg, our crossing lady has brought to my attention that she has seen a few of our students not using the safe crossing at the highway, but rather travelling down the service road and then crossing the highway further down nearer the western end of town. If your children live down that end, could you reinforce with them, that they must use the crossing for their own safety.

Regards, Geoff Weppner.



STRATHY STARS



Jazzmyn Safe, Giselle wren, Izayah Edgar, Oliver Bramich and Levi Spaul

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope everyone enjoyed the Grand Final holiday. I enjoyed everything except the actual Grand Final game, because my Cats were outclassed by a great Richmond side.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

At the time of writing my column, only 5 parents have bothered to complete the survey, out of the 50 invitations that went out. We really value your opinion and hope that you're prepared to take the 20 minutes to complete it online. If you've lost your link and passcode, please contact Leanne and she can resend it. You have until **Friday, 13th November** to complete it.

I think all the staff have done an amazing job during the Remote/Flexible Learning period and I think it would be great if you could show your appreciation of them and the school, by putting in the effort to submit the survey.

DENTAL VAN

The dental van from Australian Dental Health will visit our school again in early December. This service provides a dental examination for each child, which is covered by Medicare at no cost to you. A complete oral report will be sent home at the completion of the examination and if further preventative work needs to be done (eg fillings), you will be contacted by the dental team. Again, any further dental treatment is covered by Medicare. The form that explains the process and asks for your details and consent, is included with this Newsletter. If you would like to take advantage of a dental check for your child/ren, please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible.

MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY

There will be no Pupil-Free Day on the Monday before the Tuesday Melbourne Cup holiday, as we are determined to make up for lost school time due to the Remote Learning period. So, school as usual on the Monday, although we intend to have some **fun activities** to celebrate the Melbourne Cup. It would be great if students could dress-up for '**Fashions on the Field**' or as a **jockey** for a bit of fun to mark the occasion.

SCHOOL CAMP

Excitement is building for the Year 3-6 students as they prepare to head off to Beechworth for a combined school camp next Wednesday. It's a great place to learn about the gold-mining history and to participate in a variety of fun activities. Let's hope the weather is kind to them, as most of the activities are outside.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

There has been another change of date for the school photos as the company has had to re-schedule to fit all their schools in. The photos will now be taken on **Friday, 13th November**. It seems as if the photos will all be individually taken and then assembled into a virtual group shot for each classroom, by the photographers.

VANDALISM

It's sad to report that some teenagers/young adults entered our schoolgrounds on Saturday evening to drink alcohol and to damage some of our property. It's really disappointing to have this happen in such a close knit community, where people care for the school and the students. We have examined our security camera footage and are considering whether to share it with the local police. I hope the vandals now realise what a careless and senseless act it was.

Regards, Geoff Weppner.