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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Friday 13th November
School photos
- ⇒ Tuesday 17th November
After school Skillzone grade 1/2
- ⇒ Wednesday, 18 November
School Council (via Zoom)
- ⇒ Monday 23rd November
Prep, 1 & 2 excursion
- ⇒ Tuesday 24th November
After school Skillzone grade 2/3
- ⇒ Tuesday 1st December
After school Skillzone grade 5/6
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th December
After school Skillzone grade 4/5
- ⇒ Tuesday 15th December
After school Skillzone grade 2/3
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GRANNIES ON THE LOOSE

Next week we are filming our 2020 Production 'Grannies on the Loose'. We will be filming throughout Thursday (19th) and Friday (20th). Please make sure that your child is at school on those days in order to be part of the filming. Everyone has worked so hard and it is great that we are able to provide an alternate form of production for this year. Please also make sure that costumes have all been sent into the school prior to next week.

STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**GRANNIES ON
THE LOOSE**



OUR PRODUCTION THIS YEAR WILL BE
A LITTLE DIFFERENT
WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR VERY FIRST
COVID SAFE DRIVE-IN
ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020
TWO SCREENINGS
5PM & 7PM
\$10 PER VEHICLE
STRATHMERTON FOOTY OVAL
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL & OPEN
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
CONTACT LEANNE

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

All our campers arrived back safely from Beechworth on Friday. They had a great time and their behaviour was excellent, getting along really well with one another and participating fully in all the activities. Some lucky students even found some specks of gold, panning in the creek! Thanks to all the staff who attended and looked after all the kids so well, with a special thanks to our two dads - Shannon Edgar and Adam Graham, for giving up their time to assist.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We held our own service out the front of the school on Wednesday, to mark Remembrance Day. It wasn't our usual service, due to COVID-19 restrictions, but it still went really well, with lovely wreaths and respectful students. **Lest We Forget.**

BUS TRAVELLERS

One of our biggest difficulties with the checking and supervision of students getting on the bus each afternoon, is the uncertainty some students have, regarding whether they are on the bus or not. If your child is not going to be on the bus in the afternoon, or is absent from school on that day, could you please ensure that we are informed via a phone call, that morning. Nearly every afternoon we have a student tell us they don't know if they're on the bus or not, or we have staff chasing a child who's not in the bus line, only to discover they are not at school at all. Please inform us, so there is no confusion.

DENTAL VAN

All of the consent forms for students to have a dental check-up are due to be sent off next week. If you haven't returned your form as yet, please do so before the end of this week, to ensure your child/ren don't miss out.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2021

There will be some staff changes for 2021, with three of our staff moving on to other opportunities.

Rachel Olson, our Year 1/2 teacher and the school's Learning Specialist, has applied for a year's leave to travel Australia with her partner James.

Jacob Gillie, our Year 5/6 teacher, has been wanting to move with his wife and young son, to be closer to family, and has accepted a teaching position at Echuca for twelve months.

Mandy Mead, our Art teacher has been successful in obtaining a full-time teaching position at Cobram.

We will be very sad to lose such wonderful staff, but wish them well in their future endeavours. Who knows, they may be back one day. We have advertised for new staff, to fill these vacant positions, and I'm confident we'll receive quality applicants to choose new staff from.

Regards, Geoff Weppner.



STRATHY STARS



Ivy Henderson, Sammy O'Brien, Axel Henderson, Jessica Anderson, Darci Carmody and all of the grade 4/5



Literacy Award



Eliza Bouchier and Kael Carmody



Maths Award



Jack Kelly and Ella Riggs



Playground Barrel Draw

Flynn Cleary and Emma Bouchier are our barrel winners this week.



4 years ago I had never heard of Strathmerton, nor did I have any idea where it was. James and I were looking for a change from our life in Melbourne and decided to stick a pin in the map and take a chance. Fast forward to now and we have decided it is time to see some more of Australia, so are packing up and heading out on the road for some new adventures.

I have loved my time at Strathy Primary. I have worked with some excellent teachers, taught wonderful students and met some great families. I am grateful for the opportunities that have been presented to me by Geoff at Strathy PS and I am sad to say goodbye to the whole school community.

Rachel Olson

It's with a heavy heart that after 5 amazing years at Strathmerton Primary, I will be moving to Echuca Primary. It has been a difficult decision to leave a place that means so much and has been a massive part of my life, however Amy and I have made the decision to move over closer to our families, for extra support with our own growing family. I can't thank the school and wider Strathy community for all of the wonderful experiences and memories and hope that I have been able to have a positive impact on the students.

To the staff that have helped my skills develop from a graduate walking into my first classroom, to where I am today, I am truly grateful.

They say time flies when you are having fun and the last 5 years have flown.

I sure will miss you all,

[Mr Gillie](#)

Hi everyone

I just want to say what a pleasure my time at Strathy PS has been.

I don't think I have ever felt more a part of the family than I have here at this wonderful school.

I will be starting a new adventure in my teaching journey at Cobram Primary School in 2021. While I am very excited to begin this stage of my career, it's not without sadness at leaving Strathy PS.

Thank you to the staff, students and families for your support.

I wish each and every one of you all the very best.

Keep sparkling

[Mrs Mead](#)

