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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Tuesday 1st December
After school Skillzone grade 5/6
- ⇒ Friday December 4th
Drive -in
- ⇒ Monday 7th December
Funfields Grade 6
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th December
After school Skillzone grade 4/5
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th December
Orientation Day
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th December
Final School Council (via Zoom)
- ⇒ Thursday 10th December
Grade 5/6 Windsurfing
- ⇒ Monday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation
- ⇒ Tuesday 15th December
After school Skillzone grade 2/3

We are an
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DVD'S of Grannies on the Loose will be on sale from the 7th of December for \$15 each please order at the office.

STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**GRANNIES ON
THE LOOSE**



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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,

We have been delivered some **really exciting news!** In the Victorian 2020/21 State Budget, **Strathmerton Primary** has been allocated **\$3.686 million** for a major upgrade and modernisation! At this stage, I have no further details as to what the scope of works will entail, or when they are scheduled for, but this is such an exciting development for the school and the community, that I couldn't wait to give you all the news. I'll certainly pass on further details as soon as they come to hand.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

All the hard work has been completed and the 'Grannies on The Loose' movie is going through final editing. Don't forget to purchase your ticket to watch the exciting '**Grannies on the Loose**' movie at our Drive-in on **Friday, 4th December**. Your support is vital to the success of the whole enterprise.

NEW TEACHING STAFF

We have begun the process of appointing new staff to replace Mandy Mead, Jacob Gillie and Rachel Olson for 2021. Mrs Estelle Anderson has been appointed as our new art teacher and she visited the school on Wednesday to meet the staff and students. We will be conducting interviews for the other two classroom teaching positions in the next couple of weeks.

TREE PLANTING

Earlier this year we were successful in obtaining a Woolworth's Landcare Grant to plant a shelter belt of native trees and shrubs across the northern boundary of the school. Jeanette Graham is providing the plants as well as her expertise. I contacted Moira Shire to see if they would like to contribute to this project, and Bethan McKay, their Environmental Services Officer for Sustainability, kindly donated \$250 to purchase more tube stock, and also gave us tree guards and stakes.

This Friday, each class will have the opportunity to plant those trees and shrubs in the area we have prepared, to create a shelter belt for the future.

KYABRAM FAUNA PARK AND OTHER EXCURSIONS

All of our P-2 students had a great day out at the Kyabram Fauna Park on Monday. They all came back with excited chatter about the different animals and birds they had seen.

On December 7th, the Year 6 students have an exciting trip down to Funfields Theme Park in Whittlesea, as a graduation reward. Also coming up in the same week, is an excursion for our 5-6's to Yarrowonga on December 10th, for Windsurfing classes.

We have been very mindful of all the lost excursion opportunities that occurred because of remote/flexible learning, so we have planned all of these extras this term, to make up for it.

TUTOR PROGRAM

The Department is well aware that some students didn't cope very well with the long periods of home learning this year, and have in fact, fallen behind where they should be. To help address this lack of progress, each school has been allocated additional funds in their 2021 budget to enable a tutor to be employed, with the specific role of bringing these students 'up to speed'. This is welcome funding and we are already planning to put the Tutor Assistance program into place for next year.

Regards, Geoff Weppner.



STRATHY STARS



Jazzmyn Safe, Jai Stephens & Darci Carmody.

Absent: Max Bayne



Literacy Award



Herc Hunter, Lukas Lawn
& Levi Spaul
Absent: Kiesha Maney



Maths Award



Zaydon Beurs, Jayden Edgar.

Absent Jazmin Argus and Eva Hargreaves



Playground Barrel Draw

Mia Tonizzo and Phoenix Tonizzo
are our barrel winners this week.

Just few snaps from the filming of Grannies on the Loose

Great job Mrs Alam and Miss Olson



Fauna Park snaps from Prep grades 1 and 2

