



# STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

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## 2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:30 am  
Icy poles at lunchtime \$1.00
- ⇒ **Monday/Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>**  
School Review panel visits  
School Council nominations close
- ⇒ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Final Prep rest day
- ⇒ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Welcome picnic. 5:00-7:00pm

### Breakfast Club

Great Job ladies and helpers a couple of photos from breakfast club.



### Confidentiality form

Please fill out the form with your details on it so we can update our records with any changes.

### BUS REMINDER

It is important that parents let the school know when their child is not travelling home by bus. This is a Duty of Care situation.



Icy Poles are for sale starting tomorrow.

\$1.00 each these will be on sale Fridays till then end of this term.

## **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents,

Yay! We're back to onsite learning today. Thanks to all our parents/carers for managing the children during the snap lockdown. We had some students at school each day of the lockdown, as their parents/carers needed to work. Thanks to those staff who volunteered to assist with supervision. Certain restrictions still remain in place, with masks to be carried by parents on school grounds, and worn if they visit a classroom, or remain onsite for more than a few minutes.

### **STAFFING CHANGE**

I have made the following staffing changes, in consultation with the School Improvement Team, that will come into effect today. Ms Sarah McCabe, our new graduate teacher, has commenced co-teaching with Mrs Mona Alam, in the 2/3 classroom. When Mrs Alam goes on family leave at the end of term, Ms McCabe will then become the 2/3 teacher for the rest of the year.

Mr Tim Arnel, currently teaching the 4/5 class, has agreed to continue in that role until the end of the term. We have advertised for a classroom teacher to replace him at the end of term, and are confident of attracting quality applicants. This decision has been made, bearing in mind the best interests of the students and for the most effective placement of staff across the school.

### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

Just a reminder that to enable your child to take advantage of our Chaplain's time, you need to have signed the Chaplaincy consent form that went home on the newsletter (and on School Stream) the other week.

### **SCHOOL REVIEW**

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the school is undertaking a Review, with a panel visiting to observe the teaching practice in classrooms and to determine the future directions the school should take in the areas of teaching and learning, student well-being and parent/community involvement. Following these panel days, a final report will be delivered to staff and School Council, outlining the goals and targets the school should include in the next School Strategic Plan.

### **WELCOME PICNIC**

We are holding a **Family Welcome Picnic** on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>** between 5:00 and 7:00pm on the schoolgrounds. This is a great way for our parents/carers, families, friends and staff, to come together and meet socially to enjoy one-another's company in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. To ensure we meet current restrictions, we ask that families bring their own picnic tea, to spread out on the shady lawns. Let's hope everyone can attend to make a positive start to the year.

### **PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for early March, with interview times available on Thursday afternoon/evening (4<sup>th</sup> March) or Friday morning (5<sup>th</sup> March). This early interview is really important to enable you to build a connection with your child's teacher and to discuss their progress up to that point in the year. To ensure you are able to access an interview, we are offering the opportunity of conducting the interview by phone or Zoom call, if you are unable to attend in person. A booking form will go home shortly for you to indicate your preferred date and time.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.