



# STRATHMERTON

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## 2020 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- ⇒ Xmas awards 6.30pm
- ⇒ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- ⇒ Last day school finishes at 1pm

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**Just a reminder!!!!**

Dear families,  
We are starting the shutdown phase of our schools Library which means we are in hot pursuit for all of our missing books!

I would be ever so grateful if you could take the time to help your child look for books borrowed out in their name. If you can't find them, fingers crossed they are on the shelves when we do stocktake. If not we will issue invoice notices to replace them.

Kind regards  
Mrs Cleary



## Meet our 2021 Preps



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had our Year 6 Graduation Evening on Monday and it was a lovely way to celebrate the students' successes and to share memories of their days at Strathmerton Primary, especially as their parents or close relatives were able to attend and share this special ceremony with them. All of the students made a Graduation speech, which showed just how much they have grown in confidence. We announced our major award winners, whose names now appear on our Strathmerton Primary Honour Board. The winner of the **Achievement Award** was **Ella Wood**, the **Endeavour Award** winner was **Madeleine Shannon**, and the **Citizenship Award** winner was **Jai Stephens**. Congratulations to all our Year 6 students, and we wish them all the best at secondary school for next year and into the future.

### PRESENTATION EVENING

This afternoon/evening (**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**), families are invited to come along to our **Presentation Evening**. Families will be encouraged to have a picnic tea in socially distanced groups from around 5:30-6:00pm. The actual presentations will be held outdoors and will commence at around 6:30pm. Here's a final opportunity to come together, at the school, as a community, after so many months of exclusion, to celebrate the students' achievements. We hope to see you all there.

### EXCITING NEWS

This week there were two announcements that I had been hoping for. We had applications in for programs we hoped to run from next year, and we were successful in getting grants for both of them.

The first announcement was that we have been successful in obtaining a School Chaplain through the **National Schools Chaplaincy Program (NSCP)**, which is funded by the Federal Government. The role of the Chaplain is to provide welfare support and pastoral care to all our students and their families. The Chaplain is only to provide the support mentioned above, and is not to preach or alter people's values and beliefs in any way. They are basically a trained Welfare Worker and will actually work in our school for a number of hours every week.

The second announcement is that we have been funded to train one of our staff as a Maths Specialist, through the **Primary Maths and Science Specialist (PMSS)** program. This funding allows us to release this staff member to undertake professional development and then to introduce the latest 'best practice' Maths program and teaching methods across the whole school, which should see our Maths results improve even further in every class.

### COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES IN 2021.

As we have a number of new staff commencing in 2021, we felt we needed more time at the commencement of the school year to induct them all into the processes of the school, and to also refresh everyone's understanding of the Strathmerton Primary instructional model, as well as plan all of Term One's programs. As a result, School Council approved the school having two additional pupil-free days at the end of Week One. **Please note** that this means **all students** will now **commence school** on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**. (All Preps will have a rest day on each Wednesday, until the end of February).

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday, the students will meet in the School Hall for a final assembly at 10:30 am, before heading off to the pool for a fun time in the water. Parents are welcome to join us for this session at the pool, with students dismissed to go home from the pool at 1:00pm.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, staff, parents/carers and families a Very Merry Christmas, with, hopefully, a much brighter year ahead in 2021.

Regards,

Geoff Weppner.



# STRATHY STARS



Madison Knight, Amy Payne, Jack Kelly,  
Mia Tonizzo and Reagan Hanley



Literacy Award



Giselle Wren, Codey Edgar, Lara  
Graham, Macy Carter and Oliver  
Bramich



Maths Award



Harry Wood, Lilly Graham, Millie  
Wood, Declan Hughes and  
Indianna Sellman



Playground Barrel Draw

Mia Tonizzo and Flynn Cleary  
are our barrel winners this week.

