



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 25th February**
Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:30 am
Icy poles at lunchtime \$1.00
- ⇒ **Thursday 4th March**
Parent teacher interview after school.
- Friday 5th March**
Parent teacher interviews
Student free day
- ⇒ **Monday 8th March**
Public holiday
- ⇒ **Tuesday 23rd March**
Prep/1 games tea night
- ⇒ **Friday 26th March**
Athletic sports at Nathalia
- ⇒ **Thursday 1st April**
Easter hat parade
Fun sports day
School finishes at 2.30pm
- ⇒ **Monday April 19th**
First day term

Breakfast Club every Friday Morning at 8.30am.
Great Job ladies and helpers

Join girl guides



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA

For girls
ages
5 to 17

*Make friends
Have fun
Learn new skills
Leadership
Community work*

Local Contact:

Meetings are held
on **Tuesdays**
during school terms
from **4:15pm to 6:00pm**
at the
**Strathmerton Guide Hall,
Patrick St, Strathmerton.**

New girls wishing to join
Strathmerton Girl Guides can
phone Tanji on 5874 5483
for further information.

Girl Guides Victoria Head Office:

Suite 812, 401 Docklands Drive,
Docklands, Vic, 3008
Ph: 8606 3500 or 1800 girl guides
E: guides@guidesvic.org.au
W: www.guidesvic.org.au



To enable girls and young women to grow into confident,
self-respecting, responsible community members.

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

**Icy poles will be on sale each
Friday for the rest of the term.
\$1 each**



Junior badminton

Junior Badminton commences Friday the 5th march 2021.
Primary school children aged 9 years and upwards starts at
3.30pm to 4.45pm
Secondary school age children start at 4.45pm to 6pm.
Please wear sports shoes. Club racquets are available to
use.
Cost: \$10 for insurance and \$4 per session.
Contact Heather with any queries on 0427 745 307

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Thanks to those parents who came along to the Welcome Picnic on Wednesday. It was a great way to have parents/carers socialise with one another and the staff, in a friendly, relaxed environment.

SCHOOL REVIEW

On Monday and Tuesday this week, the majority of our School Review was conducted. School Reviews are conducted at every school at the completion of a four-year cycle that covers the life of the Strategic Plan. In our case that Strategic Plan covered the period 2017-2020, and it set out goals and targets for the school to achieve over that time. During the review, every aspect of the school's performance is gathered and analysed, to determine the degree of success the school had in meeting those goals and targets, as well as set the direction for the new Strategic Plan.

The Review Panel consisted of Helen Ramsdale (Reviewer), Trent McCrae (Senior Education Improvement Leader), Chris McCallum and Gemma Whinray (Principals), Greg Brooks and Lisa Bramich (School Councillors), Rachel Olson (previous Learning Specialist), and of course, myself. Over the two days all our performance data was analysed, and staff, parent and student groups were interviewed, to allow everyone involved in our school community, to contribute to the process.

Overall, it was a very positive process, indicating that the school is generally performing very well. A final report from Helen will be provided to the school in the next couple of weeks and it will outline a clear direction for the school to take in creating our next Strategic Plan.

SCHOOL RE-BUILD

Exciting times! I was informed this week that architects, representing three different companies, will be visiting the school next Tuesday afternoon to have a look over the school, to help them form an impression of what the update/modernisation might entail. They will then go away and prepare plans and tenders for a panel, consisting of school and regional staff, to evaluate and then appoint the successful company.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the vacant positions on School Council closed on Monday, and I am pleased to announce that Mr Simon Borg will join School Council as a parent representative, and Mrs Joanne Paton will join as a staff representative. Congratulations to you both.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Don't forget our parent-teacher interviews next Thursday afternoon/evening (4th March) and Friday morning (5th 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. For those parents who haven't booked an interview time as yet (which can either be face-to-face, or via a phone or Zoom call), I would strongly encourage you to make a booking via the School Stream app, or by phoning Leanne at the office.
Geoff Weppner

Principal.



STRATHY STARS



Mykel argus, Rosie Stokes, Steiner,
Ernie Laidlaw, Jayden Lawn and
Marie Steiner



Literacy Award



Lila Whitaker, Jack Kelly, Owen
Perry, Sonita P and April carter



Maths Award



Paiton Coghill-Lynam,
Madison Knight, Sonny
Stokes and Jessica Anderson



Playground
Barrel Draw

Madison Knight and Macy Carter
are our barrel winners this week.

EASTER HAT PARADE – Thursday April 1ST at 9:15am

It is that time of year again. For our new families to the school, every year we have an Easter hat parade. Children will be able to bring to school decorations to put on their school made hat or share with their classmates. Children will have time during the last week of term, after lunch, to create their Easter themed hats.

If you would like to create a hat at home with your child that is also fine as there will be two judging categories on the day.

Children who have a school made hat will be judged together, while children who have a homemade hat will be judged together.

Children can enter both sections and every child in the school will have a school made hat to parade in.

The parade will take place at 9:15am on Thursday 1ST April 2021.

Parents and family members are welcome to come along and see their child parade around with the other children of the school.

The Strathmerton Kindergarten children have been invited and will also take part in the parade.

- **Easter Raffle**

To assist the SRC, we are asking families to bring in items for the Easter

Raffle which will be drawn on the day of the parade. Items that you can donate include Easter eggs or other Easter themed items. These donations can be given to your child's classroom teacher, preferably before the Tuesday of the last week of term. The SRC students will organise raffle tickets to be sent home with the eldest child of each family. We encourage you to sell these to family members, friends, or yourselves to be in the running to win prizes on the last day of term. Tickets are \$1 each. We very much appreciate your support.

Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

