



STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SUPPORT EACH OTHER



TRY YOUR BEST



ACT SAFELY



RESPECT

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2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **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



*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
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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.



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

Icy Poles

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

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Looking forward to all our parents engaging in the Parent/Teacher Interviews commencing Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday morning. Thanks to the teachers for making themselves available and for preparing important information to share with you regarding your child/ren's progress.

SCHOOL RE-BUILD

Architects from two different firms visited the school on Tuesday afternoon, along with the project manager from the VSBA. As a group, we explored the school and surrounds and I explained to them how we see teaching and learning taking place in the future and how the school might be upgraded and modernised to meet that vision. It seems that the pre-planning stage is quite a lengthy one and it will be quite a long time before the actual building stage begins.

QUEST THEME

This term, our Quest theme is '**Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds**' and the students have been learning about the importance of nutrition and exercise as well as having a positive outlook, to improve their self-esteem and general well-being. To celebrate all the work the children have done, at the end of the term, we intend to have our 'Quest Expo' on **Thursday, 1st April**. We will start the day with our annual **Easter Hat Parade** (commencing at 9:15), followed by the opportunity for parents to view the students' work on this theme, and concluding with our own **House Athletics Sports**, with lots of traditional and novelty sporting events, for all students to participate in. Put this date in your diary, because we'd love to see all our parents come along to be a part of this fun conclusion to our study of 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds'.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

The Department of Education has made grants available to schools to create opportunities for greater physical activity of all students, above and beyond the traditional PE classes they have each week. I have applied for this grant, and if successful, we can use the funding to provide more opportunities for increased activity, not only in the school setting, but also in the wider community.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

Another important DET initiative to be implemented by all schools this year, is the Tutor Learning Initiative. DET recognised, that with the long periods of lockdown and remote/flexible learning last year, many students may not have made the progress they normally would have. To help address this situation, we have received funding to engage a 'tutor' to work in the classrooms, to help those students experiencing difficulty, by providing support for them to achieve success. Mr Mills will be the tutor in the senior classes, and I will support the junior classes.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.



STRATHY STARS



Harry Barnes, Lara Graham,
April Carter, Lorelai church
and Oliver Bramich



Literacy Award

Amy Payne, Lukas
Lawn, Freddie Hill,
Maisie Hill and Ella
Carter



Maths Award



Degan Ryan, Kaiza Coghill-
Lynam, Indianna Sellman &
Paige Steiner-Bartlett

Absent: Jax Price



Playground
Barrel Draw

Sierra Hanley and Ella 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.

