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**Newsletter No.7
March 18th 2021**

2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **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



**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR EASTER DONATIONS
FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE
WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

SOME MORE PRACTICAL MATHS TIPS FOR PARENTS.

When travelling, encourage children to be in charge of maps; calculate times and distances; and use the language of north and south-west. When out walking, notice the patterns of house numbers and predict the next house number.

Use jigsaw puzzles, card games, monopoly, spatial puzzles and so on. These all help to develop mathematical capability.

It is helpful for children to get practice at remembering numbers and other information. Encourage them to learn their address, the phone numbers of their parents, your car registration numbers, birth dates of all the family and so on.

Give children a pile of loose change and encourage them to count the total, discussing the different ways of doing this, and ask "How much more to make \$10?"

At big sporting events, ask children to estimate the crowd. When travelling, estimate how much petrol will cost when filling up, or how long to get to a destination.

It's my hope that you'll see many of these ideas as easily implemented in everyday situations.

Last day of Term

Thursday 1st April

9.15am

Easter Hat Parade

10am

**Quest Expo
Healthy Bodies
Healthy Minds**



11am

**House Athletics
Sports**



School finishes at 2.30

From the Principal's Desk

SCHOOL REVIEW-FINAL PANEL DAY

On Monday, the School Review Panel, comprising the reviewer, Helen Ramsdale, Chris McCallum and Gemma Whinray, as challenge partners, Trent McCrae, as the Senior Education Improvement Leader, Greg Brooks and Lisa Bramich, as School Council representatives, and myself, went through all the data sets available, to determine what the school was doing well and to identify areas that need further development. Following that analysis, we began the process of creating new goals, targets and actions to drive the next Strategic Plan, that will take the school forward from 2021 to 2024. It was a very intensive, but productive process, and overall determined that the school is performing very well, which is a positive endorsement of all the effort put in by leadership, staff, students and the parent/carers community during the past four years. Good work Strathy!

DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS

After all the difficulties encountered during 2020, it's exciting to announce that our District Athletic Sports are on again. They will be held on **Friday, 26th March** at the Nathalia Football Ground. All students from P-6 will compete in a number of athletic events during the morning, culminating in sprint race finals and relay events after lunch. The sports commence from 10:00am (parents would need to have their child/ren there by 9:45am) and finish at a little after 2:00pm. Traditionally, parents/carers have taken their children to the sports, followed them around the many events to encourage them, have lunch with them, and then drive them home. However in 2019 we provided a bus for the first time to take some students to and from the sports, as their parents couldn't transport them due to work commitments. We intend to do the same this year, so we have made a form available on the School Stream app, for you to reserve a place on the bus for your child, if you can't attend yourself. We would need to have a booking by Monday, 22nd March to ensure your child has a seat reserved on the bus.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Just a reminder to all school councillors (including newly elected councillors) that the Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held on **Wednesday, 24th March**, commencing at 7:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend as visitors, if they wish to hear the Annual Report delivered, but of course don't have any active part in the proceedings.

CIRCULAR CIRCUS

Next **Tuesday, 23rd March** a whole-school incursion will take place in the school hall at 12:30pm. It's called '**Circular Circus**' and is aimed at building students' interest and engagement in Maths. There is a charge of \$5 per child, but we'll ask for payment at a later date, as Mrs Bramich is currently away.

Mrs BRAMICH

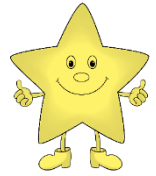
As many of you would know, Leanne has been in hospital for a medical procedure, which was successful, and she is now recovering well. However, she will be away from school for the next week or so, meaning that Dawn and I are looking after the office as best we can. It's not until someone essential like Leanne is away from school that you realise just how much you rely on their expertise. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.



STRATHY STARS



Nash Bayne, Hayley Carson,
Kiara Wilson, Ashleigh
Speakman & Jax Price



Literacy Award



Codey Edgar, Sierra
Hanley, Sammie Wren,
Charlie Borg & Paige
Argus



Maths Award



Kacey Beurs, Nicky , Kade
Edgar, Max Bayne & Axel
Henderson



Playground
Barrel Draw

Ernie Laidlaw and Max Bayne 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.

