



**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



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**Newsletter No.9  
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## 2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
Easter hat parade  
Fun sports day  
School finishes at 2.30pm
- ⇒ **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
First day term
- ⇒ **Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Whole-school excursion to Bendigo

**Breakfast Club every Friday Morning at 8.30am.  
Great Job ladies and helpers DONATIONS: Hot chocolate, Juice, Margarine & Strawberry Jam  
NO BREAKFAST CLUB FOR THE REST OF THE TERM**



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

## Grade 5/6 Camp

Just a reminder that grade 5/6 will be going on camp to Melbourne in the middle of May. I hope to have a price early next term but please feel free to start making payments now to make it easier for you.

## 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**

### **DISTRICT SCHOOL SPORTS**

It was great to see all the Strathy students compete in the District Athletics at Nathalia last Friday. It was a very enjoyable day and I'm sure the many parents who joined us had a lovely time as well.

### **FANTASTIC THURSDAY**

Don't forget to join us tomorrow if you can for a final day of fun activities before the Easter break. At 9:15am we will have our Easter Hat Parade, which includes our Kinder buddies. Then at 10:15am we will have our Quest Expo, where all our parents, family and friends can view the work the students completed on our 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' theme in the classrooms. At 11:00am we head out to the oval for our House Sports. Then at 1:30pm we will break for lunch, before moving into the Hall for our final assembly of the term, where term awards will be presented. Students will then be dismissed at 2:30pm. We hope you can join us for all, or part of the day.

### **FAREWELL MR ARNEL**

Mr Arnel finishes his time as the teacher of the 4/5 class on Thursday, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for helping us out, while we went through the process of appointing a new teacher. He was a great addition to our staff whilst he was here, getting all the 4/5 students off to a flying start to commence the year and fitting in so well to the Strathy culture. He will be missed and we wish him all the best as he takes on a new adventure.

Ms Sarah Arklay will take over as the 4/5 classroom teacher for the remainder of the year. She came up on Monday and Tuesday to spend time in the classroom, meeting the students, and learning how things operate. I know she's really excited about the prospect of taking over in Term Two.

We are not farewelling Mrs Alam just yet. She will return to school for a little while into Term Two, before going on Family Leave. However Ms Sarah McCabe will take over as the sole teacher of the 2/3 class from the beginning of next term.

### **BENDIGO EXCURSION**

Our whole school will travel over to Bendigo on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April (second week of term) to visit the Discovery Science and Technology Centre as a 'front loading' activity to kickstart our new Quest Theme about the earth. They will experience some amazing activities, such as visiting the planetarium, participating in a science workshop and experimenting with the many interactive activities. More information is included on the permission note attached to the back of this newsletter, or found on the School Stream app.

### **HAPPY EASTER**

I wish all our families a very Happy Easter and hope all of you are able to take a break for a few days to enjoy this beautiful Autumn weather. It has been so pleasing to finish a whole term with no interruptions, so let's hope that the rest of the year is also interruption-free, to give all our students the continuity in their education that they deserve.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.