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**SUPPORT EACH
OTHER**



**TRY YOUR
BEST**



**ACT
SAFELY**



RESPECT

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2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Friday August 27th**
Book week dress up day
- ⇒ **Friday September 10th**
Grade 2 sleep over
- ⇒ **Friday September 17th**
Footy color day last day off term.
Finish at 2.30pm

Badminton break up

Junior singles tournament
Starts at 3.30pm Friday 6th August.
Break up to follow
Please bring a plate of party food to share.



Pie Drive



All orders along with payments are due
back Monday 9th August and will be
delivered to school Thursday 19th
August.

Breakfast Club every Friday Morning at 8.30am.
Great Job ladies and helpers DONATIONS: Hot
chocolate, Juice, Margarine & Strawberry Jam
BREAKFAST CLUB on again this Friday.



DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR Parent Survey

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TO TELL US WHAT
THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

When we receive the results of the survey, later in the year, they will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through our Annual Report. Last year we used the survey results to determine the degree to which parents/carers felt connected to the school, as improving parent engagement is a priority we have been working on.

Please contact me at school if you would like more information about this survey.
Geoff Weppner.

From the Principal's Desk

Hi Everyone,

Our first uninterrupted week back in class and the majority of our students have settled back into routine well.

Just a COVID-safe reminder, that all parents/carers are to check-in using the QR codes at the entrance, and to also ensure that they wear a mask. We would also ask that all parents/carers check in at the office via the front entrance and not just visit classrooms unannounced.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to parents that many of you have outstanding school fees. Leanne tells me that we have had the lowest payment of fees for some years. That is disappointing to us, as we deliberately keep our fees quite low in an endeavour to not put too much pressure on household budgets. However, we do rely on those fees to help us to provide additional programs and additional resources, to ensure all our students have the best opportunities to do well and enjoy school. If you haven't paid your fees as yet, could you please do so. Leanne is happy to accept payments by instalments if that helps you.

BUS PARKING ZONE

I would like to remind parents that the parking area outside the front school gates is reserved exclusively for the school buses to use between 8:45 am – 9:00 am each morning, and then again between 3:15 pm and 3:30 pm each afternoon. The bus drivers have mentioned that on a few occasions recently, cars have been parked there, making it difficult for them to position the buses, so that students can get on or off safely.

OLYMPICS DAY

On Friday, we are going to do some whole-school activities to celebrate the Olympics. We are going to have the students work in house teams to create flags of competing countries and then we'll conduct our own mini 'Opening Ceremony'. Then, if the weather permits, we'll have the students compete in some fun 'Olympic' events, representing their country. Students are able to come out of uniform, wearing colours from the country they're representing.

To make this day even more special, we are going to have a visit from an actual Gold Medallist, who competed and won a team event at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. How exciting!

RESILIENCE, RIGHTS, RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

As part of the Department's focus on building the social, emotional and positive relationship skills of all students, we are undertaking the implementation of a mandatory DET program entitled ***Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships***. We already know that for students to be successful learners, they also need to have a strong sense of well-being, and this program aims to equip them with the social and emotional tools to be happy and positive contributors to society. Tam Perry, our Chaplain, introduced this program to the staff and the students will begin lessons associated with this program in coming weeks.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.



STRATHY STARS



Nicky Phasysoutham, Reagan Hanley, Mia Tonizzo, Natalie Hibberson and Lorelai Church



Literacy Award



Lukas Lawn, Amy Payne, Maya Henderson and Flynn Cleary



Maths Award



Codey Edgar, Darci Carmody, Kael Carmody, Rhoven Perry and Charlie Borg



Max Bayne and Jax Price are our barrel winners this week.



Bookweek 2021

Friday 27th August

**Come dressed as
your favorite book
character to
celebrate
bookweek.**

**Src will be selling
hotdogs for lunch. Order
forms will be sent out
closer to the date.**

