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August 12th 2021

2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Friday August 13th
Olympics Day
- ⇒ Friday August 27th
Book week dress up day
- ⇒ Friday 3rd September
Lightning Premiership at Katunga
- ⇒ Friday September 10th
Grade 2 sleep over
- ⇒ Friday September 17th
Footy color day last day off term.
Finish at 2.30pm

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.

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.



From the Principal's Desk

Hi Everyone,

Back again this week earlier than was first anticipated, which is great – we'll take all the good news we can at the moment.

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.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Following the cancellation of the Lightning Premiership sports day, to be held in Yarrawonga last month, Katunga Primary is offering to run the day at the Katunga sports ground on Friday, 3rd September. Once everything is organised, we'll be able to confirm the details.

UNIFORM POLL

There has been discussion around the difficulty some parents have had in sourcing appropriate uniform items, in situations where the school uniform we provide is uncomfortable to wear. This led to a discussion at School Council, around the possibility of a whole new uniform based on the Strathmerton colours of blue, red and white. If we made this change next year, we felt it would coincide perfectly with the newly refurbished school – **'new school, new uniform'**. To determine if there is enough support from our community, for this change, a poll has been posted on our Facebook and Schoolstream sites for you to give your opinion. If there is support for the change, the uniform would be phased in over a period of twelve months, allowing students to wear out of, or grow out of the current uniform, before buying the new one.

OLYMPICS DAY

On Friday, we are going to have our third attempt at conducting our own Olympics Day. Even though it's now well after the real event, we think it's valuable to have all the students complete some cooperative activities together and have fun competing in some events, after the recent lockdowns. 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 that represent the Olympic rings.

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. This person is a part of our school community. Who could it be?

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Recently we gave our parent community the opportunity to express their interest in the school applying for OSHC funding, to enable us to run such a program at Strathmerton Primary. The expression of interest process closed on Friday last, and as only four families replied, we won't be proceeding with the grant application process, as that is not enough families interested, to make the program viable.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.

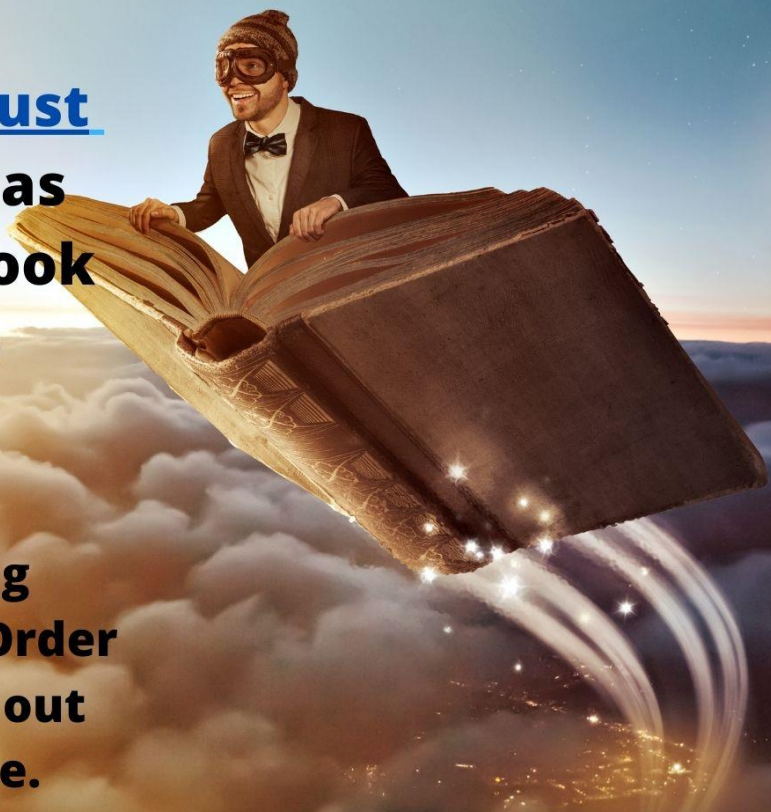


Bookweek 2021

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.**





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Applicants are invited to contact Corporate Services Coordinator, Samantha Ridley on 03 58 719100 or by email: samantha.ridley@ottreyhomes.com.au

