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2022 Dates to Remember

- **Friday 3rd June**
  Disco get your dancing shoes on
  Winter sports at Strathy
- **Wednesday 8th/15th June**
  Skateboarding sessions – all students
- **Monday June 13th**
  Public Holiday
- **Monday June 20th**
  Pupil free day
- **Wednesday June 22nd & Thursday June 23rd** Parent teacher interviews 3.30pm to 7pm
- **Friday June 25th**
  Assembly – 9:50-10:15 am
  Quest Expo – 10:15–11:00 am
  Well-being activities 11:30–1:30 pm
  Lunch (Hot dogs) 1:30-2:15 pm
  Last day of term finish 2:30pm.

PE tips from Mr. Mills.

Physical Activity for Primary School Aged Students.

Children between 5-12 years of age should do at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (eg computer games, TV, internet) particularly during daylight hours.

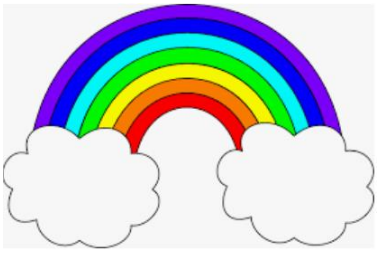
A combination of moderate and vigorous activities is recommended. The natural movement pattern of children is an intermittent or sporadic style of activity that alternates with rest and recovery.

Physical activities can be collected in long or short-term bouts. Different types of activities including weight bearing activity which is important for bone health should be included.

Primary school age students should be involved in several periods of moderate to vigorous physical activity throughout the school day including physical education classes.

School Disco

When: Friday 3rd of June
Cost: $10 per child or $20 for a family
Time: 4-Year old Kinder – Grade 2: 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Grade 3 – Grade 6: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Theme: Rainbow (come dressed in the colours of the rainbow)
The students will need to be signed in and out by a parent/guardian.



From the Principal's Desk

On Tuesday I had a visit from Maddi Kerr, a representative of Foodbank Victoria, who came to find out more about our Breakfast Program. She was really impressed with what she saw, especially when she heard that more than half of our student body enjoys breakfast every Friday. She asked if it was possible to run the program more than the one morning each week. That started me wondering if we have any parents, carers or family members who could be available to help run an additional breakfast on either a Monday or Wednesday each week. Even our regular Friday mums- Amy Carter, Lisa Bramich and Michelle Carmody, along with Dawn, could use some extra support.

If you could possibly help (even if it's only occasionally), please let either Leanne or I know, and we'll see if that gives us enough volunteers to run an additional breakfast morning.

GLASSES FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Just reminding parents/carers of our Prep to Year Three students, that the consent forms for free sight tests (Medicare bulk-billed) are due back next week, so that they can be sent off to Melbourne for processing. It's a great opportunity to have your child's eyesight checked and, if necessary, brand new glasses provided. This initiative is courtesy of State Schools Relief, who do an amazing job of supporting Victorian school children. The actual eye tests will be conducted in August.

TLI PROGRAM

This ***Tutor Learning Initiative*** has been in place for its second year now, right across the State. The purpose of the TLI program is to provide additional assistance to those students identified as struggling somewhat, because of the lockdowns and remote learning of the past two years. In reality, all of our students have missed nearly two years of consistent schooling, and whilst many students have coped with the disruptions quite well, others haven't managed at all well. At our school Trevor Mills and I have taken on the role of TLI tutors and we are working predominantly in the 2/3 and 4/5 classrooms for up to eight hours a week, to assist those students build their confidence and boost their skills. I focus on Literacy skills and Trevor focuses on Numeracy skills.

READING AT HOME

As we enter the second half of the year, I just wanted to remind parents and carers about the importance of children reading at home on a regular basis. You need to establish a routine for your son/daughter to read each week night for 15 to 20 minutes minimum. Let them know that, as the adult, this is what you expect. It's vital to their development that they practise the reading skills and strategies they are learning at school. Your role is to monitor their progress, encourage them, and to make it an enjoyable experience.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

We received another delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) last week, and Leanne has sent home more kits to each family. There is no longer a requirement that students/staff have to undertake twice-weekly testing as a routine. However, tests should be administered if the person is feeling symptomatic, or in a situation where the person is a close contact of a positive case, they then must return a negative test each day for five days, to continue to come to school. Luckily, Strathmerton Primary has no identified cases at the moment – touch wood!

Now that the Government is providing free flu shots, I would advise that you and your children make a booking, as this flu season is going to be really severe.

Geoff Weppner.

LET'S BOOGIE!

Join us for Rainbow Disco Party.
It's going to be fun, fresh and funky!
Wear your rainbow clothes. Lots of prizes to be won

Date: June 3rd
5pm to 6.30 for 4 year old kinder to grade 2.
6.30pm till 8pm for Grade 3 to 6

Cost $10 per child $20 per family
includes Hotdog and drink.

This week's award winners

Strathy Stars

Paige Steiner, Kael Carmody, Rylee McFarland and Mia Tonizzo

Literacy Award

Darci Carmody, Paige Argus, Deegan Pargetter and Eliza Bourchier.

Numeracy Award

JacobChurch, Abbie Graham, Ernie Laidlaw and Phoenix Tonizzo