



# STRATHMERTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### 2022 Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Bushwahzee
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
School council
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
Last day of term 2.30pm finish
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Term 3 starts
  
- Change of date
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August now October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Glasses for kids

### RECYCLING CENTRE

Moirā Shire is promoting a wonderful initiative to recycle items that previously families may have just put into general household waste. They have placed a recycling station in the front foyer of the school to enable local households to dispose of these recyclable items.

The items to be recycled are:

**Household batteries (including cordless power tools).**

**Small e-waste items – phones, tablets, cameras.**

**CD's, DVD's, Videos and Cassettes (including covers).**

**Oral Care - includes toothpaste tubes (all excess removed) and caps, toothbrushes, floss containers (not electric toothbrushes).**

**Pens, Markers and Mechanical Pencils (no wooden pencils, paint or paintbrushes).**

This is a really positive program that provides the opportunity for anyone in our Strathmerton community to dispose of recyclable household materials in an ethical and productive manner. We hope that every family will take advantage of using this recycling station. Recyclables can be dropped off at any time during school hours.

## From the Principal's Desk

What a proud Principal I am! All of the teachers and parent volunteers at the Lightning Premiership in Yarrawonga on Friday, commented on the excellent behaviour and team work of all of our senior students, and then yesterday, a CRT (Hannah Routledge) replacing Mrs Paton, expressed her pleasure at teaching the students and seeing the sense of calm and level of organisation throughout the school.

### BUSH DANCE

This year, we are trying something completely different for our whole-school performance at the end of the term. We are going to have a **Bush Dance** down at the Town Hall, where all the children will perform some well-known bush dances and folk dances from days gone by. We are hoping that all our parents and family members will bring their dancing shoes and join in the fun.

We have engaged the services of a professional bush-dancing performance team called 'Bushwahzee', who will teach each class a variety of dances during the day and then run the whole dance event at the Town Hall that evening. The event will take place on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**, commencing at **6:30 pm**. Tickets will be available shortly at \$10 per family. It promises to be a really fun evening!

### HIGH COUNTRY CAMP

Leanne will post a permission form on Schoolstream today, for parents/carers to indicate their consent for their child/ren to attend the free **High Country Camp**, that has been booked for our **Year 2-6 students** on the **5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October** (first week into Term Four). The DET has made these camps, excursions and incursions available to schools, free-of-charge, to rebuild student mental health and sense of well-being after the recent difficult years. This is part of the DET *Positive Start* initiative. Once you have signed the consent form, Leanne will send home the other required information – medical information, clothing list etc.

### CHAPLAIN CONSENT

We require parents to indicate their consent for Chelsea Luxford, our School Chaplain, to work with your child, either through individual counselling, or as part of a social skills group, for the remainder of the year. The original consent form sent home at the beginning of 2021, is no longer valid, as it was for a different chaplain. Chelsea has made a positive impact on the well-being of the students, by lending a friendly ear, and offering advice and support. The form will go home this week for you to provide consent if you are happy for Chelsea to provide one-on-one or group support for your child/ren.

### RECYCLING CENTRE

This is a great initiative of the Moira Shire, as you can read on the front page. Greater detail is provided in an information sheet in this newsletter.

Geoff Weppner.

## **RECYCLING CENTRE**



### **Household batteries including cordless power tools**

A risk to our health and environment when disposed inappropriately, batteries contain valuable metals that can be recovered when recycled.

#### **What happens to recycled batteries?**

Through the [Detox your home](#) program, batteries are sorted by chemistry type. They are sent to the respective recyclers in Australia and overseas where materials and resources such as cadmium, manganese, cobalt, lithium, nickel, silver oxide and zinc are recovered.

### **Small e-waste items including phones, tablets, cameras**

Smaller e-waste items are accepted at our service centres such as phones, cameras, tablets, GPS's, including cords. If it can't fit in the slot it will need to be taken to your nearest transfer station.

#### **What happens to recycled e-waste?**

The way it is processed can vary between recyclers, but in general mercury, plastics, printed circuit boards, ferrous metals and aluminium are separated for reuse. [Further e-waste information.](#)

### **CD's, DVD's, Video and Cassettes including covers**

This also includes records, Blu Ray discs, floppy disks, memory sticks, external hard drives and even 8-track tapes.

#### **What happens to the media waste?**

A [Terracycle](#) initiative, media is mechanically and/or manually separated into metals and plastics. The metals are melted to be recycled and the plastics undergo extrusion and palletisation to be molded into new recycled plastic products.

## Oral care

A [Terracycle in partnership with Colgate](#), this recycling program includes toothpaste tubes (all excess removed) and caps, toothbrushes, floss containers. Electronic toothbrushes and parts are **not** included in this recycling program.

### What happens to our oral care waste?

Tubes and brushes are separated by composition, shredded and melted into hard plastic that can be remoulded to make recycled products.

## Pens, markers and mechanical pencils

A [Terracycle](#) initiative, pens, markers, permanent markers, caps and mechanical pencils. Does not accept wooden pencils, paint or paint brushes.

### What happens to our pens, markers and mechanical pencils?

The collected waste is mechanically and/or manually separated into metals, fibres and plastics. Metals are melted to be recycled. The plastics undergo extrusion and palletisation to be moulded into new recycled plastic products.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Respect



Honesty



Accountability



Teamwork



Integrity

# This week's award winners

## Strathy Stars

Bella Shayne, Macy Carter and Kacey Beurs



## Literacy Award

Rosie Stokes, Lorelai Church and Millie Wood



## Numarcy Award

Sammie Wren, Zane Helmore-Keast and Rhowen Perry