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2022 Dates to Remember

- **Friday 22nd July**
African Drumming
- **Thursday 28th July**
Puberty classes 5/6
- **Friday 29th July**
Lightning Premiership at Yarrowonga
- **Friday 19th August**
Glasses for kids
- **Tuesday August 30th**
Bushwahzee
- **Friday 16th September**
Last day of term 2.30pm finish
- **Monday 3rd October**
Term 3 starts

Lightning Premiership
This is being held in Yarrowonga this year a
list of times will be sent home early next
term.

COVID-SAFE UPDATE

We have a recorded COVID-positive case in our Year 5/6 classroom, which is a reminder that, whilst Strathmerton Primary students and staff have generally been COVID-free, we can't become complacent.

As mentioned recently, the Department recommends that all students from 8 years of age, as well as all adults, should wear a mask whilst indoors. Each classroom has boxes of masks available.

Also, we will continue to send home Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits at regular intervals, again with the recommendation that you test your family weekly.

Close contacts of a confirmed case are able to continue to come to school, with the provision that they must return five negative RAT results over a seven day period, and they **must** wear a mask whilst indoors.

With the large increase of COVID cases across the State, we need to ensure that we continue to maintain COVID-safe practices.

From the Principal's Desk

All our campers returned on Thursday, very tired, but excited to tell me about the many activities they completed over the three days. A big thank you to Mrs Paton, Ms McCabe and Mr Graham for accompanying the students and looking after them so well.

SKATEBOARDING SESSION

The skateboarders from Melbourne provided all the students with a fun, active session last Friday. This was another free program offered through the Department's Positive Start initiative and is one of a number of opportunities offered to schools to build greater positivity in schools after the past couple of years of lockdowns and disrupted learning.

Other activities coming up during the year are four visits from the science team from the Discovery Centre in Bendigo, delivering science activities around robotics, air pressure and electrical circuits. Then of course, at the beginning of Term Four, we have the free school camp at the High Country Camp in Tallangatta, for all our Year Two to Six students.

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Next week, on **Friday 22nd July**, we have the **African Drumming** incursion visiting. Each class will have an hour's workshop, where they will hear more about the music and dance of West Africa, as well as learn how to play their own drum (djembe). It will be a fun and informative introduction to our term's theme, and I hope every student is able to participate. The information and consent form are posted on our Facebook and Schoolstream sites. The cost of this workshop performance is \$10 per child.

FOODBANK SUPPLIES

Our Breakfast Club supplies come courtesy of the wonderful Foodbank organisation working in conjunction with the Education Department. We order supplies direct from Foodbank (it's a bit like a virtual supermarket). A new feature is the opportunity to order **family food packs** that contain some basic food staples (long-life milk, cereal, spreads, tinned fruit, soups and prepared meals), to support all our families who are struggling with cost of living pressures at the moment. If you would like to receive a family food pack, please let me know and I'll order one for you. It will all be done confidentially.

Geoff Weppner.

This week's award winners

Strathy Stars

Lila Whitaker, Callum Bill and Zane Helmore-Keast



Literacy Award

Alyssah Wilson, Eliza Bouchier and Emma Bouchier



Numarcy Award

Abbie Graham, Rosie Stokes, Lorelai Church and Jack Kelly

Well done to these little champs' fantastic effort at the Lions Club Public Speaking competition.

