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**Newsletter No.24
August 11th, 2022**

2022 Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday August 30th**
Bushwahzee
- **Wednesday 7th September**
School council
- **Monday 12th September**
Pupil-free Planning Day
- **Friday 16th September**
Last day of term 2.30pm finish
- **Monday 3rd October**
Term 4 starts

- Change of date
- **Friday 19th August now October 12th**
Glasses for kids

RECYCLING CENTRE

Moira 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

Another busy week at school as we reach the half-way point of the term. The weeks just seem to be flying past. Just a reminder about the new recycling centre placed in the front foyer of the school. If you are wishing to dispose of any household items outlined on the front page, don't forget to bring them to school, so that they can be recycled responsibly, rather than just ending up in landfill.

NEW PE TEACHER

All the students were excited to have their first PE session on Wednesday with Mr Taj Swoffer, who has been appointed to this role for the rest of the year. Taj is in his final year of a teaching degree and we were able to apply for a Permission To Teach for him from the Victorian Institute of Teaching, as we were unable to fill this vacancy through advertisement. Taj is going to be great addition to our staff and we welcome him to Strathy.

PARENT/CARER OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT YOU TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent/Carer Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training for all parents/carers to complete. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents/Carers will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September**.

On Monday, 15th August, Leanne will put an information page up on Facebook/Schoolstream, with the link to the survey site, explaining how to login and complete the survey.

I'm hoping all of our parents/carers complete the survey. Please look for the link on Monday.

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, 30th 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

Don't forget to register your consent for your Year 2-6 child to attend the free **High Country Camp**, that has been booked for our **Year 2-6 students** on the **5th-7th 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.

FOODBANK DELIVERY

I have had a new delivery of Family Food Packs, provided by Foodbank. If you would like to take one home, please let me or Leanne know. I am able to order as many of these free family food supplies, as often as necessary. You are able to take home one of these packs whenever you need. It's a great initiative for all our families in these difficult times, so I hope you take full advantage of the offer.

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.



BOOK WEEK 2022

FRIDAY 26TH

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FAVOURITE
BOOK
CHARACTOR



CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022
20-26 August

Dreaming with eyes open...



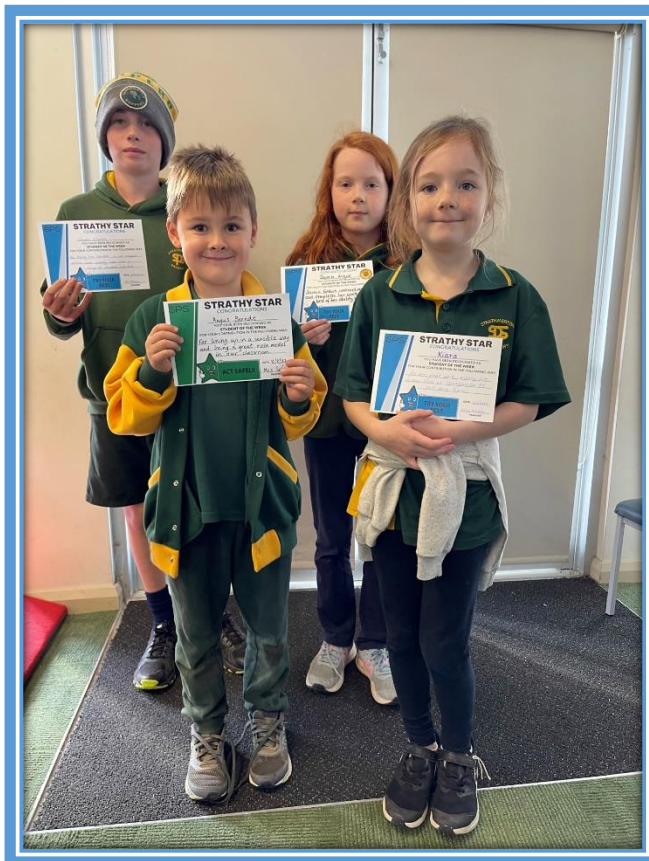
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This week's award winners

Strathy Stars

Jacob Church, Jazmin Argus, Angus Berndt and Kiara Bowden



Literacy Award

Oliver Bramich, Felicia Anderson, Avi Mendoza and Declan Hughes



Numeracy Award

Aden McGill, Hayley Carson, Kiesha Maney and Kaiza Coghil-Lynam