



# STRATHMERTON

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## 2022 Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> -Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
High Country Camp in Tallangatta.
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
Regional Athletics Shepparton
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Glasses for kids
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
Pupil free day
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
Cup day public holiday
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> -Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Grade 3 & 4 camp Beechworth



## **Regional Sports October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parents will need to organise getting children competing in the regional athletics to the venue on Monday.

Good luck to all competing.

There is a card with their name and details for them to wear at the office for pick up before you leave.

## **From the Principal's Desk**

Our Year 2-6 campers all set off for High Country Camp in Tallangatta on Wednesday morning in the drizzling rain. However, photos sent through after they'd arrived, show them outdoors engaging in a variety of fun activities without any rain. No doubt they will be dodging showers off and on over the three days, so let's just hope they can get outside often enough to take part in all the fun activities the camp has to offer.

### **DINOSAURS AND SCIENCE INCURSIONS**

Next Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> Oct) we have two special visiting groups. Firstly, the Year P-2 students will see the dinosaur exhibition from the Melbourne Museum, followed by all classes having another visit from the Science Discovery Centre in Bendigo, to learn about circuits and switches. Both these incursions are free of charge as part of the Department's Positive Start initiative.

### **GLASSES FOR KIDS**

The visiting optometrists will be here next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> Oct) to test the eyes of those students whose parents/carers provided consent. If the optometrists determine that a child would benefit from corrective glasses, they will also be provided free of charge.

### **FLAG RAISING**

On Monday, we 'officially' raised the Torres Strait Islander flag on our new flagpole. Sophie Hughes and 'Auntie' Faye Lynam unfurled and raised the flag in front of the school assembly.

### **SCHOOL UPGRADE**

Recently we learned, that due to the huge increase in the cost of building materials, the full rebuild/refurbishment of the school is not attainable within the allocated budget. So the project has had to be scaled back somewhat. Now the scope of works will include the refurbishment of all existing classrooms, the addition of one new classroom and the conversion of one classroom into a new library. The creation of a new administration wing, including offices, staffroom and toilets will now be deferred until a new allocation of funds is made, some time into the future. It's unfortunate that the whole project, as originally envisaged, can't be completed, but at least all students at Strathmerton Primary will be accommodated in fresh, new and modern learning spaces.

### **SUNSMART**

It seems incongruous to be talking about hats for outdoor wear at school, when it is so grey and wet at the moment, but Department rules are that all students must wear an approved hat whilst outdoors, during Terms One and Four each year. Leanne has supplies of the new navy blue bucket hats available from the office at \$8 each. From next week, students without a hat will be required to remain under cover.

Geoff Weppner.