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**Newsletter No.37
November 24th, 2022**

2022 Dates to Remember

- **Friday 2nd December**
Casual Dress day
- **Monday 5th December**
Swimming starts for 2 weeks
- **Monday 5th December**
Funfields Grade 6
- **Tuesday 13th December**
Orientation day
- **Wednesday 14th December**
Grade 6 Graduation
- **Thursday 15th December**
Presentation evening 6.30pm
- **Friday 16th December**
Swimming carnival
- **Tuesday 20th December**
Last day term school finishes at 1.00pm



Bush tucker garden has been planted.



Bush tucker garden



From the Principal's Desk

Another successful week at Strathmerton Primary, apart from the colder weather and the mozzies. Staff are busily completing the final Pupil Reports for the year. It's a very time-consuming process – analysing all the test data, writing individual student comments on each subject area and determining the level of performance for each student. It's a big job, but the resulting reports are very informative and comprehensive.

FIRE SERVICES UPGRADE

As part of the school upgrade the school is having water tanks and pumps installed to provide the required pressure for fighting a fire, should the need arise. The work commenced this week, with a horizontal boring machine laying high pressure pipe underground, which will then be connected to the new water tanks and pumps that will be situated in the school yard, at the back of the swimming pool toilet block. Finally, two new fire hydrants will be installed – one out the front of the school and one out the back. Regarding the school refurbishment, Moretto Building Pty Ltd has been accepted as the successful tenderer, with a contract about to be signed. Hopefully the modernisation works will commence early in the new year.

BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

On Wednesday, students from the 4/5 room helped Dawn and I plant out 30 Bush Tucker plants in the garden bed that runs to the eastern side of the back basketball court. The plants range from the tall Strawberry Gum, to smaller ground covers, such as the Chocolate Lily. Some plants have edible fruits, including the Finger Lime and Midyim Berry, whereas the leaves of other plants are useful for flavouring dishes or they have medicinal properties. The plants came courtesy of a financial grant of \$800 from the Woolworth's Junior Landcare program. Hopefully, in years to come the students can enjoy tasting some 'bush tucker'.

YEAR TWO SLEEPOVER

The Year Two's had a fun sleepover at school last Friday and I would like to express my thanks to Ms Arklay and Mrs Mead for entertaining them and caring for them so well.

This sleepover is part of our whole-school camping program, with the Prep/1's experiencing a Games and Tea Night, then the Year 2 sleepover, followed by the Year 3/4 two night camp, culminating with the Year 5/6 three night camp.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van will be visiting in the week commencing the 12th December, for those students whose parents provided consent.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION EVENING

An early reminder that the whole-school Presentation Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 15th December. The evening will commence with a BYO picnic tea from 5:00 pm, with the actual presentation of awards to commence at 5:30 pm. Please mark the date in your diary, as it would be great to see all our families at this last official event for the year, where we celebrate the successes of the students.

Geoff Weppner.

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Swimming Program: Mon 5th Dec to Fri 16th Dec 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

This year we are planning on running our annual school swimming program at the end of the year. We will require parent helpers to assist with the running of the swimming program to ensure that we have small swimming group sizes. If you are able to help please write your name in the time slots below and return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

*Please note: Pre-school aged children or children that are not directly involved with the school swimming program are not allowed to come to the pool.

If you have any questions about the school swimming program please contact the school office. Thank you for your assistance with the swimming program, it is greatly appreciated. Fiona Hubbard

Parent helper timetable

Week 10	2-2:30pm Grade 5/6	2-2:30pm Grade F/1	2:30-3pm Grade 4/5	2:30-3pm Grade 2/3
Monday 5 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Tuesday 6 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Wed 7 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Thursday 8 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Friday 9 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺

Parent helper timetable

Week 11	2-2:30pm Grade 4/5	2-2:30pm Grade 2/3	2:30-3pm Grade 5/6	2:30-3pm Grade F/1
Monday 12 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Tuesday 13 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Wed 14 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Thursday 15 th Dec	☺	☺	☺	☺
Friday 16 th Dec	Swimming Carnival			