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Aug 10th, 2023

2023 Dates to Remember

- **Thursday 10th August**
Puberty grades 5/6
- **Thursday 24th August**
Grades P/1 and 2/3 reading in Numurkah
Book Character Dress Up Day
- **Wednesday 6th September**
School Council
- **Friday 15th September**
Last Day Term 3.
2.30pm Dismissal



PIE ORDERS PICK UP
16TH AUGUST

Lunch orders

Lunch orders will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see Compass and facebook for the price list.



From the Principal's desk.

Book Week

On Thursday 24th August, Prep-3s will have an excursion to Numurkah to celebrate Book Week. They will participate in the Numurkah and District Community Reading Day. Here students can dress up as their favourite book character and listen to various stories. A permission form can be found on Compass.

Don't forget that we have our annual Book Week Parade Thursday, 24th August, commencing at 2:30 pm. I'm hoping everyone is going to come along as their favourite book character, to make it a great afternoon's entertainment. Parents/carers, friends and family are cordially invited to join us out the front of the school, to see the children parade.

Lightning Premiership

All the teachers and parent volunteers at the Lightning Premiership in Yarrawonga on Wednesday, commented on the excellent behaviour and teamwork of all our senior students. The Grade 6 Netball team won 3 out of the 6 games, and the Grade 5 team won all 5 games. The Football team didn't win any games but improved with each game. Thank you to Tim Bramich and Amy Carter for coaching, and all other parents for helping on the day and at the Interschool Winter Sports in Term 2.

School Uniform

I'd like to remind all parents and guardians that our school policy requires students to wear our school approved jumper. Please make sure all jumpers are clearly named, helping us to ensure lost jumpers are returned to their rightful owners. If you require to purchase a school jumper, they are available at the school office.

Prep Enrolments for 2024

We are accepting Enrolments for Prep 2024. Enrolment applications are due, we ask parents/carers to submit their completed application to us by this date either online through the Insight Portal or by the Enrolment form.

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 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.

Jo Paton

Principal

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

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

SUBJECT: Invitation to participate in the 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Dear Parents/Caregiver/Guardians

Your family is asked to participate in the 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. The Department of Education has contracted ORIMA Research (ORIMA) to conduct the survey. ORIMA is Australia's leading provider of end-to-end research and data analytics services to the public and not-for-profit sector.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community. All families are invited to participate in the survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

- The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.
 - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.
- The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. You will be provided with a PIN to complete the survey. This is to ensure that parents / caregivers / guardians only complete the survey once. The school can never see your responses linked with the PIN.

Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey. **PLEASE NOTE: Only one parent / caregiver / guardian** from your family is invited to complete the survey. Please **DO NOT** share the survey link and PIN with others, or on a public website, forum or similar.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.
<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>
2. Select the School and Campus name below.
School Name: **Strathmerton Primary School**
3. Enter the School PIN below.
PIN: **589901**
4. When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any general queries about the survey. For specific technical or participation-related queries, you may also contact the department or the supplier administering the survey, ORIMA Research.

- Should you have any technical queries regarding the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 (toll-free during business hours), or by email: pos@orima.com.
- Should you have any participation or survey-related queries, please contact the school, or the department by email: school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

The department and ORIMA protect your responses in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic). For more information, please visit ORIMA's [Privacy Policy](#), and the department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Our students have been participating in the Zones of Regulation program, here are some key points:

- All Zones are OK!
- Everyone experiences all of the zones at different times
- We can't change the way our children feel, but we can change the way they respond to their feelings
- You can be in more than one zone at a time

Ask your children about it, they are becoming experts!

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The ZONES of Regulation™


			
BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Relaxed	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Elated/Ecstatic Devastated Out of Control


The Road to Regulation


I CAN... Have fun
Do my job Focus
Be in control Join in
Solve the problem

Welcome to Destination Regulation

STEP 1
How do I feel?


STEP 2
What Zone am I in?


STEP 3
Do I need a tool to regulate? Which one?


STEP 4
Use the tool.


Zone Tools

Red → Zone Tools

Yellow → Zone Tools

Green → Zone Tools

Blue → Zone Tools

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NSC 2024 TRANSITION DAYS

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Tuesday 12th December 2023



NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

Our Kids, Our Community, Our School

Students are to arrive at 8.45 for a 9.00 am start in the hall and the day will conclude at 3.20pm



Students are to wear their primary school sports uniform. Bring a packed bag with a drink bottle, pencil case (where possible), hat and their recess and lunch (The canteen is available for purchases on the day – including lunch). Please note: Current 2023 bus travelers are welcome to catch the bus to and from NSC but all non bus travelers will be required to make their own way to and from NSC. Please direct any queries to Nicky Pyszkowski on 5862 1088.

Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Pride

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Book Character

Dress Up Day

Thursday 24th August

