



# STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**SUPPORT EACH  
OTHER**



**TRY YOUR  
BEST**



**ACT  
SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

**Newsletter No.19**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

## **2023 Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Last day of Term 2.  
Special Day  
Early Dismissal 2.30pm.
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
First day term 3
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Grade 5/6 camp to Melbourne
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
Curriculum Day – no students at school.
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Pie orders due back
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
Lightning prem Yarrawonga

Happy Holidays  
See you on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**No Lunch orders tomorrow.**  
**Thanks**

Grade 5/6 Camp to Melbourne July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to fill out permission forms. Payment due before your child boards the bus.

Last Day Term 2  
Free Dress  
Assembly 10am  
Writer's Expo 10.20-11am  
Hot Dog Lunch \$5  
Dismissal 2.30pm

Lightning Premiership Wednesday  
9<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Badminton**

Doubles comp in Cobram on the  
16/6/23 Names to Heather on  
0427745307  
No badminton on the 23/6/2023  
Starts back on the 14/7/2023

### **Lunch orders**

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

## **From the Principal's desk.**

I know everyone – staff, students and families – are looking forward to the holiday break. However, we can all look back at this term and reflect on how positive and productive it has been. Some of the events and programs students have participated in this term were a science incursion, 2024 Foundation Information Night, Interschool Winter Sports, Education Week, swimming program and a history incursion. To finish off the term, our Foundation students celebrated their 100 days of school and on Friday we will hold a School Disco. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See you all back on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Last Day of Term**

We have decided to organise a fun last day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This day will be a free dress day, theme to be organised soon. We will hold an assembly at 10am to give out awards, followed by a Writer's Expo in the students' classrooms. This will give the students an opportunity to showcase their published writing pieces. After recess, the SRC are hosting a F-3 and 4-6 disco and organising a hot dog lunch. No other lunch orders will be available.

### **Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is an extremely important indicator of student performance. The Department of Education and Training suggests that even as few as 5 or 6 days absence in a school year can have an adverse effect on a student's progress. The DET monitors the absence rate of students across the State and will contact schools to discuss their attendance strategies where that rate is unsatisfactory.

Strathmerton PS has always had a high level of attendance, however it's disappointing to note that we have many 'unexplained absences' at the moment, where the child is not at school, and we haven't been informed why. We know that currently there is a great deal of 'flu-like' illness in the area, but in most cases the parents/carers have either let us know through the Compass app or phoned the school. When we haven't seen a student for several days and haven't been able to make contact, we become quite concerned.

There is no excuse for a student to be absent from school without explanation. If your child is absent from school, please let us know via Compass or phone call, as every 'unexplained absence' is recorded against their name. **'It's not OK to be away!'**

### **Before and After School Care**

A survey was sent home with the eldest of each family regarding 'Outside School Hours Care' program. This survey is to determine the need and possibility for OSHC in 2024. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible.


### **Thank You**

Jo Paton

100 DAYS  
OF SCHOOL







**I'm having a  
tough time  
at the moment**

**We're here  
to help**

# **Strathmerton Hub**

**Wednesdays: 9am-3pm**

**Walk-ins welcome**

**35 Goulburn Valley Hwy, Strathmerton**

**Behind St Aidens opportunity shop**

The Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub complements existing health services by supporting the recovery of people with new or existing mental health challenges.

**Available services include:**

- wellbeing checks
- emotional support and wellbeing coaching
- someone to talk to who will understand your situation and help locate and link you to services and support
- assistance to manage mental health symptoms and to address life stressors including homelessness, financial difficulties and social isolation
- support to utilise your skills, strengths and resources
- workshops and group activities to build your skills and make connections

Our peer wellbeing workers are available to people seeking support. Many of these people have their own experience of mental health challenges or are caring for someone with mental health issues.

People of all ages with new or existing mental health challenges can utilise services at the Hub.

Services are also available to family members and carers.

Referrals can be informal and all services are free of charge.

For further information, contact Bron on **0468 539 910**



# Strathmerton Primary School

## ENROL IN 2024

At Strathmerton Primary School,  
we offer:

- High quality teaching and learning.
- Small class sizes.
- A supportive and active school community.
- A wide range of curriculum and extracurricular activities.



**TO BOOK A TOUR, OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE:**



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# ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 ARE OPEN NOW!



- Three and Four year old Kindergarten and all other programs including long day care for 2024.
- Visit our website to complete an application @ [www.grpsa.com.au](http://www.grpsa.com.au), scroll down and click on 'Apply Now', fill out form for your service. Please note that you may receive an error message but disregard this. Check your email for confirmation of application.
- Once your child's spot is confirmed, you will be sent an email with the enrolment form and a request for their immunisation records.
- Enrolments for 2024 Kinder close on the 30 June 2023. The first round of offers will be sent after this date.
- We do accept enrolments after the 30 June as we typically have spaces, especially in the smaller services, but it would be recommended to enroll as soon as possible to ensure your child's spot!



*Play, laugh...  
...learn, grow!*

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