



STRATHMERTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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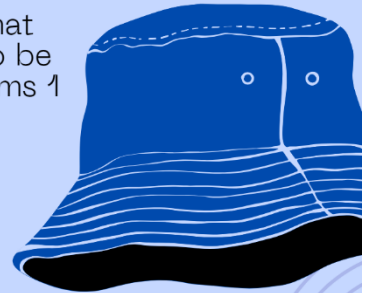
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2024 Dates to Remember

- **Wednesdays February 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**
Preps rest day at home.
- **Wednesday 14th February**
School Council 7pm
- **Friday 1st March**
Foundation/1 Games and Tea Night
- **Thursday 7th March**
Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 8th March**
Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free Day
- **Wednesday 20th March**
School Council 7pm

HATS!

Reminder that hats need to be worn in Terms 1 and 4



School
Bucket Hat

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BUS REMINDER

It is important that parents let the school know when their child is not travelling home by bus. Please phone the office so we can take them off the bus list.

Annual privacy reminder for 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will start Wednesday 7th Feb!
Lunch orders will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Please see Compass and Facebook for the price list.

Confidentiality Forms

Please fill out the confidentiality forms so we can update our records with any changes. The forms were sent home today. Please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back everyone to our 2024 school year. It was fantastic to see everyone back and ready to learn on Tuesday. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families both in the foundation grade and across the school.

Staff

I would like to welcome Rachel Robertson to our staff this year. Rachel is a psychologist and will be at school each Monday. Rachel will work alongside Jade Forman who was our School Chaplain last year and is now our Student and Wellbeing Officer Education Support person. Jade will be working on Tuesday and Thursdays. A consent form was sent home this week and will need to be returned for your child/ren to see either Rachel or Jade.

Classroom Structure 2024

Due to some families moving from the area we have decided to run with four classrooms this year.

Foundation/1 – Mrs Mandy-Lee Mead

2/3 – Miss Sarah Arklay

4/5 – Miss Sarah McCabe

5/6 – Mr Taj Swoffer (4 days) & Mrs Van De Berg (1 day).

Our specialist programs will include PE, Auslan, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Art and Library.

Outside Hours School Care

We are getting closer to finalising and starting our Outside Hours School Care. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in this program. To sign up just follow this website - [Strathmerton Uniting Before and After School Care - Childcare & Early Learning Centres Victoria & Tasmania | Uniting Vic.Tas \(unitingvictas.org.au\)](https://www.strathmerton.unitingvic.org.au/after-school-care). If you or anyone you know would be interested in working as a OSHC staff member, including the occasional shift, please visit this website - <https://careers.unitingvictas.org.au/en/job/515993/early-childhood-educator-oshc-strathmerton>.

Rest Day Preps

A reminder to our Foundation parents that their children will have a rest day at home every Wednesday until they begin full time school on the 4th March (Week 6). Attending school fulltime is very tiring for these young students, so the break in the middle of the week helps them rest and recharge. On these days, Mrs Mead will be testing the Foundation students to understand where they are beginning their school journey and the knowledge they already have. All families should have a date and time for these appointments. If you need to reschedule your appointment or don't have one, please ring the office on 58745295 to organise another time.

Assemblies

We will hold our Monday afternoon whole school assemblies in the Multi-Purpose Room. Assembly will start at 2.50pm and all are welcomed to attend. Leadership badges will be presented in the coming weeks once the badges arrive.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Strathmerton Uniting Outside School Hours Care

We are excited to be joining the Strathmerton community and providing Outside School Hours Care at Strathmerton Primary School.

We are currently working to recruit the best team to deliver a program filled with interesting and engaging experience. We hope to finalise and announce our staffing as soon as possible.

In the meantime, families can submit an expression of interest by visiting www.earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/child-care/strathmerton-uniting-after-school-care. This will be the starting point for enrolling in the service.

You can also contact our team on 1800 183 103 and they can record your interest in attending the program with just a few details to get started.

We appreciate your patience as we work to commence this program. We will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

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