



**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

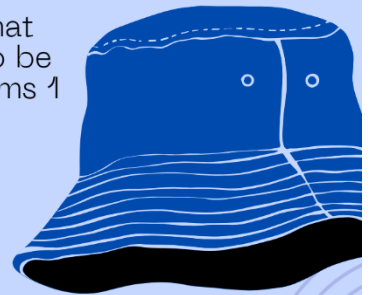
**Newsletter No.2**  
**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**2024 Dates to Remember**

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
School Captains presented badges at assembly 2.50pm
- **Wednesdays February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Preps rest day at home.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Foundation/1 Games and Tea Night
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45-6.45pm
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Pupil Free Day Parent Teacher Interviews 8.45am-11.45am
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
School Council 7pm
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Whole School Aths Day Nathalia

**HATS!**

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



School Bucket Hat

**\$8**

**Annual privacy reminder for 2024**

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](http://www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au)

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



**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.

**LUNCH ORDERS**

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 last week. Please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

## From the Principal's Desk

What wild summer weather we are having! From 40°C heat to storms to needing jumpers on. Great reminder to please make sure that your child/ren have all items of clothing named, especially clothes like jumpers and hats that are removed during the day. This will help us return lost or misplaced property when found. If you are in need to buy school jumpers, please see Leanne at the front office.

## New Students

Apart from the Preps who commenced at the beginning of the year, we welcome four new students to our school. Welcome to Xavier T (Year 6), Chaise D (Year 5), Aria B (Year 2) and Heath T (Year 2). They have all settled in well at Strathmerton Primary School.

## Outside Hours School Care

Uniting is still on the lookout for someone to run our OHSC. 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>. The ad. is also on Seek.

## School Hats

Just a reminder, that Terms One and Four are SunSmart terms, with all students required to wear the school-approved hat whilst outdoors. We are now enforcing the 'No Hat No Play' SunSmart policy. Students found not wearing their hat or continuously taking it off, will need to sit in the dedicated areas. If your child needs a new hat, they are available at the office to purchase for \$8.

## School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council are being called for. We have three parent vacancies on Council this year. So please come and see me at the office if you are interested in joining. **Nominations close on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm.** The term of office on School Council is two years and we have two meetings per term, usually on a Wednesday evening.

## Rest Day Preps

A reminder to our Prep parents that their children have a rest day at home every Wednesday until the end of February. Attending school fulltime is very tiring for these young students, so the break in the middle of the week helps them to rest and recharge.

## Prep/1 Games and Tea Night

This fun event will take place **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**. All our P/1's stay at school participate in lots of fun activities and to have tea together, with parents/carers to pick their child up at 5:30 pm. Please complete the permission form on the school management app Compass.

## Assemblies

On Monday we will be presenting our Leadership Badges. This will include School and House Captains, SRC President and members. The assembly will commence at 2:50pm and all are welcomed.

Jo Paton

**Congratulations to our leaders of 2024:**

**School Captains:**



Oliver Bramich and Ella Carter

**SRC Representatives:**



President: Jazmin Argus



Members: Jackson Cooper, Jack Daniel, Lily Humphreys-Spaul, Rhowen Perry, Mia Tonizzo, Marie Steiner, Maisie Hill, Anna Mendoza, Charlie Borg, Rylee McFarland

**Turtles:**



House Captain: Lily Humphreys-Spaul  
Vice-Captain: Indianna Sellman

**Wombats:**



House Captain: Amelia Wood  
Vice-Captain: Oliver Bramich and Ella Carter

**Emus:**



House Captain: Paige Argus  
Vice-Captain: Jackson Cooper

**Koalas:**



House Captain: Emma Bourchier  
Vice-Captain: Dayne Kirkwood

## SRC Easter Raffle

To assist the SRC, we are asking families to bring in items for the Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the day of the parade. Items that you can donate include Easter eggs or other Easter themed items. These donations can be dropped at the office, (for Mrs Bramich to taste test lol) preferably before the Tuesday of the last week of term (4<sup>th</sup> April). The SRC students will organise raffle tickets to be sent home with the eldest child of each family. We encourage you to sell these to family members, friends, or yourselves to be in the running to win prizes on the last day of term. Tickets are \$1 each. We greatly appreciate your support.







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30 January 2024

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](http://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,

Jonathon Mitchell  
Senior Manager, Early Learning Growth & Development  
Uniting Vic.Tas Limited

## Goulburn Valley Water recruiting for new customer panel

1 February 2024

Goulburn Valley Water is calling for customers to provide feedback and help shape future projects and priorities by registering an expression of interest for a new customer panel.

The Customer Accountability Panel will provide a key customer voice to reflect annually on progress across the 2023-28 Price Plan, which sets out GVW's key priorities and projects for the next five years.

GVW Managing Director Steve Capewell said the new panel would be a continuation of the work achieved by customers as part of the previous 2018-23 Price Plan and during consultation and development of the current plan.

"Our customer panels have provided some really important insights and valuable feedback, and we're committed to continuing to have a customer voice as we progress through our current five-year plan," Dr Capewell said.

"We are keen to work with another group of customers who will help us review progress on our commitments, and also contribute their views on future projects over the next couple of years.

"We genuinely want to engage broadly and deeply and so we encourage any customers with an interest in our water future to register their interest in selection on the panel."

The new panel will be drawn from GVW's 54 towns and will include representation from homeowners, tenants, businesses and future customers. It will also include members of the 2018-23 Annual Performance Forum and Customer Carbon Advisory Group to create a balance of fresh insights and prior experience.

The 2023-28 Price Plan is centred on four promises:

- provide reliable water and wastewater services customers can trust
- lead action and partner with communities to grow the region
- care for the environment and adapt to a future impacted by climate variability
- deliver respectful and responsive customer service, balancing affordability, value for money and fairness.

Investment in renewable energy, supporting customers experiencing financial hardship and renewing existing assets and infrastructure to ensure reliable service into the future are three of the major commitments.

For more information or to submit an expression of interest, visit

<http://gvwater.vic.gov.au/customer-accountability-panel>

The expression of interest deadline is Friday 8 March 2024.

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