



**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

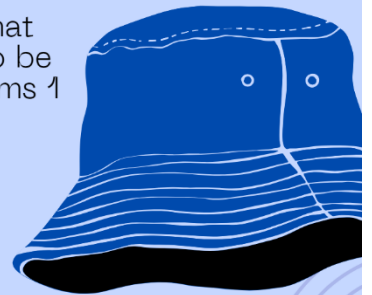
**Newsletter No.3**  
**Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**2024 Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Fab Friday Lunch Orders  
Foundation/1 Games and Tea Night
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
Meals on Wheels  
Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45-6.45pm
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
Pupil Free Day Parent Teacher Interviews  
8.45am-11.45am
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Whole School Aths Carnival 2pm
- **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**



**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 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](#).

**LUNCH ORDERS**

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

**Fab Friday:  
TOMORROW**

**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**

### **Prep/1 Games and Tea Night**

Tomorrow night is our F/1 Games and Tea Night. Foundation and Grade 1 students will remain at school after the home time bell and participate in various activities and games. They will have tea together, with parents/carers picking up their child at **5:30pm**. It is sure to be a great night!

### **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.

### **Lions Club Catering**

Thank you to all the Grade 5/6 families that supplied food for the Lions Club catering last Wednesday. A big thanks to Ollie, Jackson and Roise (past student) for helping to serve and do the dishes during the night. The catering raised \$270 for our school! The next Lions Club catering is **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** (next week). We are looking to the Grade 4/5 families to help with food and/or serving. The list of the catering needs can be found on Facebook or you can contact Kristi Cleary for more details.

### **Rest Day Preps**

Yesterday was the Foundation students final rest day. From next week the Foundation students will be attending school full time.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Thursday evening (7<sup>th</sup> March) and Friday morning (8<sup>th</sup> March). These interviews are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher to discuss any relevant information about your child. To book for an interview please follow the prompts on Compass. If you have any difficulty in doing this, please contact the office.

### **NAPLAN**

The annual NAPLAN tests for our Year 3 and 5 students are scheduled for the week commencing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The tests cover Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All tests will be conducted online, except for the Year 3 Writing test which will still be paper based. The Year 3 and 5 students are currently preparing for these tests with their teachers. If you have any concerns or queries about NAPLAN please contact me.

### **Attendance**

Regular attendance at school not only has an enormous impact on student achievement, but it also helps them to build social relationships and increase their sense of belonging and well-being. Irregular attendance, including being late, means that they will often miss out on new learning. If your child/ren are absent for a particular reason, please upload it on the school management system Compass.

### **School Council Elections**

I am pleased to announce that we received 2 nominations to fill our 3 vacancies for School Council in 2024, therefore an election will not be required. Parent Representative Nominees were:

- Amy Carter (2-year tenure)
- Ryan Berndt (2-year tenure)

Congratulations to each of those parents and thank you for nominating for School Council. We still do have one position available. If you would like further information or to discuss, please contact me.

Jo Paton

# Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February Author Incursion

Today the author came and talked about boats. She also talked about sea creatures. I liked it because it was cool.

Lylah Scott Year 1

## Susea Spray

Today we make boats and got bookmarks. Susea was very interesting.

Lilliana Borg  
Foundation



We made a boat, and it moves in the water. She was so fun. We talked about parts of boats.

Lucy Bramich Year 1



On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, an author that sailed part of the world came to SPS to tell us about her writing journey. Susea spray told us about her highs and lows in her writing, which some students could relate to her struggles. She explained to us how she came up with her ideas by sailing. Her writing flows in a rhythmic way like the ocean. Susea ran us through some of her story ideas, she then gave us an activity to do, where we got to make up a version of row, row, row, your boat. We drew a picture to go with our work and received a bookmark.

Jazmin, Emma and Paige.

## 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 (26<sup>th</sup> March). 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.

