SUPPORT EACH       TRY YOUR       ACT       RESPECT       Newsletter No.6	
OTHER       BEST         2024 Dates to Remember         > Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April         First day of Term 2         > Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April         ANZAC Day Service at Cobram	SAFELY Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WE NEED YOU
<ul> <li>ANZAC Day Service at Cobram Secondary Grade 5/6</li> <li>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April X-Country for qualified students at Katunga PS</li> <li>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April ANZAC Day Public Holiday ANZAC Day Service 8.45am at Strathmerton Public Hall.</li> <li>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April Interschool Sports at CAGS</li> <li>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Cobram Secondary Tester Day Grade 6</li> <li>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	RESEARCH SHOWS HOW CHILDREN'S LITERACY IMPROVES WHEN THEIR PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVOLVED IN SCHOOLS!
	VOLUNTEERS WANTED FAMILY MEMEBERS TO LISTEN TO READERS FOR MORNING LITERACY PLEASE CONTACT LEANNE WITH WHAT MORNING SUITS YOU!!
AFL Clinic	LUNCH ORDERS
BUS REMINDER	Lunch orders will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see Compass and Facebook for the price list.
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.	SOD CONTRACTOR

# From the Principal's Desk

We certainly have had a busy few weeks to finish off a very productive Term One. We started with our Whole School Athletics Carnival, then the District Athletics Carnival at Nathalia, followed by the Grade 6 students going to Ulupna Island for their creative workshop ran by Parallel Wilds and the Moria Shire. Today we had our Annual Easter Hat Parade, Easter Raffle, Quest Expo and the SRC Disco. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families an enjoyable and safe holiday break over the Easter period. See you all back at school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

# **District Athletics Carnival**

Well done everyone who attended the Athletics Sports Day at Nathalia Rec Reserve. I congratulate all students for their participation and sportsmanship throughout the day. Senior students that placed in their events will have the opportunity to compete at the next level of competition later in the year. Leanne will send home information to these families when we receive it. Thanks also to the parents and families that came and cheered our students on.

## Grade 6 Creative Workshop with Parallel Wilds

On Monday the Grade 6 students went to Ulupna Island. Here they learnt how to use high technical equipment such as binoculars, 360° cameras and VR machines to capture content of the nature that surrounds Ulupna Island. This content was then used in the student's creative writing pieces on Tuesday and Wednesday. The students really enjoyed this experience. I would like to thank Moira Shire for allowing our students the opportunity to participate in this workshop.



## Writing

On Tuesday some of our students went on a little adventure to the Post Office to post their letters to their loved ones as part of our Learning groups. The students had to choose who they wanted to send a letter to including Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles and Cousins. They needed to think of the message they wanted to send, how to record it in a letter layout, address the envelope and package it all up ready to post. With Mrs Cleary, the Grade 3 students wandered to the Mailbox Cafe where the lovely Cindy helped with stamps and even let the kids go behind the counter to stamp their letter and place in the box ready for the Postie to collect. The excitement was real as for some this was their very first experience at posting a letter. The students are now very excited to find out when their letter arrives and if they will receive a letter in return! Letter writing is such a fun and fabulous way to encourage young writers to develop their ability to form sentences and expand on interesting ways to record their messages with the audience or recipient of the letter in mind. Thanks, Mrs Cleary, for allowing our students this fabulous learning opportunity!





## Last Day of Term One

We finished Term One with our annual Easter Hat Parade, QUEST Expo and House Sports. It was fantastic to see all the students with their decorated Easter bonnets. Well done to the prize winners in each section. We had a great turn out to our QUEST Expo. The students really enjoyed sharing what they have done in history/science this term. After recess, students enjoyed participating in the Disco ran by our SRC leaders. Thanks to staff and students for all their organisation in each activity.

#### 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**

We have now filled the vacant position on School Council. Thank you to Melissa Kelly for volunteering and becoming a member on School Council.

Jo Paton



# Moira Shire's kerbside collection consultation now open

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