

From the Principal's Desk

Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. This includes smartwatches and similar personal devices. The Department of Education is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This ensures that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones, smart watches and similar devices are kept away during school hours, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school. It is required that students check in their phone upon arrival to school and collect it upon departing school at the end of their school day.

Further information:

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency of if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

Parent Support: The <u>Mobile phones in schools webpage</u> provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.



If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

School Uniform

There is an expectation that all students wear school uniform to school, each day. This includes school tshirt and jumper. Wearing of similar coloured clothing, navy or dark blue clothing is acceptable. We are starting to see a large number of students wearing clothing items that are not suitable or similar in colour to our uniform. The school office has uniform items for sale (jumpers and t-shirts) or alternatively families can source navy or dark blue items from stores such as Big W or K-Mart. Wearing of branded clothing items is not an acceptable alternative to school uniform and needs to be addressed by families. Please ensure all school uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Swimming

As part of the Victorian Curriculum, we are required to deliver swimming and water safety education, outlined in the Health and Physical Education curriculum. We have again booked Aquamoves in Shepparton for our official swimming lessons. These lessons will occur each day in Week 10 (17th-21st June).

The cost of this is \$25 per student. This charge will cover the buses, with the school funding the swimming lessons. A permission note can be found on Compass.

Whole School Photos

Our school photo day is Monday 24th June. Ordering school photos is through the Compass app. On the 10th June you will receive an email from the photography company MSP. This email will go to the email address that is linked to your Compass account. Please note that late fees will apply for ordering photos after the 1st July. The price list for the school photos is attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Grade 5/6 Camp Sovereign Hill 17-19th July

The Grade 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill will be first week back in Term 3 (Wed 17th – Fri 19th July). The purpose of this camp is to provide the students with a worthwhile educational, living and learning experience of the Gold Rush era. This camp will support the curriculum focus of Australia in the 1800s. Information, including permission notes and payments, can be found on Compass.

Attitudes To School Survey

This survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experiences of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. This survey is completed by our Year 4, 5 and 6 students and is completed as a questionnaire online. Each student will have a unique login that protects their identity, so that their responses are confidential. The school receives a summary of the results from the survey company, which we then analyse to determine the students' views and to improve their schooling experience. This survey will be conducted in early June. If you do not wish your child to do the survey, please contact the school office, to inform us of your wishes.

Somers Camp

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of spots at the DET 5/6 Somers School Camp. This year our allotted time is Tuesday 22nd October to Wednesday 30th October 2024. If you think your child would be interested in participating in this camp please fill out the expression of interest form that was sent home by Thursday 27th June. Please note that the expression of interest does not guarantee your child's participation in the camp but to be placed in the ballot for selection.

Jo Paton

Principal



In Grade 4/5 students have been demonstrating our SWPBS Expectations by supporting the younger students. They were also showing respect to each other during our debates.

SWPBS in Grade 4/5



What is SWPBS?

School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a framework that brings our school community together to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

SWPBS assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. SWPBS practices and supports have been designed using research and evidence that have been demonstrated to be effective

Introducing, modelling, and reinforcing positive social behaviour is an important step of a student's educational experience. Teaching behavioural expectations and acknowledging students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehaviour to occur before responding.

When implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Staff and students benefit from:

- Increased respectful and positive behaviour
- Increased time focused on instruction
- Improved social and emotional wellbeing
- Positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- A supported learning environment

Key Features of SWPBS:

- Establish a common philosophy and purpose
- Establish Leadership and school-wide support
- Clearly define a set of expected behaviours
- Establish procedures for teaching and practising expected behaviours
- Implement a continuum of procedures to encourage expected behaviours
- Use procedures of record-keeping, decision making and ongoing monitoring
- Support staff to use effective classroom practices

Year 4/5/6 Interschool Winter Sports Draw - 2024			
Date	Home	1	Away
April 26 th	Katunga	V	St Francis
	Nathalia	V	Numurkah
	St Joes Numurkah	V	Cobram
	CAGS	V	Strathmerton
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May 3rd	Numurkah	V	St Joes Cobram
	Strathmerton	V	Cobram
	Nathalia	V	St Francis
	Katunga	V	St Joes Numurkah
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May 10 th	Katunga	V	Nathalia
	St Joes Cobram	V	Strathmerton
	St Francis	V	Numurkah
	CAGS	V	Cobram
	BYE: St Joes Numurkah		
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	Cobram	V	Numurkah
	St Francis	V	St Joes Numurkah
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June 31st	Cobram		Katunga
	Strathmerton	V	St Francis
	St Joes Cobram	V	Nathalia
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	St Joes Numurkah	V	Nathalia
	CAGS	V	Katunga
	Cobram	V	St Joes Cobram
	BYE: St Francis		
June 14 st	St Joes Cobram	V	Katunga
	St Francis	V	Cobram
	Strathmerton	V	St Joes Numurkah
	Numurkah	V	CAGS
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June 21 st	Nathalia	V	CAGS
	Numurkah	V	St Joes Numurkah
	Strathmerton	V	Katunga
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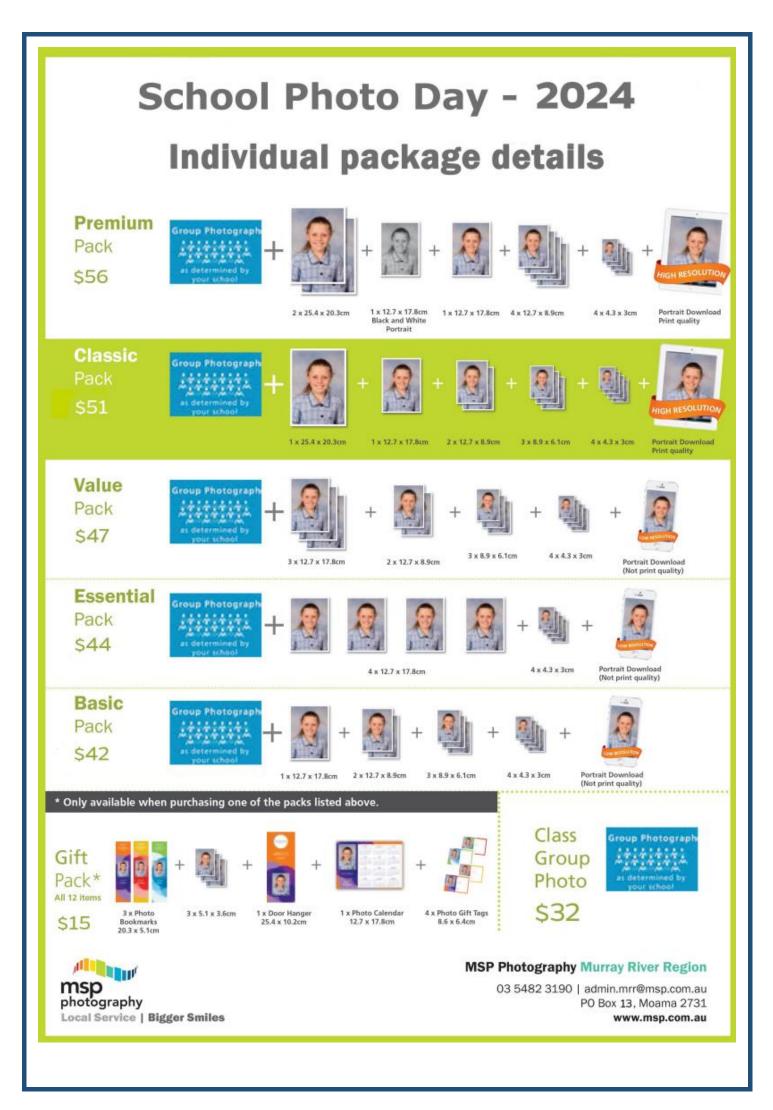
At Strathmerton Primary School we offer:

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

2025 enrolments now open.

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

- 58745295
- www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au/
- 43-51 Findlay St, Strathmerton VIC 3641



Sibling Photo Package Details

Deluxe Pack \$39









1 x 25.4 x 20.3cm

2 x 12.7 x 17.8cm

2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm

Portrait Download (Not print quality)



\$33







4 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



Portrait Download (Not print quality)







1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm



2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



Portrait Download (Not print quality)

* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.



\$15









2 x Photo Gift Tags

6.4 x 12.7cm

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