



**STRATHMERTON**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**

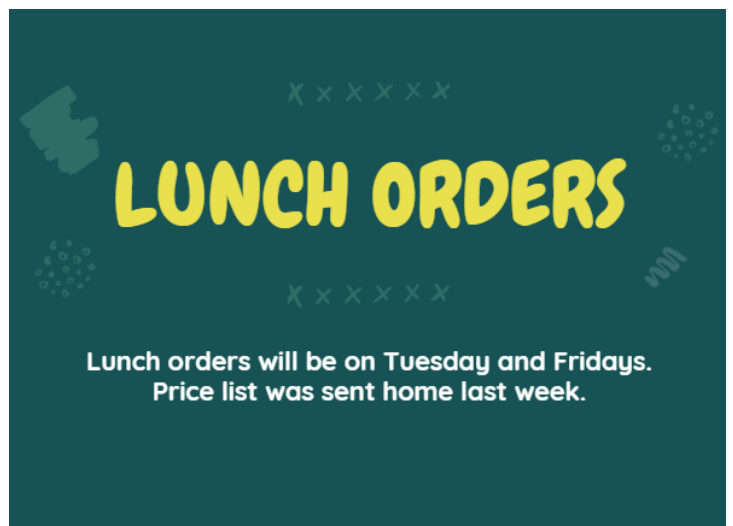


**RESPECT**

**Newsletter No.12**  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**2024 Dates to Remember**

- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
Whole School PJ Day.  
End of Term Assembly 2.45pm.  
Writing Expo 3-3.30pm.
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Last Day of Term 2.  
2.30pm Dismissal
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Pupil Free Day. No students
- **Tue 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
First day Term 3 for students.
- **Wed 17-19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Grade 5/6 camp to Sovereign Hill.
- **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
Lightning Premiership at Yarrowonga



## From the Principal's Desk

I know everyone – staff, students and families – are looking forward to the holiday break. However, we can all look back at this term and reflect on a busy, positive and productive term. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See you all back on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### Farewell Miss McCabe

We would like to bid farewell to Miss McCabe as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she prepares for the birth of her first child. Her final day will be the Pupil Free Day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. A new classroom teacher for the 4/5 class is currently being organised.

### PJ Day

All the students enjoyed wearing and participating in our PJ Day. The SRC did a fantastic job running multi-aged activities for all the students to enjoy.



### Attendance

Regular attendance at school is an extremely important indicator of student performance. The Department of Education and Training suggests that even as few as 5 or 6 days absence in a school year can have an adverse effect on a student's progress. The DET monitors the absence rate of students across the State and will contact schools to discuss their attendance strategies where that rate is unsatisfactory.

Strathmerton PS has always had a high level of attendance, however it's disappointing to note that we have many 'unexplained absences' at the moment, where the child is not at school, and we haven't been informed why. We know that currently there is a great deal of 'flu-like' illness in the area, but in most cases the parents/carers have either let us know through the Compass app or phoned the school. When we haven't seen a student for several days and haven't been able to make contact, we become quite concerned.

There is no excuse for a student to be absent from school without explanation. If your child is absent from school, please let us know via Compass or phone call, as every 'unexplained absence' is recorded against their name. **'It's not OK to be away!'**

### Pupil Free Day

Please be aware that Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be working towards learning about the new Mathematics Curriculum to be rolled out in Semester 2.

### Grade 5/6 Camp Sovereign Hill 17-19<sup>th</sup> July

The Grade 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill will be first week back in Term 3 (Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July). The bus will be leaving school on Wednesday at 7.45am. All medication needs to be handed into Miss Arklay before getting on the bus. Please make sure all money owing is paid by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Students are responsible for their own spending money and technology whilst at camp.





**In Grade 5/6 students have been practising our SWPBS Expectations by ...**

- Supporting each other by playing as a team.
- Trying our best even when the football or netball games don't go our way.
- Acting safely and following the game rules.
- Showing respect to the umpires and opposition players.

**SWPBS in Grade 5/6**



# Strathmerton Primary School

## ENROL IN 2025


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we offer:

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



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