



**STRATHMERTON**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**



**TRY YOUR BEST**



**ACT SAFELY**



**RESPECT**

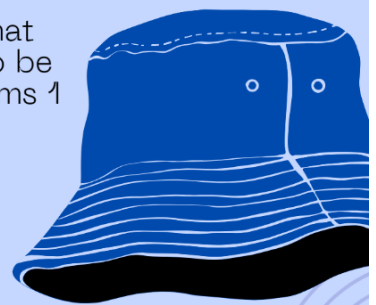
**Newsletter No.18**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### 2024 Dates to Remember

- **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct**  
Division Athletics at McEwen Reserve
- **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**  
Whole School Twisted Ed Excursion  
School Council 7pm
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Pupil Free Day
- **Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Colour Fun Run 2.30pm
- **Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Statewide Orientation Day
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Last Day of School

## HATS!

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



School Bucket Hat

**\$8**

## LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..



### Strathmerton Uniting After School Care

Call us  
1800 183 103

Visit  
[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)

At Uniting we understand that families need extra support during the school year - and that's why we provide flexible, affordable childcare.

Our After School Care program offers supervised indoor and outdoor care with a mix of leisure and educational activities for primary school-aged children during school terms.

The team at Strathmerton Uniting Outside School Hours Care is excited to be offering a great range of fun, creative activities. From science experiments to cooking experiences, we've tailored a program that's sure to meet the individual interests of each child.

Uniting's Outside School Hours Care program will give you peace of mind throughout the school year, knowing that your child is cared for in a safe, stimulating environment.

Our service is approved for Childcare Subsidy (CCS). The CCS is financial assistance provided by the federal government to help cover the cost of childcare. CCS is paid directly to Uniting via our management system, Xap. How much you receive depends on a number of factors. You can find out more information here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy>

**When:** Beginning Term Four, 2024

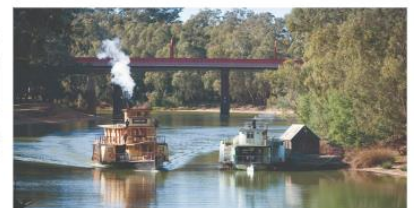
**Where:** Strathmerton Primary School, 43-51 Findlay Street, Strathmerton

**Daily Fee:**

\$35 per session - permanent enrolment  
\$40 per session - casual enrolment

Twisted Ed and Port of Echuca  
Excursion  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Cost: \$30  
Permission form on Compass

**twisted**  
science



Learn more  
[unitingvictas.org.au/el](http://unitingvictas.org.au/el)

**Uniting**

# From the Principal's Desk

## Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone. We hope everyone had a wonderful school holiday and are ready for an exciting Term 4! Some of the wonderful events happening this term include our Colour Fun Run, Grade 2 Sleepover, Grade 3/4 Swan Hill Camp, and Grade 6 Graduation Night. Please see the 'Dates to Remember' for when these activities are happening.

## Quest Expo and Footy Colours Day

We finished off last term with our annual Footy Colours Day and Quest Expo. The students had a wonderful time, thoroughly enjoying sharing their schoolwork with families and participating in the footy fun. Thank you to all families that came to see the students work.

The school leaders did an excellent job organising and running each of the footy tabloid sports activities. They all showed great leadership skills throughout the session and all students thoroughly enjoyed each activity.



## After School Care

After School Care has officially started, and we are excited to welcome Kirra Thorne as the coordinator from Uniting. The program will be running out of the Multi-Purpose Room. For more information, please refer to the flyer on the front page of the newsletter.

## Division Athletics

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we will have 18 senior students attending the Divisional Athletics at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. These students have qualified to represent SPS in various track and field events. Parents and carers are reminded that they will need to transport their child/ren to the venue. Times and names tags have been sent home. Best of luck to all our athletes!

## Twisted Ed Excursion

This term, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we have organised a whole school excursion to Twisted Ed and the Port of Echuca. The excursion will support our schoolwide science topic of Physical Science. At Twisted Ed, students will have an education session and then explore the various science exhibits. Students will also have a paddle steamer Cruise, a guided port tour and a historical education session. The cost of this excursion is \$30 per child and a permission form can be found on Compass. We will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 9.00am. Students will return to school at 5.00pm. Please note, due to the late bus return, there will be no after school bus run on this day. Students will need to be picked up by parents/carers. The morning bus run will still be available.

## School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks. The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025. A reminder letter was sent home to each child on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

## Child safety and wellbeing at Strathmerton Primary School: information for families and the school community

Strathmerton Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: [Strathmerton Primary School | Documents \(strathmertonps.vic.edu.au\)](http://strathmertonps.vic.edu.au).

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Joanne Paton principal on 5874 5295 or at [joanne.paton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:joanne.paton@education.vic.gov.au)

### Before and after school supervision

Student safety at Strathmerton Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

**Before school:** School grounds are supervised at 8.45am.

**After school:** School grounds are supervised until 3.40pm

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised.

Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice/tutoring).

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please contact the school office. This policy includes Strathmerton Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

**Jo Paton**



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**on school uniforms,  
textbooks and  
activities**

Parents and carers  
of Victorian school-aged children  
will receive the one-off  
**School Saving Bonus**

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**FUN** 2024  
**RUN**

STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 15th November  
Fun Run at 2:30 pm



**FRIGHT FEST**  
**AT CACTUS COUNTRY**

**OCTOBER 26TH**  
**5.30PM – 9.30PM**

**TICKETS AT**  
[cactuscountry.com.au](https://cactuscountry.com.au)



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