Principal’s report
Welcome back to a new term. The children have settled in well and all our programs are underway.

The year 1 and some prep children will be participating in the Gymnastics program at the Maffra Gymnastics Centre and we start the Jump Rope for Heart Program as part of the students Physical Education Program.

Mr Mick Roberts starts the Footy Coaching and umpiring program for all students interested in having a game of footy at lunchtime. This will dovetail neatly into the AFL Footy 9’s Clinic to be conducted by the East Gippsland League’s Football Development Officer in August. The focus of both programs is to ensure that all students, regardless of age or gender can enjoy and feel safe while learning new skills when playing ‘Footy’ at school. The school will provide the footballs for games at school so please keep your child’s ‘footies’ at home. Students will also need to wear shorts/track pants and runners on these days. No football boots.

The Parent Opinion Surveys are being distributed this week. Families are selected randomly by the computer so if you have received one please complete it and return to school as your opinion is valued.

I am sure you have heard about the malicious damage that occurred at our school over the holiday break. The cost of the repairs of this damage is met through the school budget, which unfortunately means there is less available for other school programs. Thank you to all members of the school community who have expressed their disappointment and concern, and to those who have passed relevant information onto the police. Also thank you particularly to Dave and Debbie.
Hooper who came in over the holidays to assist with the clean-up.
Zonda Lynn - Principal

**Gym Program Grade 1**
Could parents of Grade 1 students who are attending the Gym program starting on Monday 21st July, please remember to send your child/ren to school with their sports uniform. As you can appreciate, this program will have them using the gym equipment as well as floor work and they need to be wearing appropriate clothing. Please no tights for girls.

**Educational Maintenance Allowance Second Instalment**

**Eligibility**
To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:

1. be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
2. be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and
3. Submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of 3rd Term (14 July 2014) for the second instalment.

Please submit your application by 1 August 2014 for the second instalment of the EMA unless your child remains enrolled at the same school and you were paid the first EMA instalment.

**Athletics**
Athletics practice for grades 2/3, 3/4 & 5/6 will be on Friday afternoons, all students are required to wear their school sports uniform. The students will also need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday afternoons for P.E.

Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Tuesday 19th August. A JRFH representative will be talking to our students next Tuesday to explain what the Jump Rope Program involves.

The 2014 Bike Challenge will be held on Friday 29th August. Any student from grades 3 to 6 can be involved. If you are interested please let Mrs Keil know. Trails will be held during the next two weeks so please make sure your bike is roadworthy!

**My Holidays**
It was the last day of school holidays and guess what we did?
PIG catching!
I was in my pjs, Jorja wasn’t wearing shoes or socks, same with me.
I was on my bike, a man was helping us.
The man caught the pig and took the pig home.
By Meagan

**IGA**
We have received a $200 donation from Stratford IGA and their community benefits program, thank you to the Stratford community.
SAKGP

Tea towel Roster
Term 3 tea towel roster was sent home on Tuesday. We urgently need people to wash tea towels. Please return notice as soon as possible. Thank you

Produce
Do you have extra produce in your garden that you would like to share with us for our cooking program e.g. eggs, vegies, fruit (even if you don’t know what it is!)
We would love to use it.
Contact Jo at school or leave at school office.

Trashless Tuesday
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows;
6th with 37% - 3/4K
5th with 43% - 2/3MS
4th with 56% - 5/6G
3rd with 63% - 1/2H
2nd with 64% - Prep
1st with 81% - Staff

Mrs Schultz’s Music
As we start term 3, please remind students to bring their music books each Thursday for their music lessons. Forgotten books is becoming an increasingly regular occurrence, alas!

School Banking Day Reminder.
Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.
Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Stratford Primary School.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ACTING CLASSES @ The Stratford Courthouse Theatre

7 - 9 years: Wednesday 5pm - 6pm
10 years – 15 years: Mondays 5pm - 6pm
Bookings essential - Phone: 5145 6790

SALE

SWIMMING CLUB

“COME AND TRY NIGHT”
TUESDAY 22ND JULY – 6:00 PM SALE INDOOR POOL

Fancy yourself as the next Leisel Jones or James Magnussen.
Come and have a FREE tryout with the Sale Swimming Club.

- Information about club and competitive swimming available for parents on the night.
- Qualified Club Coaches in attendance to assess swimmers.

For more information please contact:
Caroline Rainey – 0407 170 467
David Keil – 0447456036
www.saleswimming.org.au

Anglicare

The term 3 Parentzone Gippsland Newsletter is now available to download from the Anglicare website.
This newsletter contains valuable information on Parenting Programs and Support Groups in the Gippsland area and is a particularly useful resource
To find the Parentzone Gippsland Newsletter, please follow the below directions:
- Go to www.anglicarevic.org.au
- Click on News
- Click on Newsletters
- Click on Parentzone Newsletter
- Click on Gippsland Newsletter

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FAMILY & FRIENDS MAFFRA PIE DRIVE TERM 3

Orders are due back Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} July (no late orders taken) Delivery on Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} July

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