**STRATCHAT**

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**Calendar**

**August**

- Fri 1st: Parent Assembly 9:00am
- Mon 4th: Family & Friends meeting @2.30pm
- Wed 13th: School Athletics
  - Junior sports 11 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
  - Senior Sports 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
- Mon 18th: Start of Book Fair week
- Tue 19th: Jump Rope for Heart
- Fri 29th: Bike Ed Challenge

**Parent Assembly date for 2014:**

- Fri August 1st
- Fri Sept 5th
- Fri Oct 10th
- Fri Nov 7th

Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & chat.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Please return your completed survey to school by TOMORROW, Friday, 1st August 2014.

**School Banking Day - Tuesday**

**Bricks for Sale**

We still have a large number of Stratblox bricks available in a variety of styles and colours for Sale. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

**Principal’s report**

**School Council** met on Monday night and once again we discussed a range of topics relevant to student learning and welfare at our school. We discussed the ‘Positive School Wide Behaviours Program’ that outlines the expected behaviours of students and staff. As a council we are also developing the list of behaviours expected of parents and volunteers when they are at the school or in the community. As a school we believe it is important for not only the students to practice positive behaviour that reflects our school values but these behaviours should be modelled by staff and parents. The student and staff expectations are presented on a “Matrix” which is displayed in all rooms and on our website. At student meeting on Tuesday we conducted a quick survey of correct uniform and trash less lunch boxes both of which feature under the ‘Respect’ value on our matrix, and it was great to see more that 80% of our students in correct uniform and the same percentage being trash less, we look to improve on this figure over the year.

We also discussed the school review and the methods we would use to collect feedback from the school community. Teachers and students will complete a short questionnaire about the learning programs and student safety and engagement and be encouraged to put forward ideas that would further enrich the education experience at Stratford Primary School. Parents will have the opportunity to comment and provide feedback via a short online survey, attending meetings and completing questionnaires. Your feedback is not only valued but it is important as we review our progress over the past 4 years and develop/fine-tune programs for the next four years.

Enrolments for 2015 are now open. Enrolment forms and information packs are available at the school office. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol a prep student at our school could you please encourage them to let us know so they can be included in the pre-prep program conducted in term 4.
Students have been busy planting up the vegetable beds as part of the **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** and we would welcome any assistance during this process. A group from each cooking group gardens each week so they all get the opportunity to produce the food we cook in the kitchen. Please ask at the office if you are interested in being involved in these sessions.

Following the parent Assembly tomorrow morning tea will be provided if you wish to stay for a chat. Review questionnaires will also be available at this meeting.

**Zonda Lynn - Principal**

**School Athletics**
On Wednesday 13th August our school will hold our annual Athletics and Sports Day. As well as fun events for the juniors, the seniors will be competing for the opportunity to be selected in the school team for the HDSSA Athletics Championships. Parent helpers are still required. Please contact the school if you are available or fill out the slip on page 4 of Stratchat and send back to school.

**Jump Rope for Heart**
Our Jump Rope for Heart Day will be Tuesday 19th August. The students are skipping with great enthusiasm and are learning lots of different skills. Please try to support the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation by sponsoring your child/ren. You can do this online at [www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart) or use the sponsorship form that came home with your child last week. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Bike Challenge**
Congratulations to Jake P, Keira P, Taleah F, Jarrah A, Murray E, Cohen VS, Grace H and Liam T who will represent our school in August at the Wellington Bike Challenge. They will be competing against teams from schools in the Wellington District.

**SAKGP**
There will be no cooking on Wednesday 13 August due to the Athletics Day
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

**Family & Friends**
Agenda items: Mon 4th August
1/. Pie Drive
2/. Bingo Night
3/. Father’s Day
4/. End of year Disco
These are some of the topics we will be talking about at the meeting, if you are unable to make the meeting and would like to raise an issue, please write it down and place it in the box at the office or you can give it to Emma Brooks or Libby Miles.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS IS HOSTING THE BINGO RAFFLE AT THE SALE GREYHOUNDS ON MONDAY 18TH AUGUST.**

We need 20 prizes donated for this, so if you would like to help with a prize could these please be dropped into the office. Items need to be new (no second hand items please) items can include a small food hamper, soaps, chocolates, vouchers etc. Also if you would like to attend the bingo eyes are down 7:30PM, best to get there around 7pm to grab a good seat and your bingo books.
Trashless Tuesday
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
1st with 77% - Staff
2nd with 75% - 1/2H
3rd with 50% - Prep
4th with 39% - 3/4K
5th with 50% - 5/6G
6th with 47% - 2/3M

Lost Wednesday 23 July
Brand new JSM school jumper sized 12. Student only had it one day.
If found or accidentally taken home please return to the school office.

A reminder to parents to check their child’s uniform for faded names so we can return lost items.

Would you like to order a special school photo?
We have the whole school, Grade 6 informal, Grade 6 group and the School Leaders photos on display in our foyer. All photos are $17.00 per copy. Orders for the photos can be placed at the school office.

Mrs Schultz’s Music
I would ask parents to realise that enrolling your child for music lessons is a commitment on your part. Cancelling lessons without four weeks of notice WILL result in four weeks of lesson fees being charged. This is set out in you enrolment details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ACTING CLASSES @ The Stratford Courthouse Theatre
7 – 9 years: Wednesday 5pm – 6pm
10 years - 15years: Mondays 5pm – 6pm
Bookings essential - Phone: 5145 6790

GIPPSLAND POWER FOOTBALL CLUB
Will be holding Under 10, 12 and 14 Fitness and Skill acquisition days at the Gippsland Power Centre Of Excellence Morwell Football Ground, Travers Street, Morwell

Features
• Elite Coaching
• Skill Acquisition
• Fitness Testing
• Skill Testing
• Pathway Brief
• Training Session

JUNIOR COACHING PROGRAM
Under 10, Monday 28th Sept 2014
Under 12, Wednesday 1st Oct 2014
Under 14, Friday 3rd Oct 2014
Numbers will be capped

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm
Cost: $100.00 For registrations please contact the Gippsland Power Football Club office on 5134 8133
*Registrations close on Friday Sept 19th*

Our group had 18 chicks and we shared them between Rani, Hailey and Tyson. We had 6 chicks each.

MAFFRA CARERS’ GROUP
Pam Stevens Co Ordinator
Maffra Carer’s Group 5145 5417
Next meeting: Monday August 18th 2014
All welcome
Stratford Playgroup is located at 15 Dixon Street Stratford.
Next door to the kindergarten.

House Sports Helpers’ Slip  Please return by Monday 4 August.

☐ I can assist with the Senior House Sports on Wednesday 13th August 9.30am – 1pm

☐ I can assist with the Junior Fun Sports on Wednesday 13th August 11.00am – 1pm

☐ I can assist with setting up at 8:00 am on the day of the sports.

Name: ________________________________  Contact Number: _________________________