STRATCHAT

CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:50AM AND 3:40PM WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Calendar

August
Fri 8th  Assembly 9am
Wed 13th  School Athletics
Junior sports 11 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Senior Sports 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
No Cooking
Mon 18th  Start of Book Fair week
Bingo Raffle – Sale Greyhounds
Tue 19th  Jump Rope for Heart
Fri 29th  Bike Ed Challenge

Parent Assembly date for 2014:
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 thank you.

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.

Principal’s report
Tomorrow, Friday 8th August 2014 will be Mrs Serrin Stobie’s last day at Stratford Primary School ending 12 years of professional association at our school. Mrs Stobie came as a graduate teacher teaching grade 6 and has then taught many different roles within our school, including grades 1/2 3/4, specialist PE and Health and this year job sharing with Mrs Meredith in grade 2/3. She also contributed to extra-curricular programs and assisted in writing a range of policies still relevant today. We wish her all the best as she embarks on her new position at St Mary’s in Maffra. An assembly at 9.00am will provide an opportunity for parents and students to say goodbye, you are most welcome to attend. Mrs Jenny Nowak will take over her position in the grade 2/3 room.

After Assembly last Friday we had a number of parents stay back and complete the feedback questionnaire to assist us with our evaluation of school programs and to set direction for the next four years. The students have also completed their questionnaire and they too have provided valuable feedback. The online survey should be ready by tomorrow and we will provide a link to those parents who have provided us with their email addresses.

Mrs Keil and I attended a Positive Behaviours Professional Development day where we shared the school’s Student and Staff Expected

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.
behaviours Matrix and how a Matrix of expected behaviours for parent and volunteers is being developed in consultation with school council. We believe that the whole community should be following the same behaviour expectations if we are to provide a safe and positive environment for our students. Currently the student and staff Matrix are on display in all classrooms and teaching areas. If you would like more information on the School Wide Positive Behaviours Program or wish to discuss aspects of it please contact me at the school.
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 www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart or use the sponsorship form that came home with your child last week. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

SAKGP
We urgently need volunteers for our cooking program, if you or anyone you know would like to volunteer please see Jo at school or let the office know.
No cooking on Wednesday 13th August due to the School Athletics.
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.

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 88% - 1/2H
2nd with 69% - Prep
3rd with 68% - 2/3M
4th with 61% - 3/4K
5th with 45% Staff
6th with 44% - 5/6G
The average Australian family of four people makes enough rubbish in one year to completely fill a three-bedroom house from floor to ceiling!

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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAFFRA CARERS’ GROUP
Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from February to November - providing information & support for people in various caring roles
If you know someone who could benefit from the support friendship & information our group provides - please feel free to extend a welcome to come along to our meeting
As always, the nature of caring allows for the fact that we can’t always be in a certain place at a certain time but we hope to see you there!
Meets at the Maffra Hospital 48 Kent Street in the Community Meeting Room from 1-3pm
Meetings provide information and support for people in various caring roles
Pam Stevens Co Ordinator
Maffra Carer’s Group 5145 5417
Next meeting: Monday August 18th 2014
All welcome

Walk Out of the Shadows
Lifeline Gippsland is holding its annual walk to raise suicide awareness and to show its support to those bereaved by suicide.
Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians under the age of 44. Lifeline believes most suicides are preventable and we all have a role to play. You can make a difference!
The Lifeline Gippsland walk will take place on the 6th of September at 7:30am commencing at the Morwell Rose Gardens and finishing at the Morwell Lifeline Office. Breakfast will be supplied.
RSVP: reception@llg.org.au

Are you a member of Parents Victoria?
Find out how to run a successful parents club and hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at this year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference.
This year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29 and 30 August.
Parents Victoria is a state-wide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media. The theme for this year’s annual conference is Education for Everyone – let’s engage! For more information about the Parents Victoria Annual Conference, click here
Find out more information about Parents Victoria at: http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/

Starting Monday 18th August
Stratford Primary School  
Developing the Whole Child  

Stratford Playgroup is located at 15 Dixon Street Stratford. Next door to the kindergarten.

STRATFORD  
PLAYGROUP  
SESSIONS  
MONDAY  

9.30am to 11.30am  
Set Program  
9.30am to 10.30am: Developing skills through fun arts and craft and other fun projects.  
10.30am to 10.45am: Morning tea, each child brings their own healthy snack box and drink bottle.  
10.45am to 11.15am: group activities and free play.  
11.15am to 11.30am: Story, Rhyme or song time.

WEDNESDAY  

9.30am to 11.30am  
Drop in anytime for some fun play time.  
Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.

FRIDAY  

9.30am to 11.30am  
Drop in anytime for some fun play time.  
Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.  
Open to all children 0 to 5 years of age and their parents/care givers.