**Principal’s report**

Dear Parents,

Did you know that Stratford Primary School’s Reading results over the past 4 years have been excellent? Or that our Mathematics results are above state average? We thought they were good but didn’t realise how good until we undertook the analysis of our data for our review. These results are a fantastic achievement for our school. Congratulations to the teachers for their excellent work, to the students for being so engaged in their learning and to you the parents for listening to them read and answering their questions and supporting the schools work. So the challenge for us is to maintain this high achievement in reading and mathematics and to bring our writing and spelling results up to the same levels.

We have also been reviewing the parent opinion survey data as well as the more informal data we have gained through workshops and parent groups and hear very clearly that you would like more communication regarding your child’s achievements at school and information about what is happening. We are investigating ‘Smart phone apps’ for notifications of school events, and a direct way teachers can communicate and give feedback to students and their parents on learning. We will also be bringing back weekly parent assemblies next term. These will happen on Friday Mornings at 8.50 am sharp.

While the review is taking a lot of work and is still being finalised the information we are getting about our school’s successes and areas for improvement is very valuable. I am happy to discuss any ideas that you may have to make our school an even better place for your children to learn and develop.

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**Calendar**

**August**
- Fri 29th: East Gippsland Gala Day (footy 9s) Bike Ed Challenge

**September**
- Mon 1st: Sunsmart begins - Hats to be worn
- Family & Friends meeting
- Thur 4th: Father’s Day Stall
- Fri 5th: Father’s Day Stall
- Tue 9th: Responsible Pet Ownership for Junior grades 11am -1pm
- Thur 18th: Footy Colours Day & Tucksop HPV
- Fri 19th: Whole School - Courthouse Theatre - Superheroes
- End of Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish

**Parent Assembly date for 2014:**
- Fri Sept 5th

Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & chat.

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**School Banking Day** - Tuesday
- 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.

- New cooking roster for Term 4 has been sent home.

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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 prep-prep program conducted in term 4.

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**Students**

- ACCEPTANCE
- RESPECT
- COMMITMENT
- HONESTY

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...Stratford Primary School Developing the Whole Child...
Our extra-curricular activities continue to be a very positive aspect of Stratford Primary School and this week we have reports on our participation in the St Andrew’s Art show, the District Athletics Sports and tomorrow our Bike Ed and Footy teams are involved in competition.

Zenda Lynn – Principal

Bike Challenge
Good luck to our bike team who will compete at the Wellington Bike Challenge tomorrow.

Uniting Church Art Exhibition
The grade 2/3’s had their work on display at the annual Uniting Church Art show last weekend. They created Paul Klee inspired work on canvas with wool and acrylic paint. They all should be very proud of their efforts as they did a wonderful job with their paintings. They really impressed the judge with their abilities and she said that if Paul Klee had seen them he would have been very humbled and impressed.

Kiri received first place in the children’s section, with Lauren and Michael both receiving highly commended certificates. Well Done!

Their art works are on display in the school foyer.

Kiri with the Art show judge Barbara McManus

Art Relay
Grace, Elody, Jack, Lauren, Kiri and Teddy were our team for the relay this year. They worked together so well with the senior team members showing great leadership. The team did a marvellous job and created a great painting which will be on display at school in the coming weeks. Well Done!

SAKGP
 Notices have been sent home with the new cooking roster for Term 4. More volunteers are urgently need for this program to continue to be successful, if you are able to help out please let the school office or Jo know.

HDSSA

Congratulations on a wonderful team effort. Everyone performed magnificently and should be very proud of their achievements.

Students who placed in their events were:

Family & Friends
Meeting Agenda
September 1, 2014
9.10am in the dining room
1/. Vote in new Vice President
2/. Bingo wrap up
3/. Father’s Day Stall
4/. Term 4 fundraisers
5/. General Business

Trashless Tuesday
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows;
1st with 76% Prep
2nd with 71% 3/4K
3rd with 58% 5/6G
4th with 56% 2/3M
5th with 55% 1/2H
6th with 50% Staff

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 NOTICE

Wellington Special Needs Network
Do you have a close family member with a disability? Are you entitled to mobility allowance?
Do you know what the Disability Support Register is? Do you understand what NDIS, ISP and other acronyms mean?
Are you missing out on knowledge, information and wisdom?
Then you’ve come to the right place!
At the Wellington Special Needs Network Inc we are a group of parents of children and adult children with disabilities who get together over a coffee and supper, to share knowledge, experience and information. We are currently seeking new membership. Come along and join us if you are interested. For more info contact Rosemary 0413 010 047 or Anita 5144408 bennell@vic.australis.com.au

Although we are an informal parent support group, we have a wealth of knowledge and we would like to share this with you. Being parents, we understand your struggles and triumphs so would like to extend a warm invitation to share a cuppa with us.

Next meeting is at 5 Star Housing, Community Room – Between Howard & McCole Streets in Sale on Monday September 1st from 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

If you can’t make it but interested to make contact please let Rosemary know and you’ll be kept in the information loop. All family members welcome.

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Stratford Playgroup are having a Picture Plate Fundraiser

It’s easy just collect a template and have your child draw their favourite picture on it and it will be turned into a melamine keepsake. You may also like to include a photo.

Prices are:
- **Plate** $25
- Ceramic or plastic mug $20
- Clock $30
- Calender $15

Some templates are at the office.

Orders and money are due back **Friday 19th September**.

Delivery will be in late November. For more info please contact Emma on 51456150.

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**STRATFORD TENNIS CLUB INC. JUNIOR TRYOUT DAYS**

Tuesday 9th September &
Friday 12th September 5 – 6 pm

If your child would like to try tennis come along.

Starting age around 8 years. Tryouts are for the upcoming Saturday Pennant season which runs from October to March (not inc school hols). Professional coaching available in Term 4 on Tuesday’s after school. Bookings Essential

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If your child would like to play and cannot make it to the days please contact the numbers below to put their name down.
For more info contact: Emma Nowak 0409 471 551 or Josie Hunt 0428 191 856

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5-9 yr groovers 5.00 - 6.00pm
10-14 yr groovers 6.30 - 8.30pm

Also Available
- GLObands 50 cents
- Drinks Primus $1 Softdrinks $2
- Snacks from 50 cents
- Parents Wait Space (kids to be signed in & out)

Boisdale Hall
Friday 5th September 2014