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

Calendar
Thur 4th  Father’s Day Stall
Fri 5th  Father’s Day Stall
Mon 8th  WLA Expo 9 – 10.30am
Tue 9th  Responsible Pet Ownership for grades Prep to 4
Wed 10th  WLA Expo 9 – 10.30am
Fri 12th  HVP (Hancock Victorian Plantations) Truck & Big Vehicles
Thur 18th  Footy Colours Day & Tuckshop for HPV
Fri 19th  Whole School - Courthouse Theatre - Superheroes
          End of Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish

Principal’s report
Congratulations to all our students involved in the Bike Ed Challenge and the East Gippsland Football League’s AFL Gala Day last Friday. Once again our students made us proud with their sportsmanship and great effort on the day. Our Bike Ed Team were 2nd overall and now head off to Newborough for the Gippsland finals. We wish them all the best. Our footballers toiled all day against much stronger competition and we were rewarded with the only two individual prizes for the day, the encouragement award for the 5/6 students went to Will Dingwall and the 3/4 award to Judd Van Sluys.

The 2014 NAPLAN results have arrived and are available for collection by parents from the office. We are very pleased with our student’s individual results and our reading and numeracy continue to be of a high standard. It is also very pleasingly to see our writing results have also improved; this can be attributed to the implementation of the Seven Steps to Writing Success program and the teachers we started in 2013.

What a week it has been in the kitchen with the focus on Greek food. The beautiful aromas coming from the kitchen certainly stimulated the appetites and plates scrapped clean. I think there will be many requests for Pastitsio and Baklava at home. The recipes will be on the website under the Newsletter button tomorrow. Dave the gardener is back on Tuesday’s and has been busy getting the garden beds planted up. If families who have adopted garden bed could liaise with Dave he can provide information about what to plant, fertilize etc. Looking forward to seeing you all at Parent Assembly tomorrow morning and Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads out there.

Zenda Lynn – Principal

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.

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.

Parent Assembly date for September: Fri 5th
Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & chat.

September 1st was ‘Hat’s on Day’ for spring & summer. You can purchase hats from JSM.
**Responsible Pet Ownership**
A Pet Educator will be attending our school next Tuesday 9th September for children in grade Prep, 1/2, 2/3, and 3/4. The Pet Educator will be presenting a program on responsible pet ownership and will be bringing along a suitably trained dog to assist with program delivery.

**Stratford Kindergarten visit**
Today Miss Bradley and some of her prep students went for a lovely walk and visited the Kindergarten. It was a nice experience for the students to go back to kinder and show how much they have grown both in height and knowledge! And say ‘hello’ to Nina, the kinder teacher and the children. It was a good opportunity for Miss Bradley to meet next year’s intake of Prep students before transitions start later in the year.

**WLA (Walker Learning Approach)**
A feedback survey has been sent home for prep parents, could you please return this to school.
Also, a reminder about our WLA Expo on Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th September Between 9am & 10.30am
This is a wonderful opportunity for parents & grandparents to see what WLA is all about.

**HVP (Hancock Victorian Plantations)**
A representative from HVP is visiting the school on Friday the 12th September to deliver a safety talk and demonstration on how to be safe around machinery and large vehicles. All students will be involved in a session and get hands on with a ‘large’ truck that will be on display.

**Division**
Good luck to Grace, Cohen, Lachie, Jack H, Jack S and Chelsea who will be competition at the Division Athletics Championships next Tuesday at the Grammar School in Sale.

**Bike Challenge**
Congratulations to our wonderful bike team who are now progressing to the next level of the Bike Challenge. They will be travelling to Morwell early next term to compete in the Gippsland Regional finals.

**Trashless Tuesday**
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
1st with 71% Prep
2nd with 70% 1/2H
3rd with 66% staff
4th with 62% 2/3M
5th with 55% 3/4K
6th with 38% 5/6G

**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.

**Book Week**
A big thank you to parents and students who came along to browse and purchase books at this year’s book fair, it was a great success, and thank you to Libby & Rachael for setting up and being sales people! The total taken at the fair was around the $2,200 and from that the school receives 30%. We were able to purchase the books in the picture below; we used class wish lists to make the selection which is a nice boost to our library.
AFL 9’s
On Friday some of us went to Bairnsdale to play footy against other schools. In the first game we tried to get a goal and win but we lost. In the second game we got much better we passed the ball more, we got some frees but we still lost. On the third game we got told to try and score a goal and in the first half we got the ball, they passed it to me I ran and I kicked it and I got a GOAL!! We just keep trying to score another one but, in that half and the other half we didn’t get another goal. On to the next game, we lost again and in the next game too. After we finished we went and watch the grade 3-4’s play. After we went on the bus we went to the park it was good, then we went back to school.
By Aiden

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 Anita 51444408 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.

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
Calendar $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.

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. If your child would like to play and cannot make it to the days please contact the numbers below to put their name down.
FOOTHILLS MUSIC FESTIVAL THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!
Come and join us in Briagolong on Saturday, October 4 for a day of wonderful workshops in drumming, ukulele, tin whistle, marimbas, singing and dance for all ages. Workshops will be followed by a mega-strum jam session for both experienced musicians and beginners, then a bush dance with the Briagolong Bush band and an Open Mic session. For more info visit www.facebook.com/foothillsmusic

Stratford Primary School Spring Fling Market Fete

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate as a stall holder, as a student or parent or as a community member! The time of the fete will be from 4 – 7pm and will be held in our school grounds. If you would like to hold a stall for the fete please contact the school office, places will run out fast!