Stratford Primary School
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Children are supervised between the hours of 8:50AM and 3:40PM within the school grounds.

Calendar
February
Sat 15th - Family & Friends working bee 9am
Mon 17th - Kath Walker Parent Information night 4:45pm
Thu 20th - School Swimming Carnival 1.00pm – 3:00pm
Fri 21st - Pizza Tuck Shop, run by Grd 5/6
Mon 24th - Melb Camp 5/6
Wed 26th - HDSSA Swim Sports
Fri 28th – EMA applications close

March
Tue 4th - Pancake Day
Wed 5th - Bus Safety Talk 10.30am
Fri 7th - Parent Assembly
Mon 17th - School Council 6:30pm

Parent Assembly date for 2014:
Mar Fri 7th  Apr Fri 4th  May Fri 2nd
June Fri 6th

Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & a chat

Principal’s report
Zonda Lynn – Principal
Over the past two weeks the senior students have been enjoying the swimming program and getting ready for our school swimming carnival next week. Many are also trying out for the District Swimming Sports. If you are available to assist at pool swimming carnival please contact either Mrs Keil or the office.
Planning is also underway for our Triathlon, once again Boisdale Consolidated School and for the first time for many years Cobains Primary School hopes to join in. This is always a great event; Mrs Keil will be sending home more information next week. Once again we will require helpers to assist.
At Monday’s student meeting Mr Darren Chester will present certificates to the school leaders.
The Kathy Walker Information evening that was postponed last Monday due to the fires will now take place next Monday 17th February.
Ballot papers for the Stratford Primary School Council have been sent home with today’s Stratchat. If you normally receive the Stratchat electronically please check your child’s bag tonight. If you have not received the voting papers contact the school. Ballot papers cannot be sent electronically.
Family and Friends have organised a working bee this weekend and would appreciate any assistance tidying up around the school, moving the firewood, weeding, spreading mulch under the play equipment, etc.

Family & Friends
Family & Friends had their first meeting of the year on Monday 10th February and it was great to see 16 people turn up for it. Elections were not able to be held and have been re-scheduled for Monday 17th Feb at 9:10am in the dining room. Nominations forms can be collected from the office, people being nominated for a position will need to be present to accept their position. There were a lot of ideas raised for what we could do around the school to improve it for our students and already some have been done. New sand is going in the sandpit and 20 more sandpit toys have arrived. This Saturday 15th Feb we are having a small working bee around the wood area and amphitheatre. For those that would like a trailer load of wood please pay for it at the office during school hours and you can collect it.

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on Saturday between 9am -12pm, we are for going tidy that area & stack it properly. We need all the nails hammered down in the amphitheatre, please bring your hammers and a hat. The more hands we have the quicker it will get done. Hope to see some of you there on Saturday to give us a hand.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Just a reminder that the senior aquatics program will continue until the 19th Feb, expect for Fri 14th & Tue 18th there will no swimming on these two afternoons.
On Thursday 20th February all students will be participating in our swimming carnival from 1pm to 3pm. Students will be bussed to the pool from 12.30pm on a shuttle service. The juniors will participate in fun activities.
Families who have not paid their requisite and excursion charges or filled in an EMA application will also be required to bring $2.80 for pool entry or their season ticket at the pool and $2.50 for the bus to school per child.
Parent involvement in these programs are greatly appreciated. a ‘Thank you’ to parents Jenny White, Kim Wain, Jess Darvill, Christina Cooper & Louise Perrett who have given time for the swimming program.

The school still has firewood for sale for $60 a 6 x 4 trailer load, if you would like to purchase some please come to the office to arrange a suitable time.
We also have some concrete bricks for sale @40c a brick – please contact the office

2014 Green Team
I am pleased to announce this year’s Green Team members;
Grade 5/6 – Chelsea Wain and Orlando Davidson
Grade 3/4 – Jessie Madden and Kobi Taylor
Grade 2/3 – Latoya Daymond and Ryan Peverill
Grade 1/2 – Lauren Mackrell and Beau Tassie

I look forward to working with these dedicated students throughout the year.
Green Team
Friday the 28th February is ‘clean up Australia Day’ for our school, so please get ready to tidy and clean up our school grounds!
Fact: in the past 20 years, Aussie’s have collected over 200,000 tonnes of rubbish.

Triathlon
The Triathlon will be happening at school soon so now is a good opportunity to start thinking about what condition your bike is in and make sure it is safe for you to ride. Have your brakes checked & tyres and don’t forget to have a well-fitting helmet.

Mrs Shultz – Instrumental Music Tuition
Instrumental music lessons have begun. Students are learning piano, organ, guitar and singing. The hills might be alive with sound of music, but Stratford Primary school most certainly is alive with the sound of music for 2014!

AVON SHOWER GEL FUND RAISER
Orders must be return to the school no later than Thursday 20th February.
Delivery Monday 3rd March, payment is required before delivery.
Items will need to be collected from the school office unless other arrangements are made.

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.
Sent home today with Stratchat is the school banking information envelope.

Sssssss the flames rise high into the room, people scream as the fire alarm goes off …beep beep beep wait, who’s this? It’s Super Gamble! I’ll save you … “arrr my arm” “Take that flame” Wow how did you do it? Science my friend, now I should be going. Oh no our fortune cookies are burning, let’s get these out of the oven, they’re destroyed noooooo!
By Murray

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2014 for the first instalment.
EMA application forms are available from the school office.

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 & McCoile Streets in Sale on Monday March 3rd 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

Sale United FC Registration Days
Sale United Football Club welcomes all existing and new players to register for their upcoming 2014 season on 25 and 27 February 2014 4pm- 6pm at our clubrooms, 303-321 Raglan Street, Baldwin Reserve, Sale

Small Sided Football - Ages 5-8years (Thursday afternoons)
Juniors - U9 - U16years (Saturday games)
Seniors - Senior Men’s, Youth, Reserves, Women’s (Sunday games)
All enquiries can be emailed to (Jenny Banwell) co-ordinator@saleunited.com.au (Tracey Mitchell) rego@saleunited.com.au (Elaine Giesbers) secretary@saleunited.com.au (Jon Piefke) President@saleunited.com.au

Stratford Scouts
We meet on Monday nights between 6 -7.30 with Cubs (7.5-11 yrs. olds) we also have 2 scout leaders that would like to get a group up and running (10.5-15yr olds) and we also have a Joey’s group running as well. New members welcome Come and try, Contact Bev Richard on 0419261825 or Sharyn Treasure 0428401225