STRATCHAT

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

Calendar

October
Friday 10th  Grade 2/3 swimming program commences
Tue 14th  Prep/grade 1 swimming program commences
Wed 15th  Region Bike Challenge
Fri 17th  Spring Fling Market Fete 4:00pm-7:00pm

November
Tue 4th  Melbourne Cup Holiday
Wed 5th  Grade 3/4 Camp
Tue 11th  Trashless Casual Day
Wed 13th  Music workshop grade 3/4 with afternoon concert for all
Wed 19th  HPV – Maryborough

December
Thur 4th  School Disco
Fri 5th  Pupil Free Day
Tue 9th  State Wide Transition Day
Mon 15th  Awards Night
Wed 17th  Grade six graduation

Whole School Assembly – Fridays 8.50am
School Banking Day - Tuesday
November 4th – Melbourne Cup Day
December 5th – Pupil Free Day

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.

A tea towel roster has been sent home with your child, please return to school if you are able to help.

Principal’s report
Welcome back to term 4 which promises to be busy and full of serious learning and fun activities for all students.

The Prep/1 swimming program commences on Tuesday and the grade 2/3 this Friday. This is a great opportunity for the students to be taught by qualified swimming instructors at Kemp’s in Maffra (P/1) and the Sale Pool (grades 2&3).

On Wednesday next week our Bike Ed Challenge Team travels to Morwell to compete in the Regional final. We wish them the best of luck. The RACV Energy Breakthrough Team is also very busy training in the HPV’s ready for the event in November.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is in full swing this term. Dave the gardener is working with grades 3/4 and 5/6 students to plant up and maintain the garden beds. Jo is in the kitchen working with her loyal band of helpers cooking up a storm using produce from our gardens. Still many opportunities for parent to get involved in the kitchen or the garden, please contact the office if you are interested.

On Tuesday you will have had your child bring home your password to access the ‘App’ UEducateUs, an online information sharing system we will be using to facilitate communication between school and home.
We encourage you to activate your account so you can be kept in the loop about school events and your child’s progress. If you have not received your password please contact the school and we can re-issue another. Your child will receive their password directly from their teacher over the next fortnight as we are able to teach them to log in and use the system.

Zonda Lynn – Principal

Grade 3/4 Camp
A reminder to parents of grade 3/4 going on camp that full payment is due Wednesday the 15th October.

Bike Challenge
Good luck to our Bike Team who will be competing at the Gippsland Regional Bike Challenge at Morwell next Wednesday.

Swimming
Grade 2 & 3 will commence their swimming sessional tomorrow at the Sale Pool. Grades Prep & 1 will start next Tuesday at Kemp in Maffra. Students involved will need to bring their towel & bathers on swimming days.

HPV
Each Thursday at the start of lunchtime the HPV team will be selling ice-creams for $1

Prep
Prep B have started learning about how to make our writing more interesting by using Sizzling Starts.

Here are a few examples that we wrote after cooking this week:
Declan – my mouth felt like it was watering when I ate the muffins.
Logan – The sauce spun really fast in the spinners.
Hope – The pasta sizzled in the pan.

Reminder
Please notify the school promptly if you change your address or phone number.

Art
This term all grades will be doing weaving, using different materials. If you have any balls of wool at home that you no longer need, we would love to use them.

Thank you – Kelly Davies

Green Team
In the green team meeting this week the students found out information about composting;
You can recycle your waste; you can recycle glass & plastic.
Did you know you can recycle plants? You can!
The green team are asking students to trying to be trashless and really need to stop leaving rubbish around the school please.

Trashless Tuesday
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
1st with 86% is Prep
2nd with 63% is 2/3
3rd with 60% 1/2
4th with 56% is 3/4
5th with 54% staff
6th with 34% 5/6

Athletics
Yesterday, the grade 2/3 & 3/4 classes went to the stadium to do mini athletics. Dennis Huffer, from Wellington Athletic club taught us how to run using the correct technique, which is focus, keep your arms in an L shape, high knees and relax the top part of your body and let the legs do the work. He taught us how to throw properly too. Then he taught us how to do long jump, the main things we had to remember was to land like a frog.
By Jake, Jack, Kaitlin & Keira

Mrs Schultz’s Music
We are creating a singing group to present some items at the end of the year. 17 students have volunteered, which is a great response.
We will rehearse for 10 minutes before morning recess every Thursday. If your child is participating, please encourage them to memorise the words of the songs as soon as possible.
COMMUNITY NOTICE
Free autism workshop for Bairnsdale and district families
Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming two day workshop
Dates:  28th/29th Oct 2014
Venue: Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre
Cost:  Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments
Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au
The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.
We are aware that people may be unable to attend both days and are happy for you attend one day. This is a great opportunity and the last time we will be in this area.

Stratford Junior Cricket Club is looking for new players. Training is Wednesday nights 4.30 till 5.30. Any boys and Girls are welcome to come along and have a go. Contact Simon Waixel 0408539925 or Neil Tatterson 0428527326

positivepartnerships.com.au

If you wish to enter into this, you can pay your entry fee at the office
We have some fantastic prizes for our Scarecrow competition in each category donated by local businesses; we hope to see lots of entries and many creative scarecrows on show!