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

Calendar
October
Fri 17th  Spring Fling Market Fete
4:00pm-7:00pm
Mon 20th  AASC program begins & runs for 7 weeks on Mon & Wed

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

Principal’s report
Dear Parents,
We have our fingers crossed that the weather will be fine on Friday evening for our annual Fete. The fete committee have been very busy organising stall holders and attractions for everyone to enjoy. Yesterday the Parents Club sent home paper plates and requests for cakes and slices for the cake stall. Hopefully many of you can find time to whip up some treats to sell.

Some amazing scarecrows have arrived already for the scarecrow competition. We have fantastic prizes donated by local businesses for the winners of each section.

Student Safety
There have been reports of a crash and a number of near misses when parents are backing out of the car parking area after school. Please be extra vigilant at this time, not only for other vehicles but also students waiting to be collected by parents.

Nuts and confectionary
It has been brought to my attention that there is some confusion regarding nuts, confectionary and carbonated and sports drinks. It has been school policy since 2001 that children do not bring chocolate bars, lollies and fizzy and sports drinks to consume at school. Students are also encouraged to make healthy choices regarding snack and lunchtime foods and to identify sugar, fat and additives on food labels. It is important for parents to realise we are not a nut free school and students are able to have nuts and nut products in their lunches and snack. When we are advised that a child has a nut allergy we have strategies to put in place to ensure the child’s health and wellbeing are protected, but still allows other students to choose to have nuts and nut products. If you have any queries

Please note: A weekly school assembly has recommenced. It starts at 8:50AM sharp – students to come inside at bag bell on Fridays.

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.

...Stratford Primary School Developing the Whole Child...  Stratchat 1
It is great to see many parents using our new App. As there will be more and more information sent out via this method. Debbie and Sam have had further training in its applications and will be available after assembly tomorrow to assist any parents who need assistance getting connected. They are also able to reset passwords if required. Remember Parent Assembly is tomorrow at 8.50 am. Students will enter their classroom at the bag bell at 8.45am to be seated in the gallery by 8.50am.

Zenda Lynn – Principal

Fete News:
Hi Everyone
As you all know the Fete is on tomorrow evening but it is still not too late to have a stall of your own. If you are interested please see Louise or phone her on 0400173458. Cost for parents is $20.00 or students $10.00 (must be supervised by a parent/guardian please). We on the Fete Committee are excited & we hope the kids and you are too.

Family and friends are holding a cake stall at the fete and would love it if each family could supply a plate or more of yummy cakes, slices, treats etc. to be sold. All ingredients need to be listed and stuck onto a plate, which have been sent home on Tuesday. Plates can be dropped off to school any time Friday or brought along to the fete. Helpers to man the stall would be great too; please let Emma Brooks know if you can help on the night.

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

AASC
Active After School Communities begins on Monday the 20th October, an application form has been sent home with Stratchat. Apologies for the short time frame but we needed to confirm our coach’s availability. Monday night will be Cricket with Neil from the Stratford Cricket Club and back by popular demand on Wednesday will be Hockey, with Richard from the Wellington Hockey Club.

Bike Challenge
Congratulations to our fabulous Bike Team who came 5th overall in the Regional Bike Challenge at Morwell yesterday. Everyone performed remarkably well and were all supportive & encouraging to each other. Congratulations to Taleah who won an encouragement award & well done once again to Jarrah, Grace, Murray, Taleah, Cohen, Keira, Liam, Jake, Kaitlin and Jacob. A big ‘thank you’ to David & Melissa Auld who drove the students to & from the event and also thanks to the parents who came along to support the students.

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

SAKGP
The following dates are still available on the tea towel roster, if you are able to help out please let Jo or the office know: 6th Nov. 13th Nov. 20th Nov.
A SAKGP questionnaire has been sent home today with Stratchat, please fill in & return to school by the 23rd October, your feedback is important & welcomed.

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

Prep
More fantastic examples on how our Prep’s are making their writing more interesting by using Sizzling Starts.
Charlie – Wow! Said the kids when the motorcycle zoomed past
Daniel – Splash! Went the water at Weir’s Crossing
Jack – Splash! The water went everywhere. I was at Becky’s party on the weekend
Jacoby – Yay! I got to go to my friend’s house to play
Tyson – Splash! Went the water when I jumped into the pool
Rani – Crash went the plane!

**Trashless Tuesday**
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
1st with 78% is Prep
2nd with 53% is 2/3
3rd with 50% staff & 5/6
4th with 47% is 3/4

**Lots of Little Sea Creatures**

Children’s Song & Dance by Barry Peters
Lots of Little Sea Creatures from children’s writer and entertainer Barry Peters will visit our school on Wednesday 13th November.
This very popular show with all Barry’s coastal favorites from Seadragons to Whales will also feature the struggles and adventures of Dolice - the Decorator Crab, trying to find her herself and a safe home in an ocean awash with scavengers and stuff. Barry is the Paul Kelly of the underage music scene. His songs are literature with a tune, capturing the deepest ideas with uncomplicated words.

**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.
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!