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

**Calendar**

**November**
- Mon 10th: Wear a ‘cool’ hat day
- Tue 11th: Remembrance Day – whole school walk to the cenotaph
- Wed 13th: Music workshop grade 3/4 with afternoon concert for all
  Casual Dress (if Trashless on Tuesday)
- 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
- Fri 19th: Last Day of Term 4 Early dismissal 2.30pm.

**Whole School Assembly – Fridays 8:50AM**

**School Banking Day** - Tuesday
- 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 prep program conducted in term 4.

**Principal’s report**
A very excited group of year three and four’s boarded the bus to Banksia Peninsula for their three day camp. Once again we have joined with Boisdale Consolidated School to increase the range of activities available to our students and to keep the cost down. Yesterday they enjoyed a boat cruise of the Gippsland Lakes taking in the Koala Walk on Raymond Island, Shark Bay and the Gippsland Lakes National Park. After dinner they went on a night hike and today they will participate in initiative and adventure activities including raft building, canoeing and ropes course. Staff report that the students are mixing well and enjoying themselves.

Today we set up the Scholastic Christmas offer Book Fair. This fair is a ‘Two for One Book Fair’ where if you buy one book you can choose a second book up to the same value. Sales will take place from tomorrow morning after assembly and finish Tuesday next week. The school does not receive any commission for the sales but we were offered this opportunity to assist parents with ‘stocking fillers’.

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**STRAHTCHAT**

**Acceptance**

**Respect**

**Commitment**

**Honesty**

...Stratford Primary School Developing the Whole Child...  Stratchat 1
If you have any feedback regarding using the school App ‘uEducateUs’ please let us know. We want to make sure everyone is able to use it effectively before next year as this will be the key form of communication between home and school. If you have lost your password or are having difficulty accessing information please ask Debbie or Sam for assistance.

Zenda Lynn – Principal

Have you activated your account yet? If you haven’t you might be missing out on important updates and information about your child’s class or the school in general. If you need to reset your password, please contact the office, it only takes a few minutes.

Case studies have proven that schools that communicate better have greater student outcomes. uEducateUs is a system that helps bridge this communication gap schools currently face.


Prep Transition Dates
The extended Transition program for incoming Prep children enrolled for next year commences on Tuesday 18th November & continues on Tuesday 25th & Tuesday 2nd December from 9am – 12pm. A state wide Orientation day on Tuesday 9th December for the full day.

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

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.

HPV Raffle
Please bring your raffle tickets back to school; they are $1 per ticket. All the money will go to the HPV team. Big prizes to win and please come to the office if you need more ticket books. Thank you

Are you a past student who would like to purchase a brick for our 150th Path? Please contact the school as we are about to place another order.
COMMUNITY NOTICE

A message from Julie Storey:
Autism research in East Gippsland

We need your help!
I have been working with families caring for a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and professionals for a number of years now. It has been brought to my attention that we need to support both groups in a better capacity. To do this I have to gather information to see what needs are being met and what gaps there are in support for both groups.

I have constructed a survey based on the outcomes from the 2009 Autism State Plan (Victoria) to evaluate this information. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Recommendations for what direction East Gippsland needs to take in the future to support this group of families and service providers better will be submitted to the Communities for Children Program - East Gippsland and the East Gippsland Early Years Committee at the end of 2014.

Please help me to gain this data by completing either the ‘ASD Service Provision survey’ by following this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/asdserviceprovision or forwarding this onto a service provider you may know. If you are a parent or carer or have a client that is please complete the ‘ASD Parent/Carer survey’ by following this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/asdparentcarer or share with your clients. Parents and carers who complete the survey will be eligible to go into a draw for three $50 vouchers from our local supermarket.

The only way to improve service implementation and supports is to make change. Please help to contribute to that change in East Gippsland for so many families that are caring for a child on the spectrum.

Kind regards, Julie Storey Mob:0427199074 julie.storey@goodbeginnings.org.au

Facilitator of the ‘Autism Pilot Project’ from August to December 2014
Funded by ‘Communities for Children Program- East Gippsland’
Provided by Good Beginnings Australia, Bairnsdale

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They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs.

Boisdale P & F Presents

Movie & Pizza Night @ BCS
Friday 14th Nov 6pm - 8.30pm
$5 Film & $5 Pizza Meal Deal
Other snacks and drinks available.
RSVP the school 5145 4391 or via Facebook by Thurs 13th

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Parenting is challenging, but Parentline can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

Grade 2/3 working on their bridge design

Wear a ‘cool’ hat on Monday and donate spare change to buy books for our Library!