Principal’s report

At 5.30am on Monday morning eighteen very excited grade 5 & 6 children boarded the bus for the Mini Melbourne Camp. After a quick stop at Drouin we all arrived at the Melbourne Convention Centre where the grade 6 and school leaders were dropped off for the Halogen Young Leaders Conference that commenced at 9.00am. The rest of the group then explored Melbourne using the Circle tram. The Leadership day started with a message from the Prime Minster Tony Abbot, then the C.E.O of Halogen Foundation who talked about the qualities of a good leader, John Marsden the successful author who has written many books for teenage readers including the highly successful Tomorrow When the War Began series, spoke to them about the importance of language and being an agent of change. Daniel Flynn the Founder of “Thank you Water and other Thank you Products where the proceeds go to humanitarian projects in third world countries whose message is ‘Never give Up’. They listened to Jessica Fox’s amazing story of how she set goals and won a silver medal at the London Olympics and scored an ATAR score of 99.1 in the same year. The final speaker of the day was AFL legend Kevin Sheedy whose main message was that your life is a gift from your parents, enjoy it and remember that no one else but you is responsible for making your dreams come true.

The young leaders also enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Dance Troupe “Freestyle Academy”, singers the Royce Twins and Hip Hop dancers BKODE.

The whole group met up again for ice skating and dinner. After a well-earned sleep we rose early again to be at the Melbourne Zoo at 9.00am, then off to the Queen Victoria Market for shopping and lunch before the visit to the Chinese Museum. It was a very tired but happy group that tumbled out of the bus back in Stratford.

The student’s behaviour was fantastic, with many members of the public taking the time to point out to the Staff how well behaved, well-mannered and respectful the students were. Many of the students will be sharing their
experiences at the Parent Assembly on Friday 7th March.
Zonda Lynn – Principal

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

Trashless Tuesday
The scores for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
Prep are 1st with 84%
1/2 with 75%
2/3 with 47%
3/4 with 52%
5/6 at camp
Staff with 42%

Updated School Details
If you have recently changed address or contact phone numbers, could you please update the office of any changes in case of an emergency.

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!

Triathlon
Our school triathlon is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday 7th March. We have had a slow response from students returning their notes, could we please have them returned by this Friday. Also any parental help would be greatly appreciated.
Mrs Keil

HDSSA Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our team of swimmers who competed at the Heyfield District Swimming Carnival held at Sale on Tuesday. Jarrah, Emma, Aiden, Jack & Jake all swam extremely well and were great representatives for our school. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the students. Also thank you to our school captain Murray, who cheered on the team despite withdrawing from the team at the last minute due being unwell.
Mrs Keil

Pancake Day
On Tuesday the 4th March all students permitted to participate in RE will be walking down to the Uniting Church at 9.10am to celebrate Pancake Day.

Bus Safety
The Transport Safety Authority will be giving all students a talk on bus safety next Wednesday at school, please talk to your child/ren about this important safety message and encourage safe travel.

Mardi Gras
A note has been sent home with information for this year’s Mardi Gras, in past years this has been a very exciting and worthwhile community event to be involved in.

Mrs Schultz – Instrumental Music Tuition
It is well established that learning a musical instrument develops the same areas in brain that are used for maths and language study. It is really valuable for children to learn music as a way to improve other areas of brain development. It is great that Stratford p.s makes music tuition available to our students!

Stratford Playgroup
Stratford Playgroup is holding a Portrait Fundraising Event, Sunday 23rd March. Book online at www.trybooking.com/EFBP Hurry, bookings close Friday 14th March.

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
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 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

STRATFORD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 5-6pm
STRATFORD FOOTBALL OVAL
REGISTRATION $110 PER PLAYER
PLAYERS NEEDED FOR UNDER 10’S, 12’S & 14’S
ENQUIRES CONTACT
KATE THATCHER 048845012

MAFFRA CARERS GROUP
Meets at the Maffra Hospital 48 Kent St in Community Meeting Room from 1-3pm. Meetings provide information and support for people in various caring roles.
Pam Stevens Co Ordinator 5145 5417
Next meeting Mon March 17th 2014
Guest speaker – Robyn Eaton – Crossroads Counselling

Just a reminder: if your child/ren are away from school please provide a note for their absence.

Garden Blitz Thursday 6th March at 2.00pm
The plan for this day is to do a final clean-up of the garden beds, prepare the beds for planting and plant vegetable and herb seedlings ready for next terms kitchen garden program.
Each class will be assigned and tasks to perform. Mrs Sonya Young an ex teacher of Stratford Primary School and Community members will be coordinating the day with the assistance of her son Andrew who has set up many school and community gardens. Ange from Bunnings will also be here to complete the ‘Bunnings” garden bed, she will work with the grade 1/2. Families who have adopted a garden bed it would be great to have some of you here so you too can be involved in the planting.
We will have a range of seedlings grown by Mrs Young and donated by Bunnings to plant out.

If you are able to assist please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Wednesday 5th March.

I ……………………………………………would love to be part of the Garden Blitz on Thursday 6th March. I can bring (shovel, wheel barrow etc.)
Signed:…………………………………………………………………………………………………

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