**STRATCHAT**

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**Principal’s report**
It has been another busy week at Stratford Primary School.

**Mardi Gras**
There will be another making day tomorrow to ensure all children have costumes and the props for the float are completed. More details in the Family and Friends section of Stratchat. It should be a lot of fun.

**Student Welfare and Engagement**
On Tuesday Mrs Keil and I attended a Network Professional Development to assist our school implement the Positive School Wide Behaviour Framework. Currently we are working on tracking and rewarding positive behaviour. There were many great ideas shared (including many from Stratford Primary School) on the day and we are discussing how we can incorporate many of them into our programs.

**School Council**
The new school council meet for the first time on Monday night. Business addressed:
- Ratifying the budget for 2014
- The grade 5/6 Camp with Boisdale to Rawson Village Camp
- The fantastic work done in the grounds by a wide range of members of our community.
- The Annual Report
- The bike shed.

Times are being organised for the ‘three way meetings”, if you have not returned your meeting request times please send your slips back to the school.

**Parent Assembly date for 2014:**
- Apr Fri 4th
- May Fri 2nd
- June Fri 6th

Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & a chat

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**Calendar**

**March**
- Fri 21st: Book Club Order due back
- Sat 22nd: Maffra Mardi Gras
- Fri 28th: Grade 6 Tuckshop BBQ
- Sat 29th: Family & Friends working Bee

**April**
- Fri 4th: Assembly at 9am – Easter raffle drawn
- Last day of Term 1
  - 2.30pm Dismissal

- Tue 22nd: Start of Term 2
- Fri 25th: Anzac Day public holiday

**May**
- Wed 7th: Grade 6 Shakespeare performance
  - 1:30pm at the Memorial Hall
- Thur 8th: Shakespeare Day, banquet and school performance of Julius Caesar
  - 1:30pm at the Memorial Hall
- Friday 9th: Cross Country
  - Grade 6 Shakespeare Night
  - performance of Julius Caesar at the Memorial Hall
  - 6:00pm

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**Book Club** order due back to school Fri 21st
**School Banking** Day is Tuesday
**Friday 25th** April public holiday for Anzac Day

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Kitchen News
Donations of parsley and lemons for next week’s cooking would be most appreciated. If you have any to donate please leave the produce at the office on Monday. Thank you.

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;
- Staff with 87%
- Grade 1/2 with 83%
- Prep with 73%
- Grade 5/6 with 60%
- Grade 3/4 with 55%
- Grade 2/3 with 30%

Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle
The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal is a fundraising activity for the school which we participate in each year. We are asking for donations for this year’s raffle and would greatly appreciate it if donations could be dropped off at the office. Every donation will get an extra ticket into the draw.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with Stratchat today. Extra tickets books are available at the school office. Ticket cost is 50c each or 5 for $2. The raffle will be drawn at the last assembly for Term 1 at 9am. Tickets due back Friday March 28th.

Mrs Shultz’s Music Spot
All the music students are progressing well. Each one is mastering technical exercises, music theory as well as learning pieces. Students are doing singing, guitar and piano this term.

Maffra Mardi Gras
Saturday 22nd March
All students involved in the Mardi Gras this Saturday are to bring their costumes along on the night. Anyone struggling with their costume please contact the school or see Emma Brooks. Float design / building will be happening again tomorrow (Friday) at 2pm. Any parents help would be appreciated.

The float itself will be constructed in Maffra on Saturday at 4:00pm. Students are to meet in costume at 5:00pm at the skate park behind Safeway for judging. The parade commences at 6:00pm.

Cooking Reflection
Lachie White Grade 5/6
I liked chopping up the fruit because it gets in your eyes and it tickles. It feels like a butterfly is flapping its wings. The butter beans smelt like, wait for it, butter!! They were shaped like bulls horns with two pointy ends.

We fried all our ingredients to make the food inside all smell like rich butter.

I learnt a technique to move the spoon clockwise so no food stuck to the bottom of the pan.

Investigations by Grade 1/2

Today in investigations I made my teddy house but Kiri and I made a soft bubble bath.

Summer

Today in investigations  I played with the dress ups. I was a policeman.

Jaryd

Today my investigation was a volcanoes. I made a volcano.

Brock
At the investigations at the school I played in the sandpit.
Tyler

Today in investigations I did ballet with Elise, Meagan, Maddy, Bridget, Jorja and Emily. We made a scene it is an enchanted wood.
Lauren

I built a castle with the MAB blocks.
Luke

Today in investigations I took pictures of books that had J at the start of the title.
Teddy

Community News

SALE BASEBALL CLUB

JUNIOR BASEBALLERS NEEDED UNDER 10’s , 13’s , & 16’s

Sale Baseball Club is seeking Interested children to participate in Under 10’s, 13’s or 16’s Baseball teams. Both boys and girls of all ages are welcome. Club rooms & training venue is situated at Stephenson Park, Sale. Training sessions are held Wednesday nights at 4.30 – 5.30pm. At Sale Baseball Club, Guthridge Parade, Sale commencing 12/03/14 incl. free sausage sizzle. Matches are played Sundays, commencing 27th April 2014.

ALSO SEEKING SENIOR PLAYERS 17 YO & UP

Both males & females are welcome. Senior training 6pm Wednesdays Commencing 26/02/14

For further information please contact
Justin on 0428 871 828 justinjohnston10@hotmail.com
or Sue on 0427 430 754 susan.munn@bigpond.com

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday 13th April 1pm to 3pm

Plant propagation for kids.
Learn how to grow vegetables and other plants from seed and cuttings. Go home with some plants to grow in your own garden. (Brought to you by Wellington Community Gardens Group – Free Event)

Monday 14th April 10.30am to 12.30pm

Easter Craft Project
Simple and fun craft making session. All materials provided. $20

Thursday 17th April 10.30am to 12noon

Cookie making.
Learn how to make simple and yummy refrigerator cookies that are perfect for snacks and school lunch boxes. All materials provided $20.

Thursday 17th April 12.30 to 2.30pm

Painting for kids.
A fun session where you will be inspired by the skills of the old masters and take home a masterpiece of your own. All materials provided $20.

Bookings are essential and numbers limited so get in early.
Segue is a community facility run by talented and enthusiastic local volunteers. Parents are welcome to accompany their children too.

Segue Community Hub and Arts Café,
66 Tyers Street, Stratford 3862
Phone: 51456203
Email: seguein stratford@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook

…Stratford Primary School Developing the Whole Child… Stratchat 3
**Lego Club @ Maffra Library**

Dates & Times
On the third Thursday of every month from 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Do you love all things to do with Lego and would like to meet other Lego fans?
Come and join in the fun as we brainstorm and build totally awesome creations!
Donations of Lego are welcome!

Venue: Maffra Library
Address: 150 Johnson Street, Maffra 3860
Cost
Free

**Further Information**
Organiser: Wellington Library Service
Name: Maffra Library
Phone: 5147 1052
Email: library@wellington.vic.gov.au

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**Victoria Legal Aid Child Support Legal Service**

Date: 25 March 2014

Time: Free half hour sessions between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm

Venue: Central Gippsland Health Service Community Care Services Building
Palmerston Street
SALE VIC 3850
Please phone (03) 9269 0408 or 1800 677 402 for an appointment during business hours.
Jayne Ford
Program Manager
Family Law Financial Support Services
Victoria Legal Aid

**Wellington Special Needs Network Inc**
are a group of parents of children & adult children with disabilities who get together to share. For more info contact Rosemary 0413 010 047
Anita 51444408 bennell@vic.australis.com.au
Where: 5 Star Housing Community Room – Between Howard & McCoile Streets Sale
**Monday April 7th 7:30pm – 9:30pm**
All family members welcome