### Acceptance

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

### Calendar

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<td>Mon 31st</td>
<td>Parents &amp; Friends Meeting –</td>
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### 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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**Stratford Primary School**

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### Principal’s report

Our float looked amazing on Saturday night at the Maffra Mardi Gras. We had 24 of our students dressed up as Bat Man and his friends and foes. Students, parents and teachers all had a hand in the costumes and props. Special mention must go to the Brooks Family for securing the truck from Dyers and their organisation on the day and to the Harraps for painting the ‘Bat Mobile’ and Libby Miles for providing the hay for seating and helping with the assembly of the float. Mr Jason Pell was also superb as the Butler supervising the children on the float. To everyone else that helped, thank you seeing the children’s excited faces made it all worthwhile.

### Epilepsy Awareness Day

Yesterday Wednesday 26th March was Epilepsy awareness day. Thank you to all the students who wore purple and contributed $1.00 for research into Epilepsy. Your support is appreciated by Lily and her family.

### Grade 6 Tuckshop

Tomorrow the students and their families are conducting a tuckshop as a fundraiser to offset the costs of the grade 6 T Shirts.

### Working Bee

Family and Friends have organised a working bee for this Saturday 29th of March. The main tasks will be to line-mark Hop Scotch and Four Square Courts for the children to use during break times. There will also be the usual weeding, and tidying up. Many hands will make light work. Gates open at 9.00am.
Three Way Interviews Wednesday 2nd April
It is fantastic to see so many parents have taken the opportunity to be involved in the 3 way interviews where they can see the work the students have completed over the term and hear about the learning goals they have set for term 2.

Autism Awareness Day
Wear blue to support Autism awareness day on Wednesday 2nd April. Pins available for sale at the office.

Bikes and scooters
Please ensure all bikes and scooters go home at the end of the term, as their security in the bike racks cannot be guaranteed.

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

GRADE 5/6 RAWSON CAMP
Payments Reminder
DEPOSIT  Due:  Friday 14 March
   Amount  $60.00
PAYMENT 1 Due:  Friday 28 March
   Amount  $60.00
PAYMENT 2 Due:  Friday 2 May
   Amount  $60.00
PAYMENT 3 Due:  Friday 16 May
   Amount  $68.00
ALL MONEY TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 16th May 2014

World Autism Awareness Day
Go Blue for Autism
Help raise awareness... and show your support for families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Each year on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, iconic buildings across Australia and the world turn their lights blue to promote autism awareness. In support of this global initiative we have Pins for sale at the school for $3 each. Next Wednesday April 2nd your child may come to school dressed in blue in support of the day. Monies raised will go towards equipment in the sensory room, thank you to Danielle Tassie for supplying the pins.

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.

Community News

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
Youth Mental Health First Aid

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis resolves. Mental health first aid strategies are taught in evidence-based training programs authored by Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Australia and conducted by MHFA Instructors across Australia. This specific course will be targeted for parents/carers/or significant others of any student that attends the Maffra Secondary College (those aged between 12 and 18 years); however, the course can be relevant for those helping people who are a little younger or older.

What the course covers:
problems in young people, where and how to get help when a young person is developing a mental illness, what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

Format
This is a 14 hour course, which will delivered over two separate days, time commencing at 9am -4pm,

Dates for 2014:-

- Monday 19th May 2014
- Monday 26th May 2014

Venue will be at the Maffra Secondary College.

Cost
Free for parents

For Registration or more information please contact:-
Jacquie Hollingsworth, Ph 51438970 or Email:- jhollingsworth@lrh.com.au
Please note there are limited numbers for registration

MAFFRA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
Come & Try!!
Under 16 Players - $2 Entry Fee
Grade 5/6 and up

Introductory Training – Maffra Secondary College Gymnasium
Monday Nights: 4.40-6.10
17th March
24th March
31st March

MAFFRA CARERS’ GROUP
Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from February to November - providing information and support for people in various caring roles.

If you know someone who could benefit from the support, friendship and information our group provides - please feel free to extend a welcome to come along to our meeting.

As always, the nature of caring allows for the fact that we can’t always be in a certain place at a certain time, but we hope to see you there!
*Meets at the Maffra Hospital 48 Kent Street in the Community Meeting Room from 1-3pm. Meetings provide information and support for people in various caring roles.

Pam Stevens, Co Ordinator Maffra Carer’s Group
5145 5417
Next meeting Monday April 14th 2014

Guest speaker – Pam Derham – Carer Peer Support / Carer Connections & Michelle Possingham – Acting manager of Carer Services. Both from Latrobe Community Health Services
All welcome

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 & McCole Streets Sale
   Monday April 7th 7:30pm – 9:30pm
All family members welcome
MARDI GRAS HIGHLIGHTS