STRATCHAT

Acceptance  Respect  Commitment  Honesty

Principal’s News

Congratulations to all the students who worked hard to design and complete Peace Posters as part of the Lions’ Club competition. The participants were congratulated by Lions’ Club members at a recent assembly, where they display their great work. A special congratulations to Mangi for her winning entry. Mangi showed great perseverance with her poster which took her many hours to complete. Her work now moves on to the next level of competition. As this is an International competition we may even see the entry go overseas. Well done Mangi.

We have the last of the garden beds from the centre of the asphalt for sale. It’s empty and ready for pick up. Would obviously make an excellent vegie patch for the back yard. Please give us a call if you are interested.

Just a reminder that there are no lunch orders at the moment. We will let you know as soon as a new arrangement has been made. Thank you to Jess Darvill for the opportunity she has provided and for creating a menu to meet the guidelines of the Department of Education and take the fancy of the lunch eaters.

Good luck to our Bike Ed team as they head to the second level of competition on Wednesday 26 October. The team has been training hard and are ready for whatever comes. Good luck also to the students who are auditioning to be in the finals of Stratford’s Got Talent. Students in Prep, 1, 2, 3 and 4 have auditioned so far with some great acts coming through. The 5/6s

Calendar

Term 4

October

Fri 21 ~ Final 5/6 Camp payment due.
3/4 ‘Stratford’s got Talent’ try outs at lunchtime
Mon 24 ~ School Council meeting 6pm
Wed 26 ~ Bike Challenge Morwell
Thur 27 ~ 2/3 Kilmany Transfer Station excursion
Fri 28 ~ 5/6 Stratford’s got Talent tryouts at lunchtime

November

Tue 1 ~ Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
Fri 4 ~ Finals ‘Stratford’s got Talent’
Tue 8 ~ Gr 6 Maffra Secondary College T-Day (all day)
Wed 16 ~ Fri 18 Gr. 3/4 Coolamatong Camp
Tue 22 ~ Fri 25 Gr.5/6 Karoonda Park Camp
Mon 28 ~ School Council Budget meeting

December

Thur 1 ~ School Disco 5pm-7:30pm
Fri 2 ~ Pupil Free Day
Fri 9 ~ Thank you helpers morning tea
Tue 20 ~ End of term 4 1:00pm dismissal

~ School Banking Day - Tuesday
Our next Coffee & Chat will be the first Friday of term 4 Friday 4 November

Stratchat will be published on:
November 4, 18
December 1, 16

Sent home today with Stratchat:
Uniform Policy Review
P/1 and 2/3 Swimming
Don’t forget our P/1s and 2/3s continues for the next five weeks excluding public holidays and 3/4 camp.
P/1 Tuesdays
2/3 Wednesdays

Values & Attitudes Program
This term we will be focusing on our school values with each class investigating and exploring over a two week period to find what each means and looks like. Our first focus is on ACCEPTANCE. Some (only a few) of the types of behaviours we might see are:

Including others
Allowing others to learn
Treating others safely
Following instructions
Allowing others to have different opinions
Finding positive ways to deal with situations/activities that may not be exactly as you like it
Getting in and helping with classroom responsibilities without complaining
Completing homework and projects.
Doing home chores without pretending to forget or whinging!
Feel free to link this focus into what is happening at home: the more situations to be able to show acceptance the better.
Bike Challenge 2016

Good luck to our Bike team consisting of Taleah, Liam, Keira, Jacob, Kaitlin, Mathew, Madi and Rylie who will be competing at the Gippsland Regional Bike Challenge at Morwell next Wednesday.

Regional Athletics

Well done to our five students who competed in the Gippsland Regional Athletics Championships that were held at Newborough last week. Despite the wet and windy weather, they all performed brilliantly. Laura won a bronze medal in her age group in the 1500m running event. Harry, Alyssa, Madi and Mangi all came in the top half of their events.

We are Desperate... Can you help?

We desperately need helpers from 9-11 on Monday mornings to help with the breakfast cooking program. This is a great program which supports our students and helps them be ready to learn on those days when it has been rushed in the mornings, there is no milk or when life just doesn’t go to plan. If you can help on a regular, occasional or one off basis could you please give us a call.

Segue

Stall this Saturday 21 October

Plants, vegie seedlings and seeds from $1.

Fresh vegies and citrus marmalades.

CDs, DVDs, Records, books and more.

Donate, Swap & Buy

Literacy

The grades 4, 5 & 6 have been studying Storm Boy and as they are reading the book they are learning lots of interesting information about Pelicans. Some interesting Pelican Facts include:

⇒ Baby pelicans eat up to eight times a day – Ryan E.
⇒ Pelicans use the hook at the end of the beak to catch slippery fish – Alyssa
⇒ Female pelicans lay only two eggs every year – Meagan
⇒ Pelicans can fly up to 3,000 metres above sea level – Riley D
⇒ The female pelican eats up to 2kg of fish every day – Jorja
⇒ For 30 million years pelicans have been visiting Lake Eyre - Lauren

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Donate, Swap & Buy
Relief Paper Boy/Girl needed
to deliver Gippsland Times in Stratford
on a Monday night/Tuesday Morning
Pay is $11-$17 per shift
Delivery of 110 papers maximum
Please contact:
Lee Dugan - 0419 518 277

Wellington Special Needs Network Inc
are a group of parents of children & adult children with disabilities who get together over a coffee & supper to share knowledge, experience & information. Come along & join us if you are interested on the first Monday of the month during school Term at 5 Star Housing between Howard & McCole Street Sale
7:30pm - 9:30pm – 7 Nov & 5 Dec
For more info contact Rosemary 0413 010 047 Anita 51444408
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ACTORS WANTED!

Alice in Wonderland Pantomime - Info Sessions
Tuesday October 25 at 4.30pm
Wednesday October 26 at 4.30pm
John Leslie Theatre, Sale
Get ready to join Alice down the rabbit hole and into a world unlike any other. The Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre are gearing up to stage an exciting children’s pantomime of Alice in Wonderland during the January school holidays and are looking for a stellar cast of young people aged 7 – 17.

We are SunSmart - a note for families
Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

You can't use or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or above it's important to Slip, Slop, Slap and Slide!

Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimize future skin cancer risk. We are registered in the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (this work increases as UV levels are three and above), select these 5 Simple steps even if it's cool and cloudy:

1. Slip on a shirt - for low risk days, outfit your child with a shirt that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. long-sleeved tops with a mixture of neck or collar and longer style shirts or blouses. Densely woven fabrics are best)

2. Slop on a SFP 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen - apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be able to do this when they are at school.

3. Slap on a hat - one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Pack caps do not offer enough protection and are not

recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.

4. Seek shade - choose shady spots for play whenever possible.

5. Slip on some sunglasses - those with UV protection and are labelled AS/ NZS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times
Don't forget for hot and sunny days to use sunscreen. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.vic.gov.au and on the free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from APP ANZA.

Further information contact SunSmart
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Foothills Music Festival, Briagolong FREE EVENT Saturday November 5 10.00 – 6pm
The Stray Hens also at Briagolong
Fri Nov 4, 8pm $20 Bookings 51455202
www.facebook.com/foothillsmusic

Registration at Hall from 9am or call 0406356390/0430544525