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STRATCHAT

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Children are supervised between the hours of 8:50am and 3:40pm within the school grounds.

Calendar
December
Fri – 13  Pupil Free Day
Mon – 16  Awards Night 6:00pm
Wed – 18  School reports sent home
Wed – 18  Grade 6 Graduation
Thu – 19  School Assembly at 9:00am
Fri – 20  Last day term 4.
Students dismissed at 2:30pm

2014 Dates to put in your diary
Wed 29 January – School office open for EMA applications and payment of requisites and school charges.
Thur 30 January – Term 1 commences for students
Mon 10 March – Labour Day Holiday
Fri 4 April – Last day of Term 1
Tue 22 April – Term 2 commences
Fri 25 April – ANZAC Day Holiday
Wed 21 May – School photo day
Mon 14 August – Student Free Day
Fri 5 Dec – Student Free Day

The family & friends Christmas raffle will be drawn on Awards night, Monday 16th December. Donations of goods can be dropped off at school. Please return your raffle books by Wednesday the 11th December; raffle books are also available in the school office.

End of year buses
No: 13 North Stratford will run until Thursday 19th if they have 5 or more students
No: 14 Stratford Redbank Rd – Fri 20th if 5 or more
No: 17 Briag/Stratford – Wed 18th if 5 or more
No: 18 Munro/Stratford – Fri 20th if 5 or more

Principal’s report
Yesterday the Sale Cinema was filled with giggles and belly laughter as 50 of our students enjoyed the movie Cloudy with Meatballs 2 as their reward for achieving over 175 nights reading for the school year, well done. In 2014 we are aiming for 100% achieving this target as regular home reading has a huge impact on a child’s literacy achievement.

Tuesday was orientation Day for both our year 6 students and our new preps. The year 6’s spent the day at their respective Secondary Colleges and the 2014 Prep had a full day with their teacher Ms Bradley.

Christmas activities are in full swing with Christmas trees in classrooms and decorations too. The students who take Christian and Religious Education (CRE) enjoyed a Christmas concert provided by the CRE teachers today.

Next week we have the awards night on Monday in the Amphitheatre which will be followed by a free sausage sizzle for all. Grade 6 graduation will be on Wednesday evening and the final assembly will be on Thursday 19th December. School is still open on Friday 20th December but a limited program will operate as rooms are being readied for summer cleaning.

Reports will go home on Wednesday with the children or can be collected directly from the office on Thursday after Assembly.

Zonda Lynn – Principal

The last assembly for the year will be held on Thursday 19th December at 9am. You are welcome to stay for a ‘coffee & chat’ afterwards

SAKGP
A big thank you to all who have volunteered in the Kitchen and given their time to wash the
tea towels, aprons and tablecloths. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated, we would also like to thank you very much if you have donated produce or given a monetary donation.

Also, there are two dishwashers and one 4 burner electric cooktop & oven for sale. All in working order and sold as is. Please see Ms Lynn for a price, all monies will go to the SAKGP.

**Reading Bus**

**Awards Night News**
The Stratford Primary School Awards Night is fast approaching! The students have all been practicing their best singing and dancing, and they are all very excited! The students are invited to dress according to their song’s decade. We look forward to performing for you!

Prep / 1 Gamble – 60’s clothing
1 / 2 Bradley – 70’s clothing
3 / 4 Hayes/Keil – 80’s clothing
5 / 6 Meredith – 90’s clothing

Firewood is for sale here at the school, bring your 6 x 4 trailer and load it up! $60

**Grade 1/2B**
**Friendship Bears**
Our friendship bears are a great reminder of how to be a great friend, and how to show our friends that we appreciate them!

‘Friends are like family and they always look out for you’ – Jessie
I give my friends presents to show I appreciate them being my friend’ – Steph
‘Friends are important so I play with them a lot’ – Kaitlin
‘Friends will help you when you’re hurt’ – Zac
‘Say ‘you are a good friend’ to people’ – Ryan
‘Always say ‘thank-you to your friends’ – Riley D

‘Friends care about other people, especially when they’re not at the same school’ – Lily

‘‘Say ‘thank-you for being my friend’ – Latoya
‘‘Being friends is good because friends play with you’ – Rylie K

‘‘Thank you for being my friend!’ – Skyla
‘‘Say nice things to your friends, be nice and be kind.’’ – Hamish
‘‘Friends help each other when they are frightened, and they are nice to each other’ – Meagan
‘‘Friends are very nice if you be nice to them. They will help you when you are hurt.’’ – Kaitlin
Music Tuition 2014
Sent home today with stratchat an application form and information for music tuition, if families are interested in taking up the offer of music tuition at school please fill in the form and return to school by Thursday 19th December.

Stratford Community Carols
Children have been practicing the song Jingle Bell Rock with Ms Bradley, if your child is attending it is being held at Stratford Memorial Park, Tyers St, on Sunday December 15 from 7.30pm

Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bell swing & jingle bells ring
Snowing & blowing up bushels of fun
Not the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing & prancing in Jingle Bell Square in the frosty air.

What a bright time, it’s the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix & a-mingle in the jingling beat
That’s’ the jingle bell,
That’s the jingle bell,
That’s the jingle bell rock

Community News

Eligibility criteria
To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
1. Be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
2. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
3. Be a temporary foster parent
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date:
1. 28th February 2014 for the first instalment*
2. 1st August 2014 for the second instalment.
* Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

An application form will be sent home with your child/drens report at the end of the year.
Requisite Charges for 2014 will be sent home with your child’s report.