



Caring



Optimism



Respect



Excellence

Tuesday 8th May

Principal's Report

“Our school vision is to empower everyone to learn and grow in an inclusive environment.”

School Council

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ANZAC Day Commemorations I would like to say a big thank you to our School Captains and Mr Collins for coordinating our ANZAC Day commemorative service on Friday 26th April and for leading us through a respectful ceremony. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mr Ben Wilby for playing the 'Rouse' and 'Reveille' during our ceremony, and to all the parents who joined us for this important service. I would also like to thank Flynn and Lucy V for laying a wreath on behalf of our school at the ANZAC Ceremony in Bendigo on ANZAC Day. They were also joined by fellow students, Amelia W and Leo B, and members of the Bendigo Youth Choir, who sang during the ceremony.

Mothers / Carers Day Breakfast This Friday we would like to invite all of our school mums / carers to a special breakfast from 8.30am-9.00am. There will be tea & coffee, a fresh fruit platter and a selection of muffins available for you to enjoy. Breakfast club will be operating at the same time for the kids to enjoy. Bookings are not necessary, please just come along if you can and meet outside of the canteen at 8.30am on Friday morning.

Education Week Activities In May each year, we join with schools across Victoria to celebrate Education Week. Education Week is a great opportunity for us to showcase all the great learning experiences that our students participate in each week, so we would love you to come join us for one or more of our special activities. This year, our Education Week activities will include the following:

- **Information Session for 2024 Foundation Parents - Tuesday 14 May** Our first session will run from **9.30am to 11.00 am**. This will include an information session, school tour and then time to chat while enjoying morning tea. Our evening session will run from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. Parents can choose to attend the session that is most convenient for them.
- **Open Classrooms Session - Wednesday 15 May** Families and community members are welcome to visit classrooms to see our regular classroom programs in action from **9.00am - 11.00am**.
- **Australia's Biggest 'Afternoon' Tea - Friday 17 May** To help raise money for cancer research, we will be hosting a special afternoon tea in their students classroom from **2.30pm-2.40pm** on Friday 17 May and all grandparents and special friends are welcome to join us. Students and family members are asked to pre-order their afternoon tea via our Compass Canteen orders to help us cater for this worthwhile event. **Orders close Wed 15 May at 9.00am**.
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Friday 17 May** Grandparents and special friends are invited to spend some time in their student's classroom from **2.30pm-3:30pm** on this day.

Correct School Address We have noticed recently that families submitting a new Working With Children Check application, or submitting a renewal, are sometimes incorrectly listing the school number as 8-10, instead of 9. Our school address is **9 Uxbridge St, Strathfieldsaye**. Thank you so much for your assistance in this important area, and for considering our neighbours.

Increase of COVID-19 in the School Community As there has been an increase in reported COVID-19 cases our school community, we are reminding our families about important steps that we can all take to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date.
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. We have RATs available at our school for collection.

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au





TERM 2 CALENDAR

May 8th-10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers Day / Special Persons Stall (8:30-9am & 3:30-4pm) Assembly 2:40pm
May 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen special lunch
May 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers Day Breakfast (May 10th 8:30-9am) Walk Safely to School Day
May 14th -15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4 Camp—Campaspe Downs
May 13th-17th	Education Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation Information Sessions (Tue May 14th at 9:30-11am & 6-7pm) Open Classrooms (Wed May 15th 9-11am) Special Persons Hour including our Biggest Afternoon Tea raising funds for the Cancer Council Fri May 17th 2:30-3:30pm)
May 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simultaneous Storytime 12pm
May 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3 Evening Camp Excursion
May 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm
May 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Market 9-1pm
May 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Cross Country
Jun 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Division Soccer
Jun 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Special Lunch
Jun 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day—Pupil Free Day
Jun 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kings Birthday—Public Holiday
Jun 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior School Council Out of Uniform Day
Jun 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm
Jun 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPS Trivia Night - Adults Only
Jun 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Market 9-1pm
Jun 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1 Discovery Centre Excursion—TBC
Jun 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAIDOC Activities Term 2 Finishes at 2:30pm
Jun 29th—Jul 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Holidays

Important Dates
and **INFORMATION**



Class Awards



Foundation

1	Remi H Zavier H	For working hard during our writing lessons. For working hard during our writing lessons.
2	Darcee G Silas BW	For joining in during our InitialLit lessons and working hard to sound out words when reading. For making a great start at Strathfieldsaye PS and joining in during classroom discussions.
4	Cora K Declan S	For showing great listening skills during her peer's news. For working hard on his pencil control and making great progress with writing his name.

Grade 1

3	Imillie K Toby H	showing excellence in MiniLit sessions and having a positive attitude. showing excellence in MiniLit sessions and having a positive attitude.
5	Reign J	For consistently demonstrating our school's CORE values of Caring, Optimism, Respect and Excellence.
6	Macey W Will K	showing resilience when trying something new. Well done Macy! For using your CORE values with classmates and out in the yard. Well done Will!
8	Chelsie M Hazel F	For including others at recess and playtimes For showing switched on behaviors in the classroom

Grade 2

18	Emily P Oliver S	For working hard and improving the detail in her writing. For showing optimism when trying new tasks.
19	Josh W Varli G	For working really hard on his reading and spelling. For being a caring student who willingly supports her classmates.
20	Erika H Alex L	For working hard in Literacy lessons and completing her writing to a high standard! For working hard in Literacy lessons and completing his writing to a high standard!

Grade 3

15	Jack D Ayla D	For working hard during math's to overcome challenges. For working hard during math's to overcome challenges.
16	Lanny A Alyssa H	For working towards their personal best during math's. For working towards their personal best during math's.
17	Sienna H Mason L	For opting to challenge herself in her learning and staying positive making excellent contributions to our discussions and working hard

Class Awards

Grade 4

24	Luca C Kaylee C	For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards learning activities, classmates and teachers For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards learning activities, classmates and teachers
25	Emilia D Luke W	For settling back into Term 2 beautifully by consistently displaying all of our CORE values For settling back into Term 2 beautifully by consistently displaying all of our CORE values
26	Hayley J Ryker AW	For always having an organized desk and showing optimism and excellence by being ready to learn For working hard during math's to improve his mental and written strategies in addition and subtraction

Grade 5

21	Tilly H Miller W	For volunteering to help others after completing her own work and sharing her IT skills. For persisting at his math's task even when it was challenging
22	Hartley R	For continuing to develop his independence as a learner.
23	Aurie B Jolie P	For being consistently bringing optimism and an uplifting energy to Room 23. For consistently showing self-motivation and focus to achieve her personal best in class.

Grade 6

13	Ada W Pippa W	For always being a positive role model through caring and excellence. For persevering and being an optimistic learner.
14	Tyson H Jed M	For respectfully representing his school at the Students ANZAC Service in Melbourne For consistent hard work and determination in all areas of his learning
27	Skye J Truman M	For always being willing to work hard and uplevel her work, demonstrating excellence in all her classwork. For using excellent research skills while working on his "David Attenborough" style information report.
28	Eli S Rachel T	For continually demonstrating her personal best in the classroom. For continually demonstrating his personal best in the classroom.

Specialist Classes

Library	Kolebi B	For listening to stories in Library and eager to complete tasks associated with the story. Great work Kolebi
Visual Arts	Milo C	For using a creative colour combination in his Pagoda painting. Great work Milo!
LOTE	Micah P	For the consistent positive attitude toward all tasks and the enthusiasm in language learning
Digi Tech	Rosie W Deklan W	For demonstrating attentive listening and giving outstanding effort when completing hockey drills For demonstrating optimism and excellence with his typing skills in Digi Tech
PE	Charlotte P	For completing Cross Country to the best of her ability. Well done Charlotte!
Performing Arts	Fox R	For consistently working his best in Performing Arts

PRIMARY MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SPECIALIST INITIATIVE



Hello everyone from the PMSS Team. What is it and who are we..... please read below

What is PMSS?

The PMSS initiative, which stands for Primary Mathematics and Science Specialists, is a program designed to drive whole school change through the training of primary school teachers. The mathematics component, which is what our school is currently enrolled in, aims to increase student engagement and achievement in mathematics, as well as enhance teacher confidence and capability in teaching these subjects. It is a 2-year program (for 2023 & 2024) that involves the participation of three teachers from our school. The initiative is funded by the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) and is intended to bring about positive changes in primary education in Victoria. One of the goals of the PMSS initiative is to improve specialists' disciplinary and pedagogical knowledge and skills in teaching mathematics.

Who are we?



**Foundation to Year 2
Christina Spence**



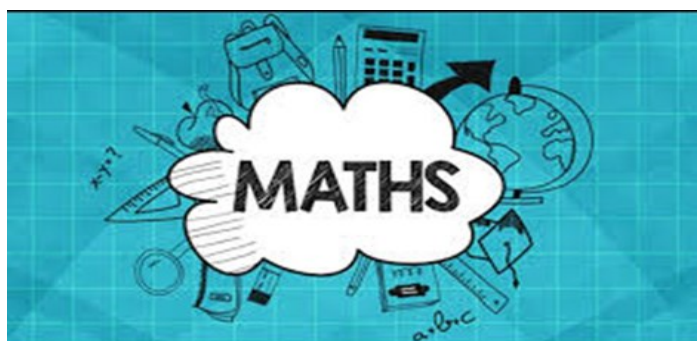
**Grades 3 – 4
Aaron Collins**



**Grades 5 – 6
Todd Canobie**

Please keep an eye out for our regular post through our newsletter where we will share some insightful information on how you can best support your child's numeracy development.

Thanks
PMSS Team



LOTE

The recent ANZAC Day reminded me of a very special and similar day that people observe in China – Qing Ming Festival. Also known as Tomb-Sweeping Day, it is a traditional Chinese festival that pays respects to ancestors and honours their memories. Taking place in the Spring (in the Northern Hemisphere), people also get to enjoy the sunshine and spring breeze on this day. Kite flying, soccer playing, and picnicking are some popular activities for the day. Our Grade 3 to 6 students had the opportunity to make kites and fly them during this very special period as part of our language and culture program.



Performing Arts

HARMONY DAY

On Thursday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. It was lovely to see so many students wearing orange to show their support for cultural diversity. On the day students were able to participate in a performance by Jamel Singh and Dheeraj Shrestha. Jamel spoke to the students about what culture is and why it is important to value all cultures. Dheeraj then showed us the table and how he could make the table talk.

Students were very impressed with how quickly Dheeraj was able to play the table. Jamel then introduced us to Bollywood dancing. Students were able to learn two dances, the first was a dance about a bumble bee and the second was Jai Ho. It was great to see the enthusiasm students showed when learning the dances





Hello families and welcome back to Term 2!

I have added new items to the canteen menu. Additional items are; Chicken Nuggets (GF Option available), Corn Cobs (GF), Choc coated Rice Cakes, (GF)

You will notice a slight price increase on some of the items. It is certainly not something we enjoy putting into place, but unfortunately with the constant rise of cost of ingredients and packaging, it is a must.

We are needing help from 9-11.30am Tuesday to Friday. We always need extra hands on our special lunch days and special event days too. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to be involved.

I would like to thank each and every volunteer that has given their time to help in the canteen since I have been at the school. It makes the children so excited to see their loved ones helping in the canteen, please remember you get a free lunch for one of your kids when you help out.

In exciting news, I have ordered a commercial coffee machine is making it's way to the canteen – more information to come soon on Compass.

School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 11:20—12pm & 1:30—2pm
- Canteen orders and payments, by credit card, can be made through the Compass portal. The Canteen link is accessible under the 'Community' icon (the 2 people) on your Compass home page
- **Online orders close at 8:40am each day, except for Friday when orders close at 8:00am**
- Lunch wallets are available from the school office for \$8
- **Volunteers are always welcome to help collate the orders and prepare the lunches.**

If you are willing to assist between 9 -11:30am on either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Jade, our Canteen Manager, on **0405 825 850**.

Student Wellbeing

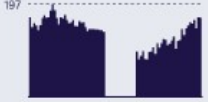

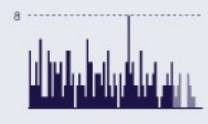

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: 'Being on the Outer'



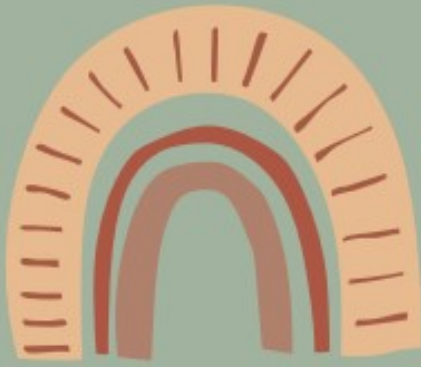
For further information please visit: www.happyfamilies.com.au

COVID -19 Epidemiological Summary

Despite recent continued increases in transmission, current indicators show low levels of COVID-19 activity in Victoria.

Daily counts last 12 weeks	
	<p>The number of people in hospital with COVID-19 has increased this week. The 7-day average is 160, compared to 128 last week.</p>
	<p>The latest quantitative wastewater measures indicate there are increasing SARS-CoV-2 viral loads in Victorian wastewater in regional catchments, with fluctuating levels in metropolitan catchments. Increasing levels of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater suggest increasing prevalence of COVID-19 infections in the community.</p> <p><i>(Plot shows metropolitan relative quantitative levels of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater)</i></p>
	<p>Deaths in the most recent 28-day period (20 Mar 2024 - 16 Apr 2024) have declined compared to the prior 28-day period (21 Feb 2024 - 19 Mar 2024), with a current 28-day total of 69. Increases and decreases in the reporting of deaths attributable to COVID-19 tend to lag waves of infections and hospitalisations by several weeks.</p>
	<p>Following rapid growth in early December, JN.1 (a sublineage of BA.2.86) remains the dominant variant in Victorian wastewater samples at approximately 94% in the most recent samples.</p>

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TheirCare Newsletter



TheirCare Strathfieldsaye acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of this nation and the Traditional Custodians of Dja Dja Wurrung land on which we work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

The last two weeks have been crazy fun with the kids getting creative making bath bombs and entering our Admin Diary cover competition.

We have also been enjoying keeping active and the sunshine by playing gaga, everybody's it and creating sand villages in the sand pit!

REMINDERS

- ✓ Please make sure if your child is going to be absent for either session that you let us know ASAP!




CONTACT US!

- ✓ Via phone: 0461 267 714
- ✓ Via email: strathfieldsaye@theircare.com.au
- ✓ face to face:
Hours 6:30am - 9am
3:00pm - 6:30PM



Community Notices

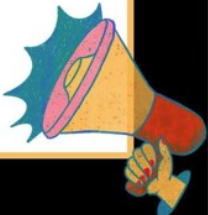


STRATHDALE HOCKEY
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COME GIVE HOCKEY A GO!

**COME DOWN AND GIVE IT A TRY!
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT
@ HOCKEY CENTRE ON ASHLEY STREET, IRONBARK
JUNIORS - 5:45-6:45PM
SENIORS - 7-8PM**

**FOR ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE
EMAIL: strathdalehc@gmail.com**



INFORMATION | MULTI-SPORT

FOR PARENTS | PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓ Cricket	✓ Netball	✓ Golf	✓ Soccer
✓ AFL	✓ Tennis	✓ Athletics	✓ Softball
✓ Hockey	✓ Ultimate Frisbee		

This programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Grade 6 students.
10 WEEKS REMAINING FOR \$160
Sign up at any time of the Term & only pay for the weeks remaining (\$16 per session).

**School: Strathfieldsaye Primary School
Day: Monday
Start Date: Monday 22nd April
End Date: Monday 24th June
Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm**

TERM 2 PROGRAM SPECIAL
Book your child's place for Term 2 and go in the running to win a Kelly Sports prize pack valued at \$100

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
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Looking towards 2024 Term 3

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

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