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Friday 11.10.2024

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4

It has been great to see how well our students have settled back into their learning routines over the last week. We have had a wonderful start to the term and we are looking forward to some exciting results as our students take on new challenges. As well as continuing our strong focus on developing our students' Literacy and Numeracy skills, this term we will also be arranging lots of extra curricula activities for our students to help them broaden their understanding of the world. These activities will include: representing our school in different inter-school sporting competitions; attending some exciting excursions, camps and after school events; Foundation and Whole School Orientation Days, and our very special grade 6 Graduation events

Retirement News

After much reflection, I have decided that it is time for me to retire at the end of this school year. Following such a wonderful time with my husband, Tim, on our recent holiday in New Zealand, I feel ready to join him in retirement and begin a new chapter in my life. Over the past eight and a half years, I have had the absolute privilege of serving as Principal of Strathfieldsaye Primary School. It has been an incredible journey, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside our amazing students, dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and the broader community. The relationships we've built and the achievements we've shared together have been some of the most rewarding moments of my career.

While my last official day at school will be Monday, 27 January, I will take a short break between Christmas and New Year's Day before returning to school to ensure everything is in place for a smooth transition. Our new Principal will commence their role on Tuesday, 28 January, which is the first day of the school year for teachers. The process to select our new Principal will begin tomorrow, as our Senior Education Improvement Leader from the Department of Education, Damien Jenkyn, will meet with our School Council to outline the steps involved in advertising the principal's position. Nominations will be called from both School Council and staff to represent our school community on the selection panel. As I'm sure you understand, selecting a new Principal is a thorough and comprehensive process that can take up to eight weeks to complete. By starting this process now, we hope to be in a position to announce the name of our new Principal before the end of this term. Ideally, we will also arrange a time for them to visit us and join a whole school assembly towards the end of the year. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your wonderful support over the years. It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of this incredible community, and I look forward to enjoying a fantastic Term 4 with you all.

2025 Classroom Placements

In preparation for the new school year, teachers will be investing a great deal of time over the coming weeks considering our 2025 classroom placements in their endeavour to find just the right balance between the social and learning needs of students in every classroom, and across all year levels. If you feel there is a particular circumstance that requires consideration and you haven't had a chance to talk to your child's classroom teacher about it, please complete the following survey [2025 Classroom Placement Considerations](#) by **Friday 25 October**, so that your thoughts can be taken into consideration when we formulate our 2025 classes. Student voice will also be sought in this process, but as I am sure you will understand, it may not be possible to meet the requests of every parent and child.

2025 Enrolments

If you have a child starting at Strathfieldsaye PS next year and you haven't already submitted an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. We have already started our whole school planning processes for 2025, so please let us know if you are aware of any students planning to join our school community, or any families that may be leaving SPS next year.

2024 Pupil Free Days

- Term 4 Friday 29 November - Common Professional Practice Day
- Term 4 Monday 2 December - Curriculum Day 4 2025 Curriculum Planning Day

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

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

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TERM 4 CALENDAR

October 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day: Pupil Free Day
October 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Athletics
Oct 14th, 15th, 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep Transition Sessions 2:30-3:30pm
Oct 16th-18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Camp Roses Gap
October 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm Hotshots Tennis
Oct 21st, 22nd, 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep Transition Sessions 2:30-3:30pm Grade 1 Puppet Making Sessions
October 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3 Discovery Centre Excursion
October 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Graduation Photo
October 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5/6 Cricket
October 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Market 9-1pm
October 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bendigo Cup Holiday - Pupil Free Day
November 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm Regional Basketball
November 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Special Lunch
November 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Sports Day
November 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day
November 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm
November 20th-24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Break Through
November 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Market
November 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Blast Tournament
November 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional 9 v 9 Football
November 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 2 Movie and Pizza Evening
November 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day: Pupil Free Day
December 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day: Pupil Free Day
December 3rd & 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Robotics at Bendigo Tech School
December 3rd-9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation, Grade 1 and 2 Swimming Program
December 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly 2:40pm
December 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Wide School Orientation
December 11th-17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3-6 Swimming Program
December 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Special Lunch Grade 1 Celebration Evening
December 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Graduation
December 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Market
December 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess West Memorial Day Teachers Vs Students Footy Match & Special Lunch
December 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly and Grade 6 Farewell 9:15am Term 4 Concludes at 1:30pm
January 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 2025 Commences



Class Awards



Foundation

1	Liam A Everly C	For working hard to complete all of his work and showing optimism when attempting tricky tasks. Great work Liam! For working hard to learn her sounds and words to improve her reading. Great work Everly!
2	Ivy R Louie C	For working hard during our InitiaLit program to learn different sounds and how to blend them together to read words and sentences For always participating in classroom discussions and listening attentively
4	Hugh P	For a great holiday recount and having a go at writing independently. Stretching out the sounds he is hearing to write his sentence - great work Hugh

Grade 1

3	Connor E Beau S	For a great start to the term, staying on task and being a supportive classmate For a great start to the term, staying on task and being a supportive classmate.
5	Aishah D Harlow L	For demonstrating persistence and increasing independence in her writing. For consistently demonstrating our school's CORE values and being a role model through her work ethic and behaviour.
6	Rylan R Chase G Ryder D Hunter L	For trying his very best with his handwriting. Well done Rylan! For trying his very best with his math's learning task. Well done Chase! For continuing to do his best with reading and writing! Well done Ryder. For settling back into the Term and trying his best. Well done Hunter.
8	Javarni M Cooper G	For showing great mathematical skills during our measuring task and sharing his thoughts confidently with his peers. For making a great start to his new school and enthusiastically joining in with his classmates.

Grade 2

18	Lennon F Harper S	For taking on teacher feedback to improve her work For becoming more confident within the classroom
19	Levi F Joslyn I	For working hard on his reading and spelling skills and making very good progress For settling in well to her new school and applying herself well on all tasks
20	Lacie D Beau J	For working hard with Julie and Nicola during Literacy lessons! For being a great listener in focus lessons!

Grade 3

15	Charlie H Phoebe C	For having a strong, positive start to Term 4. For having a strong, positive transition to her new school.
16	Mae N Seb B	For being a respectful member of the classroom and caring for her friends. Well Done Mae! For showing optimism with his learning and participating in class discussions. Well Done Seb!
17	Thea L Asher M	For her fantastic attitude and effort in all areas of learning. For his thoughtful contributions, helpfulness and excellent effort in class.



Class Awards



Grade 4

24	Lizzy S Archer D	For aiming to achieve her best in all her work. For being a positive role model in Morning Circle and learning time.
25	Levi J Chan T	For demonstrating a positive mindset, focus, and enthusiasm during the first week back of Term 4! For demonstrating a positive mindset, focus, and enthusiasm during the first week back of Term 4!
26	Poppie B Landon N	For displaying optimism, excellence and resilience during her Strath's Got Talent performances For displaying excellence, optimism and resilience during his Strath's Got Talent performances

Grade 5

21	Ari C Bentley F	For showing excellence throughout his Inquiry work last term, focusing on the invention of AFL and its impact on Australia. For showing optimism during the 5/6 Disco. Bentley was present and engaged in the event, encouraging her peers to join in and enjoy the night.
22	Heidi I	For settling back into Strathfieldsaye Primary School with a positive attitude and excellent work ethic.
23	Ruby R Amber P	For respecting the feelings, thoughts and rights of others in our classroom. For respecting the feelings, thoughts and rights of others in our classroom.

Grade 6

13	Ned M Harper C	For showing effort and optimism in his reading and writing. For displaying optimism and pride in his reading and writing.
14	Quinlan S Cody Z	For working hard towards achieving a great "Healthy Me" campaign For working hard to achieve results in the classroom
27	Noah K Tilly V	For always contributing positively to classroom discussions and showing leadership within his JSC role. For demonstrating enthusiasm towards her group inquiry project and consistently collaborating positively with her peers.
28	Alice Q Kaiden Y	For representing the school in an exemplary manner. For seeking teacher feedback on his learning.

Specialist Classes

STEM	Cormac R Darcee G	For showing scientific thinking during STEM sessions For thinking like a scientist in STEM sessions
Perf Arts	Levi S	For always doing his best in Performing Arts.
LOTE	Ruby T	For being actively involved in all our learning experiences. Well done!
PE	Patrick V	Always giving 100% in the PE lessons. Well done Pat!
Library	Mason A	For listening attentively in Library and completing all tasks. Well done
Digi Tech	Eli SV	For showing great enthusiasm for recent projects including his AI advertising campaign and introduction the the Micro:bit
Visual Arts	James C	For showing great technique and creativity when creating cartoon characters in Art.



Grade 5/6 Disco



On Wednesday, the 4th of September, all the Grade 5s and 6s came together with the teachers: Ms. Bilkey, Mrs. Cunniff, Mr. Pinder, Mr. Coad, Mr. Grant, Mr. Canobie, Mrs. Burke, and Mr. Godfrey, along with education support staff: Abbi, Kylie, Malik, and Zac, to enjoy a fun-filled disco.

A shout-out to all the teachers and education support staff who helped run the disco, especially Ms. Bilkey for taking all the photos and Mr. Pinder for setting up the photo backdrop. Students were awarded prizes for the most enthusiastic, best dancers, most colourful attire, and more. A special shout-out to the group of boys who got the teachers and support staff to dance. The song "Veggie Dance" got everyone dancing and singing along.

At the disco, we played a variety of songs to keep the energy up and to see everyone's most exciting dance moves. It was fantastic to see all the students and teachers having a blast, showing off their best moves throughout the night.

Written by: Aaliyah GP, Alex M, Harper B and LJ M



Grade 5/6 Disco—Photo Gallery



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Wellbeing

To help promote student and parent wellbeing across our school we have included the article titled: 'Sharing is Caring'



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



School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 11:20—12pm & 2pm-2.30pm
- 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 8:30am**
- 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**.

Canteen Menu

Sandwiches, Wraps, Salads & Plates

Cheese	\$3.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$5.00
Salad	\$4.50
Vegemite	\$2.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00
Grazing Plate	\$6.00

Toasties

Cheese	\$3.00
Ham	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00



Burgers

Beef & Cheese	\$6.50
Chicken Schnitzel	\$6.50

Fried Rice

Bacon & Vegetable	\$5.00
Vegetarian	\$5.00

Pasta

SMALL LARGE	
Bolognese	\$3.50 \$6.00
Mac & Cheese	\$3.50 \$6.00

Pizza Wheels

Cheese	\$4.00
Bacon & Cheese	\$4.50
Tropical	\$4.50

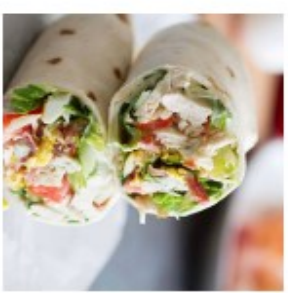
Other Hot Food

Cheesy Rolls	\$1.50
Nachos	\$5.00
Meatball Sub	\$5.00
Mini Crustless Quiche	\$2.50
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00



Fruit

Berries & Yoghurt	\$3.50
Fruit Salad	\$3.50



Snacks

Anzac Biscuits	\$1.00
Apricot Bliss Balls	\$0.70
Banana Chips	\$0.50
BBQ Rice Bites	\$0.50
Gingerbread	\$1.50
Muffins	
• Apple & Raspberry	\$2.00
• Banana	\$2.00
Ovaltines	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Pretzels	\$0.50
Sea Salt Chips	\$1.50
Sultanas - Per Scoop	\$0.20
Weetbix Bite - Berry	\$0.10

Frozen Food

Mango Yoghurt	\$2.50
Strawberry Yoghurt	\$2.50
Wildberry Yoghurt	\$2.50
Mango Slice	\$1.00
Pineapple Slice	\$1.00
Watermelon Slice	\$1.00
Icy Poles (Variety)	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cone	\$1.50



Fruit Juice

Apple Juice	\$2.50
Apple & Blackcurrent Juice	\$2.50
Orange Juice	\$2.50



Flavoured Milk

Chocolate	\$3.00
Honeycomb	\$3.00
Strawberry	\$3.00



Juice Bombs

Apple & Blackcurrent	\$3.00
Apple Coola	\$3.00
Apple & Raspberry	\$3.00
Grape	\$3.00
Lemonade	\$3.00
Orange Passion	\$3.00
Watermelon	\$3.00



Smoothies

Banana	\$3.00
Berry	\$3.00



Thank you 😊

A huge thankyou to Dough SI Dough Bakery Strathfieldsaye for their donation of bread; to Strathfieldsaye Supa IGA for the cheese they donate; and also to the McKern Foundation for donating fresh fruit.

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A photograph of a young boy with dark hair, smiling and looking upwards. He is holding a bunch of yellow bananas. The background is dark and textured.



Community Notices

**EXCITING NEWS...CRICKET IS GOING MIDWEEK....
UNDER 11'S roll into MONDAY EVENINGS!!!**

Master Blasters (U10s) can do Mondays &/Or Friday's..... Get on board.

Strathfieldsaye Jets Cricket Club welcomes new and existing players to register for the 2024/25 season. Registrations are now open, please follow the following links:

Cricket Blast Programs –

- Sunday mornings at 9:30am- 45 mins of activity for ages 5 to 7/8),
- Monday or Friday evenings - 6pm start-7:15pm finish (ages 8 to 9/10)

Junior Competitions for U11 (Monday), U12 & U15 (Saturday morning) & U16 (Wednesdays):

[Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club Registrations | PlayHQ](#)

We look forward to a fun filled summer of cricketing action for all ages.

If requiring further information, or any queries in general we would love to hear from you, please feel free to contact us via email strathfieldsayejets@gmail.com or the phone number below.

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Brent Yates | Junior President | 0434 730 711

Strathfieldsaye Jets CC



JUNIOR GIRLS
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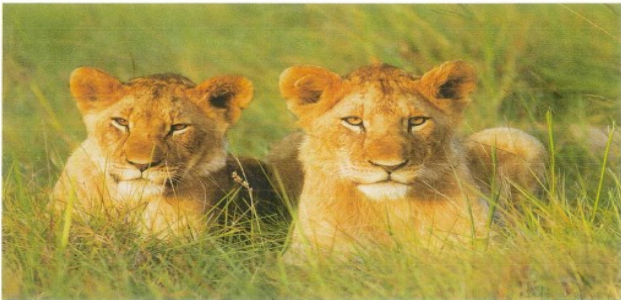
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Facebook: Bendigo Harriers Athletics Club
Instagram: [bendigoharriersathleticsclub](https://www.instagram.com/bendigoharriersathleticsclub)

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WHAT WE DO?

TRACK
Competition season: October to April
Saturday afternoon

Club members can compete in a range of track events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 10km, Race Walking, Hurdles and Steeplechase. *minimum age 12yr.

THROWS
Competition season: October to April
Saturday afternoon

Club members can compete and practice in Shot Put, Javelin, Discus and Hammer Throw. *minimum age 12yr.

JUMPS
Competition season: October to April
Saturday afternoon

Club members can compete and develop technical skills in Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump and Pole Vault. *minimum age 12yr.

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- ✓ ALL AGES
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SOCIAL EVENTS
Trivia night + Dinners + BBQ's and more!

CROSS COUNTRY
Winter season: April to September
Saturday 2pm

Bendigo Harriers host club runs each Saturday in the winter season, distances include 500m, 1km and a optional long or short run between 3km to 8km. All ages and abilities welcome.

TRAINING & COACHING
All year round

Coaching and training options are available and generally open to members and non-members. Contact us for more information on training times and locations.