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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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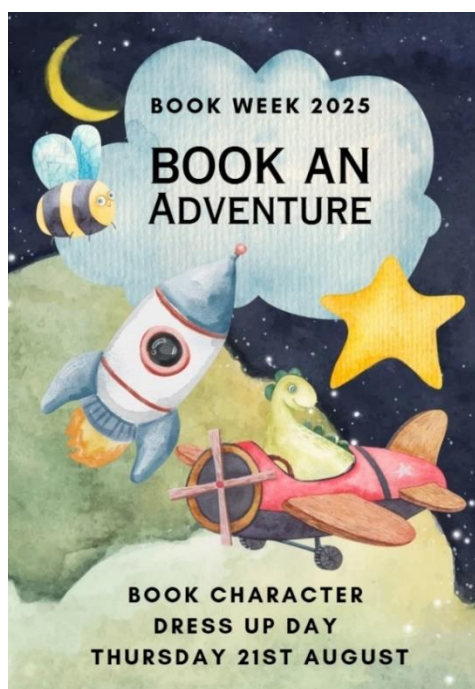
RESPECT

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August 7th, 2025

SPS's Vision: To prepare young people to be active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

2025 Dates to Remember

- **Mon 18th - Fri 22nd August**
Book Week
- **Wed 20th August**
Wheelchair AFL Clinic
- **Thu 21st August**
Book Week Parade 9.10am
- **Fri 22nd August**
Lightning Premiership G4-6
- **Mon 25th August**
Pupil Free Day
- **Fri 19th September**
Last Day of Term 3.
2.30pm dismissal.
- **Mon 6th October**
First Day of Term 4



LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays.

Uniting



2025 After School Care
Get in Touch
earlylearning@vt.uniting.org
1800 183 103



Now taking new
families
2025 enrolments

OSHC



Strathmerton Primary School

ENROL IN 2026

At Strathmerton Primary School
we offer:

- No school fees including free stationery and books.
- High quality teaching and learning.
- A wide range of curriculum and extracurricular activities provided.
- Small class sizes.
- 1:1 laptops supplied by SPS.
- Outside Hours School Care available.

2026 Enrolments open now.

TO BOOK A TOUR, OR FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE:

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COME AND TRY SESSIONS

Come and try our school at our Prep 2026 taster sessions. This is a great way for your child to explore and feel comfortable in a school setting. These sessions are open to all prospective 2026 Prep students, whether enrolled at SPS or not. Students are welcomed to attend one, several or all the sessions.

Session dates:

- Tuesday 12/8 2.30 - 3.30pm.
- Friday 29/8 10.00 - 11.00am.
- Tuesday 2/9 2.30 - 3.30pm.
- Friday 12/9 10am - 11.00am.
- Tuesday 16/9 2.30 - 3.30pm

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From the Principal's Desk

Lion's Club Speech Night

Last Wednesday night, six of our students showcased their speaking talents at the Lions Club Speech Night. This annual event is held to encourage primary aged students to speak in front of an audience and demonstrate their creativity and oral language skills. Congratulations to Flynn Cleary for winning the Grade 5/6 category and Edith for coming second in the Grade 3/4 section. Also well done to Ernie, Eliza, Avi and Kiesha for participating and giving it a go.

100 Days of School

Yesterday, our Foundation/1 students celebrated their '100 Days of School'. The day was full of fun activities centred around the number 100, including making a hundred day crown and completing challenging STEM tasks around the number 100. Thanks Mrs Mead for organising this day for our students everyone looked like they had a fantastic day.

Book Week Parade

During the week of 18th-22nd August we will be celebrating Book Week. On Thursday 21st August all students and teachers will partake in our annual 'Book Week Parade', dressing up as their favourite book character or book. This years Book Week theme is 'Book an Adventure'.

Foundation 2026 'Come and Try'

We're excited to offer our Foundation 'Come and Try' sessions throughout this term! These sessions are a great opportunity for children starting school next year to get a feel for the classroom environment and meet our friendly staff. If you know any families with Foundation-aged children, please spread the word. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if they are not yet enrolled at our school.

Session dates:

- Tuesday 12th August 2.30-3.30pm
- Friday 29th August 10.00-11.00am
- Tuesday 2nd September 2.30-3.30pm
- Friday 12th September 10.00-11.00am
- Tuesday 16th September 2.30-3.30pm

NAPLAN Results

Our students have achieved outstanding results in this year's NAPLAN assessments. Our Year 3 students performed exceptionally well, with 75% achieving results in the 'Strong' or 'Exceeding' proficiencies for reading, writing and numeracy. These results are above those of similar schools, our network and are equal to or above the state averages. Our Year 5 students also delivered promising results, with no students in the 'Needs Additional Support' proficiency in reading and writing for the first time since the new assessment proficiencies were released in 2023, which is better than similar schools, network and state averages.

Reactive 8 Afterschool

SkillZone will be running a pilot program here at SPS next term called ReActive8. It is a program to help students to find a balance between getting active and time on the screens. The ReActivate program is an inclusive games-based approach in which children can get active and social without even realising. It will be run on school ground on a Thursday. It is a paid program and can be booked through their website

<https://www.skillzonesports.com/service-page/reactive8-strathmerton-primary->

[school?category=5a4d9559-117d-4ec6-b17c-0c6ed87c1d0a&referral=service_list_widget](https://www.skillzonesports.com/school?category=5a4d9559-117d-4ec6-b17c-0c6ed87c1d0a&referral=service_list_widget) . Please note only 20 students can participate in the program and bookings are essential.



REACTIVE8 AFTER SCHOOL
ESTD 2025

ABOUT US
ReActive8 has been born to bridge the gap between screen time and childrens social and physical connections through participation in games and activities designed to get us moving!

BENEFITS
Build confidence
social interaction
Develop teamwork
Digital Harmony
Get active
Have fun!

PARTICIPANTS
ReActive8 has been designed to cater for all primary school students. ReActive8 will operate one designated day per week. Please visit the website to confirm the delivery day for your childs school

HOW TO BOOK
Visit our website www.skillzonesports.com select the ReActive8 booking page and select your childs school then complete the booking process

LOCATIONS
Reactive8 is coming to your school, our designated meeting spot will be located on the school oval and children will be signed in and out by our staff

SESSION TIME
Reactive8 will run from end of school until 4.30pm parent supervision is not required

SESSION FEE
Reactive8 sessions are \$15.00 per week

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ESTD 2025

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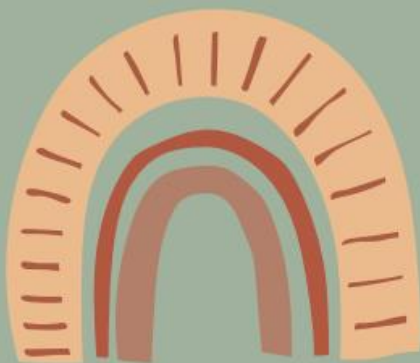
Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2025

Term 3

Monday 11th August	Library Van
Tuesday 12th August	2026 Foundation Taster Session 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 14th August	Numurkah SC Taster Day
Wednesday 20th August	Wheelchair AFL Clinic – Whole School
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August	Book Week
Thursday 21st August	Book Week Parade
Friday 22nd August	Lightning Premiership G4-6
Monday 25th August	Pupil Free Day
Friday 29th August	2026 Foundation Taster Session 10.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday 2nd September	2026 Foundation Taster Session 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wed 3rd – Thu 4th September	Life Ed Van
Friday 12th September	2026 Foundation Taster Session 10.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday 16th September	2026 Foundation Taster Session 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 19th September	Footy Day Whole School
	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

Term 4

Monday 6th October	First Day Term 4
Wed 8th – Fri 10th October	Grade 3/4 Camp @ Billabong Ranch
Mon 20th – Fri 24th October	Whole School Swimming @ Aqua Moves
Monday 3rd November	Pupil Free Day . Report Writing Day.
Tuesday 4th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th December	Statewide Transition Day
Tuesday 16th December	Fun Fields G6 Students
Friday 19th December	END OF YEAR 1.30pm Dismissal



F/1 Classroom Newsletter

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Class App: Class Dojo

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all had a fun break and are ready for a fun Term Three.

Our classroom is a safe space for all. It promotes learning in a peaceful and caring environment where we all have a voice. We play, laugh and work hard to be the best we can be. The students support each other to do their best through respectful relationships and watching out for a friend.

We have parents reading with the students during our Readers Workshop. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please, let me know via Dojo and we will work out a day that suits.



TO-DO AT HOME

In F/1, we love to cook. Cooking is a wonderful way to learn about words, numbers and estimates. It is also a lot of fun!

The benefits of cooking with your child include:

- Encouraging an interest in food and healthy eating habits.
- Developing life skills.
- Enhancing literacy, social emotional, physical, and cognitive development.
- Strengthening family bonds.
- Fostering creativity and confidence.
- Introducing kids to a wide variety of foods.
- Boosting confidence and independence.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4th – Milkshake Monday

Library Visit with Mrs Bouchier

August 6th– 100 Days Smarter

Book Week– 18th– 22nd August

August 20th – Wheelchair AFL Clinic

August 21st– Book Week Parade

August 25th – Pupil Free Day

Sept. 1st– Milkshake Monday

Sept. 19th– Last Day of T3, Footy Day.



OUR LEARNING

Readers Workshop

We have started off the term focussing on Poetry. The students have enjoyed learning about rhyming words and how they are used in poetry to make it interesting and fun. In the second half of the term, we will be exploring the works and life of Mem Fox for our Author Study.

Phonics

The students will be focussing on digraphs this term such as /ch/, /wh/, /th/ and /sh/. They will be adding to our word wall for later reference and participating in interactive play activities to test their skills.



Writers Workshop

During term three, the student will be writing different forms of poetry and publishing their own stories. They have started to write word banks of rhyming words for reference when writing their poems. In the later parts of the term, they will be introduced to the works of Mem Fox, learning about her writing style and inspirations.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the students are exploring Multiplication, Shape, Positional Language and Data Collection. We have started the term with recognising multiplication as groups and identifying number patterns using skip counting.

Quest

During our Quest sessions, the students will explore special places around their homes and hometown. They will experience lots of hands-on activities for a deeper understanding of where they live and their connection to the special places in their world.



GRADE 1/2/3



newsletter

WELCOME:

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We're ready to dive into a new term filled with exciting learning experiences. I can't wait to see the students' curiosity shine and their confidence continue to grow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 4th August

Library Visit

Wednesday 20th August

Wheel Chair AFL clinic

Thursday 21st August

Book Week Dress Up and
Parade 9:10am start

Monday 25th August

Pupil Free Day

REMINDERS:

- Drink Bottles
- Jumpers - clearly labelled
- Homework - we recommend reading with your child for 10 mins, five times a week.

STAY IN TOUCH:

If ever you need to contact me please do so by email.

sarah.arklay@education.vic.gov.au

LITERACY:

Over the next five weeks, students will explore reading and writing through the wonderful world of poetry.

They'll be introduced to a range of poetic styles, including free verse, shape poems, couplets and diamante poems. Along the way, students will have the chance to create their own poems inspired by these forms about things they love.



MATHEMATICS:

Over the next few weeks, students will be wrapping up their multiplication unit by exploring a variety of strategies to solve multiplication problems. They'll also be learning some fun and engaging games that they can teach you at home to help practise their times tables. After that, we'll be diving into our next topic—shapes!



QUEST:

This term, students will be exploring exciting new topics in Geography and Science.

In Geography, we'll be learning about **Australia and its Neighbours**, while in Science, our focus will be on **The Water Cycle**. Both units offer great opportunities for hands-on learning and discovery.



Grade 4/5 Term 3 Newsletter

Introduction:

I can't believe half the year has already been and gone. I hope everyone had a fantastic break filled with rest and relaxation. I want to extend my gratitude to all families who made time to visit for either Parent Teacher Interviews or the Open Classroom on the final Thursday of Term 2. The students greatly appreciated your presence.

This Term the students are beginning to practise for our whole school production. Students with character roles are practising their lines during lunch time. The whole class will be learning the routines of 3 dances from the continent of Asia.

Term 2 Quest finished with students completing their natural disaster posters. Students researched where and how the natural disaster occurred. For Literacy Grade 4/5 finished the term completing their informative writing pieces on a topic of their choosing. They had to research, draft and edit their writing to suit the correct format and I am incredibly proud of all their efforts. In Numeracy, Term 2 finished by telling the time by using language such as quarter and half past. In money maths students got to know a range of international currencies.

Important Dates:

- Monday 4th August, Library Session @ School
- Monday 4th August, Milkshake Monday @School
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August, Book Week Celebrations @School
- Wednesday 20th August, Wheelchair AFL Clinic @ School
- Thursday 21st August, Book Week Dress Up and Parade, 9:10am @School
- Friday 22nd August, Lightning Premiership (Football and Netball) @ Yarrawonga
- Monday 25th August, Student Free Day
- Monday 1st September, Milkshake Monday @School
- Friday 19th September, Last Day of Term 3 (Football Colours Day)

Contact Information:

If you have any news or issues throughout Term 3, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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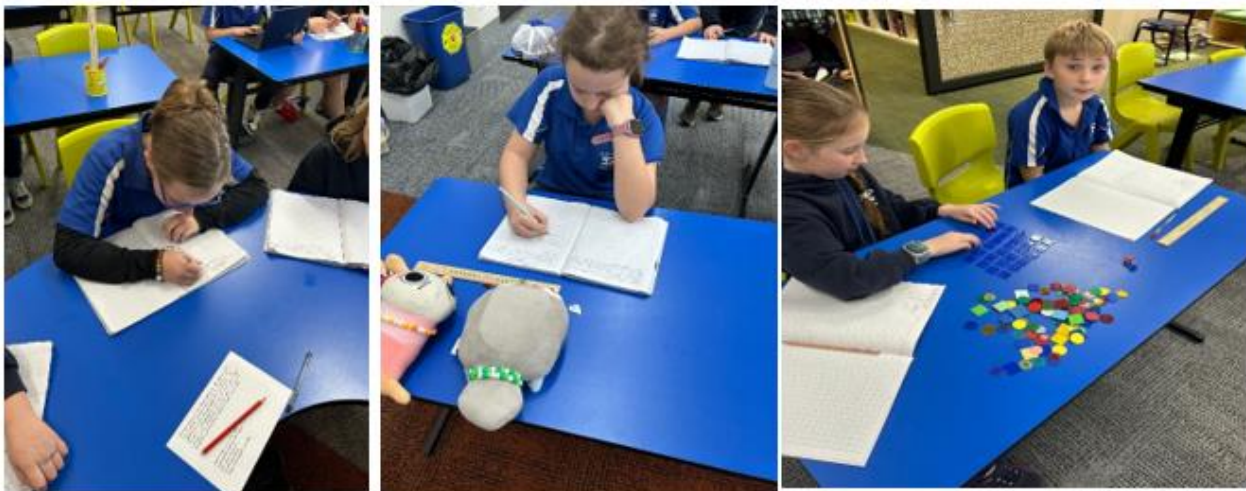
Literacy:

Grade 4/5 will start Term 3 with our poetry unit. This includes exploring poems such as limericks, ballads, haiku, shape, free verse, songs and anthems. During reading and writing we will be immersing ourselves in everything these poems have to offer.

Beyond poetry we will be exploring author study. Grade 4/5 will be studying Jackie French this year, analysing her writing style, character development and themes throughout her wide range of picture story and novel books.

Numeracy:

In Term 3 Grade 4/5 will explore the topics of multiplication and division. These 2 units work hand in hand with each other and are essential in their numeracy development. Throughout these units we will be working on using arrays for both multiplication and division, powers of 10 and doubling strategies. Division will see us explore reverse multiplication and division patterns. Grade 4/5 will then finish the term off with calculating area using correct formulas and creating maps so students can locate features on a map.



Geography:

Term 3, Grade 4/5 will be studying the topic Management of Places. This includes both natural and man-made objects and the impact these changes have on the environment in both the short and long term.

Science:

Grade 4/5 are exploring chemical science in Term 3. This includes solids, liquids and gases, and their properties. We are going to determine the difference between the states of matter and using hands on science experiments.

GRADE 5/6

Newsletter

Welcome:

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you've all had a well rested break and are ready for a wonderful term. We are looking forward to beginning our production practise. The cast members have been eagerly learning their lines during lunch time. Our class will work together to rehearse three dance routines for the stage based on our theme 'America'.

Book week will commence in Week 5, there will be a costume parade on Thursday 21st of August. The theme for this year is 'Book an Adventure!' We are looking forward to seeing all of your costumes.

Reminders:

- Hats need to be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4.
- Please make sure your child has a drink bottle each day.
- Homework - We recommend students read for about 15-20 minutes a day.

Dates to Remember:

4/8 Library visit with Louise Bouchier
14/8 Numurkah Secondary College Taster Day.
18/8 - 22/8 Book Week
20/8 Wheelchair AFL Clinic
21/8 Book Week Parade
22/8 Lightning Premiership
25/8 Pupil free day
19/9 Last day of Term 3 

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GRADE 5/6

Newsletter

What we are learning in Literacy:

Over the next five weeks, students will focus on Poetry in both Reading and Writing. In Reading, students will engage with a variety of poetry including limericks, ballads, haikus, shape poems and free verse. They will identify different techniques and structures used in the various poems.

In Writing, students will use the writing process to plan, draft, revise, edit and then publish a different poem each week. They will use their knowledge of poetic techniques such as dialogue, personification, similes, metaphors and imagery to enhance their poems.

What we are learning in Mathematics:

Over the next seven weeks in mathematics, students will be exploring key concepts such as multiplication, area, division, patterns and location. Students will participate in a range of hands-on games and real world activities to deepen their mathematical thinking.

Science:

This term in Science, students will be learning about States of Matter-liquids, solids and gases. They will investigate the properties of each and identify how states of matter can be changed through things such as temperature.

Geography:

This term in Geography, students are learning about different environments that are either natural, managed or constructed. Students will investigate the environmental and human impacts on different locations.

NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

Transition program
dates for
Year 7 students
commencing 2026



*Keep an eye out on the NSC
facebook page for updates
and more information closer
to events.*



**WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL NSC
DISCOVERY NIGHT 6:00PM-7:00 PM**



THURS. 14TH AUGUST: NSC TASTER DAY



SEPT./OCT. PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS



5TH-7TH OCT. EXTRA TASTER SESSIONS



**13TH-17TH OCT. YEAR 7 MEETINGS AT
NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE**



**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER STATEWIDE
TRANSITION DAY**



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**2026 YEAR 7
DISCOVERY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY THE 30TH APRIL**

Information session commencing at
6.00pm with tours following.



Please register your interest by ringing the College on 03 5862 1088.
Walk ins welcome.



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