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**Newsletter No.2
February 13th, 2025**

2025 Dates to Remember

- **Wed 19th Feb**
No Foundation Students.
- **Wed 26th Feb**
No Foundation Students.
- **Thu 6th Mar**
Parent Teacher Interviews pm.
- **Fri 7th Mar**
Pupil free Day. Parent Teacher Interviews am.
- **Mon 10th Mar**
Labour Day Public Holiday.
- **Mon 31st Mar**
Pupil free Day.
- **Fri 4th Apr**
Last day of Term 1.

HATS!

Reminder that hats need to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

School Bucket Hat
\$8



Confidentiality Forms

Please fill out the confidentiality forms so we can update our records with any changes. The forms were sent home today. Please return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Annual Privacy Reminder For 2025

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Uniting



**Strathmerton
Outside School Hours
Program**

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



Now taking new families
2025 enrolments



OSHC

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..



BUS REMINDER

It is important that parents let the school know when their child is not travelling home by bus. Please phone the office so we can take them off the bus list.

Pupil Free Days

Friday 7th March

Parent Teacher Interviews
No students at school.

Monday 31st March

Staff Maths PD
No students at school.



From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our Foundation students who have completed their first few weeks of schooling! It has been a pleasure getting to know our new students, who have all transitioned to primary school so well. Despite the heat, all students have settled in well, and the classrooms have been calm and productive, with routines and expectations set ready for a great year ahead. Our Buddy Program commenced last week with our senior students in Grade 5/6 PVDB and our junior F/1 students. It has been pleasing to see our senior students stepping up as leaders and support the Foundation and Grade 1 students both in the classroom and out in the yard.

Assembly

On Monday we will be presenting our Leadership Badges. This will include School and House Captains, SRC President and members. The assembly will commence at 2:50pm. All are welcomed.

Congratulations to our leaders of 2024:

School Captains:



Axel Henderson & Indianna Sellman

SRC Representatives:



President: Declan Hughes & Annalise Wood



Members: Max Bayne, Eliza Bouchier, April Carter, Flynn Cleary, Jack Kelly, Kiesha Maney, Sienna Newell, Patrick Cleary

Turtles:



House Captain: Indianna Sellman
Vice-Captain: Kiesha Maney

Wombats:



House Captain: Axel Henderson
Vice-Captain: Macy Carter & Declan Hughes

Emus:



House Captain: Kael Carmody
Vice-Captain: Max Bayne

Koalas:



House Captain: Chaise Donahoo
Vice-Captain: Eliza Bouchier & Flynn Cleary

Whole School Review in April

Last week I sent out a survey link through Compass and Facebook. This survey was designed to gather feedback from parents and carers about our school. Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the feedback survey. The data from this survey will help complete the 2021-2024 School Strategic Plan and give us an idea of areas we may need to focus on in the next plan. The new School Strategic Plan will be created in April through the Department organised School Review. More information about this process will be released later in the term.

Excellence in Teaching

We are excited to share that our very own Mrs Mead has been accepted into the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership's Teacher Excellence Program (TEP). The TEP is a year-long professional learning program for highly skilled teachers, allowing them to connect with other passionate, like-minded colleagues to help support their teaching and to support student academic and wellbeing achievements. Guided by expert mentors and Teachers-In-Residence, Mrs Mead will participate in ten days of professional learning both down at the Academy in Melbourne and Shepparton, with a focus on teaching and learning in the English curriculum, especially Early Years. Mrs Cleary will help cover Mrs Mead's class while she is at the Academy, to ensure continuity of learning for our F/1 students. Mrs Mead will be supported to share her learning back to staff through out Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

Rest Day Preps

A reminder to our Prep parents that their children have a rest day at home every Wednesday until the end of February. Attending school fulltime is very tiring for these young students, so the break in the middle of the week helps them to rest and recharge.

Uniform Reminders

A friendly reminder to ensure that students are in full school uniform each day. Uniforms contribute to a sense of pride and belonging in our school community. T-shirts, jumpers and hats are available to be purchased at the school office.

School Savings Bonus (SSB)

If you haven't already, don't forget to log in and allocate your \$400 School Saving Bonus. If you are unsure what to allocate your money to you can allocate the bonus to activities, which can then be used for camps and excursions throughout the year. We cannot allocate these funds for you. You need to go into the Parent Portal and allocate them. If you have not done this by 1st July, the funds will be paid automatically to the school to be used for camps and excursions. The money can also be used towards activities in 2026.

Jo Paton