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

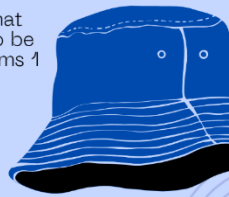
2025 Dates to Remember

- **Wed 5th Mar**
School Council 7pm
- **Thu 6th Mar**
Parent Teacher Interviews pm
- **Fri 7th Mar**
Pupil free Day. Parent Teacher Interviews am
- **Mon 10th Mar**
Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Wed 12th Mar**
F/1 Games and Tea Night
- **Mon 31st Mar**
Pupil free Day
- **Wed 2nd Apr**
School Council 7pm
- **Thu 3rd Apr**
Easter Hat Parade 9.10am
- **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



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](#).

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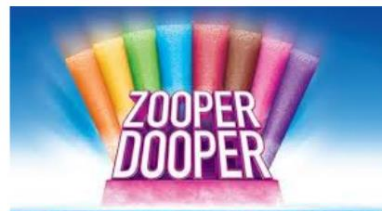


Strathmerton
Outside School Hours
Program



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.



\$1
For sale Wednesday
&
Friday lunchtime

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..

From the Principal's Desk

School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council are being called for. We have four parent vacancies on School Council this year. So please come and see me at the office if you are interested in joining. **Nominations close on Thursday 13th March at 4:00pm.** The term of office on School Council is two years and we have two meetings per term, usually on a Wednesday evening.

Rest Day Preps

Yesterday was the Foundation students final rest day. From next week the Foundation students will be attending school full time.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Thursday evening (6th March) and Friday morning (7th March). These interviews are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher to discuss any relevant information about your child. To book for an interview please follow the prompts on Compass. If you have any difficulty in doing this, please contact the office.

Foundation/1 Games and Tea Night

On Wednesday 12th March we will be holding our F/1 Games and Tea Night. Foundation and Grade 1 students will remain at school after the home time bell and participate in various activities and games. They will have tea together. Parents/carers are to pick up their child at **5:30pm** from the front of the school. It is sure to be a great night!

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN tests for our Year 3 and 5 students are scheduled to start on Wednesday 12th March until Tuesday 18th March. The tests cover Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All tests will be conducted online, except for the Year 3 Writing test which will still be paper based. The Year 3 and 5 students are currently preparing for these tests with their teachers. If you have any concerns or queries about NAPLAN please contact the office.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school not only has an enormous impact on student achievement, but it also helps them to build social relationships and increase their sense of belonging and well-being. Irregular attendance, including being late, means that they will often miss out on new learning. If your child/ren are absent for a particular reason, please upload it on the school management system Compass.

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.

SRC Easter Raffle

A major fundraiser for our Student Representative Council is the Easter Egg Raffle. We are asking families for Easter Egg donations that we can raffle off at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 3rd April. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

School Bonus

Leanne is asking if you have not already assigned your School Savings Bonus to activities or uniforms, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure how to do this please contact Leanne in the office and she can do it at school.

Grade Newsletters

We are trying something new this year with a grade newsletter being published and sent home twice a term. This newsletter will give classroom information to parents/carers including important dates, what is happening in curriculum areas and how best to contact your child/rens teacher. Please see Grades 1/2/3, 4/5 and 5/6 newsletters attached. The Foundation/1 newsletter will be sent home tomorrow.

Jo Paton

Form 2: notice of election and call for nominations

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| An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of (school name below) |
| Strathmerton Primary School |

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| Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on (insert day, month and year). |
| Thursday 13 th March 2025 |

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| The ballot will close at 4.00pm on (insert day, month and year). |
| Thursday 27 th March 2025 |

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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| Membership category |
| Parent member |

| Term of office | Year |
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| From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in | 2025 |
| to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in | 2027 |

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| Number of positions: | 4 |
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| Membership category |
| School employee member |

| Term of office | Year |
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| From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in | 2025 |
| to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in | 2027 |

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| Number of positions: | 2 |
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| Membership category |
| Student member |

| Term of office | Year |
|---|------|
| From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 | |
| to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 | |

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| Number of positions: | |
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

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| Principal signature |
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Uniting

OSHC NEWSLETTER



Strathmerton Outside School Hours Care

Introductions

Hi, my name is Kirra Thorne and I am the Service Leader at Uniting After School Hours Care, in Strathmerton. I have been an educator for almost 8 years and I am passionate about quality care and learning. We opened this service in October 2024 and we operate out of the hall at the Strathmerton Primary School, Monday to Friday from 3.30pm – 6pm.



Activities

Since opening some of the children's favorites have been playing cricket, building Lego and race day, where everyone had to build a car; whether out of cardboard blocks or Lego. Then we raced them to see which car was the fastest. The Mobile connector cars won this time.

On the first day back, we discussed what we like to do and what we are interested in learning about whether it be a sport, game, or something that the students expressed they wanted to learn about like, how fast are cheetahs or what are natural disasters? This led us to our first experiment, Rainbow volcanoes, which was so much fun. Did you know that there are three types of volcanoes or that the word volcano comes from the roman god of fire - Vulcan?



Happenings



At our service we have celebrated many different themed days since opening. So far this year, we have celebrated Chinese New Year - the year of the snake which sparked great conversation around snake awareness in our area. We also have celebrated world kindness day and next we will learn about Ramadan.

All the children get to have a chat around our floor book, which helps children have input in to their learning and what they want to learn about. We have learnt about earthquakes by doing an experiment with jelly. Next, we will be learning about bush fires, tsunamis and even hurricanes.

Please note there is a few important dates coming up. Pupil free days and Public Holidays that the OSHC service will be closed for. As well as an open day we would love everyone to come in has a look around and see what the Strathmerton Outside School Hours care has to offer.

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Do you need after school care? You may be eligible for after school care for as little as \$5 a day (dependent on your CCS). You may need to make an appointment or schedule a meeting; we can support you with care for your family whilst you get things done.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 🚩 Opening day TBA- come and visit the Strathy OSHC service and take a look around.
- 🚩 2nd March Clean up Australia day
- 🚩 7th March Pupil free day (OSHC service closed)
- 🚩 10th March Public Holiday (OSHC service closed)
- 🚩 17th March Saint Patrick's Day
- 🚩 26th March Purple Day
- 🚩 31st March Pupil free day (OSHC service closed)
- 🚩 4th April last day of term

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Bookings: 1800 183 103



GRADE 1/2/3



newsletter

WELCOME:

What a fantastic start to the year! The students have settled in beautifully, learning classroom routines and expectations with enthusiasm. They are already embracing new challenges, and diving into their learning with curiosity and excitement. I can't wait to see all the amazing growth and achievements in the year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/3 - Parent Teacher Interviews

7/3 - Parent Teacher Interviews

10/3 - Labour Day Public Holiday

11-18/3 - NAPLAN (Grade 3's)

12/3 - Prep/ Gr 1 Games Night

21/3 - Living in the Past Day

3/4 - Easter Hat Parade

4/4 - Last Day of Term 1

Also just letting you know that I will be on long service leave for the last two weeks of this term.

REMINDERS:

- Hats to be worn Term 1 + 4
- Drink Bottles
- Jumpers - clearly labelled
- Homework - we recommend reading with your child for 10 mins, five times a week.

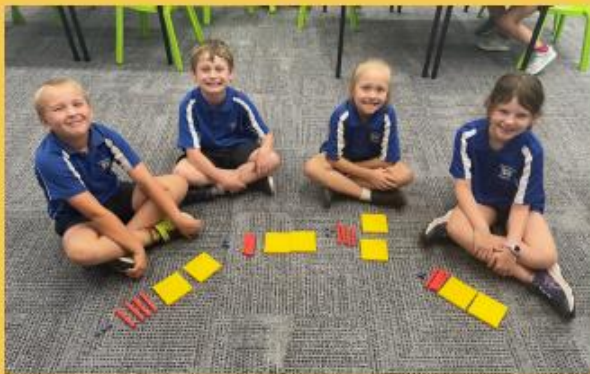
STAY IN TOUCH:

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 be completing reading and writing units on narratives. Students will be learning about different narrative genres such as; fairytales, realistic fiction, science fiction and fantasy. They will also be producing and illustrating their own narrative picture story book.



MATHEMATICS:

Over the next five weeks, students will be completing their unit on place value and learning how to recognise, create, order and round numbers. We will then move onto our units on statistics and location to finish off the term.

QUEST:

This Term, students have been learning and comparing how people lived throughout different decades.

We will be having a 'Living in the Past' Day on Fri 21st March. **Watch out for more details to come!**



GRADE 4/5 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

What a start to 2025 we have had. While the time has flown, and we are already halfway through Term 1 we have been incredibly busy in the classroom. Throughout the first 5 weeks, Grade 4/5 have been learning the routines and structures of the Workshop Model for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Here we have been setting expectations and goals for 2025 while also finding our feet in our new environments.

Mathematics has seen Grade 4/5 immerse themselves into place value. This involves looking at numbers up to 100000, odd and even numbers and completing addition of numbers up to 100000.

For Quest, Grade 4/5 has been exploring animal adaptation and how they help an animal survive in the wild. For History and Geography Grade 4/5 have been researching facts about the First Fleet.

REMINDERS

- A reminder that hats are still compulsory throughout all of Term 1.
- Icy Poles are sold on Wednesday's and Friday's for \$1 each.
- To continue to listen to your child reading for 10 minutes.
- Parent Teacher Interviews are Thursday 6/03 (After school) and Friday 7/03 in the morning.

DATES

Pupil Free Days

- Friday 7/03
- Monday 31/03

Grade 5 Students: NAPLAN

- Writing 12/03
- Reading 13/03
- Language Conventions 17/03
- Numeracy 18/03

Easter Hat Parade Thursday 3rd April

Term 1 Ends Friday 4th April

CONTACT

Please feel free to contact myself about anything that arises.

The best way to contact is through email or phone the office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Email:

matthew.price3@education.vic.gov.au or

phone the office: (03) 5874 5295

Literacy

In the coming weeks for Literacy Grade 4/5 will be working on their Narrative unit. This includes reading the different types of narrative stories to boost your child's understanding of how to write a narrative.

Throughout writing we will be looking at the structure of a narrative story. This involves building a larger word knowledge and understanding of the important elements of a narrative piece.

For our spelling lessons will continue to explore prefixes and suffixes, Latin and Greek routes of letters, sounds and words. This is an important step for their vocabulary knowledge.

Mathematics

For Mathematics, our students are going to be continue with Place Value but shifting towards multiples, products, factors, skip counting, using basic length measurements, estimating, rounding and designing simple survey's.

For something to work on at home with your child would be either skip counting or practicing their times tables.

History

In History lessons, Grade 4/5 students are learning about the First Fleet and Bushrangers. They are exploring the journey of the First Fleet, the challenges faced by early settlers, and the impact on Indigenous Australians.

They are also discovering the lives of Bushrangers and their role in Australia's colonial past.

Science

In Science lessons, Grade 4/5 students are learning about animal and biological adaptations. They are exploring how animals adapt to their environments for survival and how these adaptations benefit humans, such as camouflage inspiring technology or animal behaviours helping medicine. This helps students understand the connection between nature and human innovation.

GRADE 5/6

Newsletter


Welcome:

Welcome to the first class newsletter of the year! Over the past five weeks, our students have been settling into their routines and getting familiar with the classroom expectations, laying the foundation for a wonderful year of learning ahead. They have been introduced to key concepts in each subject area, from exploring new math challenges to diving into various literacy texts. It has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow as they embark on this exciting journey. We look forward to the rest of the year and appreciate your continued support in helping our students succeed!

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 - Weekly spelling words and times tables practise, found in homework folder.

Dates to Remember:

6/3 - Parent Teacher Interviews PM
7/3 - Parent Teacher Interviews AM
10/3 - Labour Day Public Holiday
11-18/3 - NAPLAN Gr5
31/3 - Pupil Free Day
3/4 - Easter Hat Parade
4/4 - Last Day Term 1 

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or on the Class DoJo app.

GRADE 5/6

Newsletter

What we are learning in Literacy:

Over the next five weeks, students will focus on narratives in both reading and writing. In reading, students will work on summarising key ideas, inferring the author's meanings, making connections to personal experiences, and decoding unfamiliar words. In writing, students will concentrate on organising their stories, their word choice, using correct sentence structures, and developing their unique voice. This unit will help students improve their comprehension and storytelling abilities, both as readers and writers. We're excited to see their skills grow throughout the process!

What we are learning in Mathematics:

Over the next five weeks in mathematics, students will be exploring key concepts such as decimals, BODMAS (Brackets, Order of Operations, Division, Multiplication, Addition, and Subtraction), measurement, and graphing. They will build their understanding of decimals through hands-on activities, practice using BODMAS to solve problems, and apply measurement skills in real-world scenarios. Additionally, students will learn how to collect and interpret data through graphing. This exciting unit will help strengthen their problem-solving and mathematical thinking in a variety of areas!

Science:

Students are currently exploring biological adaptations and how organisms change to survive in their environments. They will investigate various examples of adaptations in animals and plants, such as physical traits and behaviours that help them thrive.

History:

Students are exploring the lives of Australian bushrangers and explorers, focusing on their daring adventures and the roles they played in shaping Australia's history. This unit will help students understand the challenges, bravery, and impacts these historical figures had on the development of the country.