



STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter No.7
May 8th, 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

- **Fri 9th May**
Whole School Athletics Day @ Nathalia
- **Mon 12th May**
Milkshake Monday
- **Tue 13th May**
School Photos
- **Fri 16th May**
4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Cobram PS
Divisional Cross Country
- **Mon 19th – Fri 23rd May**
Education Week



Strathmerton Primary School ENROL IN 2026

At Strathmerton Primary School we offer:

- No school fees including free stationary 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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DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

NATHALIA RECREATION RES.



**9TH
MAY
9.45AM-2PM**

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..

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

Now taking new
families
2025 enrolments

OSHC

Milkshake Monday



Monday 12th May
Notes sent home to order
\$2 each

From the Principal's Desk

ANZAC Day March and Service

It was wonderful to see many of our students and families attend the Strathmerton ANZAC Day service a few Fridays ago. Our senior students Max Bayne, Flynn Cleary, Declan Hughes, Jack Kelly, Avi Mendoza, and Annalise Wood confidently delivered their selected readings. All students behaved exceptionally well both during the march and at the service.

School Review

Thank you to everyone who participated and provided feedback as part of our school review last week. The school and the panel really appreciated your contribution and input during the parent forum. Your thoughts and suggestion were invaluable as we worked towards setting our goals, strategies and targets for the next four years, working towards providing the best possible education for our students at SPS.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Chris McCallum, our school reviewer, who supported myself, staff, the school and the community throughout this process. I look forward to receiving the report from Chris later this term. Please note, the public component of this report will be made available to the community via the school website in Semester 2.

A big thank you to Angela Holleran, Principal of Peranbin Primary College, and Jason Whiteley, Principal of Katamatite Primary School, who stepped into the important role of challenge partners even though it meant a considerable amount of time out of their own schools. Another special thank you to Trent McCrae, our Networks Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), who also supported the review process.

I also need to acknowledge the staff at SPS who did an incredible job before and during the review process including being flexible with timetable changes, inviting us into their classrooms and meetings, and giving honest and open feedback. It has been a busy time, but in the true Strathy spirit, we all worked together to make it happen.

We value your continued support and cooperation as we strive towards our next Strategic Plan. Thank you again for your commitment to our school community.

Grade 5/6 Camp

Our Year 5/6 students recently enjoyed an exciting 3-day camp, exploring many of the amazing attractions Melbourne has to offer. Highlights included visiting Scienceworks, the MCG, Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne Gaol, the Melbourne Museum, and the vibrant Victoria Market, along with fun activities like bowling, laser tag, and Go Climb. Throughout the camp, students represented our school with pride, showing excellent behaviour and living out our Strathy STAR values. Thank you to Mr Price, Mrs Van De Berg and Nicole Hughes for their dedication and enthusiasm in attending camp with our 5/6s. Their support, energy and care helped make the experience unforgettable for all the students. The school community truly appreciates the time and effort you gave, ensuring our students had a safe, fun and enriching time away. Thanks also to Mrs Bramich for all the behind-the-scenes work and organisation.

Athletics Carnival

The annual Athletics Carnival with Nathalia, Katunga and Whunghu PS will be held tomorrow, Friday 9th May. Students will need to be at the Nathalia Rec Reserve by 9.45am to assemble prior to the first events. There will be a small canteen running on the day, but it is advisable that students pack a snack and lunch. All students need to be wearing school uniform and bring a drink bottle. We ask that parents transport their child/ren to and from the sports if they can. For those parents/carers who can't attend, we have

organised a bus to deliver students to and from the sports. The bus will leave school at 9:00am and return by 2:30pm. Please let Leanne know if you wish your child/ren to travel on the bus so we can send a permission form home. Normal before and after school bus runs will occur on Friday for students that require it.

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.

School Council

We have now filled the vacant position on School Council. Thank you to Kirra Thorne for volunteering and becoming a member on School Council.

Mother or Special Person's Afternoon Tea

In the spirit of celebrating Mothers/Special Persons Day, we hosted an afternoon tea today. Thank you to Leanne Bramich, Andrea Nichols Sarah Arklay and Deb Arklay (Sarah's mum) for organising and making all the snack boxes and running the day. Thank you to Kristi Cleary and Melissa Kelly for running a successful Mother's Day stall.

Whole School Photos

Our school photo day is next Tuesday 13th May. Ordering school photos is through the Compass app. Families should have received an email from the photography company MSP. This email will go to the email address that is linked to your Compass account. Please note that late fees will apply for ordering photos after the 19th of May.

Jo Paton

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2025

Term 2

Friday 9 th May	Whole School Athletics @ Nathalia Rec Reserve 9.45am
Monday 12 th May	Milkshake Monday
Tuesday 13 th May	School Photos
Friday 16 th May	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Cobram PS Divisional Cross Country
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd May	Education Week
Friday 23 rd May	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ St Joesph Numurkah
Wednesday 28 th May	CSC Taster Day Year 6 Students School Council
Friday 30 th May	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Numurkah PS
Monday 2 nd June	Milkshake Monday
Friday 6 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ CAGs
Monday 9 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 13 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Strathmerton
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th June	Whole School Swimming
Friday 27 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Strathmerton
Monday 30 th June	Milkshake Monday

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd July	Parent Teacher Interviews PM
Friday 4th July	Last Day Term 2. 2.30pm Dismissal
Term 3	
Monday 21st July	First Day Term 3
Thursday 14th August	Numurkah SC Taster Day
Monday 25th August	Pupil Free Day
Friday 19th September	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal
Term 4	
Monday 6th October	First Day Term 4
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 an action packed Term Two.

Class Ethos.

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.

The students and I are lucky to have our Teaching Assistant, Mrs Andrea Nichols as part of our teaching team. Andrea is in our classroom four half days a week to support learning.

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

May 9th- Athletics Day,
Nathalia
May 12th - Milkshake Monday
May 13th- School Photos
May 19th- 23rd- Education
Week
June 2nd - Milkshake Monday
June 16th-20th- Swimming
week
June 30th- Milkshake Monday
July 1st & 2nd- Parent teacher
interviews.
July 4th- Last day of T2



OUR LEARNING

Readers Workshop

We have started off the term focussing on forming an opinion about what we read and why we feel the way we do about reading. The students have formed some strong opinions and provided wonderful feedback about why they chose the preference they did.

Phonics

The students will be focussing on the letters b, h, l, j, w, v, z, x and the sound /qu/ which will further assist their decoding ability. We will be doing a lot of word play using hands on activities and games.



Writers Workshop

During term two, the student will be writing about their opinions and thoughts on lots of fun topics. They have started to write about preferences and why they think their preference is a great choice. In the later parts of the term, they will be introduced to information text and be using their own expertise and research to create an information poster of their own.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the students are exploring numbers using strategies such as splitting and partitioning to understand how double-digit numbers are made. We are also moving into addition to make double-digit numbers and numbers into the hundreds. Later in the term the students will be playing with money, calendars and clocks to learn some valuable life skills.

Quest

During our Quest sessions, we are exploring the wonders of the biological world. The students will be learning about the needs of living things, comparing living and non-living things and planting their own seeds to document the plants growth.



GRADE 1/2/3



newsletter

WELCOME:

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead. We have lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned, and I'm looking forward to seeing all the great things we will achieve together.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 8th May

Mother's Day Stall and
Mother's/Special Person
Afternoon Tea

Friday 9th May

Athletics in Nathalia

Tuesday 13th May

School Photos

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 be completing reading and writing units on persuasive texts. Students will be learning about different persuasive texts such as; TV ads, movie trailers, picture story books, letters and posters. They will also be producing and illustrating their own advertisement poster and persuasive text.



Doubles Connect 4

MATHEMATICS:

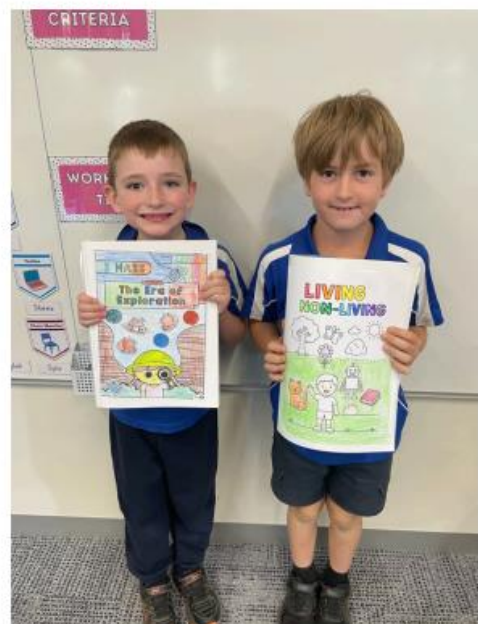
Over the next few weeks, students will be completing their unit on addition and learning different strategies to add numbers together. Students will be learning a number of games that they could teach you at home to play to help them practise their number facts. We will then move onto our unit on money.

QUEST:

This Term, students will be completing two hours of Quest a week. One hour will be on History and the other will be Science.

History - Early Exploration

Science - Living vs Non Living Things



GRADE 4/5 NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2025 >>>>

WELCOME

Term 1 has been and gone and I hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday break to recharge for a busy Term 2. It was incredibly delightful to see so many of you at our open classroom on the last Thursday. As stated below the calendar for Term 2 is action packed. Grade 4/5 finished Term 1 strongly with our narrative unit in Literacy. During Maths, we finished the term with length and designing basic surveys on the schools' favourite foods and drinks.

For Quest, students finished the term off with their Explorers poster. In Science, Grade 4/5 were looking at how animal adaptations effect an animal in the wild.

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

- Winter School Sports of AFL and Netball commences Friday 2nd May
- Grade 5/6 Camp is Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th May
- Mothers Day Stall and Afternoon Tea Thursday 8th May.
- Athletics Day Friday 9th May @ Nathalia
- Whole School Photos Tuesday 13th May
- Whole School Swimming Monday 16th -Friday 20th June

CONTACT:

If you have any issues throughout the term and would like to speak to me please do not hesitate to contact me on:

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**MORE
INFORMATION**

LITERACY

Term 2 Literacy is starting with our Persuasive unit. Throughout both reading and writing students will be exploring different persuasive pieces and identifying the different persuasive techniques. Spelling for Term 2 will consist of homophones, prefixes and suffixes. Which is also a crucial step in building their reading independence.

NUMERACY

Mathematics in Term 2 Grade 4/5 is starting strong with addition. This includes working towards 3-digit addition and learning a range of new strategies to help them with more difficult addition problems. After Addition we will move straight into Subtracting single and 2-digit numbers. Something to work on at home with your child would be completing addition and subtraction problems in multiple different ways, getting them to explain how they worked out the problem or playing the warm up games with you.

HISTORY

Throughout Term 2 Grade 4/5 will be exploring Australian History including pre Federation. Grade 4/5 will be exploring significant events that shaped Federation and how those events have affected our lives today. Grade 4/5 will also be exploring the significant figures who helped shaped Australia and how their involvement led to Federation.

SCIENCE

In Science, Grade 4/5 will be exploring natural disasters and the impact they have on the local environment. They will also develop an understanding of why certain natural disasters occur in certain places. This will increase the students understanding of climates and why some countries are built in certain ways.

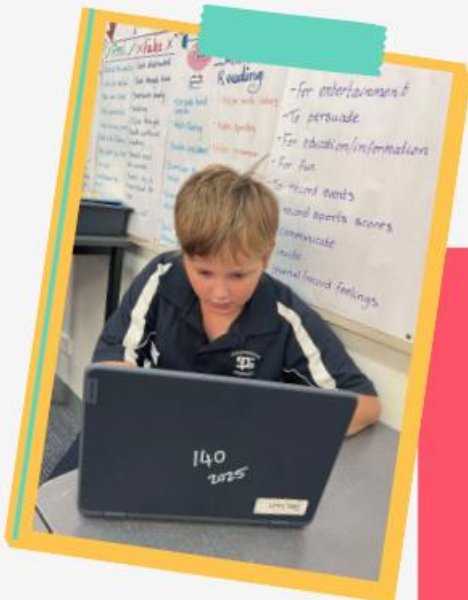
5/6 CLASSROOM

Newsletter

Welcome Back to Term 2!

We have got a busy term ahead with many exciting things happening throughout. We have our much anticipated school camp fast approaching and I'm sure it will be an experience our students will never forget.

It is going to be a busy camp with lots of fun activities. Be sure to pack weather appropriate clothes and comfortable shoes as we will be doing a lot of exploring and walking.



Literacy

This term we are completing a Persuasive unit for Reading and Writing. Students will identify, examine and explore elements of persuasive writing including, the specific language authors use. Students will explore the importance of having a clear position, using strong evidence and addressing counter arguments. Students will be working towards drafting, editing and publishing their own persuasive piece of writing to share with their families toward the end of the term.

Mathematics

This term in Maths we are beginning with an addition unit where students are focusing on developing different strategies to solve problems. We are covering several strategies including the split, jump and transformation addition strategies.

We have adopted the 'Top 10' maths program which focuses on providing students with rich, hands on, and real life learning activities to enhance student engagement.



Upcoming Event

- Interschool Sports starting Friday 2nd May.
- School Camp
- Athletics Day
- Meals on Wheels
- Milkshake Monday 12th May
- School Photos Tuesday 13th May
- Taster Day at Cobram SC Wednesday 28th May

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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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NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

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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.



RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, ASPIRATION AND PRIDE

A young girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a white shirt and blue denim overalls, is smiling and holding several colorful balls (yellow, green, red). She is in a playroom with shelves of toys in the background.

**FOR 2026
TIMETABLES, PLEASE
VISIT THIS LINK:
2026 TIMETABLES**

**ENROL
NOW!**

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2026

APPLY NOW!

All GRPSA services will offer 15 hours of free kinder for 3 and 4 year olds in 2026. Strathbogie services will offer 20 hours of free 4 year old kinder as of 2026! Applications close May 31, 2025 for all GRPSA services. Apply on our website now to avoid disappointment.

Note that sessions/days are subject to change based on enrolments.

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 **KINDERGARTEN**
Victorian Government Approved


*Play, laugh...
...learn, grow!*

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.

T 1800 183 103

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 🌸 Opening day/Pancake Day 3rd April- Come and visit the Strathly OSHC service and take a look around.
- 🌸 26th / 28th March- Centre closed
- 🌸 31st March-Pupil free day (OSHC service closed)
- 🌸 4th April-last day of term
- 🌸 22nd -1st day of term
- 🌸 25th April-Anzac Day Centre closed
- 🌸 19th-20th May-Centre Closed staff professional development training
- 🌸 9th June-Centre Closed Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- 🌸 4th July-Last day of term.

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Bookings: 1800 183 103

Uniting

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Term Two - Early Learning Professional Development Day

As part of our teams ongoing commitment to their roles as Educators, and to support our families and children within our services, our staff are invited to attend regular professional development days.

These days bring our teams from across Victoria together to support knowledge development whilst also exposing our educators to new ideas, theories and practices, all of which help to make them experts in their professions.

All our Early Learning Services in Victoria will come together this May to undertake some important training.

Please note that to accommodate this, the Uniting Strathmerton OSHC Program will be closed on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of May and no fees will be incurred by families.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may present to families, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your friendly Strathmerton Service Leader, Kirra Thorne or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Barb Hall-Duggan
OSHC Director - Victoria



Come and explore your opportunities

Visit us on Sunday, 18th May 2025
between 11.00am and 12.00pm
or come along to our

OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 21st May 2025

Book via the QR Code

INFORMATION EVENINGS:

St Mary of the Angels, NATHALIA
Monday, 5th May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, COBRAM
Wednesday, 7th May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, NUMURKAH
Monday, 12th May - 7.30pm

Tocumwal Golf Club, TOCUMWAL
Wednesday, 14th May - 7.30pm

For an enrolment pack, or an Open Day session booking:
Ph: 03 5866 2222 or visit www.smota.vic.edu.au



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