



STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No.13
August 13th, 2026

2026 Dates to Remember

- **Fri 14th August**
F/1 100 Days of School
- **Mon 17th – 21st August**
Swimming 4-6
- **Mon 17th August**
F-3 Glasses for Kids
No Assembly
- **Wed 19th August**
Cartoon Incursion
- **Mon 24th – Fri 28th Aug**
Book Week
- **Thu 27th August**
Book Week Parade 9.00am
F-3 Community Reading at
Numurkah excursion
- **Fri 4th September**
District Athletics (Whole
School) @ Nathalia Rec.
- **Mon 7th September**
School Council 7pm
- **Fri 18th September**
Footy Day
Last day Term 3
- **Mon 5th October**
First day Term 4
- **Mon 26th October**
School Council 7pm
- **Wed 28th October**
Whole School Production at
Yarroweyah Hall
- **Mon 2nd November**
Pupil Free Day



**BOOK CHARACTER
DRESS UP DAY**
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

**SYMPHONY OF
STORIES**



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.

GR 4-6 SWIMMING WEEK 6 17TH-21ST AUG

PLEASE FILL IN THE
PERMISSION FORM ON
COMPASS

LESSONS ARE 11.15-12PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY



Strathmerton Primary School **ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2027**

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.
- 11 laptops supplied by SPS.
- Outside Hours School Care available.

2027 Enrolments open now.

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

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From the Principal's Desk

Foundation 100 Days of School

Tomorrow, our Foundation students will celebrate reaching 100 days of school, marking an important milestone in their first year of formal schooling. To celebrate, F/1 students are invited to come dressed in their favourite way to represent the number 100, providing an opportunity for them to be creative and have some fun with the theme. Throughout the day, students will participate in a range of engaging 100 themed learning activities, incorporating the number 100 across different areas of the curriculum. It will be a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on how much they have learnt and achieved during their first 100 days at school. A special thank you to Mrs Mead for organising this wonderful celebration and creating such an exciting and memorable learning experience for our students.

Grade 4-6 Swimming Program

Next week, our Grade 4–6 students will participate in a swimming program at Aqua Moves in Shepparton. The program will provide students with the opportunity to develop and strengthen their swimming skills, water confidence and safety awareness as part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum. Students will leave school at approximately 10:00am each day and are expected to return to school at around 1:00pm. We ask that students come prepared each day with their towel, a change of clothes and a suitable bag for their wet swimming clothes. To help ensure that belongings are not misplaced during the week, please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including towels, clothing and bags. We look forward to a positive and enjoyable week of swimming and learning for our Grade 4–6 students.

Glasses for Kids

Next Monday, 17th August, the Glasses for Kids program will be visiting our school to provide vision screening for approximately 20 Grade F-3 students. This is a valuable opportunity for students to have their vision checked and to identify whether they may benefit from further assessment or the use of glasses.

If your child has returned a permission form to participate in the program, please ensure they are at school on Monday, so they are available for their scheduled screening. We appreciate families supporting this initiative, which helps ensure students have the best possible access to the visual support they may need for learning and everyday activities.

Toonschool Incursion

Next Wednesday, 19th August, we are excited to welcome a professional cartoonist to Strathmerton Primary School for a special incursion. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to draw cartoons while developing their creativity, confidence and self-expression. Our Prep–3 students will participate in the session at 11:30am, followed by the Years 4–6 session at 1:30pm. We are looking forward to an engaging and enjoyable experience for all students.

Book Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week from Monday 24th to Friday 28th August (Week 7). Book Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy and importance of reading, and to encourage students to explore new books, authors and characters. Our Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday 27th August at 9:00am. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book or as a character from a book. We encourage students and families to be creative while keeping costumes practical and suitable for a school environment. Families are warmly invited to attend the parade and celebrate with us. Following the parade, at approximately 9:30am, our Prep–3 students will travel to Numurkah for the Numurkah Reading Morning. This will provide students with another opportunity to celebrate reading and engage in activities that promote a love of books and literacy. We look forward to a wonderful Book Week filled with reading, creativity and celebration.

Whole School Athletics Day

Our Whole School Athletics Day has been rescheduled to Friday 4th September and will be held at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. Students will participate in a range of athletic activities throughout the day. The event will take place at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, with students required to arrive by 9:45am to assemble prior to the

commencement of events. Students are expected to wear full school uniform, with all items clearly named, and it is recommended that a hat is worn for sun protection. A small canteen will be in operation on the day. However, students are encouraged to bring their own snack, lunch and drink bottle.

We ask that parents and carers transport their child/ren to and from the event where possible. For those unable to do so, a bus will be organised, departing the school at 9:00am. Please notify the office if you would like your child/ren to travel on the bus so that a permission form can be provided.

H5 Bird Flu

Cases of H5 bird flu have been confirmed in birds across Australia, including in south-west Victoria.

Our school has steps to follow if sick or dead birds are found at or near our school.

If you see a sick or dead bird at or near the school, please let us know. If you find a sick or dead bird in the community, the advice from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is to:

1. avoid contact and keep your distance
2. record date, time, location and take photos
3. report it to using an [online form](#) or through the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

For current information about reporting, refer to DEECA's [H5 bird flu page](#).

For more information, you can check out these [bird flu resources from the Australian Government](#).

Life Ed. Survey

A company called Clear Horizon is helping Life Ed to learn more about how their program makes an impact – and we need your help. We are looking for parents and students to take part in this study to help Life Ed understand more about the effectiveness of their work. This will help them to make changes to improve outcomes for children and help to encourage additional support to continue delivering the program. You may be eligible if you have a child between year 5 and 8 who has participated in the Life Ed/Healthy Harold Program. If you are eligible, you could participate in an online survey found here:

<https://clearhorizon.checkboxau.com/lifeed-impact-evaluation>



Before and after school supervision

Student safety at Strathmerton Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school. Before school: School grounds are supervised at 8.45am. After school: School grounds are supervised until 3.40pm. Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised. Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice/tutoring). For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy please contact the school office. This policy includes Strathmerton Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

Uniform Reminders

Families are reminded that students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. Wearing the school uniform fosters a sense of pride, identity and belonging within our school community. Uniform items, including T-shirts, jumpers and hats, are available for purchase from the school office. Pants, dresses and shorts can be purchased at K-Mart, Big W, Target or any school supply shop, and can be navy blue or black in colour.

Every Day Counts

The importance of regular school attendance

At Strathmerton Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or Mrs Van de Berg about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#). Remember, **Every Day Counts**.

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Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 3

Friday 14 th August	F/1 100 Days of School
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st August	Swimming Grade 4-6 11.15am- 12.00pm
Monday 17 th August	F-3 Glasses for Kids program
Wednesday 19 th August	Cartoon Incursion Whole School
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th August	Book Week
Thursday 27 th August	Book Week Parade 9.00am and dress up day Prep-3 Reading Excursion Numurkah
Friday 4 th September	Athletics Carnival @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
Monday 7 th September	School Council 7pm
Friday 18 th September	Footy Day Last day Term 3 2.30pm dismissal

Term 4

Monday 5 th October	First day Term 3
Thursday 22 nd October	Life Ed Van
Monday 26 th October	School Council
Wednesday 28 th October	Whole School Production @ Yarroweyah Hall
Monday 2 nd November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 30 th November	School Council
Wed 2 nd – Fri 4 th December	Swan Hill Camp 3/4
Monday 14 th December	Y6 Graduation Night
Wednesday 18 th December	Presentation Night
Thursday 17 th December	Fun Fields Year 6
Friday 18 th December	END OF YEAR 1.30pm dismissal

From Moira Shire Council



Planning ahead for your town

There's a new plan to support the future of your community.

It's the Numurkah, Katunga and Strathmerton Growth Corridor Plan, and you can read it now on Moira Shire Council's website. The plan provides a clear and coordinated approach to support your region's future, looking at infrastructure, tourism and business opportunities. Local priorities are also in the plan. In Strathmerton, Council will support the town following the closure of the Bega Cheese factory, as well as enhancing local amenity and infrastructure.

Nominate your favourite business for an award

It's time to nominate an outstanding local business for the 2026 Moira Shire Business Excellence Awards.

Between Monday 3 August and Sunday 16 August, members of the public can nominate an exceptional or inspiring Moira Shire business for one of 13 awards. Organisations may also self-nominate to recognise the achievements of their staff and business. Go to <https://www.moiramatters.com.au/> to make a nomination, or call Moira's Economic Development Team on (03) 5871 9222. The winners will be revealed at a gala ceremony on Thursday 15 October, with tickets on sale from Monday 7 September.

Contributed by Moira Shire Council

Get ready for Christmas with Festive Funding

Community groups can start planning their Christmas cheer with the help of Moira Shire Council's annual Festive Funding program. This initiative aims to support local communities to celebrate the festive season with a variety of events and activities that bring people together and share the holiday fun. Past years have seen the funding support town decorations, community barbecues, Carols by Candlelight events, end-of-school concerts, and much more.

Up to \$1,000 is available to organisations in small towns and up to \$2,000 in the four main towns (Cobram, Yarrawonga, Nathalia and Numurkah) to decorate or run an event. There will also be up to \$1,000 to celebrate a culturally significant day. Only one grant will be awarded per town or cultural event. Applications open on 1 August 2026 and close on 31 August 2026. Go to the Moira Shire website during those dates for all the details and to apply.

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Do you need a planning permit?

Before starting a home improvement project in Moira Shire, you may need a planning permit – and now there's a free, easy way to find out.

myLot is a smart online tool that guides you through the Moira Shire Planning Scheme to let you know whether a permit may be required for your proposal.

It only takes a few minutes and you can use it for a property you already own, or one you're thinking of buying. Simply enter your property address, answer a few questions about your project, and receive your personalised planning guidance. *(Please Note: Results are a general guide only and do not constitute an official planning decision.)*

Visit the Moira website and get started: <https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Residents/Building-and-Planning/Planning>

If you need to speak with someone, please call the Moira Planning Team on (03) 5871 9222.

Moira has a new waste app

Managing your household waste is easier with the new LoopedIn Councils waste app.

The app lets you check bin collection days, set reminders, report missed or damaged bins and find out what goes in each bin – all in one place.

Download it for free from the Apple Store or Google Play and get started today.

If you need help, go to the Moira Shire website or call (03) 5871 9222.

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TOONSCHOOL 2026

CONFIDENCE - CREATIVITY - WELLBEING

JOFFA IS
COMING TO
OUR SCHOOL!

FANTASTIC!



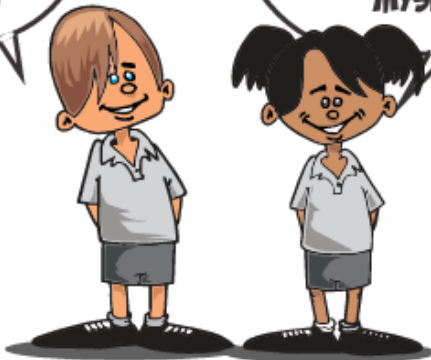
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LEARN NEW WAYS
TO LISTEN

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USE MY THINKING
SKILLS



I AM GOING TO
LEARN HOW TO TRUST
MORE IN MY OWN
ABILITIES

I AM GOING TO
BE THE BEST I CAN BE
AND SURPRISE
MYSELF



I AM GOING TO HAVE
FUN!



WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST, 2026

Production Costumes 2026

'Strathy's Got Talent'

Grade F/1 students will be performing as Circus Performers or K-Pop Stars. Students have already selected which part they wish to perform on the night.

Please note that **costumes do not need to be purchased**. We encourage simple, comfortable and homemade costumes using items you may already have at home. The aim is for students to have fun and feel confident on stage.

Circus Performers

Students can dress as any type of circus performer, such as:

- Clowns (bright clothing, colourful socks, bow ties or suspenders)
- Ringmasters (black pants, white shirt, red jacket or vest if available)
- Acrobats (bright leggings, shorts or activewear)
- Strongmen/Strongwomen (striped shirt or plain top)
- Animal trainers (black clothing with a hat)

K-Pop Stars

Students can wear bright, fun clothing that they can comfortably dance in, such as:

- Colourful T-shirts or jackets
- Denim jeans or shorts
- Skirts or leggings
- Sparkly or metallic accessories
- Sneakers

Please ensure:

- Clothing allows students to move safely and comfortably.
- Students wear shoes suitable for dancing.
- Students will come to the production dressed in their costume on the night.

Thank you for your support in helping make **Strathy's Got Talent** a fun and memorable experience for our students. We can't wait to see everyone shine on stage!

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Walsh & Miss Sarah McCabe



Production Costumes 2026

'Strathy's Got Talent'

Grade 2/3 students will be performing as Cheerleaders or Hip Hop Dancers. Students have already selected which part they wish to perform on the night.

Please note that **costumes do not need to be purchased**. We encourage simple, comfortable and homemade costumes using items you may already have at home. The aim is for students to have fun and feel confident on stage.

Cheerleaders

Students can wear sporty, colourful clothing such as:

- School sports shorts, skirts or leggings
- A plain or brightly coloured T-shirt or singlet
- Hair ribbons, bows or colourful scrunchies
- White socks and sneakers

Hip Hop Dancers

Students can wear colourful and comfortable street-style clothing, such as:

- Loose-fitting T-shirt or hoodie
- Tracksuit pants, joggers or jeans
- Cap or beanie (optional)
- Sneakers

Please ensure:

- Clothing allows students to move safely and comfortably.
- Students wear shoes suitable for dancing.
- Students will come to the production dressed in their costume on the night.

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Production Costumes 2026

'Strathy's Got Talent'

Grade 4/5/6 students will be performing as Magicians or a Rock Band. Students have already selected which part they wish to perform on the night.

Please note that **costumes do not need to be purchased**. We encourage simple, comfortable and homemade costumes using items you may already have at home. The aim is for students to have fun and feel confident on stage.

Magicians

Students can dress as magicians using simple black-and-white clothing or other smart attire, such as:

- Black pants or skirt
- White shirt or plain black top
- Black jacket, vest or cape (if available)
- Bow tie or necktie
- Black shoes or sneakers

Rock Band

Students can wear fun rock-inspired clothing, such as:

- Band T-shirt or plain black T-shirt
- Jeans, denim shorts or dark pants
- Checked shirt or denim jacket
- Sunglasses, bandana or wristbands (optional)
- Sneakers or boots

Please ensure:

- Clothing allows students to move safely and comfortably.
- Students wear shoes suitable for dancing.
- Students will come to the production dressed in their costume on the night.

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