



STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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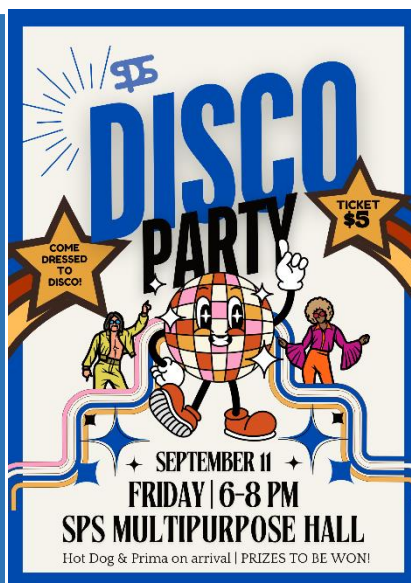


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August 27th, 2026

2026 Dates to Remember

- **Mon 24th – Fri 28th Aug**
Book Week
- **Wed 2nd September**
Whole School Football Clinic am
- **Thu 3rd September**
Father's Day Stall
- **Fri 4th September**
District Athletics (Whole School) @ Nathalia Rec.
- **Mon 7th September**
School Council 7pm
- **Fri 11th September**
Father's Day & Special Person's Afternoon Tea 2.40pm
- **Fri 18th September**
Footy Day
Last day Term 3
- **Mon 5th October**
First day Term 4
- **Thu 22nd October**
Life Ed Van
- **Mon 26th October**
School Council 7pm
- **Wed 28th October**
Whole School Production at Yarroweyah Hall 6.30pm
- **Mon 2nd November**
Pupil Free Day
- **Wed 2nd – Fri 4th Dec**
Grade 3/4 Swan Hill Camp



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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LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..

From the Principal's Desk

Book Week Parade

Today, we held our annual Book Week Parade, and it was wonderful to see our students embrace the opportunity to celebrate their favourite books and characters. Students looked fantastic, with a wonderful range of creative and imaginative costumes on display. Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who took the time to attend and support our students. Your presence made the celebration even more special.

Community Reading at Numurkah

Our Foundation to Year 3 students recently travelled to Numurkah to participate in the Community Reading event. Students were divided into groups and had the opportunity to visit a local business or shop, where they listened to a favourite story being read to them. This was a wonderful way to connect literacy with our local community and encourage students to see reading as something that can be enjoyed in a variety of settings.

We sincerely thank the Numurkah community, local businesses and Numurkah Health for supporting this initiative and providing such a positive experience for our students. Thank you also to Mrs Mead, Mr Price and Lisa for accompanying and supporting our students throughout the morning.

Online Safety Lessons

This week, our Year 4 to 6 students have been participating in a series of lessons focused on online safety and responsible digital citizenship. With technology and online platforms becoming an increasingly important part of students' lives, it is essential that they develop the knowledge and skills to navigate online environments safely and confidently.

Students have been learning how to recognise situations that may make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe online, as well as the appropriate steps to take if they encounter a concern. This includes understanding who they can speak to for support and how to report inappropriate or unsafe online behaviour. Students will participate in a further lesson this Friday, continuing to strengthen their understanding of online safety and their ability to make responsible and informed choices when using digital technologies.

Whole School Football Clinic

Next Wednesday, we are excited to welcome AFL Victoria coaches to the school for a Whole School Football Clinic. Each class will participate in a 30–40-minute session designed to introduce and develop football skills through a range of Auskick-style activities, games and skill-development exercises.

The clinic will provide students with an opportunity to be active, develop their coordination and football skills, and enjoy learning through movement and teamwork. We look forward to seeing all students getting involved and having fun during the sessions.

Father's and Special Persons Stall and Afternoon Tea

Our Father and Special Persons' Stall will be held on **Thursday 3rd September**, giving students the opportunity to select a special gift for someone important in their lives. Students are invited to bring between \$1 and \$10 to spend at the stall. The Father and Special Persons' Afternoon Tea will then be held on **Friday 11th September** at 2:40pm, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate with their special person. We warmly encourage families to support these events and sincerely thank our Parents and Friends (P&F) for organising these special occasions for our students and school community.

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.

School Disco

Our P&F have organised a School Disco on Friday 11th September from 6:00pm–8:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The cost is \$5 per child, which includes entry, a hot dog and a juice box. The disco is open to students currently enrolled at Strathmerton Primary School. We are grateful to our P&F for the time and effort they put into organising and running events such as these, which provide students with opportunities to socialise, build friendships and enjoy time together outside of the classroom. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable evening for our students.

Jo Paton



Department
of Education

2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey:

SUBJECT: Invitation to participate in the 2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey

Dear Parents / Carers,

You are invited to participate in the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey. **Your opinions are important to us**, and your feedback will assist our school in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of the school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

The survey will be conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://research.orima.com/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: **Strathmerton Primary School**

Campus Name: **Strathmerton Primary School**

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: **592202**

4. When complete, please click on the 'Submit' button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 3

Monday 24th – Friday 28th August	Book Week
Wednesday 2nd August	Whole School AFL Clinic am
Friday 4th September	Athletics Carnival @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
Monday 7th September	School Council 7pm
Friday 18th September	Footy Day Last day Term 3 2.30pm dismissal

Term 4

Monday 5th October	First day Term 3
Thursday 22nd October	Life Ed Van
Monday 26th October	School Council
Wednesday 28th October	Whole School Production @ Yarroweyah Hall 6.30pm
Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 30th November	School Council
Wed 2nd – Fri 4th December	Swan Hill Camp 3/4
Tuesday 8th December	State Wide Orientation Day
Monday 14th December	Y6 Graduation Night
Wednesday 18th December	Presentation Night
Thursday 17th December	Fun Fields Year 6
Friday 18th December	END OF YEAR 1.30pm dismissal

From Moira Shire Council



Moira Youth Fest to bring the Yarrowonga Foreshore alive

Something exciting is coming in the school holidays, and it's been designed specifically for young people! Youth Fest 2026 is happening on Tuesday 22 September at the Yarrowonga Foreshore, and it's completely free. What makes this event special? It's been created with help from Moira Youth Council – young people just like you who wanted to see more opportunities for your age group in the local area. Supported by funding from the Amplify program, they've put together an incredible day featuring live music headlined by Jade Gibson, with performances by talented local young artists; hands-on art workshops; plenty of delicious food stalls; lots of fun games and activities; and the chance to learn about local services and opportunities for young people. Plus, the Yarrowonga Skate Park Competition (Stop 2 of the North East Skate Park Series) is happening on the same day. Show off your skills and register at:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/vsa/events/374324>

When: Tuesday September 22, 1pm to 5pm

Where: Yarrowonga Foreshore

Who: Anyone aged 12-24 (plus friends and family)

Cost: Free

Bring your friends, bring your energy, and be part of showing our community just how creative and connected young people in Moira can be! Keep an eye on the Moira Youth Facebook page for more information.

Contributed by Moira Shire Council

Help tell the story of the January fire

As our communities continue their recovery, alongside rebuilding infrastructure and restoring services, it is also important to recognise the experiences, loss, emergency response efforts and resilience shown during the Yarroweyah/Muckatah fire on 9 January 2026. To help preserve this important chapter in Moira Shire's history, Council is creating a documentary to capture the experiences of residents, volunteers and emergency services personnel affected by the fire. If the fire touched your life, we invite you to share your story, photos or recordings as part of this important community project. You can also take part in the documentary itself, with Shon Productions visiting Moira Shire from 28 to 30 August 2026 to record our community's story.

Those interested in contributing to this important historical record are encouraged to email Moira Shire Council's Recovery Team at: recovery@moira.vic.gov.au

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, Yarrowonga, 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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Funding creative communities

Great arts and culture experiences start with great community support. Stream 1 of Moira Shire Council's Arts and Culture Grants Program is now open, providing eligible arts and cultural organisations with funding to deliver creative programs, encourage participation and create lasting community impact for the next three years. Whether you're inspiring creativity, celebrating local culture or bringing people together, this funding can help bring your vision to life. Applications close on Friday 4 September 2026. Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Arts-and-Culture-Grants-Program>

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Sign up to Payble and win

Payble is the new way to pay your Moira Shire rates your way – weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly or lump sum. Set the amount that suits your budget, pay by card or direct bank transfer, and get SMS reminders before each payment. Sign up to Payble by 31 October 2026 for your chance to win 1 of 5 Ritchies IGA vouchers valued at \$100 each. When you're ready, have your rates notice handy and sign up here: <https://pay.moira.vic.gov.au/biller/moira-shire-council/dashboard> Questions? Call Moira's Rates team on 5871 9222.

Contributed by Moira Shire Council

Trees available for rural properties

Rural ratepayers who want more native vegetation on their land can access subsidised trees and plants through Moira Shire's Rural Tree Scheme. Orders for the 2026 scheme are open now, with plants available for just \$1 each, including a cardboard guard and stakes. Once the orders are in, the plants will be propagated by a Cobram nursery and will be available to collect between May and June 2027. For the full list of available plants, Terms and Conditions, and to submit an Expression of Interest, visit moira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Environmental Team on 5871 9222.

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Make the switch to reusable nappies and personal hygiene products

Cloth nappies and reusable personal hygiene items can come with a higher upfront cost, so Moira Shire's Cloth Nappy and Personal Hygiene Product Rebate is designed to take the sting out of that initial outlay.

The popular rebate is back for another year, with residents able to claim back 50% of their purchase price, up to a maximum of \$150.

That's a handy saving that also means less waste heading to landfill via your household's bins.

Eligible products include cloth and swim nappies, reusable nappy liners for nappies, reusable wipes, wet bags and reusable nursing breast pads, plus washable sanitary pads and panty liners, menstrual cups and period underwear. Head to the 'Reducing Waste' page on the Moira Shire website for more information and to get your application underway.

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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:

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- Students will come to the production dressed in their costume on the night.

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