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Newsletter No.2
February 12th, 2026

2025 Dates to Remember

- **Mon 16th Feb**
Assembly 3pm – School Leaders’ badge presentation.
- **Wed 18th Feb**
No Foundation Students.
- **Wed 25th Feb**
No Foundation Students.
- **Thu 5th Mar**
Parent Teacher Interviews pm.
- **Fri 6th Mar**
Pupil free Day. Parent Teacher Interviews am.
- **Mon 9th Mar**
Labour Day Public Holiday.
- **Wed-Tue 11-24th Mar**
NAPLAN G3 & G5

HATS!

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



School Bucket Hat
\$10

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!



SRC Fundraiser
Icy Pole Sale!

Monday
Wednesday
Friday
(Lunchtime)

\$1.00 each



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.

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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..

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.

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.

Contact Details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including a medical reason or if your child is absent. Please complete and return the Confidentiality Forms so we can update our records. Please include all parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please return the forms as soon as possible.

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 Hats

Terms One and Four are SunSmart terms, with all students required to wear the school-approved hat whilst outdoors. We are now enforcing the 'No Hat No Play' SunSmart policy. Students found not wearing their hat or continuously taking it off, will need to sit in the dedicated areas. If your child needs a new hat, they are available at the office to purchase for \$10.

Early Collection of Students

Families are reminded that all early departures must be processed through the school office. Parents and carers are required to report to the office to sign students out, after which office staff will notify the classroom teacher and arrange for the student to be sent to the office. For safety and duty-of-care reasons, students must not leave directly from classrooms or playground areas, and under no circumstances are they to leave the school grounds without being formally signed out. This process ensures accurate attendance records and supports the safety and wellbeing of all students. We appreciate your cooperation and support in following these procedures.

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 3:00pm. All are welcomed.

Pre-Service OT Students – Charles Sturt University

We are pleased to welcome Darcy and Shannon, pre-service Occupational Therapy students from Charles Sturt University, who will be working at our school for the next seven weeks on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They will be working with students in small groups, focusing on wellbeing and engagement strategies to support learning and participation in the classroom. We look forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school community.

Jo Paton

Congratulations to our leaders of 2025:

School Captains:



Eliza Bouchier & Flynn Cleary

SRC Representatives:



Presidents: Kiesha Maney & Sienna Newell



Members: Angus Berndt, Edith Bouchier, Alice Cupid, Wesley Gardner, Maya Henderson, Lucy Bramich & Kaylee Johnstone

Turtles:



House Captain: Kiesha Maney
Vice-Captain: Charlie Borg

Wombats:



House Captain: Sienna Newell
Vice-Captain: Maya Henderson

Emus:



House Captain: Sonny Stokes
Vice-Captain: Rylee McFarland

Koalas:



House Captain: Flynn Cleary
Vice-Captain: Eliza Bouchier

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 1

Monday 16th February	Assembly 3:00pm – School Leaders’ Badge Presentation
Wednesday 18th February	No Foundation Students
Thursday 19th February	School Performance Tour Incursion – STEM Spectacular 2pm
Monday 23rd February	School Council
Wednesday 25th February	No Foundation Students
Thursday 5th March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 6th March	Pupil Free Day Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11th – Tue 24th March	NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
Monday 23rd March	School Council
Thursday 2nd April	Last day Term 1 2.30pm dismissal Easter Hat Parade 9.10am Open Classrooms 10am

Term 2

Monday 20th April	First day Term 2
Friday 15th May	Pupil Free Day
Monday 18th May	School Council
Monday 8th June	King’s Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 15th June	School Council
Friday 26th June	Last day Term 2 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3

Monday 13th July	First day Term 3
Mon 13th – Wed 15th July	Grade 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill
Monday 3rd August	Pupil Free Day
Monday 10th August	School Council
Monday 7th September	School Council
Friday 18th September	Last day Term 3 2.30pm dismissal

Term 4

Monday 26th October	School Council
Monday 2nd November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 30th November	School Council
Friday 18th December	END OF YEAR 1.30pm dismissal

SPECIALIST WITH MRS WALSH

SCIENCE

In Term 1, students are focusing on Biological Science.



F/1 - Living Things & their Homes

Students will learn about living things and the homes they live in, and explore how these homes help them stay safe and meet their needs.

2/3 - Growth & Change: Lifecycles

Students will explore how living things grow and change over time by learning about simple lifecycles, such as how a human, plant, or animal starts, grows, and becomes an adult.

4/5/6 - Habitats

Students will learn about habitats and how they provide the food, water, shelter, and space that living things need to survive, exploring how plants and animals are adapted to different environments.



PERFORMING ARTS



In Performing Arts, students will be focusing on Music.

They are learning things such as; beat, tempo, dynamics, pitch and melody while listening to music and using musical instruments.

HEALTH & PE

In PE, students will be learning skills and playing games relating to different athletics events such as; relays, hurdles, long jump, shot put, discus, triple jump and high jump.

Grade 4/5/6 will also be practising for the cross country coming up in March.



January 2026

RE: Strathmerton OSHC 2026 Operating Days.

Dear Families,

We hope you are all settling into the new year and you and your family have enjoyed the Christmas, New Year's break.

As we look to commence Term 1 soon, we are writing to share an update on how the Strathmerton OSHC program will operate in 2026.


Based on current booking numbers, from Term 1, the service will run Monday to Wednesday each week for the foreseeable future. At this stage, we are not able to offer care on Thursdays or Fridays. We will continue to monitor demand closely and create a waitlist for Thursday and Friday, if necessary.

We will review operating days and look at reopening additional sessions if the sustainability of those days is there.

A reminder that bookings for 2026 are now open. If your needs change, or you would like assistance with making or updating bookings, our administration team is here to help. You can reach them at earlylearning@vt.uniting.org or by calling 1800 183 103

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Strathmerton OSHC program. We look forward to a great year ahead with your children.

Kindest Regards



Katie Wiseman, Operations and Development Manager, Vic Tas.