



STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter No.3
February 26th, 2026**

2025 Dates to Remember

- **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
- **Fri 13th Mar**
F/1 Games and Tea Night
- **Mon 23rd Mar**
School Council 7.00pm
- **Wed 24th Mar**
Cross Country @ KPS 11am for qualified students.
Para Triathlon guest speaker Grades 4-6

HATS!

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



School Bucket Hat
\$10



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.



Lunchtime Club

MONDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY




LINE UP OUT THE FRONT OF THE WELLBEING ROOM



SRC Fundraiser
Icy Pole Sale!

Monday
Wednesday
Friday
(Lunchtime)

\$1.00 each

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Strathmerton
Outside School Hours
Program

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..



Pupil Free Day

Friday 6th March
Parent Teacher Interviews
No students at school.

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



Now taking new families
2025 enrolments

OSHC

Annual Privacy Reminder For 2026

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](#).

From the Principal's Desk

School Council Elections

Nominations are now being called for School Council, with three parent vacancies available this year. Parents and carers who are interested in contributing to the governance and strategic direction of the school are strongly encouraged to nominate. Nomination forms are available from the **school office** and must be submitted by **4:00 pm on Wednesday, 4 March**. The term of office is two years, with two meetings held each term on a Monday evening. Successful nominees will be expected to commit to regular attendance and active participation. Your involvement in School Council plays an important role in supporting the ongoing development and success of our school.

Foundation Rest Days

Yesterday marked the final scheduled rest day for our Foundation students. From next week, Foundation students will attend school full-time. We appreciate families' support in assisting students with this important transition and look forward to continuing a positive and successful start to their school journey.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday evening, 5 March, and Friday morning, 6 March. These interviews provide an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their child's learning progress, wellbeing and any other relevant matters. Bookings can be made via Compass by following the prompts provided. If you experience any difficulty accessing the system or making a booking, please contact the school office for assistance. Your participation in these interviews is strongly encouraged, as effective communication between home and school plays a vital role in supporting student learning and success.

Foundation/Year 1 Games and Tea Night

On Friday, 13 March, the school will be hosting the Foundation/Year 1 Games and Tea Night. Foundation and Year 1 students will remain at school after the dismissal bell and participate in a structured program of activities and games, followed by a shared meal. Parents and carers are requested to collect their child at **5:30 pm** from the front of the school. This event provides a valuable opportunity for students to engage socially with their peers in a safe and supportive environment, and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN assessments for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted from Wednesday, 11 March to Tuesday, 24 March. These assessments measure student achievement in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. All assessments will be completed online, with the exception of the Year 3 Writing assessment, which will be conducted in a paper-based format, in line with national requirements. Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently preparing for these assessments as part of their regular classroom program. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Regular school attendance plays a critical role in supporting student learning, achievement and wellbeing. Consistent attendance enables students to engage fully in their learning, develop positive social relationships and build a strong sense of belonging within the school community. Irregular attendance, including late arrivals, can significantly disrupt learning and result in students missing important instruction and classroom activities. Families are reminded of the importance of ensuring that students attend school every day and arrive on time. If your child is absent for any reason, please record the absence promptly via Compass.

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.

SRC Easter Raffle

The Easter Egg Raffle is a major fundraiser for our Student Representative Council (SRC). We ask that families kindly donate Easter Eggs, which will be raffled at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 2 April. Raffle tickets will be sent home with students shortly.

Jo Paton

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 1

Thursday 5 th March	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 6 th March	Pupil Free Day Parent Teacher Interviews 8.30am-12.00pm
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11 th – Tue 24 th March	NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
Friday 13 th March	F/1 Games and Tea Night
Monday 23 rd March	School Council
Wednesday 25 th March	Cross-Country @ Katunga PS for qualified students. Para Triathlon guest speaker.
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day Term 1 2.30pm dismissal Easter Hat Parade 9.10am Open Classrooms 10am

Term 2

Monday 20 th April	First day Term 2
Saturday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Friday 1 st May	Athletics Carnival @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
Friday 8 th May	Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Katunga PS
Friday 15 th May	Pupil Free Day
Monday 18 th May	School Council
Friday 22 nd May	Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
Friday 29 th May	Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Strathmerton Rec Reserve
Friday 5 th June	Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Strathmerton Rec Reserve
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 15 th June	School Council
Friday 19 th June	Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Numurkah
Friday 26 th June	Last day Term 2 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3

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

Term 4

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

SPOTTED!

Strathy Stars



TRY YOUR BEST!

Mabel and Blaire are trying their best participating in our STEM circus performance.



Our students are trying their best by sharing the Lego at Lunch Time Club.



RESPECT

WESLEY WAS CHOSEN OUT OF THE CROWD BY SHOWING RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STEM CIRCUS SHOW.



SOCCER SPECIFIC HOLIDAY CLINICS



DATES

April: 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th
Time: 10am - 12pm



WHAT IT IS

Soccer training, games & tournaments
designed for children who love soccer



WHERE & WHO

Cobram Apex Reserve (Grass)
children aged 5-9 & 10-12



WHAT TO BRING

Water Bottle, light snack, hat, sunscreen,
boots, sneakers, shin pads



HOW TO BOOK

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MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Join our passionate & experienced team during the school holidays, we guarantee a safe and secure environment supported by incredible staff. Our Multi - Sports holiday programs cater for children aged 5 - 14 working in age-appropriate groups. Our services operate from 8am until 3pm with our Cobram service open until 4pm

LOCATIONS

- SHEPPARTON
(Visy community Centre)
(April 7th, 8th, 9th & 14th, 15th, 16th)
- YARRAWONGA
(Yarrowonga P-12 ECA)
(April 7th, 8th, 9th & 14th, 15th, 16th)
- WANGARATTA
(Cathedral College)
(April 8th & 15th)
- COBRAM
(Cobram Sports Stadium) (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th & 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th)

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More Information:

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WHAT TO BRING:

- Packed recess & Lunch
- refillable water bottle
- suitable indoor footwear
- appropriate active wear



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