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**Newsletter No.5
March 26th, 2026**

2025 Dates to Remember

- **Thu 2nd Apr**
Last Day Term 1
Easter Hat Parade 9.10am
Open Classrooms
Dismissal 2.30pm
- **Mon 20th Apr**
First Day Term 2
- **Fri 24th Apr**
Y6 ANZAC Day Service at
Cobram Secondary
- **Sat 25th Apr**
ANZAC Day Service at RSL
Hall 8.45am
- **Fri 1st May**
Athletics Day
- **Fri 8th May**
Winter sports 4-6 @
Katunga PS

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays.

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



Easter Hat Parade

Thursday April 2nd 2026

Parade starts at 9.10am

Assembly & Raffle 9.30

Quest Expo in Classrooms
10am-10.30am



HOUSE TABLOID SPORTS DAY

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS!

**THURSDAY
2ND APRIL** | **11:30AM - 1:30PM**

JOIN US FOR A RANGE OF EXCITING TABLOID SPORTS AND CHALLENGES!

WOMBATS RED	EMUS BLUE	KOALAS GREEN	TURTLES YELLOW
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BRING YOUR ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM AND TEAM SPIRIT AS WE COMPETE,
HAVE FUN AND CHEER EACH OTHER ON!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE!

From the Principal's Desk

School Council

Our Annual School Council Meeting was held on Monday 23 March, where office bearers were elected for the year ahead. Congratulations to Melissa Kelly on her appointment as School Council President, and to Lisa Bramich as Vice President. I look forward to working alongside both Melissa and Lisa throughout 2026 as we continue to support the ongoing success of our school community. We are currently seeking one additional School Council member; if this opportunity is of interest to you, please feel free to come and speak with me.

Outgoing School Council President – Lisa Bramich

We extend our sincere thanks to Lisa Bramich for her outstanding service as School Council President over the past six years. Lisa has provided unwavering support to both me and the school, including throughout my appointment as Principal and during significant school renovations. Her ongoing commitment and dedication to our school community, including being an active member on the Parents & Friends, have been greatly valued and are sincerely appreciated.

School Council – President Report by Lisa Bramich

After six years as School Council President, I just want to say a huge thank you to our students, staff, families, and community. Your support and energy made it such a rewarding role. I'm proud of what we've achieved together, from school reviews to fundraising I can't wait to see the school keep growing. A special thank you to principals Geoff and Jo for pushing me and believing in me along the way. I look forward to supporting Mel going forward and thank her for stepping up to take on the role. Thanks everyone!

Cross Country

Yesterday, eight students in Grades 4-6 went to Katunga Primary School for trials for the District Cross Country. They all did extremely well with 4 students going to the next stage, Eliza, Edith, Sylis and Patrick, on Wednesday 27th May. Thank you to Kristi Cleary and Kelley Laidlaw for taking the students to KPS.

Guest Speaker – Liam Twomey

We were delighted to welcome Paralympian and para-triathlete Liam Twomey, who spoke to the whole school yesterday. Liam shared insights into his journey to becoming an elite athlete, including his experiences leading up to the Paris Paralympic Games. His story of perseverance, determination and resilience was both inspiring and highly engaging for our students.

Last Day of Term – Thursday 2 April

Thursday 2 April will mark the final day of Term 1. The day will commence with our Annual Easter Hat Parade at 9:10am, in partnership with Strathmerton Kindergarten, followed by the end-of-term assembly and Easter Raffle. Classrooms will be open from 10:00am to 10:30am, providing an opportunity for parents and carers to view students' work from the term.

Following recess, students will participate in athletic tabloid sports and are encouraged to wear their House colours. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and support the event. A special lunch of a hotdog and drink will be available for \$5. Order forms have been distributed, with additional copies available from the office.

Students will be **dismissed at 2:30pm**, with bus students departing at 2:20pm.

Sharon Hensgen-Smith

On Thursday 12th March, Sharon Hensgen-Smith (Executive Director, Area) and Paul Tozer (Senior Education Improvement Leader) visited the school. During the visit, Sharon commented positively on the presentation of the school, noting the well-maintained grounds and the classrooms as engaging and effective learning environments. Sharon was also pleased with the work the school has undertaken in implementing the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0. In addition, Paul spoke highly of our school's leadership within the Small Schools Cluster,

particularly in supporting other schools with the implementation of the Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS).

School Finance Audit

On Tuesday 10 March, the school completed its School Council Finance Audit. The auditor noted an improvement in our processes compared with the previous audit in 2023, which was a pleasing outcome. School financial audits are conducted periodically to provide assurance that schools are managing finances appropriately and in line with the Department's financial management requirements. Thank you to Leanne for her significant work in preparing the documentation and supporting the audit process.

Grounds

Over the holiday period, we are excited to commence several grounds improvement projects aimed at enhancing our school outdoor environment. These works will include the installation of new and upgraded irrigation systems at both the front and rear of the school, the development of a dedicated wellbeing sitting area and the planting of grass near the mural.

Looking ahead, additional improvements are planned for later in the year, including the construction of a Gaga Ball pit and enhancements to the cricket rebound wall. These projects will be made possible through funding received from the successful Active Schools Grant.

NAPLAN

All Year 3 and Year 5 students have now completed the four NAPLAN assessments: Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The students approached these assessments with focus and determination, and are to be commended for their efforts. Results will be made available later in Term 2.

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 have been sent home.

Jo Paton

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 1	
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
Friday 24 th April	ANZAC Day Service Grade 6 @ Cobram Secondary College
Saturday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Friday 1 st May	Athletics Carnival @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
Friday 8 th May	Responsible Pet Ownership Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Katunga PS
Friday 15 th May	Pupil Free Day
Monday 18 th May	School Council
Thursday 21 st May	Grade 6 Taster Day @ Cobram Secondary College
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



2025 After School Care
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2025 enrolments



OSHC

SPOTTED!

Strathy Stars



Respect!

Jax, Noah and Caleb are respecting each other by focusing hard on a colouring of their own.

Dustin, Axle and Levi are building a magnetic creation, working together and sharing ideas at the lunch club.



Try Your Best

LUCY IS WORKING RELLY HARD TO FINISH HER SPELLING ACTIVITY.



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



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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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WHAT TO BRING:

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



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