



STRATHMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**TRY YOUR
BEST**



**ACT
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RESPECT

**Newsletter No.8
May 21st, 2026**

2026 Dates to Remember

- **Fri 22nd May**
Winter sports @ Nathalia Rec Reserve
- **Tue 26th May**
Whole School Photos pm
- **Wed 27th May**
District Cross Country @ Shepp qualified students
- **Fri 5th June**
Winter sports @ Strathy Rec Reserve
- **Mon 8th June**
King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Thu 11th June**
Free Dress Day – International Day of Play
- **Fri 12th June**
Winter sports @ Numurkah
- **Mon 15th June**
School Council 7pm
- **Mon 22nd - Thu 25th June**
Swimming F-3
- **Fri 26th June**
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

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.

International Day of Play

PROTECT PLAY, PROTECT CHILDHOOD

Thursday
June, 11th
Casual Clothes

What is International Day of Play?
International Day of Play is a time to celebrate the power of play. It's a time to raise awareness about how central play is to every child's development and well-being. And it's a time when we can come together to make sure that every child is able to fulfil their right to play.

School leaders are offering additional games and activities at recess and lunch time to promote play.



Lunchtime Club

MONDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



LINE UP OUT THE FRONT OF THE WELLBEING ROOM



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:

- ☎ (03) 58745295
- 🌐 www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au/
- 📍 43-51 Findlay St, Strathmerton VIC 3641



KINDER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2027 APPLY NOW!

Apply on our website now to avoid disappointment. Free Kinder at all of our 21 services including Kialla West Kindergarten (Interim Name) opening in 2027! Expressions of Interest close on 31 May 2026.

Note that 2027 timetables will be available towards the end of the year.

www.grpsa.com.au

KINDERGARTEN
Play, laugh... Learn, grow!

Strathmerton Primary School

Photo Day 2026

Date: Tuesday 26th May

To Order Photos:

Order via the Compass Portal.

Order your School Photos before midnight 2nd June

Late orders can be accepted after 2nd June by ordering online via the Compass Portal or by contacting 03 5482 3190. Please note that all late orders will incur an additional \$20 postage and handling fee.

Family Photos - Please order online prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.



03 5482 3190
admin.mrr@mnp.com.au
www.mnp.com.au

From the Principal's Desk

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 8th May. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout from our school community and to witness every student having the opportunity to share this special occasion with an important person in their life. It was particularly lovely to see many families able to welcome multiple guests, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere throughout the afternoon.

Events such as these are a valuable reminder of the strong partnerships we share between home and school, and the important role our families play in supporting the learning and wellbeing of our students. The joy and excitement on students' faces as they celebrated with their loved ones made the afternoon especially memorable.

A sincere thank you to Kristi Cleary for organising the beautiful succulents gifted to each family on behalf of Dawn. These thoughtful gifts were greatly appreciated and added a special touch to the celebration. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Leanne, Andrea and Debbie (Sarah W's mum) for their time and effort in preparing and cooking the food.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon such a wonderful success. We greatly value the ongoing support of our school community.

Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Learning

On Friday 15th May, our teaching staff participated in a highly productive Pupil Free Day, with a focus on strengthening our teaching practice and continuing to build our collective capacity within the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM 2.0). This important work supports our ongoing commitment to providing every student with high-quality, evidence-based teaching that enables them to thrive both academically and emotionally.

A key focus of the day was professional learning in Explicit Teaching and Modelling. Explicit teaching is a structured and intentional approach to instruction where teachers clearly explain new concepts, demonstrate skills step-by-step, and provide guided opportunities for students to practise and apply their learning. Modelling is an essential part of this process, where teachers 'think aloud' and show students exactly how to approach a task, solve a problem or develop an understanding before expecting them to work independently. This approach helps to build students' confidence, reduces uncertainty in learning and ensures all students have access to the support they need to succeed.

By continuing to refine these teaching practices, our staff are working to create consistent and effective learning experiences across all classrooms, ensuring students receive clear instruction, purposeful feedback and the opportunity to build strong foundational skills over time.

As part of the day, we were also fortunate to welcome Robyn from Active Schools, who led an engaging professional learning session focused on creating more active, inclusive and supportive classroom environments. Staff explored practical strategies such as incorporating brain breaks throughout the day, embedding movement into lessons, and considering classroom set-ups that better support student engagement, focus and emotional regulation.

These approaches recognise the important connection between movement, wellbeing and learning. By making our classrooms more active and responsive to student needs, we aim to support all learners to remain engaged, regulated and ready to learn. We are excited to continue implementing these strategies across the school and look forward to the positive impact they will have on student learning and wellbeing.

Whole School Photos

Our Whole School Photo Day will take place next Tuesday 26th May, during the afternoon. Families are kindly asked to ensure that students come to school in full school uniform. School photos are a wonderful way to capture and celebrate our school community, and we appreciate your support in helping students arrive prepared for the day.

Somers Camp

We look forward to welcoming back our eight students who attended Somers Camp today, and are excited to hear all about their adventures, new experiences and the lifelong memories they have made during their time away. Somers Camp is a highly valued Victorian Government program for students in Years 5 and 6, designed to provide unique opportunities for personal growth, independence, teamwork and outdoor learning.

Year 7 Taster Day

Today, our Grade 6 students travelled to Cobram Secondary College to participate in the Year 7 Taster Day, an important opportunity to support their transition to secondary school. Throughout the day, students enjoyed taking part in a range of classes, giving them a valuable insight into what learning at secondary school will be like.

Experiences such as these help students to build confidence, become familiar with a new learning environment and begin preparing for the exciting next stage of their education. We sincerely thank Cobram Secondary College for hosting this wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students and for helping them feel supported and ready as they begin planning for their move to secondary school.

Education Week

This week is Education Week, however, due to several significant school commitments including Somers Camp, the Year 7 Taster Day and Winter Sports, we have made the decision to postpone our Education Week activities to next week. These will now be held on Friday 29th May.

On this day, we will be running a range of activities designed to showcase our school and celebrate learning and wellbeing, in line with the 2026 Education Week theme. These sessions will provide an opportunity for families to gain insight into classroom programs and school life. Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend and participate in the activities.

The scheduled sessions will take place at 11:30am, 12:30pm and 2:20pm on Friday 29th May. We look forward to welcoming our school community into the school.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held next week, from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30am to 9:00am and again from 3:30pm to 3:45pm in the school library. A range of books will be available for purchase, and EFTPOS facilities will be available. We encourage families to come along and support this valued event, which promotes a love of reading and helps to further enrich our school library resources.

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.

Jo Paton

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2026

Term 2

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| Friday 22 nd May | Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Nathalia Rec Reserve |
| Tuesday 26 th May | Whole School Photos - pm |
| Wednesday 27 th May | District Cross Country qualified students |
| Friday 29 th May | Education Week Activities 11.30am, 12.30pm and 2.20pm |
| Friday 5 th June | Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Strathmerton Rec Reserve |
| Monday 8 th June | King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Friday 12 th June | Winter Sports Grade 4-6 @ Numurkah (new date) |
| Monday 15 th June | School Council 7pm |
| Monday 22 nd – Thursday 25 th June | Swimming Foundation – Grade 3 1.00pm- 1.45pm |
| Friday 26 th June | Last day Term 2 2.30pm dismissal |

Term 3

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| 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 7pm |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st August | Swimming Grade 4-6 11.15am- 12.00pm |
| Monday 7 th September | School Council 7pm |
| Friday 18 th September | Last day Term 3 2.30pm dismissal |

Term 4

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| 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



Act Safely!

Dustin, Chloe and Noah are using their shovels safely to create a mud mixture to make their base stronger.



Try Your Best

CHARLIE HAS WORKED REALLY HARD DURING LUNCH CLUB TO BUILD A ROBOT OUT OF LEGO.





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STREET**

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Your home can change a life

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What does a safe place look like to you? Maybe it's a cozy bedroom, a lively kitchen, or just the feeling of belonging. For a child who has experienced trauma, a safe place is more than a location—it's a chance to recover from their trauma and thrive.

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Our carers are a diverse community from all walks of life. They do wonderful work to give children the support they need to grow, develop, and feel safe.

Learn more

Ph. 03 5822 8100
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Your Health Matters!

Cervical Screening available in Numurkah

Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women worldwide, but it is also one of the most preventable. **Free** cervical screening tests (formerly called pap smears) are available for Medicare card holders, with self-collection options and no referral required.

Screening is recommended for anyone with a cervix aged 25–74 who has had sexual contact.

**Appointments are available at Community Health @ GV Health,
121 Corio Street, Shepparton, or at their outreach clinic's at
NCN Health Numurkah, 2 Katamatite Road, on**

- **May 25th**
- **July 27th**
- **September 28th**
- **November 23rd**

To book an appointment today, call the GV Health Service Access Unit on 1800 222 582 (option 4). By keeping up with cervical screening, you are taking an important step to protect your health and wellbeing.

The test is quick, simple, and could save your life.

