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Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

School Council Report

At our School Council meeting last Tuesday, we were very honoured to have some special guests who presented proposals about some exciting initiatives and ideas that they believe would benefit our whole school community. Meg Roberts, Elouise Wilby and Amber Cheers were chosen by their Grade 3-4 peers to present their ideas on ways we could improve our Mandurang South Outdoor Education Centre. The girls represented their fellow students beautifully and had some great ideas including the development of a bird watching centre, the establishment of a plant propagation area and the regeneration of the dam into a vibrant wetlands area. Making connections to country and learning from our local Koorie community was another wonderful idea that our students proposed, which was a sentiment echoed by our second presenter, Ms Bettina Bysouth.

Bettina's proposal was centred on the empowerment and education of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) members in our school community. The plan is to develop partnerships between ATSI students, their families and the school and would include a coming together of ATSI students from the primary schools that feed into Bendigo South East College at Mandurang South Outdoor Education Campus once a month on a Friday morning for two hours, preferably 9:30-11:30. This program would hopefully start in Term 1 2017. The curriculum will be delivered by ATSI leaders in line with the Victorian Curriculum. Collaboration between community and formal education will be a key part of this project.

School Council members were also very excited to have our Junior School Council representatives Brianna O'Brien and Riley Johnstone-McLeod present their monthly report and to listen to presentations from Ms. Scully who proposed the introduction of a Pet Therapy Program (which would include the care and training of a school dog); from Ms. Edgar who proposed some ideas to reinvigorate our Grade 3-4 Gardening program and promoted the development of a Grounds Development Plan; and, from Mrs. Roles who shared some of the improvements we are planning to make to our Student Learning reporting process.

School Council is very pleased to announce that they have accepted these proposals and will work with each of the presenters and other relevant community members to develop more detailed plans on how these initiatives can be effectively implemented.

Other points discussed at the School Council meeting included: School Leadership Roles, call for Nominations re replacement of SC Staff Representatives - Julie B (promotion) and Pam Keily (retirement); Parent Feedback re New School Uniforms.

Student Learning Leadership Role

As I mentioned last week I offered the opportunity for one of our experienced teachers to take on a Student Learning leadership role for the remainder of the year. Now that our 'expression of interest' process is complete I would like to congratulate Mrs. Sietske Roles on being our successful applicant for this important role.

Mrs. Roles will be released from her regular teaching duties each Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year to lead our Student Learning initiatives; to facilitate regular Learning Conversations; and to coordinate our work around the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum. For the remainder of this term Mrs. Roles class will be covered by Ms. Brittany Shannon each Thursday and Friday.

Long Service Leave

Over the next few weeks we have a few staff members who will be taking some Long Service Leave. Next Thursday Ms. Scully and her family will be heading off to Thailand and will be away for the remainder of the term. While Ms. Scully is away Mrs. Wishart, Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Manzie will be stepping up into the Acting Assistant Principal role for a week each. Mrs. Wishart will be released from her classroom from Thursday 25th August to Friday 2nd September (Mrs. Greenway will be teaching 007); Mr. Edwards will be released from his PE and classroom duties from 5th September to 9th September (Ms. McRory will be teaching PE) and Mrs. Manzie will stepping into the Acting Assistant Principal role from 12th September to 16th September.

Mr. Edwards and Mrs. and Mr. Floyd will also be taking some Long Service Leave at the end of term. Mrs. Floyd will be away for the last two weeks of term and her class will be covered by Ms. Cunniff and Ms. Melinda West. Mr. Edwards will be away in the last week of term and his PE classes will be covered by Ms. McRory.

Multi-Cultural Day

On Monday 12th September our students will be taking part in various activities to help them learn about different cultures and traditions that families from around the world participate in every day. To help make this a special day for our students, we are inviting members from our own school community to share the cultures and traditions they hold dear to them and to talk to our students about the countries of origin of their own families. A form was sent home last week giving families the opportunity to share information about the country of origin of their family and to assist in some way with our Multi-Cultural Day celebrations. If you would like to assist with our Multi-Cultural Day Celebrations, please complete the form and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Regards,

Cindi Bruechert bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

On Monday morning Noel Sens visited the 3/4 Department sharing his experiences, sacrifices and successes as a Paralympian. Noel spoke about the accident which left him with a shattered leg and pelvis. After seven years of using crutches and walking sticks and enduring countless operations, Noel began cycling to further his rehabilitation. In 1998 Noel began competitive cycling as a Paracyclist. With a strenuous training regime (350km per week) and hard work he was selected to compete in the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney. The students thoroughly enjoyed listening to this Paralympic hero and were inspired by his story. Thanks for visiting Noel!

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Hi Strathfieldsaye families—this note is to keep you up to date with our many Father's Day activities coming soon.

Father's Day Stall

Our stall will be held in Room 013 in the Grade 3/4 area. Great gifts from $1.00 to $6.00

Hours of operation :

WEDNESDAY 31 August

8.20 am to 9.00 am

2.15 to 2.30 pm—Students lunch time

3.30 to 4.00 pm

THURSDAY 1 September

8.20 to 9.00 am

Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 2 September from 7.30 to 8.30 am near the Canteen.

Please watch out for our special flyers coming home soon and remember to RSVP by Friday 26 August for catering purposes.

We look forward to this breakfast as a great way to celebrate with our fathers/special persons.

We will also take this opportunity to open up our classrooms from 9.00 to 9.30 am to enable fathers and special persons to view their children's work.

CAROLYN WHITFIELD, PRESIDENT

Strathfieldsaye Out of School Hours Care

At before and after school care we have been doing some cooking activities coming from our healthy eating cookbook. We have been outside a little more as well with the weather starting to improve and have been continuing with our many and varied craft activities focusing on the Olympics.

We are currently conducting a Fundraiser to raise money for the Back 2 School program through {TCaf}. The competition is guess the number of Cotton Balls in Jar: 50 cents for 1 guess and $1 for 3 guesses. Just come in to the OSHC room before or after school for your chance to win a gift box full of Plaster of Paris and Paints.

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 3

DAY & DATE	9.00AM—11.30 AM	11.00 AM—1.30 PM
Friday 26 August	Melissa Butler Melissa Riddell Amber Wallace	Anne Olsen Jo Bell Rebecca Phillips Amber Wallace
Wednesday 31 August	Amber Wallace	Amber Wallace
Thursday 1 September	Emily Dunstone	Amber Wallace
Friday 2 September	Amber Wallace Megan Underwood Judith Bassett	Amber Wallace Lyndall Joiner Katherine Hietbrink

Volunteers are needed urgently for the canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. Please phone Marcella Carr on

strathfieldsaye Primary Health

St Anthony's Family Medical Practice
ABN: 23118243226

For Appointments PH: 5439 4442
34 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye VIC 3551
Consulting Hours:
Monday—Thur: 9AM—8PM
Friday: 9AM—5PM

Remember our GP On-Call

We know that sickness is not restricted to business hours, which is why we ensure that we have a GP available to our patients 24/7. One of ours GP's is available to attend to medical issues after hours as well as weekends and public holidays (if it is an emergency please phone 000).

The GP On-Call service is accessed by phoning the practice on 5439 4442 and following the prompts. If the GP is unable to take your call at the time, please leave a message clearly stating your name and phone number and the doctor will get back to you. If you have not heard back from the GP after 30 minutes please try phone again.

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EXCAVATIONS
You Dig It!

The Blurbs Performance

On Tuesday the 16th August, The Blurbs came to Strathfieldsaye Primary School to perform for us.

They acted and sang songs to retell certain books such as *I Need a Hug, And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda,* and *Mr Huff*.

They got every student watching intrigued and up on their feet dancing which brought smiles and laughs to many people.

They invited volunteers from the audience to come up on stage and participate in different shows and activities… including some teachers too!

Everyone joined in and dressed up in some really awesome costumes which made the day just that much greater! Overall it looked like everyone had a super fun time watching The Blurbs perform and dressing up as their favourite book characters, we know we did!

By Zali, Gracie, and

Georgie

Calendar of Events

Term Dates :
www.education.vic.gov.au/about/keydates/termdates.html
Public Holidays:
www.vic.gov.au/Victorian-Public-Holiday-Dates.html

NO CANTEEN ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ONLY 8.45 AM—9.15 AM

AUGUST	
Thursday 18	Parent Club Winter Pie Drive Pick-up between 3 & 4.00 pm from the **Abbott Room**
Wednesday 31	Father's Day stall in room 013 8.20 to 9.00am, 2.15 to 2.30 pm (Students Lunchtime) & 3.30 to 4.00 pm
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 1	Father's Day stall in room 013—8.20 to 9.00 am
Thurs & Fri 1 & 2	EBT Camp
Friday 2	Father's Day Breakfast & open classrooms 9.00 to 9.30 am
Monday 5	Grade 2 Zoo Excursion
Monday 5	School Council Executive 5.45 pm
Tuesday 6	Management & Finance 8.00 am
Wednesday 7	Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in Staff room
Wednesday 7	Parent & Community Liaison 4.00 pm
Monday 12	Music Performance
Tuesday 13	School Council 7.00 pm
Friday 16	Term 3 ends—Early dismissal 2.30 pm
OCTOBER	
Monday 3	Term 4 commences
Monday 10	Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in Staff room
Monday 10 to Friday 14	Grade 5/6 Camp to Roses Gap
Monday 17&24	2017 Prep Transition Days
Tuesday 18&25	2017 Prep Transition Days
Thurs 20 & 27	2017 Prep Transition Days
Wednesday 26	**PUBLIC HOLIDAY—BENDIGO CUP**
NOVEMBER	
Monday 7	Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in Staff room
Monday 7 to Friday 11	Swimming program—Grade 3 to 6 Bert Graham Pool (Bendigo East)
Monday 14 to Friday 18	Swimming program—Prep to Grade 2 Bert Graham Pool (Bendigo East)
Wednesday 16 - Saturday 19	Energy Breakthrough
Wednesday 23 to Fri day 25	Grade 3/4 Camp to Camp Curumbene (near Corop)
DECEMBER	
Monday 5	Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in Staff room
Tuesday 6	Orientation Day –2016 Grade 6 (all day) & 2017 Preps (9.30 to 11.00am)
Thursday 15	Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 20	Term 4 ends—Early dismissal 1.30 pm

JETS STRATHFIELDSAYE CRICKET CLUB

The Jets Milo In2 Cricket, thanks to Jenny's ELC, is also open for registration on the same link. Runs 30th October to 11th December. We are proud to say that Strathfieldsaye is rated one of the highest, in not only the state, but the nation. Well done to the Strathfieldsaye community for encouraging activity in our young boys & girls.

For further details please contact the Jets Junior Coordinator Brent Yates via email at strathfieldsaye@club.cricketvictoria.com.au or by phone on 0434 730 711.

"Live local, Play local" – Brent Yates

Strathfieldsaye Junior Football Club

SPRING RACING CARNIVAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 10th September

Lords Raceway Junortoun - $20 Ticket

6.30 pm—11.00 pm (Trivia starts 7 pm)

Tickets: Wendy Ratcliffe 0407 396 557 & Angela Gamble 0409 304 654

Current promotions/offers to assist the school

Parents and friends are encouraged to become a member of the IGA Community Rewards Program. Families simply nominate the school and 1% of their purchase is donated back to the school. Application forms are available from the school office, as well as a key tag.

Club IGA STRATHFIELDSAYE