



Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

Working Bee and Sausage Sizzle

This Saturday 29th October we are holding a working bee to complete a few jobs around the school, including the installation of our two new 'buddy' seats, repairing and repainting some of our outdoor furniture and distributing some new mulch around the garden beds. At lunchtime we will down our tools and celebrate all our hard work with a Sausage Sizzle to fill our hungry bellies. So if you have some time available on Saturday 29th October between 9.00am and 1.00pm, please bring along your favourite gardening tools and come and lend a hand.

Congratulations to our Cricketers

On Tuesday 18th October our school entered two Grade 3-4 teams in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup cricket tournament at Beischer Park, Strathdale. Milo T20 Blast School cup is a modified one-day cricket competition for boys and girls in Years 3-6. The 3-4 students had a fantastic day competing against students from schools across the Bendigo region.

Last Tuesday 25th October the 5-6s competed in the 5-6 division of the Milo T20 Blast School Cup. We entered 2 boys and 2 girls teams. Both our division one teams won all of their games, including the grand-final. They will now represent our school at the regional finals in Mooropna. I am so very proud of all our cricketers for their great sportsmanship and for the wonderful way they represented our school. Well done everyone!

Strath PS Vision and Values

As part of our School Review Process we are starting to write our new Strategic Plan, and that opens up the perfect opportunity to reflect on our School Values and our vision for the next four years. When you think about our school, which values would you like our students to live by?

Obviously there are a lot but if you could only pick three or four, which would you choose? We would really value your input into this important process as we revise our current value system. Our goal is to deeply embed school values so that they become a mantra within our school community - values that we live and work by every day. Please email your preferred school values to Dani Nixon: nixon.danielle.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Welcome to Sally Downes

We are very excited to welcome our new Business Manager, Sally Downes, who officially started in her new role today. Sally will be working in the Office from Monday to Thursday each week. Please take the time to pop in and say 'hi' to Sally next time you are in the school.

Changes to School Supplies Ordering System

We are implementing a new way of ordering/supplying books for 2017 which will involve ordering a standard amount of student requisites for each student in each year level to be delivered to classrooms in January 2017.

This changed process will save parents coming to school, lining up for payment and collecting and checking book boxes, which I am sure will be a welcome relief for many families. We have identified several items from this year's supplies that can be carried forward to the next year level. These items will only need to be purchased next year if your child does not have the particular item to carry forward. Teachers will discuss this process with students before the end of Term 4.

To implement this process we will also need to make changes to the method of payment. Teachers will require all requisites to be ready for the first day of school. To assist you in this process we are asking that you complete the Student Charges Summary sheet, which was sent home today and return it to school, along with payment for Section A prior to the 25th November, 2016.

We recognise that the end of the year and the start of a new school year can pose financial challenges for many families and we would like to support you by suggesting the use of a payment plan for these larger school expenses. Several of our families are using the Direct Debit payment options where they choose to make regular payments, such as \$20 per fortnight, to help cover the costs without having to come up with larger sums of money all at once.

If you would like some more information regarding a Direct Debit payment plan, please call in and see us at the Office.

Strath PS Lapathon

On Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 1st November we will once again be holding our very successful Strath PS Lapathon. Our Foundation – Grade 2 students will be completing their laps from 11.30am – 12.30pm and our Grade 3—6 students will be participating from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

Parents, families and friends are all encouraged to come along and cheer on the students and to complete some laps with the students, if they would like.

Regards

Cindi Bruechert

Principal

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LAPATHON NEWS

Our Lapathon is next Tuesday 1 November. This is a major fundraiser for our school and all children are encouraged to seek sponsors for their effort. Students who wish to wear sportswear will also be asked for a gold coin donation. Excellent prizes are given to the student who raises the highest amount of money.

Many thanks to our major sponsors for their generous donations—please support these businesses.

Cheryl Fitzpatrick & Jess West, Coordinators

- Ray White
- Reservoir Hotel
- Mack's Office Furniture
- Bradies Tavern
- Education Plus



VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4		
DAY & DATE	9.00AM—11.30 AM	11.00 AM—1.30 PM
Friday 28 October	Melissa Butler Angela Gamble	Csilla Mawston Jacqui Flett
Wednesday 2 November	Lyza Pluckhahn	HELP NEEDED
Thursday 3 November	Claire Lawrence	Nikki Stephens
Friday 4 November	Brionna Giddings/ Bin He	Rebecca Phillips Helen Rodda Megan Underwood



Out of School Hours Care

The children have been enjoying some new and interesting activities during the past week. Children are spending time creating with paints, discovering uses for wool including creating animals and using wool as hair sparking children's imagination. Children have also enjoyed an array of outdoor activities.



IMPORTANT DATES

Details/costs for student supplies for 2017 have been sent home today.

Payment due—Friday 25th November.

Please see office staff if you have any queries.

Milo T20 Blast School Cup Cricket Tournament
Beischer Park, Strathdale



HEY DADS!

Do you like to do any of the following things?

- Unwind on a Friday night
- Having a laugh with other blokes
- Talk about whatever you like
- Meet the Dad of your kid's friends
- Watch the footy or cricket
- Make some lifelong friends

On Friday 18th November you have the chance to do all of the above.

We are starting a new school Dad's Club (official name to be determined) with the view to catching up about once a month throughout the school year.

Strath bowls club have kindly invited us to share their facilities and kick it off with a barefoot bowls night.

They will have the bar open and the barbeque cooking, so you can just turn up at 6.00pm onwards and there will be someone there. You don't have to play bowls, but they will supply them if you want to.

If you want to come, please phone Fletch on 0435 131 606 or email john@fletcherbutler.com.au, just so we can help them out with likely numbers. If you don't decide until the last minute, still come anyway.

Do you let your kids amaze you?

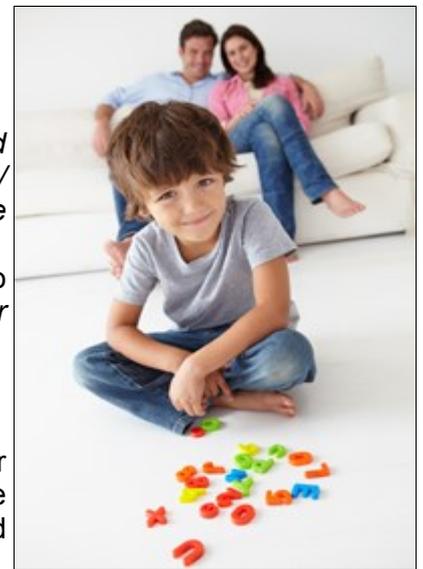
by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

"I'm amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too."

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: *"What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?"*

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children's independence. All power to her and her parenting style!



I've long believed that **adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence.**

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop **self-help skills** (*carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms*); provide them with **real responsibility** (*feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals*) and give them **autonomy** to make some of their own decisions (*choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending*).

We close the independence gate when we **do too much** for children (*tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks*); **rescue** them from learning opportunities (*take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines*) and **neglect** to build scaffolds to independence (*such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport*).

It's a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children's abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children's independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves **redundant** from the earliest possible age of a child's life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet **physically** (*Don't we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!*), **emotionally** (*with support, of course*) and to **navigate their world** without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It's those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won't happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

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

**** HATS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE \$8.00 ****

OCTOBER 29	WORKING BEE AT SCHOOL 9.00—1.00 PM
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 1	Lapathon—Prep, 1 & 2 11.30 am to 12.30 pm Grade 3—6 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Monday 7	Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in Staff room
Thursday 3 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
Monday 21	CURRICULUM DAY PUPIL-FREE DAY
Wednesday 23	Grade 3/4 Camp to Camp Curumbene (near Corop) Camp A—011, 012 & half 014
Thursday 24	Grade 3/4 Camp to Camp Curumbene (near Corop) Camp B—017, 018 and half 014
Friday 25	Junior Sports Day
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



We have had great numbers in Junior registration to date and thank you to all those who have now registered. It's not too late if you are looking to register - please email through your son/daughter's interest.

In2 Cricket – MILO CRICKET – Thanks to Jenny's ELC, will commence Sunday 16th October— 10am-11am finishing 11th December.

Rated in the top 10 programs participated in, come along and enjoy a great morning that will help develop not only their basic skills of cricket but the enjoyment of participating in a sport together with many other children of the local community and similar age. We have many boys and girls participating between the ages of 5-8 years of age.

Register via the following link on the My Cricket-Play Cricket website: <http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?Id=2728&postcode=3551>

We welcome previous or new participants where they receive a kit bag that includes a cricket bat, ball, hat, In2 Cricket shirt and drink bottle. For further details concerning the season ahead please feel free to contact myself as the Jets Junior Co-ordinator - Brent Yates via email at strathfieldsaye@club.cricketvictoria.com.au or by phone on 0434 730 711.

Thank you once again and we look forward to an exciting year ahead for everyone as we continue to develop our own great community through our Club.

Live local, play local—Brent Yates - Junior Co-ordinator – SJCC

SPORT'S NEWEST KIDS PROGRAM IS HERE!



Bowl Patrol is a program to teach kids the basic skills of tenpin bowling.

Features:

- For kids aged 6-12
- Learn to bowl
- Improve balance & co-ordination
- 8 week program
- Skills based progression
- Qualified instructor

BOWL PATROL WILL BE HELD AT:

Bendigo Bowling Centre - 159 Hargreaves St Bendigo
Runs every Wednesday - 4.15pm session
Commencing 12th October 2016

MAKE-A-WISH

Australia

The Bendigo Volunteer Branch of Make a Wish, Australia presents

MOVIE NIGHT

FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Tickets: \$20

Popcorn and drink combo vouchers: \$8
Bendigo Cinemas, 107 Queen St, Bendigo

To purchase email jl.davies@outlook.com.au or call 0401 791 022
Raffle tickets available on the night!!



Thursday, November 17
6:30pm

Building a healthier community

MEMBER REWARDS Join as a Member for just \$12 per year, then you and your family receive:

UFS PHARMACIES Up to 20% off* most shop lines everyday

View Street Pharmacy Cor View & Bernard St, T: 03 5443 4010	Hargreaves Street Pharmacy 379 Hargreaves St, T: 03 5443 6430	Malden Gully Pharmacy Shop 2, 715 Calder Hwy, T: 03 5443 7148	Strathfieldsaye Pharmacy 32 Blucher St, Phone: 03 5439 3513
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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.