



Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to 2017

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2017 school year. We are already into week two and all students have already settled into good routines and have started building positive relationships with their peers and teachers across the school. The Grade 6 buddies have been an excellent support for the new Foundation students and have helped to settle them into school. The program has continued to be successful in building a close connection between Grade 6 and Foundation students and helps everyone to feel safe and valued at school.

Staff Structure for 2017

Foundation Team			
001 Dani Nixon	002 Krystal Harte	003 Lucy Lang	004 Jen Rogers
Grade 1			
005 Bec Lancaster	006 Gemma Wood/ Lisa Brown	06A Deb Chlebowczyk	
Grade 2			
007 Cheryl Sumner	008 Sietzke Penno	009 Emma Wishart	
Grade 3/4			
011 Jess Edgar	012 Nic Hargreaves	013 Christina Spence	014 Shane Cowling
015 Deb Lang	016 Jacob Bryant		
Grade 5/6			
019 Amy Cunniff/ Brooke Boswell	020 Georgie Freeland	021 Brittany Shannon	022 Jess West/ Ryan Edwards
023 Dee Hocking	024 Dave Stevens		
Specialist Team			
Art Joy Montgomery	PE Ryan Edwards	LOTE Mick Cullin	Performing Arts (Gr 1—6) Michelle Di Camillo Performing Arts (Foundation) & Library Cheryl Fitzpatrick
Education Support Team			
Deb Walker Bridget Denholm	Kylie O'Bryan Trena Nihill	Lushelle Bradfield Melissa Bennett	Reed Bonat
Leadership & Administration			
Principal Cindi Bruechert	Acting Assistant Principal Julie Scully Acting Leading Teacher Sietske Penno	Additional Needs Coordinator Denise Manzie	Chaplain Kelvin Curnow
Business Manager Sally Downes	Administration/Reception Marilyn Wallis	Finance/Administration Melissa Payne	

Arrival times for school

We are aware that arrival times for students may vary depending on family and transport arrangements for each family, however if possible, it is best if students arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 so that they can be getting ready for the start of the school day when the first bell goes at 8.50am. We have teachers on duty between 8.45am and 9.00am and also after school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm for students who may need assistance.

If your child arrives at school after 9:00 am, they will need to go straight to the Office so that they can be signed into Compass to ensure that our rolls are accurate and to be given a token to take pass on to their classroom teacher. If your child needs to leave school at any time for an appointment and/or for an early dismissal parents need to come into the Office to arrange collection and to allow Office staff to enter an early departure time on Compass. An early dismissal token is taken to the teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Principal
Cindi Bruechert

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Jennifer Hurrell

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Ivan Crisp

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Secretary

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Nic Hargreaves
Sam Muscatello
Ed Castle

Community Members

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After School Pick Up

All students need to be picked up from school promptly at 3.30 pm or arrangements made for your child to attend After School Care conducted by Camp Australia from 3.30 to 6.00 pm. We cannot be responsible for students (with the exception of those catching the buses) after this time as staff are often required at meetings.

Please note that unless a request is received in writing, students can only be released to a known adult. Similarly, students cannot leave the school ground at any time without the permission of the Principal, unless a written request is received from a parent/guardian. This includes going home for lunch.

Other Important Information

To prevent accidents, students are not permitted to ride bikes, scooters or skate boards in the school or across the front of the school at any time.

Please also note that, with the exception of therapy dogs and guide dogs, dogs are generally not permitted in the school ground and we would ask parents not to bring dogs to school, even if they are on leads.

As a government department, the school is a non-smoking area and smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds.

Newsletters Distributed Fortnightly

Over the past year Compass, our online communication portal, has become our main communication device and it has meant that important messages to our school community can be sent on a more regular basis and at point of need, which is a real benefit to our school. As a result of this increased use of Compass we have decided to reduce the frequency of our newsletter distribution and at the same time to ensure that the newsletter is used to tell the story of our school community, instead of just passing on information. Over the coming weeks we will be including student reflections and information from our different year level teams in our newsletter to help lift the profile of the newsletter as a means of sharing the great things that are happening at Strath PS.

Parking

We have been advised by the City of Greater Bendigo and the Police to alert parents to the following information regarding parking and driving near schools. The responsibility for student safety is an important one for the whole community and I would ask all drivers to take particular care around school zones.

"The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school is a major concern to the safety of children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, park or drive on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have time restricted areas that assist with the pickup and drop off of students and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

The law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules."

Student Insurance Schemes

It is important to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students and that parents/guardians are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs e.g. ambulance. Student insurance can be privately purchased and is available from commercial insurers. We periodically advertise some of these schemes. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that parents seek assistance with this matter with their insurance broker, or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Ambulance Cover

We also strongly advise all parents to join an Ambulance cover scheme because the costs for transport can be very high. In the event of an emergency requiring additional medical intervention it is a Department requirement that we call an Ambulance to transport children to hospital irrespective of whether parents have ambulance cover or not. While this decision is not taken lightly, and we will make every effort to contact parents, this is not always possible and can be costly for families without ambulance cover.

Safety To and From School

It is important that parents discuss their expectations about how their children travel to and from school and how to be safe. It is safer if the students travel directly to and from school and that they do not play in transit.

Personal belongings

All belongings must be clearly marked with the student's name and home group and should be checked regularly to ensure all items remain clearly marked.

Please do not allow students to bring valuable items to school as the Department (DET) and Strathfieldsaye Primary School do not hold insurance for personal property and valuable items brought to school by students, staff or parents.

Money brought to school

It is requested that money be sent in a sealed envelope with the student's name, home group, amount and the reason for its enclosure on the front of the envelope. All money must be sent to the classroom teacher, not the office. When students bring money for other family members, please mark this clearly on the envelope with written details of each student, home group and teacher. Separate excursion notes must be completed for each individual student as these are taken with staff on excursions and are required in case of an emergency.

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Mobile Phones for Students

As a general rule students are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. However, if for some extenuating circumstance a student needs to occasionally bring a mobile phone to school, the following will apply:

Parents/guardians must complete a consent form, available from the school office, informing the Principal that their child will have a mobile phone while at school and provide an outline of the reasons for it. Failure to do so will result in confiscation by the Class Teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal and parents/guardians will be notified. Students will have to report for Time-in for breach of the School Student Mobile Phone Policy.

Students who have the Principal's approval must place their phone in the school office before 9.00 am for collection at 3.30 pm.

Parent/Guardian/Visitor Sign-in/out

For emergency purposes, all parents/guardians and visitors must call at the office and sign in and out in the book at the front counter on arrival at school and when departing.

Asthma

It is essential that the school is fully informed of all students suffering from Asthma. If your child requires medication, including an inhaler, parents/guardians must provide this and should be sent in your child's bag so that they can self-medicate when required. This is particularly important when students are participating in sports events or going on excursions. The school also requires a copy of your child's Asthma Management Plan. Please note that all management plans need to be signed by your child's doctor and by a parent, before they can be enacted

Allergies

If your child suffers from any allergies or reactions eg to nuts, eggs, insect bites, plants etc we require specific information and the recommended treatment to assist first aid staff to support the child in case of an emergency. We need to have an up to date copy of the management plan to assist us in providing appropriate treatment.

Medication

If you require staff to administer medication to your child whilst at school, please ensure a Medication Consent Form is completed and handed to a staff member at the office, along with the medication. Medication will not be administered if dosage instructions are not supplied. Please note siblings cannot share prescribed medications. Medications need to be collected from the office at the end of the school day.

Student banking

Parent Club arranges for the processing of the student deposits each Tuesday morning. CBA Dollarmites and Bendigo Piggy Bank Account Opening kits are available from the school office.

School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.45 am to 9.15 am on Wednesdays only. Completed order forms and payment can be left at the office for processing and distribution on the next Uniform Shop day.

Regards, Cindi Bruechert, Principal

From the Artroom

Welcome back everyone.

A reminder for returning and new parents about the importance of a PROTECTIVE art smock for all children. We do lots of messy, but fun activities in art using a variety of materials such as paint, glue, clay etc. Generally the children are given the 2 weeks of Start Up to get organised with an art smock and then the rule after that is NO ART SMOCK- NO MESSY ART.

A very good art smock is available from the uniform shop. Sizes small, medium and large—\$15.00.

If for any reason children get paint on their clothing, then I suggest you keep these washing instructions handy.

Wet paint should be washed out immediately where possible. If paint has dried, soak garment overnight in cold soapy water, then hand wash in lukewarm water using ordinary soap. DO NOT use hot water, laundry detergents or spray on stain removers. DO NOT machine wash. Some fabrics may retain some staining.

RECYCLED MATERIALS:

Outside the art room is a trolley where needed recycled materials such as clean plastic lids from yoghurt margarine and small clean polystyrene trays that fruit and meat often come on.

Any other items that we need for specific projects we collect by sending home a letter with your child at the time or placing a note in the newsletter.

Joy Montgomery & Brooke Boswell
Art teachers



Out of School Hours Care

It has been a busy start to the new year with new children attending OSHC and it has been great to see all of you. Children have been busy making a new Banner and creating child profiles so we can learn more about their interests. Children have also been playing sports outside, including cricket and spending time on the playground.

Sick Bay Linen

If your child begins feeling unwell at school or suffers a scratch or scrape, they may be taken to the school sick bay located near the office. In order for us to keep the linen in the sick bay clean, fresh and hygienic, it is changed and washed regularly. Parent Club kindly take responsibility for this.

This involves -

- Stripping the single bed in the sick bay and taking the sheets, doona cover and pillow case home to wash and dry (on a Friday afternoon)
- Remaking the bed with the spare linen provided
- Returning the freshly laundered linen to school the following Monday

If you would be able to assist us by being part of a linen roster it would be most appreciated. Please leave your details at the office or email your name and phone contact to our Principal Mrs Bruechert at

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

Many Hands Make Light Work!!

With Thanks, Parent Club

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 EFTPOS MINIMUM \$30.00 ****

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 14 STUDENT BANKING RECOMMENCES

Wednesday 15 & 22 Foundation Student rest days

MARCH

Wednesday 8 Music Performance

Monday 13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY

Thursday 30 Grade 3—6 Athletics

Friday 31 End Term 1

APRIL

Tuesday 18 Term 2 commences

Current promotions/offers to assist the school

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: Cnr View & Bernard St, T: 03 9443 4610
 Hargroves Street Pharmacy: 379 Hargroves St, T: 03 9443 8430
 Madden Gully Pharmacy: Shop 2, 715 Calder Hwy, T: 03 9449 7149
 Strathfieldsaye Pharmacy: 32 Blucher St, Phone: 03 9439 3513

UFS wellness CLINIC
 Natural therapies and naturopathy services
 10% off* professional products & services
 Cnr View & Bernard St, T: 03 9443 4610

UFS optical
 Eye testing bulk billed
 20% off* frames, prescriptions, sunglasses and accessories.
 Suite 1, 379 Hargroves St, T: 03 9441 8877

eden
 BODY & SOUL ESSENTIALS
 Spa, skin and beauty
 10% off* products and services
 Suite 3, 379 Hargroves St, T: 035443 6997

*NBS prescriptions excluded. Discounts only given when UFS Membership Card is shown, conditions and some exclusions apply - see in store for details. www.bendigoufs.com.au

 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.

GIRLS 5-A-SIDE SOCCER
UNDER 6'S TO 16'S

Cost: \$25 per player
When: Saturday mornings 9am to 12pm
Venue: Spring Gully United Soccer Club

11 FEBRUARY
 18 FEBRUARY
 25 FEBRUARY
 4 MARCH
 11 MARCH
 18 MARCH

For more information visit:
www.facebook.com/BASLgirlsoccer
 or email: skillsdevelopment@basl.com.au

Register Here:
www.trybooking.com






The Lion King

Where: Stanley Avenue (Pitch 1)
 When: 10th of February
 Time: 7:30pm start

Cost: **FREE**