Dear Families and Friends,

Congratulations to VCE High Achievers

Strath PS would like to congratulate all our past students who have completed their VCE studies this year and to wish them all the very best for the future. We would especially like to congratulate Kyle Jacobsen and Alex Liacos, who both had the honour of achieving an ATAR score of 99 which was a fitting reward for their dedication to their studies over the last few years. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud to have had the opportunity to help them on their learning journey during their time at Strath.

Thank You from the Strath Bowling Club

The Strathfieldsaye Bowling Club would like me to thank you for your kind support in selling tickets for their Strath Kookas Xmas Effort Raffle. Thanks to your support they were able to raise $920 and have kindly donated $460 back to the school. This money will now be used to purchase some new readers for our classrooms.

The Strath Kookas Xmas Effort Raffle was drawn on Wednesday and the winners are: 1st Prize – Hayley Cook; 2nd Prize – Betty Probert; 3rd Prize – Janice Williams, and 4th Prize – Marg McQualter

Farewell

This year we will be saying farewell to some of our long term staff members, Denise Fidler, Di Floyd and Mick Floyd. We sincerely thank each of these staff members for their valuable contribution to Strathfieldsaye PS over their time at the school and wish them all the very best for the future.

Graduation

Last night we held our Grade 6 Graduation at the Baptist Church in McIvor Highway, Junortoun. The Graduation night was a wonderful way to celebrate the seven year journey that our students and their families have been on with us at Strathfieldsaye Primary School. We are very proud of our students and feel extremely privileged to have the opportunity to work with such motivated, engaged and connected young people. The students have high expectations of themselves and this is reflected in the way they go about their studies and their personal pursuits. I wish them all great success in their secondary years and I am confident that the grounding that Strathfieldsaye Primary School has provided them with will hold them in good stead for the challenges and opportunities that secondary school will provide.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the students listed below who were the recipients of awards at the graduation ceremony. Well done.

End of Term Arrangements

Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December. Please note that After School Care will begin at 1:30pm on this day and the school buses will leave two hours earlier.

Thank You and Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and to thank all those students who have put in their best effort this year. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year and hope you have a relaxing and safe holidays.

Regards, Cindi Bruechert, Principal

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**Bruce Hetherington Award** ~ Riley Johnstone-McCloud (019)

**Lions Club Award** ~ Brianna O’Bryan (020)

**Grace Schintler Award** (021)

**Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise Award** ~ Olivia Baldwin (019)

**Paige Ryan (019)**

**Tomkinson Awards** ~ Liam Deacon (019)

**Harriet Thomson Award** (020)

**Chaplain’s Award** ~ Ebony Zarb (020)

**Bendigo Masonic Scholarship Fund Award** ~ Alex Grindal (021)

**Curriculum Awards** ~

**English** : Zali Muscatello (021)

**Maths** : Ben Elkington (024)

**Humanities/Science** :

Georgie Whitfield (021)

**Design/Creativity & Technology** :

Aimee Friswell (020)

**Music** : Jenna Smith (021)

**Art** Sam Wardrop (020)

**Health & PE**

Riley Roberts (021)

**Library** Tom Dewhurst (022)

**LOTE** Jorja Holborn (019)

**ICT** Jasper Hingston (020)

**Encouragement Awards** ~

019: Oliver Wellls

020: Luke Rodda

021: Mats Lodewijks

022: Bodhi Every

024: Akaisha Nemeth

2017 School Captains ~ Veda Haines and April Gamble

2017 Vice Captains ~ Lindsey Andrews and Tayla Flett
FROM THE ARTROOM
Thank you to all families for the continued support of the Art program by sending items such as lids, broad sheet newspapers and other items throughout the year. The holiday season is a great time to continue collecting them and then send along in the first week back in 2017.

ART SMOCK CLEANING TIP
Art smocks are essential in the art room and we invariably get paint or glue on them. Art smocks are being sent home and over the break is a good time to freshen up the smocks for the new school year.

If paint has dried soak the garment overnight in cold soapy water or a soaker like SARD, then hand wash in lukewarm water using ordinary soap. Give stubborn areas a light scrub with a brush. DO NOT use hot water or spray-on stain removers. DO NOT machine wash. Some fabrics may retain some staining. Then peg up to dry before putting them back into the school bag for the beginning of school.

A very good art smock is available from the Uniform Shop (small, medium and large—$15.00), if your child has outgrown theirs or simply needs replacing.

Have a wonderful break.
Joy Montgomery, Art Teacher

We have a large amount of lost property items, especially from the swimming program such as towels, board shorts, goggles, sunglasses and casual clothing. Any of this clothing not collected by Monday will be sent to an Opportunity shop.

Please come to the office to also check out lost school uniform items.

Congratulations to our Junior School Council members for successfully raising $417 at last week’s out of uniform day. The funds were used to purchase gifts for our ‘Empty Christmas Tree’ appeal.

We had the pleasure this morning of presenting representatives from Haven; Home, Safe with all the gifts, including those items brought to school by our students and their families. Haven; Home, Safe thanked our school for our 15 years of support.

A cheque for $270.50 was also presented by April, Olivia, Paige and Bella as part of their inquiry learning project, ‘Ripples of Humanity’. A further $270.50 was donated to Oxfam.

A massive thanks to our Strathfieldsaye Primary School community for your ongoing support. Be sure to watch WIN News tonight at 6pm to see our presentation to Haven; Home, Safe!

Calendar of Events

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** 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 **

DECEMBER

| Tuesday 20 | Term 4 ends—Early dismissal 1.30 pm After School commences 1.30 pm. Buses leave 2 hours earlier |

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FEBRUARY

| Wednesday 1 | Uniform Shop re-opens 8.45 am to 9.15 am |
| Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 | Foundation Students rest days |
| Monday 6 | Parent Club Meeting—2.30 pm in the staff room |