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Principal's Report

Grade 6 Graduation

On Tuesday night, we held our Grade 6 Graduation Dinner and Ceremony at the Strathfieldsaye Community Hub. 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, and although it looked a little different this year, it was still such a special night. 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 over the coming 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 they will face in the future.

Each year at the graduation, a variety of awards and scholarships are awarded to recognise individual achievements and to celebrate the learning growth of all our Grade 6 students. We are very blessed to receive ongoing support for these awards from a number of community members and local organisations, including the Hetherington Family and Bendigo Insurance Brokers; the Strathfieldsaye Lions Club; Jackman, Flett and Associates; and the Strathfieldsaye PS Parents Club; and I would like to thank them all very much for their very generous support.

I would like to congratulate the students who were the recipients of awards at our graduation ceremony (please refer to attached Graduation Program for further details). I would also like to thank our Grade 6 teachers, Dave Stevens, Deb Burke, Ryan Hon and especially, Dee Hocking, for all the time they have invested in ensuring everything was ready for Graduation and also a big thank you to the Graduation Committee for all their support as well.

Grade 6 Graduation USB's

To help our Grade 6 students remember their special night for years to come, the videographer who live streamed the event is putting together a USB for all of our graduating students. **These USB's will be ready for collection from the School Office on Wednesday 23 December between 10.00am - 4.00pm.**

Final Assembly and Grade 6 Guard of Honour

On Friday, we will continue our Graduation celebrations by inviting all parents and friends along to a special farewell on our school oval, where our Grade 6s will perform their Grade 6 Dance and our students and family members will farewell them with our traditional Guard of Honour. **Our assembly will start at 9.15am and will go for about 45 mins.**

Donations for Families Supported by Haven, Home Safe

I would like to thank all the families who supported the Haven Home Safe Christmas Gift Donation Appeal again this year.

We had a record number of gifts donated this year and the team from Haven, Home Safe were so pleased as we were the only school to support this community appeal this year.

Thank you so much to all the students who dressed up on our **Tis The Season Casual Clothes Day** and raised over \$500 which was also donated to Haven, Home Safe.



Straths Got Talent Winners

Thank you to all the students who participated in our Strath's Got Talent competition this year. It was so great to watch all the videos as they came in throughout the year. It was so tricky trying to decide the winners, but I am very pleased to announce that Taylin Reagan was awarded first prize this year for her amazing fire stick twirling. Second prize went to Kaiden Yates for his interpretive dance and gymnastics skills. And Cam Mayes took out third prize showing his musical talent in playing three different instruments!



2021 Curriculum Days

At the start of 2021, we will be using two of our four allocated Curriculum Days to allow teachers to participate in a Literacy professional learning session on Wed 27 January and then a Berry St Education Model professional learning session around trauma informed practice on Thu 28 January. **The first day of school for all students will be Friday 29 January.**

End of Term Arrangements

Tomorrow, Friday 18th December, is our last day of school for 2020. **Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm** and OSHC will begin at 1:30pm. The school buses will leave two hours earlier than normal.

Stay Safe Everyone!

I would like to wish everyone all the very best for the holiday season and I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert
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IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2020 TERM 4

Week 11	Fri 18th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.15am Final Assembly and Guard of Honour for Gr 6 Students• Grade 6 picnic celebration• Last day of school Finish at 1:30pm
Term 1 2021	Fri 29th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 1 2021 begins

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

Fri Dec 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CANTEEN CLOSED
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OFFICE REMINDERS

2021 PARENT PAYMENT SUMMARIES

All students have now received their *2021 Parent Payment Summaries*. Thank you to those who have handed these into the school office. We would appreciate outstanding forms to be returned as soon as possible along with the Request for Credit or Refund and CSEF forms if applicable. If your child did not receive their *2021 Parent Payment Summaries* please contact the school office.

CSEF—Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund—Important changes for 2020 only

From the Department of Education's Policy Advisory updated 15th June 2020: "CSEF usage is normally restricted to camps, sports and excursions activities. As there is limited opportunity to undertake these activities this year, it was announced in term 2 that CSEF could be used for technology devices and internet access. CSEF usage has now been expanded further to include voluntary school charges, books and stationery. It may not be used for school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, formals/graduations or compulsory fees."

Our families who have been in receipt of CSEF in 2020, will be contacted in the coming weeks regarding the allocation of these funds. In addition, please do not forget that CSEF applications for 2021 are now due, please return all forms to the office.

BPAY

We have now added BPay as an option for making payments. You will find your family BPay reference on your statement. This will be our preferred payment method for current and future Parent Payment Summary Charges, which include essential student learning items, student netbooks and technology applications and voluntary contributions. Also, if you wish to set up a payment plan for 2021 charges, you can do this through your own online banking and by using your BPay reference. Please note that Compass Pay is still preferable for payment of future excursions, camps and incidental events as they arise.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note that the Government has made the decision to cease all school banking programs in 2021.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS Summer
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 Mon 11th to Thurs 21st Jan 2021

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including A Year of World Cups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & **MUCH MORE!**
Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

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- Learn strategies for safe on-road riding
- Prepare for independent travel

BIKE BENDIGO

About the instructors
Nicola Dunicliff-Wells is an accredited Bike Ed Instructor and AustCycle Skills Coach. President of Bike Bendigo and mother of three, she is passionate about supporting active travel to school.

Megan Horgan holds a Bike Ed Instructor certificate and has worked as a National Standard Cycling Instructor in the UK. Megan loves her active lifestyle and seeing others enjoy the fun and freedom of riding!

This program is funded through the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants program

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Welcome to Strathfieldsaye OSHClub – opening 2020!

OSHClub works in partnership with your school to provide Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services. At OSHClub, children enjoy a fun, learning experience. From exciting activities and healthy, nutritious food, to caring, motivated team members, you can be sure your child is safe and has lots of fun, before or after school.

What happens at OSHC?

We offer engaging activities for all ages, including arts and craft, games, cooking, sports, drama, board games, dress-ups and fun with friends.

On request from parents, children can also participate in homework club. The service provides delicious and healthy food for breakfast at Before School Care and afternoon tea at After School Care.

Our team

At OSHClub, your child will always be in the care of friendly, qualified and experienced educators, who all have 'Working with Children' clearances. Our Coordinators are trained in first aid, CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis.

2020 has been marked with separation and isolation: what better time is there to reconnect and be together with the people we love than at Christmas!

At 6pm on December 13, Bendigo Baptist Church is hosting 'CHRISTMAS TOGETHER', a night full of singing, celebration, community, and fun.



Join us online via our Website, Facebook page or YouTube channel at 6:00pm on December 13 and join in.

We have also arranged big screens for both the Junortoun & Eaglehawk Campuses where you can come and watch the online service and participate in the carols event with family and friends. Bring your chairs, picnic rugs, food and join the fun. *Coffee Storm* will be serving great coffee (at Junortoun) and there is a free sausage sizzle at both campuses.

Junortoun – 757 McIvor Highway
Eaglehawk – 10A Parsonage Grove

Make sure you gather with your family, friends, and people you love and do Christmas together. Alternatively, invite people you are wanting to get to know better for a night of fun and celebration. Also, connect with us through social media at #ChristmasTogether for your chance win great competition prizes.

We hope you will join with us on **December 13 at 6:00pm**
As we do **CHRISTMAS TOGETHER!**

Strathfieldsaye PS Jets U12 Girls Cricket Team

Over the last 4 weeks the BDCA & 8 local Bendigo primary schools have worked together to form the inaugural Under 12 Club/School Cricket program with next week being the completion of their cricketing program.

The competition has provided an opportunity for girls to explore what is a new game for many to try & hopefully by being able to play with school friends they can enjoy this experience even more.

Strathfieldsaye Jets & Strathfieldsaye Primary School have come together to play a part in this new cricketing program & this year provided an opportunity for 8 young Strathfieldsaye Primary School girls to compete in a fun relaxed environment against other girls of a similar ages & cricketing experience.

On behalf of the Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club we would like to thank the School for their joint partnership with the Jets in enabling this to occur. We have held such a long standing strong relationship with the school & it is great to see new opportunities being explored & provided for our young children & in this case for girls cricket.

In particular we would like to thank PE Teacher Bryce Curnow for his great assistance in helping to bring this together. It has been great to work with Bryce & appreciate the time & effort he has put towards the program.

We also would like to acknowledge the assistance with Mr Hon & Mr Stevens who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to each come to a Wednesday night evening 5:30-7:30pm over the last two weeks with Bryce to be there next week for the big last game of the season. Please pass on our thank you to each of them as it has helped build a great connection between the girls, school & cricket club.

Importantly we also would like to acknowledge the girls themselves & the way they have conducted themselves. You will be pleased to hear that each of them have represented the school & the cricket club so well. Despite this being a new game for many to experience, they have been able to adapt, listen & learn to help improve their skills but have shown the right values in the way they have conducted themselves always having a smile on their face & going about the game in a nice fun manner.

The following girls represented us - Taylin Regan, Allegra Dole, Stephanie Mayes, Zoe DiCamillo, Elly Irwin-Booth, Ciara Rowley, Isabelle Leerson & Emersyn Howard





2020 Strathfieldsaye PS Grade 6 Graduation

Award Title	Award Criteria	Award Recipient <i>All award winners are chosen by the Grade 6 teaching team based on behaviours witnessed throughout the year.</i>
Growth Mindset Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who continually maintains a growth mindset in all aspects of school their life 	Zoe Di Camillo Harrison Whitfield Lily Dunstone Jaida Brereton Macey Giddings
Lions Club Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who upholds the values of good citizenship in their primary school years 	Charli McInerney Darnel Marks Maddi Ho Cam Bell
Heidi Teague Memorial Award for Historical Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who takes an interest in the history of their community 	Tyler Miller-Daly
Parents and Friends Encouragement Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who participates enthusiastically in all class activities Always works to their potential 	Rm 25 – Jorja Bell Rm 26 – Liv Pennington Rm 27 – Emily McCooke Rm 28 – Gemma Elletson
Parents and Friends Curriculum Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who displays enthusiasm and talent in the subject Shares the talent amongst their peers when possible Demonstrates a positive attitude to all their work requirements. 	Writing – Heather Bell Reading – Emma Lomas Maths – Zahli Cheers Inquiry/STEM – Harper Fitzallen Remote Learning – Maggie Morrison Digital Technologies – Jordi Vanis Physical Education – Lincoln Norris Performing Arts – Grace Austin Visual Arts – Ashlyn Wood Chinese Language – Jakira Irwin-Booth

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School Values Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who upholds the school values of Caring, Optimism, Respect and Excellence, and applies these values in all areas of their school life. 	Dale Every Steph Mayes
Community Awareness Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who is always mindful of the needs of others and actively supports their fellow students. 	Tilly Norris
Young Aboriginal Leader Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who displays cultural leadership by recognising the important contributions of our indigenous community 	Darnell Marks
Jess West Memorial Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who consistently shares their bright and bubbly personality within the classroom gives everything a go with a positive attitude is caring and inclusive of others 	Rm 25 Chloe Osborne Rm 26 Evie-Rose Clark Rm 27 Erin Wild Rm 28 Nish Gulavita
Bruce Hetherington Memorial Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who consistently demonstrates a caring and considerate attitude in their relations with others Strives to maximise their potential in all undertakings Displays an enthusiastic involvement in school activities Provides a positive role model for younger children Demonstrates a positive and responsible approach in the school environment 	Nic Boshoff Amber Ney
Principal's Scholarship Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a student who has been a positive role model to their peers throughout their primary school years Always applies themselves to their studies and consistently achieves high results Willingly helps all those around them to be the best they can be 	Tilly Wilby Riley O'Donnell

