



**SPS Newsletter ~ No 6**  
**Friday May 14th**  
**2021**

## Principal's Report

**Successful Natural Playspace Funding Application** - Late last week, we received official confirmation that the application we submitted earlier this year for an Inclusive Schools Fund Grant was successful, which means we will finally be able to start our Natural Playspace!!!. I am very excited to let you know that we will be given just under \$183,000 to add to the \$70,300 we have previously raised, so thankfully by the end of the year our first stage of our beautiful Natural Playspace will be underway.

I would like to thank our Natural Playspace Working Party (Julie, Amy, Darren and Carla) for their vision in getting the ball rolling on this wonderful project, to Claire and her team at Thompson Hay Architects for their great Concept Plans; and to Lauren Martin, our UP intern, for her brilliant application writing skills. Well done, team!

According to the funding criteria, the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) will manage the project from here, so will need to wait to hear from them regarding the exact timelines and further details, but it is so great to know that our beautiful Natural Playspace will actually come to fruition very soon.

**NAPLAN Congratulations** - Well done to all our Grade 3 and 5 students for the great learning stamina they demonstrated while completing their NAPLAN tests recently. I was so pleased by the effort that all of our students put in to ensure they did their very best during this formalised assessment process.

**Trivia Night for Grown Ups** - On **Friday 18 June**, we will be holding our annual 'Trivia Night for Grown Ups'. Further details will be available soon. So make sure you add this date to your diary, get a team of friends together and come along ready to enjoy a great, fun filled evening!

**2021 Community Fair** - After missing out on our Community Fair last year, our Fair committee and I are very pleased to let you know that we have now locked in a date for our 2021 Community Fair. This year our fair will be held on **Friday 15 October**. Please keep an eye out for the regular updates from our Community Fair Committee throughout the coming year.

**Update re Basketball Hoops and New Verandahs** - Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, the installation of both the new basketball hoops and new verandah over the Junior Unit could not take place over the last holidays. The basketball hoops had been delayed in production but they are now on their way from Adelaide and will be installed as soon as they arrive, and we are hoping that the new verandah will be installed over the next school holiday period.

**Please Keep Sick Children At Home** - In line with our COVID Safe Plan and to help limit the spread of colds and stomach upsets, we remind all parents and carers that sick students will need to stay at home until all their symptoms have gone or until they are cleared to return to school by their doctor. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

**Canteen Survey** - We have recently had a number of inquiries from parents regarding the possibility of opening the canteen on Mondays, as well as Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. To gauge if this would be a financially viable option, I am asking parents/carers to complete the [Compass Canteen Survey](#) by **Mon 24 May** so we can make an informed decision.

**Education Week at Strathfieldsaye PS Monday 24 May – Friday 28 May** - In May each year, we join with schools across Victoria to celebrate Education Week. In Education Week this year, our school will be offering the following activities:

- **Information Session for 2022 Foundation Parents** Our first session will run on Tuesday 25 May from **9.30am to 10.30am**. This will include an information session, school tour and then time to chat while enjoying morning tea. Our evening session will run on Tues 25 May from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. Parents can choose to attend the session that is most convenient for them.
- **Open Classrooms Session - Tuesday 25 May** Families and community members are welcome to visit classrooms to see our regular classroom programs in action from **9.00am - 11.00am**. As our Gr 3 students will be on camp during this time, we will be inviting the family members of our Gr 3 students to visit their classrooms on Friday 28 May from **9.00am - 11.00am**.
- **Australia's Biggest 'Afternoon' Tea - Friday 28 May** To help raise money for cancer research, we will be hosting a special afternoon tea from **2.30pm-2.30pm** on Friday 28 May and all family members are welcome to join us. Family members are asked to pre-order their scones via our Compass Canteen orders to help us cater for this worthwhile event. **Orders open Tue 18 May and close Tues 25 May**.
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Friday 28 May** Grandparents and special friends are invited to spend some time in their student's classroom from **2.30pm-3:30pm** on this day after enjoying a scone at our Biggest Afternoon Tea.

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert, Principal [Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au)



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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# IMPORTANT DATES

| TERM 2  |   |  |
|---------|---|--|
| Week 5  | Tue May 18th<br>Fri May 21st                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council Meeting 7pm</li> <li>• Assembly 2:35pm</li> </ul>  |
| Week 6  | Mon May 24th<br>Tues May 25th<br><br>Fri May 28th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 3 Camp - Monday and Tuesday</li> <li>• <b>Education Week</b><br/><i>2022 Foundation Information Sessions 9.30am &amp; 6:00pm</i><br/><i>Open Classrooms between 9am-11am</i></li> <li>• <b>Education Week</b><br/><i>Open Classrooms between 9am-11am</i><br/><i>Biggest 'Afternoon' Tea 2:00-2:30pm</i><br/><i>Special Persons Classroom Visits 2:30-3:30pm</i></li> </ul> |
| Week 7  | Tue Jun 1st                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Cross Country</li> </ul>   |
| Week 8  | Fri Jun 11th                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly at 2.30pm</li> </ul>   |
| Week 9  | Mon Jun 14th<br>Fri Jun 18th                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queens Birthday Holiday</li> <li>• Trivia Night for Grown Ups</li> </ul>  |
| Week 10 | Fri Jun 25th                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly 9:15am, last day of term 2, early dismissal at 2:30pm</li> </ul>   |



## 2021 Victorian School Term Dates

| Terms          | From                           | To                         |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Term 2         | Monday April 19th              | Friday June 25th           |
| School Holiday | <i>Saturday June 26th</i>      | <i>Sunday July 11th</i>    |
| Term 3         | Monday July 12th               | Friday September 17th      |
| School Holiday | <i>Saturday September 18th</i> | <i>Monday October 3rd</i>  |
| Term 4         | Monday October 4th             | Friday December 17th       |
| School Holiday | <i>Saturday December 18th</i>  | <i>Monday January 31st</i> |

# STUDENT WELLBEING

To help promote student wellbeing across our school we have decided to include two articles titled, **'You have choices'**

For further information please visit

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au>



# OFFICE REMINDERS

## 2021 Payment Summaries

Thank you to all our families who either have made payment for 2021 fees or have set up a payment plan. Outstanding fees can be paid via

- Cash or EFTPOS – please pay at the school office or over the phone
- Cheque – made payable to Strathfieldsaye Primary School
- BPay (preferred) —please contact the office for your reference number
- \*\*\*Direct Deposit – make a deposit to the school bank account **BSB: 063506 / Account Number: 10113475**

\*\*\*Please use your **child's first name and surname and '2021 Charges'** as your reference on this payment.

Last week Enrolment forms were emailed to families, please return these as soon as possible to the office **only** if changes were made.

## CSEF Application

All Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds have been received by the school and added to accounts, for eligible families who have submitted an application for 2021. The CSEF amount is \$125.00 per child. If you are eligible and have not yet submitted your application, please complete the attached application form and return to the school office. Applications close on the last day of term 2, which is 25th June, 2021.

## Medical Conditions and Medication

**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 given to the school office. 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 and have an expiry of 1 year.

### **Allergies**

If your child suffers from any allergies or reactions (e.g. 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 also have an up to date copy of the management plan to assist us in providing appropriate treatment. A Medication Consent Form will also need to be completed for any medication required to treat the child in case of an allergic reaction.

### **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.



# Monty



## 3 Expectations

It's easy as 1,2,3 to help our Well-being Dog to learn to relax.

1

Hi!

We say hello to the person, not the dog!

2



We give lots of space when we pass the dog!

3



We keep moving (we don't stand around and stare).

At this stage, Monty is still learning to relax around people. You can help by following the three expectations outlined on the poster. Cherie will be allowing extra time to visit classrooms with Monty where he will be spending time learning to be in the setting. This time will be to speak with students and staff about how to interact with Monty in appropriate ways and at appropriate times.



We will be taking one small step at a time in regard to levels of interaction, and this is all done very considerately and very thoroughly.

### Dogs Connect

We have been fortunate enough to have been accepted into the Online Dogs Connect Mentorship and negotiated an extended payment period to allow us the opportunity to raise the finances needed. Many other local schools have participated in this program and having the support of Dogs Connect with the implementation of this initiative will be very beneficial.



A big thank you to the **Strathfieldsaye Lions Club** who have kindly donated \$500 towards the cost of this initiative. If you know of any other businesses that may be interested in contributing towards the cost of this program, please touch base with **Cherie Walker**.



### School Wellbeing Dog Survey

Thank you to the families who have had the chance to complete the survey sent via Compass. This information will be used to ensure that we are aware of the range of considerations that we need to make so that our work is inclusive and successful.



### New Signage

You will notice some new signs at the front and back of our school. With this program is in place, it can be distracting to have dogs onsite 'unannounced'. Dogs can be easily 'authorised' prior to being onsite.

Some examples include:

- Communicating with your classroom teacher using your preferred method (email, phone call etc) to organize pups/dogs coming in for 'Show 'n' Tell'.
- If you have another clear reason you are needing to have your dog onsite, please ensure you have communicated with your classroom teacher and Cherie **prior** to your visit so we can do so with consideration of the program.

If you are a family who brings your dog to pick up and drop off, you may continue to do so, but please remain outside the school boundary with your dog and out of thoroughfares.

# SPECIALIST NEWS

## Physical Education

### Divisional Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Divisional Cross Country which was held last week. All students competed to the best of their ability with the following students progressing to the next level of competition...

- *Lily T*
- *Joel R*
- *Amalie B*
- *Matilda M*



## Art

### Mothers Day Fridge Magnets!



# Library

Save the date!

The Blurbs will return on Wednesday August 25th and provide a musical concert to celebrate Book Week. More information to follow soon.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

A **BIG** thankyou to the following parents who assisted last week at both the Book fair and Mothers/Special Persons Stalls

*Justine, Kylie, Kat, Nami, Bec , Donna, Steph, Mel, Andrew, Kay, Megan, Jess, Bee, Alex, Erica, Katherine.*



### Parents and Friends Group Meeting

Join us at our next meeting which will be held on

**Wednesday 19th May at 7:30pm via Zoom**

Details can be find on the Parents and Friends of Strathfieldsaye PS facebook group  
or as follows:

PC, MAC,iOS or Android <https://latrobe.zoom.us/j/89621481948>

Or

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Join us for our **Biggest 'Afternoon' Tea** on Friday May 28th between 2.00-2:30pm and support the Cancer Council.

We will be hosting afternoon tea including scones with jam and cream during recess and our Grandparents and Special Persons session. Orders can be placed on Compass via our Canteen Ordering tab between Tues 18 May and Tues 25 May. Stay tuned for more information!



## **Strathfieldsaye Primary School**

### **Walking Group**

9am every Friday morning for  
30 minute casual walk

Meet at main school entrance,  
Uxbridge Street

**Kids and dogs welcome!**

# CANTEEN NEWS

- The school Canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday between 11-12pm and 2-2:30pm
- **Online orders close 8:40am each day**
- Lunch wallets are available from the school office for \$8
- Volunteers are always welcome to help collate the orders and prepare the lunches.
- If you are willing to assist between 9 -11:30am on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Marcella



## VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

| DAY & DATE                              | 9.00am — 11:30am  |
|---|---|
| Wed May 19th                            | • Mandy McIntosh <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                           |
| Thu May 20th                            | • Mon Onlamul, Christy Fenn                                   |
| Fri May 21st                            | • Jacqui Flett, Michelle Hicks, Sarah Thompson, Adam Hando    |
| Wed May 26th                            | • Debra Hughes  |
| Thu May 27th                            | • Leah Venville   |
| Fri May 28th                            | • Tara Neville, Alex Leech, Briona Giddings, Michelle Mcauley |
| Wed Jun 2nd                             | • Salwa Dastgeer  |
| Thu June 3rd                            | • Christy Fenn  |
| Fri June 4th                            | • Mon Onlamul, Lauren Brown, Megan Marwood                    |
| Wed June 9th                            | • Mandy Mc Intosh, Lauren Brown                               |
| Thu June 10th                           | • Leah Venville   |
| Fri Jun 11th                            | • Lily Yay, Jacqui Flett, Kat Cook                            |
| Wed Jun 16th                            | • Natasha Royden  |
| Thu Jun 17th                            | • Joy Gould   |
| Fri Jun 18th                            | • Alex Leech, Lauren Brown                                    |
| Wed Jun 23rd                            | • Niki Moko, Debra Hughes                                     |
| Thu Jun 24th                            | • Raelene Burchell  |
| Fri Jun 25th<br><b>Last day of term</b> | • Lily Yay, Natasha Royden <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                 |



## Strathfieldsaye Primary School

### Canteen Menu - 2021

#### Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays



#### Sandwiches\*\* or Wraps (Orders Only)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Vegemite/Strawberry Jam                                     | \$2.00 |
| Cheese *  | \$2.50 |
| Cheese & Vegemite *   | \$3.00 |
| Ham or Tomato & Cheese *                                    | \$3.50 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato *                                      | \$4.00 |
| Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo                                     | \$4.00 |
| Salad (Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber,<br>Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo) | \$4.00 |
| Ham & Salad   | \$4.50 |
| Chicken & Salad   | \$4.50 |

\*Toasted available

Sandwiches are made using  
Wholemeal Bread

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Salad Tub<br>(Cheese/Ham/Chicken) | \$4.50 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|

#### Hot Food (Orders Only)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Steamed Dim Sim with Soy Sauce                                       | \$1.00 |
| Pizza Moon Rocks (Bread dough filled<br>with Tomato, Cheese & Bacon) | \$4.00 |
| Meatball Sub (with Cheese & BBQ or<br>Tomato Sauce)                  | \$4.50 |
| Baked Potato (with Cheese, Bacon &<br>Sour Cream)                    | \$4.50 |
| Pasta** & Veggie Sauce   | \$4.00 |
| Pasta & Cheese Sauce   | \$4.00 |
| Pasta** & Bolognese Sauce  | \$4.50 |
| Nachos (Corn Chips with Cheese, Salsa &<br>Sour Cream)               | \$4.50 |
| Chicken Burger with Lettuce, Cheese &<br>Mayo                        | \$5.00 |

\*\*Gluten Free option available on request

#### Snacks

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Frozen Fruit<br>(Pineapple/ Mango/ Watermelon)             | .50c   |
| Apple Slinky   | \$1.00 |
| Homemade Muffins<br>(Apple & Cinnamon/Banana)              | \$1.00 |
| Sea Salt Chips   | \$1.00 |
| Warm Cheesy Rolls EF                                       | \$1.00 |
| Fresh Popcorn  | \$1.00 |
| Carrot & Cucumber with Dip<br>(Tzatziki/Salsa )            | \$2.00 |
| Greek Yoghurt & Berries                                    | \$2.00 |
| Frozen Juicies (Sugar Free)<br>(Orange/Wildberry/Tropical) | \$2.00 |
| Frozen Yoghurt<br>(Strawberry/Fruit Salad)                 | \$2.00 |
| Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad                                 | \$2.50 |

#### Drinks

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 100% Fruit Juice<br>(Apple/Orange/Apple & Blackcurrant)       | \$2.00 |
| Milk<br>(Chocolate/Honeycomb/Plain)                           | \$2.00 |
| Berry/Banana Smoothie<br>(Berry/Banana, Greek Yoghurt & Milk) | \$2.00 |

#### Canteen Noticeboard

Please include an extra 10c if you  
require a paper bag

Reusable bags can be purchased from  
the office for \$8.00



# CLASS AWARDS

These class awards are to recognise students who are demonstrating skills based on our School Values.  
They were presented at our school assembly on **Friday May 21st at 2:35pm**

|         |                        | Reason   |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| 1       | Mason L<br>Savannah    | For great progress with his decodable reading, getting organised every day and practising his tricky words<br>For great progress with her decodable reading, learning her letter sounds and practising every day                   |
| 2       | Levi S<br>Mikayla K    | For using his best listening and sitting beautifully throughout class time when sitting on the floor.<br>For completing all her work and trying her best with her writing. Well done Mikayla!                                      |
| 3       | Mitchell T<br>Imarah H | For settling in to SPS really well and making new friends<br>For staying focussed and showing enjoyment and dedication when completing maths tasks   |
| 5       | Freddie W<br>Levi J    | For consistently displaying the CORE values and being a fabulous class member.<br>For working hard during all writing sessions to achieve his writing goal.  |
| 6       | Nic H<br>Riley S       | For putting his best effort towards sounding out words and reading back his writing<br>For putting his best effort towards sounding out words and reading back his writing   |
| 7       | Charlotte<br>Mason W   | For working hard to improve her writing skills by using capital letters and full stops more consistently.<br>For working hard to improve his writing skills by using capital letters and full stops more consistently.             |
| 8       | Kaitlin M<br>Carter S  | For always being organised and making quick transitions during learning time<br>For developing his independence and being organised in the morning when arriving at school   |
| 9       | Caden P<br>Sharliya Z  | For making great connections between ideas and topics to extend his understanding<br>For working hard to improve both her reading and writing  |
| 10      | Avah B<br>Ethan F      | For displaying a positive attitude to school.<br>For consistently working hard to do his best in all learning activities.  |
| 11      | Adelle T<br>Finn L     | For always contributing her great ideas and thoughts during reading sessions and managing her time effectively.<br>For always having a positive attitude toward all work tasks and for his great work in maths on 'fact families'. |
| 13      | Harrison K<br>Kaiden Y | For working hard to maintain stamina during our learning blocks and contributing to class discussion.<br>For working hard to maintain stamina during our learning blocks and contributing to class discussion.                     |
| 14      | Lucas S<br>Oliver S    | For working hard in all classroom activities to achieve his best.<br>For working hard in all classroom activities to achieve his best.   |
| 16      | Manen C<br>Matilda M   | For making mature choices in the classroom and schoolyard.<br>For working to do her best in all her schoolwork and doing an excellent job in cross country and athletics.  |
| 17      | Dylan D<br>Ava G       | For consistently displaying a positive attitude and an excellent work ethic in maths<br>For displaying enthusiasm in all that she does at school, and consistently encouraging and supporting classmates.                          |
| 18      | Sophie B<br>Isabelle M | For making extra effort to be helpful in the classroom.<br>For showing resilience during a difficult situation and demonstrating a willingness to persevere.   |
| 21      | Charlie C<br>Amy S     | For always helping out within the classroom and having a positive attitude.<br>For always helping out within the classroom and having a positive attitude.   |
| 22      | Marli R<br>Emme P      | For showing leadership, enthusiasm and excellence in her book club reading and response.<br>For showing leadership, enthusiasm and excellence in her book club reading and response.   |
| 23      | Lochlan P<br>Taylor A  | For always being super organised and concentrating hard on all tasks!<br>For working extremely hard in all writing tasks!  |
| 24      | Chloe S<br>Rhys B      | For consistently showing a high level of independence and stamina during literacy sessions. Great work Chloe<br>For consistently showing a high level of independence and stamina during literacy sessions. Great work Rhys        |
| 25      | Caleb C<br>Dylan O     | For regularly making good seating choices and working enthusiastically during Literacy sessions<br>For his willingness to look out for others  |
| 26      | Katrina W<br>Chloe P   | For making a smooth transition to her new school– welcome to Strathfieldsaye Primary School<br>For making a smooth transition to her new school– welcome to Strathfieldsaye Primary School   |
| 27      | Tripp C<br>Imogen M    | For his amazing efforts when completing his reading Essential Assessments.<br>For doing a terrific job with her maths.   |
| Art     | Matilda M              | For her amazing drawing skills and creativity in Art.  |
| Music   | Taylor C               | For enthusiastic participation on the ukulele  |
| P.E.    | Joel R                 | For showing great leadership during the Cross Country and Athletics events.  |
| Library | Ava W                  | For listening attentively in library, enjoying the stories and completing all tasks to a high standard   |
| LOTE    | Stella T               | For consistently striving for excellence in learning Chinese.  |

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**MUSIC LESSONS  
2021 ENROLMENTS**

PIANO | DRUMS  
GUITAR | BASS | UKULELE  
SINGING | WOODWIND | BRASS  
STRINGS | BANJO | MANDOLIN  
MARIMBA | HARMONICA



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## **Special Religious Instruction Lunch Time Club**



Each Friday between 11.15am -11.45pm Mrs Jess Hallows runs a Special Religious Instruction (SRI) Lunch Time Club in the Community room. The SRI program at our school follows the Korus Connect Christianity curriculum approved by the Department of Education and Training. If you would like your child to attend the SRI Lunch Time Club, please complete one of the SRI Permission forms available from the office.