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## Principal's Report

### Community Fair Thank You

We are overjoyed to share the news that our recent Community Fair was an incredible success, raising a staggering \$26,500, all thanks to your exceptional support! Your generosity has exceeded our expectations, and we are deeply grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our amazing school community.

The funds raised will be instrumental in transforming the educational experience for our students. We are thrilled to be able to invest in vital resources for our literacy, numeracy, STEM, and Initial Lit programs. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds will be allocated to enhance our play spaces, providing dynamic environments that foster creativity, physical well-being, and social development. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our students, and we cannot wait to share the positive impact of your generosity once these resources have been purchased.

### COVID Testing and Notifications

Unfortunately, the number of COVID cases in the broader community are currently on the rise so I thought it would be opportune to remind everyone about the current recommendations from the Department of Health and to ask your assistance in continuing our COVID safe practices such as regular RAT testing, good hand hygiene (washing and sanitising), and the reporting of any confirmed cases which will assist our whole community, but is especially important for our students who are immune compromised.

The Department of Health recommends that staff members, students or visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID-19 undergo testing for COVID-19, and that parents of symptomatic students are asked to collect their child from school and keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic. Free rapid antigen tests are still available from the school for all staff and students. The Department of Health also recommends that staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve. Parents are encouraged to report a positive result to their school, by phone or email - [strathfieldsaye.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:strathfieldsaye.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### 2024 Booklist Ordering Process

Today, our 2024 Booklist information for each year level will be distributed. Each student will receive a paper copy of their 2024 Booklist information outlining the process that families will need to follow to place an order through our nominated booklist provider, Champion Books. Booklist orders need to be submitted no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 to ensure the booklist items are delivered to the school in January so the items can be in your child's classroom ready for use on the first day of the school year. All items included on the booklist have been identified by our teachers as important to ensure the consistent delivery of the curriculum throughout the year.

To help parents manage their finances a little better at this busy time of year, School Council have approved us holding off on requesting 2024 Parent Payment Contributions until next year. All information regarding the 2024 Parent Payment Contributions will be distributed in February, with options of payment plans. An estimate of cost for each year level will vary from \$200-\$250 per student. More information will be provided at the start of next year.

### Reminder re No Parking on School Property

With the creation of our new playground, there is no longer any parking on our school grounds at any time.

### 2024 Enrolments

If you have a child starting at Strathfieldsaye PS next year and you haven't already submitted an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. We are planning to hold our Foundation Transition sessions over the next two weeks and our Whole School Transition session on Tuesday 13 December, which is the State-Wide Orientation Day, so please let us know if you are aware of any students planning to join our school community, or any families that may be leaving SPS next year.

### 2023 Curriculum Days and Student Learning Interview Days

Term 4 Week 8: Friday 24th November - Report Writing Day for Teachers (pupil free day)

Term 4 Week 9: Monday 27th November - Combined Professional Practice Day for Teachers (pupil free day)

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

“Our school vision is to empower everyone to learn and grow in an inclusive environment.”

## School Council

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# TERM 4 CALENDAR

Strathfieldsaye  
Primary School

November 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly @ 2.40PM</li> </ul>
November 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jess West Colours Day &amp; Special Lunch Day</li> </ul>
November 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 2 End of year Pizza/Movie night</li> </ul>
November 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly @ 2.40PM</li> </ul>
Nov 20th—22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 Camp Wyuna</li> </ul>
November 22nd—24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Breakthrough competing in Maryborough</li> </ul>
November 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum Day</li> </ul>
November 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strathfieldsaye Community Market</li> </ul>
November 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum Day Staff Professional Practice Day</li> </ul>
November 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 1 Tabloid Sports Night &amp; Pizza Night</li> </ul>
December 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen Special Lunch</li> </ul>
December 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Wide Orientation</li> </ul>
December 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly @ 2.40PM</li> </ul>
December 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6 Graduation</li> </ul>
December 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strathfieldsaye Community Christmas Market</li> </ul>
December 4th– Dec 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School Swimming Program</li> </ul>
December 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guard of Honour and end of year celebration for the Grade 6 students</li> <li>• Last day of Term 4—1.30pm finish</li> </ul>
December 20th -Jan 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Holidays</li> </ul>
January 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 1 Commences</li> <li>• Curriculum Day</li> </ul>
January 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students return to school</li> </ul>
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# Class Awards

1	Jaxson B Aishah D Kailey B	For his input and creative questions during class discussions. For always having a go during class discussions and raising her hand to answer questions. For always having a go during class discussions and raising her hand to answer questions.
2	Chelsea K Ryder D	For being a kind and caring classmate and always helping others. For trying his best when reading by sound out unknown words.
3	Marcus S Georgia M	For a great start to his new school - making friends and taking on new challenges. For working hard on her reading and writing, learning and applying the letter-sounds she has been taught.
4	Emily C  Marcus V	For amazing writing! Using knowledge of tricky words and letter sound knowledge to successfully write detailed sentences in writing time. Great work Emily For completing his InitiaLit follow up independently, searching and recording diagraph words. Great work Marcus
5	George S Ignatius M	For constantly challenging himself academically in a responsible and positive manner across all curriculum areas For demonstrating confidence in mathematics
6	Josh W Emily F	For working well in class and trying his best to complete all his work. Well done, Josh! For contributing to class discussion and offering creative thinking. Well done Emily!
8	Levi F Madison F	For quick transitions- getting ready at the start of the day and packing up at the end of the day For making a great start to her narrative, planning with enthusiasm
9	Charlie W Tara H	For making valuable contributes to class discussions For taking care and demonstrating pride in her work
10	Ari P Lily N	For having great input into our Literacy focus lessons on narratives! For working hard during our revision topic on place value and the four operations.
11	Ben P Harvey M	For trying hard to do his very best in all areas of his work. For some great maths thinking and some great work.
13	Lola P Willow FW	For consistently demonstrating care and precision when completing all learning activities, particularly her 2D robot. For demonstrating a high level of pride and giving her best effort in all learning activities. Keep it up Willow
14	Charlie L Callum S	For always demonstrating a high level of engagement during focus lesson discussions For always being a kind and respectful classmate
15	Gilbert MI Lincoln T	For working hard to finish his robot learning task in maths. For working hard to finish his robot learning task in maths.
16	Tom S Grace O	For an outstanding effort in his class novel activity. For showing resilience and kindness to others.
17	Violet M Jaxson B	For working super hard on her Information Report! For working super hard on his Information Report!
18	Avah B Layla W	For always showing a positive attitude towards her learning. For always showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
21	Jack H Ava G	For working hard to complete her Autobiography to his personal best standard For working hard to complete her Autobiography to her personal best standard
22	Poppy L Eoghan R	For writing and illustrating an excellent picture story book. Well done Poppy! For writing and illustrating an excellent picture story book.
23	Kaiden Y Olivia P	For the effort and detail put into his picture story book. For demonstrating a growth mindset during our robotic arms maths lesson.
24	Abigael O Rowan C	For her optimistic approach to all aspects of her learning and consistently demonstrating CORE Values For his positive attitude towards camp, having a go at activities and supporting his friends
25	Daragh M Ruby V	For positive and productive autobiography writing For great collaborative work in her Migration Inquiry
26	Xavier D Matilda M	For working well as a team member and presenting his work in front of his peers. For being proactive in her learning and catching up time that she had missed.
27	Callum M Xzandah P-W	For putting considerable effort into the writing and artwork of his picture story book. For pushing himself and striving to complete all tasks in the classroom.
28	Isaiah O Ned M	For displaying improved handwriting during our classroom writing sessions For displaying improved handwriting during our classroom writing sessions
STEM	Alexander D Sebastian C	For always trying their hardest in STEM sessions. For always trying their hardest in STEM sessions.
PE	Sienna S	For great persistence and hard work during the tennis lessons.
LOTE	Chelsie M	For the dedicated effort in practicing speaking new sentences in Chinese
Vis Arts	Jackson E	For always trying his best in Art. Well done!
Perf Arts	Lily J	For consistently trying here best in Performing Arts
Library	Edward B	For listening attentively and completing all tasks



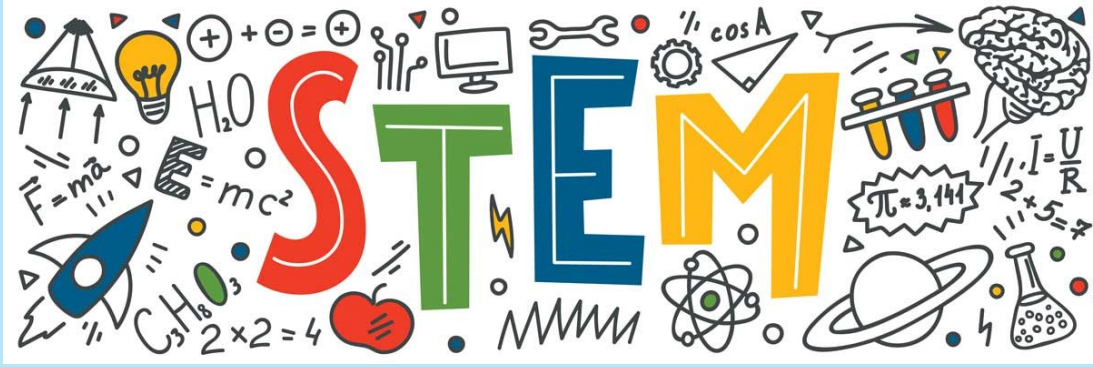
## Kung Fu Incursion

Kung Fu, also known as Chinese Martial Arts, is a traditional practice that involves a series of choreographed movements and techniques. It emphasises physical fitness, self-defence, discipline, and balance.

Grade 5 and 6 students attended a Kung Fu incursion in week 4, directed by Master Liu and Master Doris, the Kung Fu Masters from Bendigo HH Kung Fu Club. Students learned how to do Zheng Ti Tui, which means 'front kick,' in the sessions. Through fun warm-ups, interactions, and practices, students experienced what Kung Fu traditionally brings to people—not just for fighting but also for humility, discipline, hard work, and willingness to try.

The Kung Fu Masters were very impressed by SPS students' respectful manners, fighting spirit, and their concentration in the sessions. Congratulations and well done to all students who participated in the incursion sessions.





## STEM Notes term 4

This term, students have been exploring the Digital Technologies curriculum. This includes Data and information, digital systems, and creating digital solutions.

The data and information strand focuses on how digital systems record, share and transmit data using different methods with the understanding that all digital systems use a binary system for all internal processing requirements.

Digital systems is focused on the different ways which all digital systems use- input, processing, storage and output. This also includes how they all interact with each other within a device.

Students will also be working on creating their own coding systems using a variety of different tools to develop their understanding of logic and sequencing instructions for a digital system to be able to perform a task.





We would like to introduce you to Jade Tonna, our new canteen manager. Jade runs a local catering business from home called DOTE when she's not busy working at our school. Jade comes with a wealth of knowledge working 20 years in the hospitality industry, she also has lots of experience working in an early childhood kitchen.

Since starting at our school Jade has introduced some new healthy snacks and drinks, which the students have loved. The most popular addition has been the healthy carbonated fruit drinks which have very little sugar. They are 99.9% fruit juice & carbonated water. It makes Jade incredibly happy to see the excitement of the children at the canteen window each day.

Jade is excitedly working on a new menu that will launch in Term 4. A sneak peek will be revealed in the last week of Term 3.

Please keep an eye out on Compass for snack changes as Jade likes to add items frequently. Jade will require lots of helpers in Term 4 with a predicted influx of orders, if you can help her out, she will offer one of your children a free lunch to say thank you. Please send Jade a message if you can assist her- thank you! **0405 825 850**

**Jade would also like to say a huge thankyou to the volunteers who have helped make the transition easy, your help is very much appreciated.**



## School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 11-12pm
  - Canteen orders and payments, by credit card, can be made through the Compass portal. The Canteen link is accessible under the 'Community' icon (the 2 people) on your Compass home page
  - **Online orders close at 8:40am each day, except for Friday when orders close at 8:00am**
  - 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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Jade, our Canteen Manager, on **0405 825 850**

## Student Wellbeing

To help promote student wellbeing across our school we have decided to include the article Titled: 'Soccer Mums, Netball Dads, and How to Help our Children Thrive'.



For further information please visit: [www.happyfamilies.com.au](http://www.happyfamilies.com.au)

## A Message from The City of Greater Bendigo

### Increased Mosquito Activity and Threat of Arbovirus in Greater Bendigo Region

The City of Greater Bendigo region has been identified as having increased Mosquito activity through its mosquito surveillance program. Some of the mosquitos identified by the surveillance program are capable of carrying infectious diseases. Over the coming weeks, we expect the population of mosquitos to continue to increase, resulting in a higher risk of exposure to these infectious diseases.

Management of mosquitos requires a community effort. You can protect yourself by doing the following:

- Wear loose fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use effective mosquito repellents on exposed skin containing DEET or picaridin.

You can increase your protection by:

- Ensuring your buildings are fitted with well maintained flyscreens or other physical insect barriers.
- Checking any rainwater tanks and water storage devices are sealed or fitted with mesh screens.

If you have identified increased mosquito at your premises, I encourage you to engage a licensed pest controller to assist you identify and apply appropriate chemical controls at your site.

Should you identify areas in your neighbourhood supporting the breeding of mosquitos, please do not hesitate in notifying the City. Together we can minimise the spread of mosquito borne disease in our community.

# ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Training is well underway for our involvement in this year's Energy Breakthrough event happening in Maryborough from 22nd-24th November.

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors who have supported us so far!



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# Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Strathfieldsaye Bakery for their donation of bread each week; to Strathfieldsaye Champions IGA for the cheese they donate; and also to the McKern Foundation for donating fresh fruit.

**We really appreciate your support!**



**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

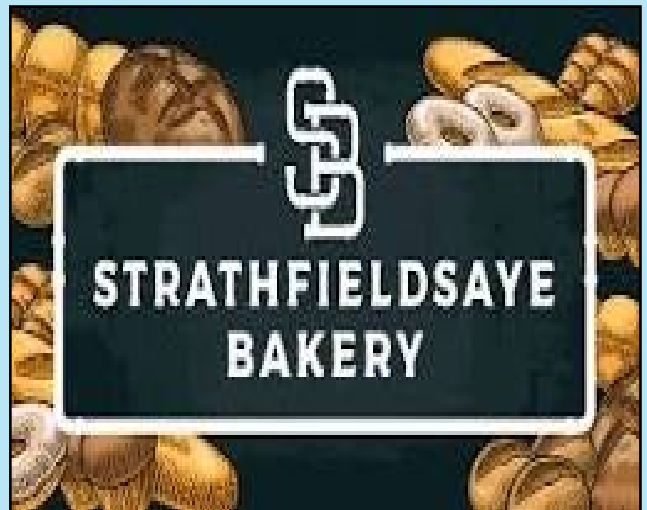
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